



# **WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESTON, GEORGIA**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2017  
(Including Independent Auditor's Reports)**



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SECTION I

FINANCIAL



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December 11, 2018

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Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia  
Members of the State Board of Education  
and  
Superintendent and Members of the  
Webster County Board of Education

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

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

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that

are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the School District as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Emphasis of Matter***

As described in Note 2 to the financial statements, in 2017, the School District adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, GASB Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units*, and GASB Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues*. Our opinions are not modified with respect to these matters.

### ***Other Matters***

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Schedules of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedule of Contributions to Retirement Systems, Notes to the Required Supplementary Information and the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual as presented on pages i through ix and pages 27 through 31, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### ***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The *Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards* is presented for purposes of 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 also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the 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 December 11, 2018 on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A copy of this report has been filed as a permanent record in the office of the State Auditor and made available to the press of the State, as provided for by Official Code of Georgia Annotated section 50-6-24.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg S. Griffin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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## INTRODUCTION

The discussion and analysis of the Webster County Board of Education's (the System) financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. Comparative data is provided for fiscal year 2017 and fiscal year 2016.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for 2017 are as follows:

- The total assets and deferred outflows of the System increased by \$0.9 million, which was primarily noted as an increase in cash available and deferred outflows of resources related to the defined benefit pension plans.
- Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources increased for the year by \$0.7 million. The combination of the increase in total assets and deferred outflows of resources of \$0.9 million and the increase in total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources \$0.7 million yields an increase in net position of \$0.2 million. The increase in net position is primarily in the category of restricted funds.
- At June 30, 2017, the System's general fund reported a balance of \$1.7 million, an increase of \$0.1 million or 8.3% from the last fiscal year. Of this total, \$1.6 million represents unassigned fund balance.

## OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the System's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) System-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

### System-wide Financial Statements

The System-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the System's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The Statement of Net Position presents information on all the System's assets, deferred inflows/outflows and liabilities with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the System is improving or deteriorating. It is important to note that this statement consolidates the System's current financial resources (short-term) with capital assets and long-term liabilities.

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

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**Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been separated for specific activities or objectives. The System, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the System can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds - Most of the System's activities are reported in governmental funds focusing on how money flows in and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the System's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs.

Fiduciary Funds - The System is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others such as club and class funds and payroll withholding funds. The System is responsible for ensuring assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom assets belong.

**Notes to Financial Statements**

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

**SYSTEM-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. As of June 30, 2017, System assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$2.3 million.

The largest portion of the System's net position \$3.9 million reflects its investments in capital assets (e.g. buildings, land, land improvements, equipment) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that remain outstanding. The System uses the capital assets to provide services to our students, faculty, and community; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

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The following chart details the major categories of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position with a comparison to the prior fiscal year.

**Table 1**  
**Net Position**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2016
<b>Assets</b>		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 2,870,456	\$ 2,594,592
Capital Assets, Net	<u>5,714,928</u>	<u>5,884,742</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>8,585,384</u>	<u>8,479,334</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>1,315,055</u>	<u>474,921</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current and Other Liabilities	516,562	513,845
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>6,854,538</u>	<u>5,762,744</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>7,371,100</u>	<u>6,276,589</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>234,544</u>	<u>626,187</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,939,608	3,880,357
Restricted	639,629	490,082
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(2,284,442)</u>	<u>(2,318,960)</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 2,294,795</u>	<u>\$ 2,051,479</u>

Unrestricted net position may be used to meet ongoing obligations and operations of the System.

An additional portion of the System's total net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. Comprising the majority of restricted net position is net position being accumulated to fund capital projects, which represented 47.3% of total restricted net position. Second, net position for debt service payments on general obligation bonds represented 42.3% of total restricted net position. The remaining 10.4% represents funds restricted for ongoing federal programs and prepaid items.

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**CHANGES IN NET POSITION FROM OPERATING RESULTS**

Net position increased \$0.2 million from operating results in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 compared to an increase of \$0.6 million in the prior fiscal year. Key elements of this increase are as follows on the next chart:

**Table 2**  
**Change in Net Position**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2016
<b>Revenues</b>		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 100,021	\$ 114,732
Operating Grants and Contributions	<u>3,263,179</u>	<u>3,169,518</u>
Total Program Revenues	<u>3,363,200</u>	<u>3,284,250</u>
General Revenues:		
Taxes		
Property Taxes		
For Maintenance and Operations	1,668,433	1,829,886
For Debt Services	50,988	10,121
For Railroad Cars	3,184	3,183
Sales Taxes		
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax		
For Debt Services	170,723	156,124
Intangible Recording Tax	15,943	12,080
Grants and Contributions not		
Restricted to Specific Programs	28,595	-
Investment Earnings	1,158	679
Miscellaneous	<u>26,310</u>	<u>55,044</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>1,965,334</u>	<u>2,067,117</u>
Total Revenues	<u>5,328,534</u>	<u>5,351,367</u>
<b>Program Expenses</b>		
Instruction	3,107,205	2,898,898
Support Services		
Pupil Services	107,259	103,502
Improvement of Instructional Services	169,769	151,907
Educational Media Services	105,825	99,013
General Administration	355,072	316,859
School Administration	372,419	344,331
Business Administration	88,299	79,230
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	283,108	289,819
Student Transportation Services	170,945	170,400
Other Support Services	10,861	12,935
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Food Services	223,505	219,112
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	<u>90,953</u>	<u>84,733</u>
Total Expenses	<u>5,085,220</u>	<u>4,770,739</u>
Increase in Net Position	<u>\$ 243,314</u>	<u>\$ 580,628</u>

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## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SYSTEM'S FUNDS

### General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The System's budget is prepared in accordance with Georgia law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The System uses site-based budgeting and the budgeting system is designed to tightly control site budgets but provide flexibility for site management.

The most significant budgeted funds are the general fund. As originally adopted, general fund revenues were projected to be \$4.8 million with appropriated expenditures totaling \$5.2 million, down 1.8% from the fiscal year 2016 final amended budget. Of significance, initial state austerity reductions to funding formula earnings totaled \$0.03 million. Federal stimulus funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) did not impact the state funding reductions.

As fiscal year 2017 progressed, the final amended general fund budget increased \$0.3 million for revenues, an increase of 5.8% from the original budget for the year. The reason for the amendment was to adjust federal grants from estimates to actual awarded amounts.

The original budget for fiscal year 2017 included appropriated expenditures of \$5.2 million, which was \$0.1 million less than the 2016 final budget appropriated expenditures of \$5.3 million. As with revenues, the final amended budget was increased from the original budget to adjust federal grants from estimates to actual awarded.

### General Fund Operations

The general fund finished fiscal year 2017 with a fund balance of \$1.7 million, an increase of \$0.1 million or 8.3%, from fiscal year 2016. Actual revenues were above budget projections by \$0.03 million while actual expenditures were \$0.9 million less than budgeted. Several important factors led to the actual results for the year.

First, state revenue was impacted by "austerity reductions" for the fifteenth consecutive year. Austerity reductions occur when the Georgia General Assembly fails to appropriate sufficient dollars in the state budget to fully fund the results of the State's Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula. By year-end, the System experienced a total austerity reduction of \$0.03 million or 1.2% of formula earnings.

Second, local revenue sources represented 35.1% of total general fund revenues for the year, down from 38.8% in the prior year. Local revenues ended the year below budgeted projections because property tax collections were less than projected (\$0.01 million). The remainder of local revenues consisted of other taxes, interest, e-rate reimbursements and miscellaneous items.

At year end, total expenditures were under budget by \$0.9 million. The significant changes occurred in the functions of instruction, maintenance and operations and student transportation. Some instructional personnel were originally budgeted in general fund while awaiting approval of federal programs planned expenditures. In addition, funds were budgeted for possible maintenance repairs that were not deemed necessary in this fiscal year. Finally, the student transportation budget initially included two additional routes, which were later deemed unnecessary.

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Expenditures for direct classroom instruction (e.g. teacher salaries and benefits, textbooks, software, classroom supplies, etc.) accounted for 61.0% of total general fund expenditures, comparable to the prior fiscal year. Employee benefits saw significant increases in fiscal year 2017. While the employer share for Teachers Retirement contribution remained the same as 2016 at 14.27%, the employer share for health insurance for noncertified employees increased from \$746.20 to \$846.20 per month, beginning in January.

The following chart details the major components of revenues and expenditures by function for fiscal year 2017 as well as a comparison of changes compared to the previous fiscal year.

**Table 3**  
**General Fund**  
**Revenue and Expenditure Comparison**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease) over</u> <u>Fiscal Year 2016</u>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>			
State	\$ 2,801,951	55.18%	\$ 90,304
Federal	491,785	9.69%	27,154
Local	<u>1,783,903</u>	<u>35.13%</u>	<u>(232,143)</u>
Total Revenue	<u>5,077,639</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>(114,685)</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>			
Instruction	2,825,683	61.00%	(41,628)
Support Services			
Pupil Services	104,694	2.26%	(4,247)
Improvement of Instructional Services	166,909	3.60%	7,643
Educational Media Services	103,357	2.23%	(1,591)
General Administration	346,086	7.47%	12,427
School Administration	364,152	7.86%	1,131
Business Administration	86,409	1.87%	(443)
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	283,804	6.13%	(8,409)
Student Transportation Services	112,137	2.42%	(5,669)
Other Support Services	10,861	0.23%	(2,074)
Operations of Non-Instructional Services			
Food Services	<u>228,319</u>	<u>4.93%</u>	<u>15,025</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,632,411</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ (27,835)</u>

**Capital Projects Fund Operations**

The capital projects fund is used to account for school construction and the purchase of large capital assets. Expenditures in 2017 were more than capital outlay projects in the previous year. Improvements included the addition of a digital communication system, technology equipment and replacement of HVAC systems.

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**Debt Service Fund Operations**

The debt service fund is used to accumulate resources for the retirement of long-term debt represented by the general obligation bonds outstanding. Debt service payments totaling \$0.3 million in principal and interest charges on the 2005 Refunding Bond Series were made during the year. All debt service sinking fund requirements were met at the end of fiscal year 2017.

**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

The System's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2017, totaled \$5.7 million, net of accumulated depreciation. The investment in capital assets includes land, land improvements, buildings, vehicles, and equipment used in providing services to our students and community. The changes to the System's capital asset accounts came, primarily, from current year depreciation expense. Note 5 to the basic financial statements provides additional information on the System's capital assets including a detailed breakdown of the types of capital assets included in the computation of depreciation charges. As of June 30, 2017, 33.2% of the cost basis of depreciable assets had been taken as a depreciation charge since the various assets were placed in service.

A summary of capital assets follows:

**Table 4**  
**Capital Assets at June 30**  
**(Net of Depreciation)**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2016
Land	\$ 190,636	\$ 190,636
Building and Improvements	5,218,924	5,327,676
Equipment	229,399	284,697
Land Improvements	75,969	81,733
Total	\$ 5,714,928	\$ 5,884,742

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**Debt Administration**

At June 30, 2017, the System had \$1.86 million in outstanding general obligation bond indebtedness. Additional information on the System's long-term debt can be found in Note 7 of the Notes to the basic financial statements.

**Table 5  
Debt at June 30**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2016
General Obligation Bonds	\$ <u>1,855,000</u>	\$ <u>2,100,000</u>

**Current Issues**

The System is a low income, rural city school district. The majority of students are economically disadvantaged. The student population is 43% African-American, 47% Caucasian, 8% Hispanic and 2% Other. The School District is located in an area where agriculture is the primary industry. Despite limited financial resources, system and school personnel manage to maximize the funds in order to benefit all students. The System has planned extensively to use its supplemental resources to support class size reduction, recruitment, retention and professional development of highly qualified staff. The System, while small, offers students a variety of instructional programs and extra-curricular opportunities.

Webster County's population was approximately 2,599 in 2016, which is a 1.9% decrease since 2015. There were approximately 49.6% males and 50.4% females making up the population with those being composed of 52.1% Caucasian, 42.5% African-American, 3.9% Hispanic and 1.5% Other. The estimated median household income in 2015 was \$37,063 and the per capita income was \$18,767. Georgia's median income in 2015 was \$49,620. The percentage of residents living in poverty is 23.6%. The median house or condo value was \$46,000 and the state's median was \$148,100. The median gross rent was \$553. The median real estate property taxes paid for housing units with mortgages was \$952 and \$293 was paid for housing units with no mortgage.

For residents 25 years and older (2015): 75.7% have completed high school or higher and 7.6% have a Bachelor's degree or higher. Webster County compared to Georgia state average: (1) median household income below state average and (2) median house value below state average.

The System has faced severe financial challenges in recent years but has remained relatively stable and financially sound. The financial challenges have included rising costs in employee benefits, the continued state formula allotment reductions, and a slow decline in student enrollment (FTE).

The System's current millage rate for the 2017 tax year is 17.467, which is unchanged from 2016. The millage rate includes 16.959 for maintenance and operations and 0.508 for debt service.

**Outlook for the Future**

The System enjoys a strong financial position in light of current economic conditions affecting local revenues as well as the effect of state revenue pressures through austerity reductions to the QBE funding formula and new programmatic requirements. While state revenues improved during fiscal year 2017 and the first part of fiscal year 2018, expectations are that austerity reductions will

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continue in fiscal year 2018 and beyond at some undetermined level. However, the State's reduction of austerity in 2016 is a positive sign of revenue collections at the state level. Until all funds are restored, the continued relaxation of class size requirements and other waivers by the Georgia Department of Education are providing the flexibility the system needs to offset the shortfall of state funding and the decrease in SPLOST reductions in collections due to the GATE Card and Title Ad Valorem Tax collections.

At this time, the objective is to maintain a strong financial condition to better address any further cutbacks in State funding that could have an adverse effect on operations and financial reserves. The System continues to fluctuate in growth but not at the rate experienced in past years. System FTE for the upcoming fiscal year (2018) is 344. In 2017, the count was 376 as compared to 398 in 2016. Therefore, we strive for student enrollment to slightly increase in the foreseeable future with positive programs being added to meet the area workforce and needs of the student and community.

The System recognizes its responsibility to the taxpayers in overseeing the spending of Federal, State and Local funds. The System is striving to maintain sound fiscal management while emphasizing student achievement. The System is committed to creating, building and sustaining a culturally and economically sensitive environment that provides equal access to a high standard of educational success for all students.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the System's finances and to show the System's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

Janie Downer, Superintendent, or Lesley Hill, Finance Director  
Webster County Board of Education  
7307 Washington Street  
Preston, Georgia

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
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EXHIBIT "A"

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,388,279.74
Receivables, Net	
Taxes	171,857.19
State Government	267,416.00
Federal Government	30,940.75
Other	200.00
Inventories	6,635.50
Prepaid Items	5,126.48
Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable	190,635.71
Capital Assets, Depreciable (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	5,524,292.39
Total Assets	8,585,383.76
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Deferred Charge on Debt Refunding	79,679.47
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plan	1,235,376.00
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,315,055.47
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	81,098.04
Salaries and Benefits Payable	404,547.15
Interest Payable	30,916.67
Net Pension Liability	4,999,538.00
Long-Term Liabilities	
Due Within One Year	260,000.00
Due in More Than One Year	1,595,000.00
Total Liabilities	7,371,099.86
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plan	234,544.00
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,939,607.57
Restricted for	
Continuation of Federal Programs	61,258.16
Debt Service	270,838.09
Capital Projects	302,406.40
Other (Prepaid Items)	5,126.48
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(2,284,441.33)
Total Net Position	\$ 2,294,795.37

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

EXHIBIT "B"

	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES		NET (EXPENSES) REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	
<b>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>				
Instruction	\$ 3,107,204.78	\$ 96,661.13	\$ 2,077,192.72	\$ (933,350.93)
Support Services				
Pupil Services	107,259.15	-	67,989.14	(39,270.01)
Improvement of Instructional Services	169,768.83	-	56,793.48	(112,975.35)
Educational Media Services	105,824.60	-	49,851.00	(55,973.60)
General Administration	355,071.52	-	340,333.00	(14,738.52)
School Administration	372,418.52	-	233,244.00	(139,174.52)
Business Administration	88,299.38	-	1,372.22	(86,927.16)
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	283,108.45	-	110,058.73	(173,049.72)
Student Transportation Services	170,944.54	-	70,450.85	(100,493.69)
Other Support Services	10,861.00	-	-	(10,861.00)
Operations of Non-Instructional Services				
Food Services	223,505.30	3,360.30	255,894.04	35,749.04
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	90,952.59	-	-	(90,952.59)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 5,085,218.66</b>	<b>\$ 100,021.43</b>	<b>\$ 3,263,179.18</b>	<b>(1,722,018.05)</b>
<b>General Revenues</b>				
<b>Taxes</b>				
<b>Property Taxes</b>				
For Maintenance and Operations				1,668,433.07
For Debt Services				50,987.68
Railroad Cars				3,184.48
<b>Sales Taxes</b>				
<b>Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax</b>				
For Capital Projects				170,723.14
Other Sales Tax				15,942.73
Grants and Contributions not Restricted to Specific Programs				28,595.00
Investment Earnings				1,157.91
Miscellaneous				26,310.23
<b>Total General Revenues</b>				<b>1,965,334.24</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>				<b>243,316.19</b>
<b>Net Position - Beginning of Year</b>				<b>2,051,479.18</b>
<b>Net Position - End of Year</b>				<b>\$ 2,294,795.37</b>

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2017

EXHIBIT "C"

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,807,931.92	\$ 431,717.30	\$ 148,630.52	\$ 2,388,279.74
Receivables, Net				
Taxes	148,043.85	14,142.23	9,671.11	171,857.19
State Government	267,416.00	-	-	267,416.00
Federal Government	30,940.75	-	-	30,940.75
Other	200.00	-	-	200.00
Inventories	6,635.50	-	-	6,635.50
Prepaid Items	5,126.48	-	-	5,126.48
 Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,266,294.50</u>	<u>\$ 445,859.53</u>	<u>\$ 158,301.63</u>	<u>\$ 2,870,455.66</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 81,098.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,098.04
Salaries and Benefits Payable	404,547.15	-	-	404,547.15
Total Liabilities	<u>485,645.19</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>485,645.19</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>				
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	84,266.93	-	4,654.76	88,921.69
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>				
Nonspendable	11,761.98	-	-	11,761.98
Restricted	54,622.66	445,859.53	153,646.87	654,129.06
Assigned	62,123.81	-	-	62,123.81
Unassigned	1,567,873.93	-	-	1,567,873.93
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,696,382.38</u>	<u>445,859.53</u>	<u>153,646.87</u>	<u>2,295,888.78</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 2,266,294.50</u>	<u>\$ 445,859.53</u>	<u>\$ 158,301.63</u>	<u>\$ 2,870,455.66</u>

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
 TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
 JUNE 30, 2017

EXHIBIT "D"

Total fund balances - governmental funds (Exhibit "C") \$ 2,295,888.78

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.

Land	\$ 190,635.71	
Buildings and improvements	6,967,844.16	
Equipment	1,195,467.85	
Land improvements	111,757.16	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,750,776.78)</u>	5,714,928.10

Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Net pension liability (4,999,538.00)

Deferred charges or credits on debt refundings are applicable to future periods and are therefore not reported in the funds and are amortized over the life of the new debt. 79,679.47

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. 1,000,832.00

Taxes that are not available to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in the funds. 88,921.69

Long-term liabilities, and related accrued interest, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Bonds payable	\$ (1,855,000.00)	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(30,916.67)</u>	<u>(1,885,916.67)</u>

Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "A") \$ 2,294,795.37

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

EXHIBIT "E"

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Property Taxes	\$ 1,640,766.79	\$ -	\$ 52,463.15	\$ 1,693,229.94
Sales Taxes	15,888.38	170,723.14	54.35	186,665.87
State Funds	2,801,951.45	-	-	2,801,951.45
Federal Funds	491,784.73	-	-	491,784.73
Charges for Services	100,021.43	-	-	100,021.43
Investment Earnings	915.94	236.22	5.75	1,157.91
Miscellaneous	26,310.23	-	-	26,310.23
	<u>5,077,638.95</u>	<u>170,959.36</u>	<u>52,523.25</u>	<u>5,301,121.56</u>
Total Revenues				
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction	2,825,683.42	-	-	2,825,683.42
Support Services				
Pupil Services	104,693.62	-	-	104,693.62
Improvement of Instructional Services	166,909.34	-	-	166,909.34
Educational Media Services	103,357.05	-	-	103,357.05
General Administration	346,085.57	-	-	346,085.57
School Administration	364,151.80	-	-	364,151.80
Business Administration	86,409.49	-	-	86,409.49
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	283,803.59	-	-	283,803.59
Student Transportation Services	112,137.40	-	-	112,137.40
Other Support Services	10,861.00	-	-	10,861.00
Food Services Operation	228,318.98	-	-	228,318.98
Capital Outlay	-	104,921.81	-	104,921.81
Debt Services				
Principal	-	-	245,000.00	245,000.00
Interest	-	-	79,100.00	79,100.00
	<u>4,632,411.26</u>	<u>104,921.81</u>	<u>324,100.00</u>	<u>5,061,433.07</u>
Total Expenditures				
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>445,227.69</u>	<u>66,037.55</u>	<u>(271,576.75)</u>	<u>239,688.49</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers In	-	25,408.66	290,000.00	315,408.66
Transfers Out	(315,408.66)	-	-	(315,408.66)
	<u>(315,408.66)</u>	<u>25,408.66</u>	<u>290,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Net Change in Fund Balances	129,819.03	91,446.21	18,423.25	239,688.49
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>1,566,563.35</u>	<u>354,413.32</u>	<u>135,223.62</u>	<u>2,056,200.29</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 1,696,382.38</u>	<u>\$ 445,859.53</u>	<u>\$ 153,646.87</u>	<u>\$ 2,295,888.78</u>

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF  
 REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
 JUNE 30, 2017

EXHIBIT "F"

Net change in fund balances total governmental funds (Exhibit "E") \$ 239,688.49

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

Capital outlay	\$ 52,259.86	
Depreciation expense	<u>(222,073.86)</u>	(169,814.00)

Taxes reported in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. 29,375.29

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and the acquisition cost of refunded debt when debt is first issued. These amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.

Amortization of deferred charge on refunding of bonds	\$ (15,935.92)	
Bond principal retirements	<u>245,000.00</u>	229,064.08

District pension contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds when made. However, they are reported as deferred outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position because the reported net pension liability is measured a year before the District's report date. Pension expense, which is the change in the net pension liability adjusted for changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, is reported in the Statement of Activities.

Pension expense		(89,081.00)
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Some items 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.

Accrued interest on issuance of bonds		<u>4,083.33</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "B") \$ 243,316.19

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2017

EXHIBIT "G"

	<u>AGENCY FUNDS</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ <u>18,939.60</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Funds Held for Others	\$ <u>18,939.60</u>

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**NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY**

**REPORTING ENTITY**

The Webster County Board of Education (School District) was established under the laws of the State of Georgia and operates under the guidance of a board elected by the voters and a Superintendent appointed by the Board. The School District is organized as a separate legal entity and has the power to levy taxes and issue bonds. Its budget is not subject to approval by any other entity. Accordingly, the School District is a primary government and consists of all the organizations that compose its legal entity.

**NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The School District's basic financial statements are collectively comprised of the government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements. The government-wide statements focus on the School District as a whole, while the fund financial statements focus on major funds. Each presentation provides valuable information that can be analyzed and compared between years and between governments to enhance the information's usefulness.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS:**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the financial activities of the overall School District, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

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

1. **Net investment in capital assets** consists of the School District's total investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included as a component of net investment in capital assets.
2. **Restricted net position** consists of resources for which the School District is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. **Unrestricted net position** consists of resources not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net position often has constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the School District's governmental activities.

Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses (expenses of the School District related to the administration and support of the School District's programs, such as office and maintenance personnel and accounting) are not allocated to programs.

Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

### **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The fund financial statements provide information about the School District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Separate financial statements are presented for governmental and fiduciary funds. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

- The general fund is the School District's primary operating fund. It accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.
- The capital projects fund accounts for and reports financial resources including Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) and Bond Proceeds that are restricted, committed or assigned for capital outlay expenditures, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.
- The debt service fund accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned including taxes (property and sales) legally restricted for the payment of general long-term principal and interest.

The School District reports the following fiduciary fund type:

- Agency funds are used to report resources held by the School District in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

### **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The basis of accounting determines when transactions are reported on the financial statements. The government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the School District gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, sales taxes and grants. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from sales taxes is recognized in the fiscal year in which the underlying transaction (sale) takes place. Revenue from grants is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The School District uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The School District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if they are collected within sixty days after year-end. The School District considers all intergovernmental revenues to be available if they are collected within 120 days after year-end. Property taxes, sales taxes and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general

long-term debt, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term liabilities are reported as other financing sources.

The School District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program costs are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available to finance the program. It is the School District's policy to first apply grant resources to such programs, followed by cost-reimbursement grants, then general revenues.

#### **NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In fiscal year 2017, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*. This statement requires governments that enter into tax abatement agreements to disclose the following information; (1) brief descriptive information, such as the tax being abated, the authority under which tax abatements are provided, eligibility criteria, the mechanism by which taxes are abated, provisions for recapturing abated taxes, and the types of commitments made by tax abatement recipients; (2) the gross dollar amount of taxes abated during the period; and (3) commitments made by a government, other than to abate taxes, as part of a tax abatement agreement. The adoption of this statement does not have a significant impact on the School District's financial statement.

In fiscal year 2017, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*. This statement amends the blending requirements for the financial statement presentation of component units of all state and local governments. The additional criterion requires blending of a component unit incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The additional criterion does apply to component units included in the financial reporting entity pursuant to the provisions of Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organization Are Component Units*. The adoption of this statement does not have a significant impact on the School District's financial statements.

In fiscal year 2017, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68 and No. 73*. This statement addresses certain issues that have been raised with respect to Statements No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, and No. 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68*, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements No. 67 and No. 68. Specifically, this statement addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. The adoption of this statement does not have a significant impact on the School District's financial statements.

#### **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits, investments in the State of Georgia local government investment pool (Georgia Fund 1) and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition in authorized financial institutions. Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) §45-8-14 authorizes the School District to deposit its funds in one or more solvent banks, insured Federal savings and loan associations or insured chartered building and loan associations.

**RECEIVABLES**

Receivables consist of amounts due from property and sales taxes, grant reimbursements due on Federal, State or other grants for expenditures made but not reimbursed and other receivables disclosed from information available. Receivables are recorded when either the asset or revenue recognition criteria has been met. Receivables recorded on the basic financial statements do not include any amounts which would necessitate the need for an allowance for uncollectible receivables.

**INVENTORIES**

**Food Inventories**

On the basic financial statements, inventories of donated food commodities used in the preparation of meals are reported at their Federally assigned value and purchased foods inventories are reported at cost (calculated on the first-in first-out basis). The School District uses the consumption method to account for inventories whereby donated food commodities are recorded as an asset and as revenue when received, and expenses/expenditures are recorded as the inventory items are used. Purchased foods are recorded as an asset when purchased and expenses/expenditures are recorded as the inventory items are used.

**PREPAID ITEMS**

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit future accounting periods are recorded as prepaid items, in both the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

On the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are recorded at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are recorded at the acquisition value on the date donated. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend the useful lives of the assets is not capitalized. The School District does not capitalize book collections or works of art.

Capital acquisition and construction are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund financial statements at the time of purchase (including ancillary charges), and the related assets are reported as capital assets in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line for all assets, except land, and is used to allocate the actual or estimated historical cost of capital assets over estimated useful lives.

Capitalization thresholds and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the government-wide statements are as follows:

	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Land	\$ 5,000.00	N/A
Land Improvements	\$ 10,000.00	Up to 60 years
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 5,000.00	Up to 60 years
Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	5 to 20 years
Intangible Assets	\$ 200,000.00	Useful life

### DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, represents a consumption of resources that applies to a future period(s) and therefore will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of resources that applies to a future period(s) and therefore will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

### LONG-TERM LIABILITIES AND BOND DISCOUNTS/PREMIUMS

In the School District's government-wide financial statements, outstanding debt is reported as liabilities. Bond premiums and discounts and the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying value of refunded debt are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. To conform to generally accepted accounting principles, bond premiums and discounts should be amortized using the effective interest method. The effect of this deviation is deemed to be immaterial to the fair presentation of the basic financial statements. Bond issuance costs are recognized as an outflow of resources in the fiscal year in which the bonds are issued.

In the governmental fund financial statements, the School District recognizes the proceeds of debt and premiums as other financing sources of the current period. Bond issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

### PENSIONS

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

### FUND BALANCES

Fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

The School District's fund balances are classified as follows:

**Nonspendable** consists of resources that cannot be spent either because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted** consists of resources that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant constraints either (1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed** consists of resources that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board. The Board is the School District's highest level of decision-making authority, and the formal action that is required to be taken to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment is a resolution approved by the Board. Committed fund balance also should incorporate contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

**Assigned** consists of resources constrained by the School District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The intent should be expressed by (1) the Board or (2) the budget or finance committee, or the Superintendent, or designee, to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

**Unassigned** consists of resources within the general fund not meeting the definition of any aforementioned category. The general fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

### USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States 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.

### PROPERTY TAXES

The Webster County Board of Commissioners adopted the property tax levy for the 2016 tax digest year (calendar year) on August 16, 2016 (levy date) based on property values as of January 1, 2016. Taxes were due on December 20, 2016 (lien date). Taxes collected within the current fiscal year or within 60 days after year-end on the 2016 tax digest are reported as revenue in the governmental funds for fiscal year 2017. The Webster County Board of Commissioners bills and collects the property taxes for the School District, withholds 2.5% of taxes collected as a fee for tax collection and remits the balance of taxes collected to the School District. Property tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, for maintenance and operations amounted to \$1,562,215.71 and for school bonds amounted to \$44,206.45.

Tax millage rates levied for the 2016 tax year (calendar year) for the School District were as follows (a mill equals \$1 per thousand dollars of assessed value):

School Operations	16.959	mills
School Bonds	<u>0.508</u>	mills
	<u>17.467</u>	mills

Additionally, Title Ad Valorem Tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, amounted to \$83,623.30 during fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

### SALES TAXES

Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), at the fund reporting level, during the year amounted to \$170,723.14 and is to be used for capital outlay for educational purposes or debt service. This sales tax was authorized by local referendum and the sales tax must be re-authorized at least every five years.

### NOTE 3: BUDGETARY DATA

The budget is a complete financial plan for the School District's fiscal year, and is based upon careful estimates of expenditures together with probable funding sources. The budget is legally adopted each year for the general, debt service, and capital projects funds. There is no statutory prohibition regarding over expenditure of the budget at any level. The budget for all governmental funds is prepared and adopted by fund, function and object. The legal level of budgetary control was established by the Board at the aggregate fund level. The budget for the general fund was prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary process begins with the School District's administration presenting an initial budget for the Board's review. The administration makes revisions as necessary based on the Board's guidelines, and a tentative budget is approved. After approval of this tentative budget by the Board, such budget is advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality, as well as the School District's website. At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board after advertisement, the Board receives comments on the tentative budget, makes revisions as necessary and adopts a final budget. The approved budget is then submitted, in accordance with provisions of O.C.G.A. §20-2-167(c), to the Georgia Department of Education. The Board may increase or decrease the budget at any time during the year. All unexpended budget authority lapses at fiscal year-end.

See the General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget to Actual in the Supplementary Information Section for a detail of any over/under expenditures during the fiscal year under review.

#### **NOTE 4: DEPOSITS**

##### **COLLATERALIZATION OF DEPOSITS**

O.C.G.A. § 45-8-12 provides that there shall not be on deposit at any time in any depository for a time longer than ten days a sum of money which has not been secured by surety bond, by guarantee of insurance, or by collateral. The aggregate of the face value of such surety bond and the market value of securities pledged shall be equal to not less than 110% of the public funds being secured after the deduction of the amount of deposit insurance. If a depository elects the pooled method (O.C.G.A. § 45-8-13.1) the aggregate of the market value of the securities pledged to secure a pool of public funds shall be not less than 110% of the daily pool balance.

Acceptable security for deposits consists of any one of or any combination of the following:

- (1) Surety bond signed by a surety company duly qualified and authorized to transact business within the State of Georgia,
- (2) Insurance on accounts provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,
- (3) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness or other direct obligations of the United States or of the State of Georgia,
- (4) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness or other obligations of the counties or municipalities of the State of Georgia,
- (5) Bonds of any public authority created by the laws of the State of Georgia, providing that the statute that created the authority authorized the use of the bonds for this purpose,
- (6) Industrial revenue bonds and bonds of development authorities created by the laws of the State of Georgia, and
- (7) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness, or other obligations of a subsidiary corporation of the United States government, which are fully guaranteed by the United States government both as to principal and interest or debt obligations issued by or securities guaranteed by the Federal Land Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the Central Bank for Cooperatives, the Farm Credit Banks, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association, and the Federal National Mortgage Association.

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**CATEGORIZATION OF DEPOSITS**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. The School District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2017, the School District had deposits with a carrying amount of \$2,407,219.34, and a bank balance of \$2,491,326.45. The bank balances insured by Federal depository insurance were \$268,615.57 and the bank balances collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution in the School District's name were \$2,222,710.88.

**NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS**

The following is a summary of changes in the capital assets for governmental activities during the fiscal year:

	Balances July 1, 2016	Increases	Decreases	Balances June 30, 2017
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 190,635.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 190,635.71
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Buildings and Improvements	6,950,829.83	17,014.33	-	6,967,844.16
Equipment	1,196,425.32	35,245.53	36,203.00	1,195,467.85
Land Improvements	111,757.16	-	-	111,757.16
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Improvements	1,623,153.38	125,766.48	-	1,748,919.86
Equipment	911,728.68	90,543.44	36,203.00	966,069.12
Land Improvements	30,023.86	5,763.94	-	35,787.80
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	5,694,106.39	(169,814.00)	-	5,524,292.39
Governmental Activity Capital Assets - Net	\$ 5,884,742.10	\$ (169,814.00)	\$ -	\$ 5,714,928.10

Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:

Instruction		\$ 166,149.43
Support Services		
Educational Media Services	\$ 1,274.19	
Student Transportation Services	44,723.86	45,998.05
Food Services		9,926.38
		\$ 222,073.86

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**NOTE 6: INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

**INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2017, consisted of the following:

Transfers to	<u>Transfers From</u> General Fund
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 25,408.66
Debt Service Fund	290,000.00
Total	\$ 315,408.66

Transfers are used to move property tax revenues collected by the general fund to the debt service fund to cover debt service requirements. Transfers are made from the general fund to the capital projects fund to cover capital outlay requirements.

**NOTE 7: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The changes in long-term liabilities during the fiscal year for governmental activities, were as follows:

	Governmental Activities					
	Balance	Governmental Activities			Balance	Due Within One
	July 1, 2016	Additions	Deductions	June 30, 2017	Year	
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 2,100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 245,000.00	\$ 1,855,000.00	\$ 260,000.00	

**GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT OUTSTANDING**

The School District's bonded debt consists of an issue of general obligation bonds that is generally callable with interest payable semiannually. Bond proceeds primarily pay for acquiring or constructing capital facilities. Bonds have also been issued to advance-refund previously issued bonds. The School District repays general obligation bonds from local funds and voter-approved property and sales taxes. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the School District.

General obligation bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
General Government - Refunding -Series 2005	4.00%	4/14/2005	8/1/2022	\$ 3,360,000.00	\$ 1,855,000.00

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The following schedule details debt service requirements to maturity for the School District's total general obligation bonds payable:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>	<u>General Obligation Debt</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2018	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 69,000.00
2019	275,000.00	58,300.00
2020	295,000.00	46,900.00
2021	320,000.00	34,600.00
2022	340,000.00	21,400.00
2023 - 2026	365,000.00	7,300.00
Total Principal and Interest	<u>\$ 1,855,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 237,500.00</u>

**NOTE 8: RISK MANAGEMENT**

**INSURANCE**

**Commercial Insurance**

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

**Georgia School Boards Association Risk and Insurance Management System**

The School District participates in the Georgia School Boards Association Risk and Insurance Management System (the System), a public entity risk pool organized on July 1, 1994, to develop and administer a plan to reduce risk of loss on account of general liability, motor vehicle liability, or property damage, including safety engineering and other loss prevention and control techniques, and to administer one or more groups of self-insurance funds, including the processing and defense of claims brought against members of the system. The School District pays an annual premium to the System for its general insurance coverage. Additional coverage is provided through agreements by the System with other companies according to their specialty for property, boiler and machinery (including coverage for flood and earthquake), general liability (including coverage for sexual harassment, molestation and abuse), errors and omissions, crime and automobile risks. Payment of excess insurance for the System varies by line of coverage.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

**Georgia School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Fund**

The School District participates in the Georgia School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Fund (the Fund), a public entity risk pool organized on July 1, 1992, to develop, implement, and administer a program of workers' compensation self-insurance for its member organizations. The School District pays an annual premium to the Fund for its Workers' Compensation insurance coverage. Excess insurance coverage is provided through an agreement by the Fund with the Safety National Casualty Corporation to provide coverage for potential losses sustained by the Fund in excess of \$550 thousand loss per occurrence, up to the statutory limit. Employers' Liability insurance coverage is also provided by Safety National Casualty Corporation to provide coverage for potential losses sustained by the Fund in excess of \$550 thousand loss per occurrence, up to \$2.0 million. In addition to the \$550,000.00 per occurrence retention, the Fund also retains an additional \$200,000.00 per year corridor retention.

**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

The School District elects to pay unemployment insurance taxes using the contributory method. Taxes are paid quarterly to the Georgia Department of Labor using a set rate based on historical experience.

**SURETY BOND**

The School District purchased a surety bond to provide additional insurance coverage as follows:

Position Covered	Amount
Superintendent	\$ 100,000.00

**NOTE 9: FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION DETAILS**

The School District's financial statements include the following amounts presented in the aggregate at June 30, 2017:

Nonspendable		
Inventories	\$ 6,635.50	
Prepaid Assets	5,126.48	\$ 11,761.98
Restricted		
Continuation of Federal Programs	\$ 54,622.66	
Capital Projects	302,406.40	
Debt Service	297,100.00	654,129.06
Assigned		
School Activity Accounts		62,123.81
Unassigned		1,567,873.93
Fund Balance, June 30, 2017		\$ 2,295,888.78

When multiple categories of fund balance are available for expenditure, the School District will start with the most restricted category and spend those funds first before moving down to the next category with available funds.

**NOTE 10: BROADBAND SPECTRUM LEASE**

Effective March 12, 2007, the School District entered into a 10-year lease agreement with Utopian Wireless Corporation for the lease of excess spectrum capacity on Education Broadband Service licenses currently held by School District. These licenses were granted to the School District by the Federal Communications Commission. The lease agreement requires monthly lease payments over the term of the lease, of which \$7,200.00 was recognized during Fiscal Year 2017 as a general revenue on the Statement of Activities.

**NOTE 11: SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS**

**OPERATING LEASES**

The School District leases copiers under the provisions of one or more long-term lease agreements classified as operating leases for accounting purposes. Rental expenditures under the terms of the operating leases totaled \$12,487.20 for governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2017. The following future minimum lease payments were required under operating leases at June 30, 2017:

Year Ending	Governmental Funds
2018	\$ 12,487.20
2019	12,487.20
2020	11,378.85
2021	3,669.80
Total	\$ 40,023.05

**NOTE 12: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

**FEDERAL GRANTS**

Amounts received or receivable principally from the Federal government are subject to audit and review by grantor agencies. This could result in requests for reimbursement to the grantor agency for any costs which are disallowed under grant terms. Any disallowances resulting from the grantor audit may become a liability of the School District. However, the School District believes that such disallowances, if any, will be immaterial to its overall financial position.

**NOTE 13: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**GEORGIA SCHOOL PERSONNEL POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH BENEFIT FUND**

***Plan Description.*** The Georgia School Personnel Post-Employment Health Benefit Fund (School OPEB Fund) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan that covers eligible former employees of public school systems, libraries and regional educational service agencies. The School OPEB Fund provides health insurance benefits to eligible former employees and their qualified beneficiaries through the State Employees Health Benefit Plan administered by the Department of Community Health. The Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the group health plans, including benefits for retirees, to the Board of Community Health (Board). Additional information about the School OPEB Fund is disclosed in the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This report can be obtained from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts at [www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/CAFR.html](http://www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/CAFR.html).

***Funding Policy.*** The contribution requirements of plan members and participating employers are established by the Board in accordance with the current Appropriations Act and may be amended by the Board. Contributions of plan members or beneficiaries receiving benefits vary based on plan election, dependent coverage, and Medicare eligibility and election. For members with fewer than five years of service as of January 1, 2012, contributions also vary based on years of service. On average, members with five years or more of service as of January 1, 2012 pay approximately 25% of the cost of the health insurance coverage. In accordance with the Board resolution dated December 8, 2011, for members with fewer than five years of service as of January 1, 2012, the State provides a premium subsidy in retirement that ranges from 0% for fewer than 10 years of service to 75% (but no greater than the subsidy percentage offered to active employees) for 30 or

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more years of service. The subsidy for eligible dependents ranges from 0% to 55% (but no greater than the subsidy percentage offered to dependents of active employees minus 20%). No subsidy is available to Medicare eligible members not enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Option. The Board of Community Health sets all member premiums by resolution and in accordance with the law and applicable revenue and expense projections. Any subsidy policy adopted by the Board may be changed at any time by Board resolution and does not constitute a contract or promise of any amount of subsidy.

Participating employers are statutorily required to contribute in accordance with the employer contribution rates established by the Board. The contribution rates are established to fund all benefits due under the health insurance plans for both active and retired employees based on projected "pay-as-you-go" financing requirements. Contributions are not based on the actuarially calculated annual required contribution (ARC) which represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years.

The combined active and retiree contribution rates established by the Board for employers participating in the School OPEB Fund were as follows for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017:

For certificated teachers, librarians and regional educational service agencies and certain other eligible participants:

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017                      \$945.00 per member per month

For non-certificated school personnel:

July 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016              \$746.20 per member per month

January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017                \$846.20 per member per month

No additional contribution was required by the Board for fiscal year 2017 nor contributed to the School OPEB Fund to prefund retiree benefits. Such additional contribution amounts are determined annually by the Board in accordance with the School plan for other post-employment benefits and are subject to appropriation.

The School District's combined active and retiree contributions to the health insurance plans, which equaled the required contribution, for the current fiscal year and the preceding two fiscal years were as follows:

Fiscal Year	Percentage Contributed	Required Contribution
2017	100%	\$ 496,003.80
2016	100%	\$ 502,411.60
2015	100%	\$ 492,604.20

**NOTE 14: RETIREMENT PLANS**

The School District participates in various retirement plans administered by the State of Georgia, as further explained below.

**TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TRS)**

***Plan Description:*** All teachers of the School District as defined in O.C.G.A §47-3-60 and certain other support personnel as defined by §47-3-63 are provided a pension through the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (TRS). TRS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, is administered by the TRS Board of Trustees (TRS Board). Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the

authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. The Teachers Retirement System of Georgia issues a publicly available separate financial audit report that can be obtained at [www.trsga.com/publications](http://www.trsga.com/publications).

**Benefits Provided:** TRS provides service retirement, disability retirement, and death benefits. Normal retirement benefits are determined as 2% of the average of the employee's two highest paid consecutive years of service, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service up to 40 years. An employee is eligible for normal service retirement after 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age, or after 10 years of service and attainment of age 60. Ten years of service is required for disability and death benefits eligibility. Disability benefits are based on the employee's creditable service and compensation up to the time of disability. Death benefits equal the amount that would be payable to the employee's beneficiary had the employee retired on the date of death. Death benefits are based on the employee's creditable service and compensation up to the date of death.

**Contributions:** Per Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., contribution requirements of active employees and participating employers, as actuarially determined, are established and may be amended by the TRS Board. Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Employees were required to contribute 6% of their annual pay during fiscal year 2016. The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2016 was 14.27% of annual School District payroll. For the current fiscal year, employer contributions to the pension plan were \$375,465.00 from the School District.

#### **PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSERS)**

**Plan description:** PSERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established by the Georgia General Assembly in 1969 for the purpose of providing retirement allowances for public school employees who are not eligible for membership in the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia. The ERS Board of Trustees, plus two additional trustees, administers PSERS. Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. PSERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at [www.ers.ga.gov/formspubs/formspubs](http://www.ers.ga.gov/formspubs/formspubs).

**Benefits provided:** A member may retire and elect to receive normal monthly retirement benefits after completion of ten years of creditable service and attainment of age 65. A member may choose to receive reduced benefits after age 60 and upon completion of ten years of service.

Upon retirement, the member will receive a monthly benefit of \$14.75, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Death and disability benefits are also available through PSERS. Additionally, PSERS may make periodic cost-of-living adjustments to the monthly benefits. Upon termination of employment, member contributions with accumulated interest are refundable upon request by the member. However, if an otherwise vested member terminates and withdraws his/her member contribution, the member forfeits all rights to retirement benefits.

**Contributions:** The general assembly makes an annual appropriation to cover the employer contribution to PSERS on behalf of local school employees (bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and maintenance staff). The annual employer contribution required by statute is actuarially determined and paid directly to PSERS by the State Treasurer in accordance with O.C.G.A. §47-4-29(a) and 60(b). Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Individuals who became members prior to July 1, 2012 contribute \$4 per month for nine months each fiscal year. Individuals who became members on or after July 1, 2012 contribute \$10 per month for nine months each fiscal year. The State of Georgia, although not the employer of PSERS

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members, is required by statute to make employer contributions actuarially determined and approved and certified by the PSERS Board of Trustees. The current fiscal year contribution was \$7,280.00.

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

At June 30, 2017, the School District reported a liability of \$4,999,538.00 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for TRS.

The net pension liability for TRS was measured as of June 30, 2016. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2015. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2016 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on contributions to TRS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

At June 30, 2016, the School District's TRS proportion was 0.024233%, which was an increase of 0.000174% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

At June 30, 2017, the School District did not have a PSERS liability for a proportionate share of the net pension liability because of a Special Funding Situation with the State of Georgia, which is responsible for the net pension liability of the plan. The amount of the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District is \$32,442.00.

The PSERS net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2015. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2016 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The State's proportion of the net pension liability associated with the School District was based on actuarially determined contributions paid by the State during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the School District recognized pension expense of \$464,546 for TRS and \$5,318.00 for PSERS and revenue \$5,318.00 for PSERS. The revenue is support provided by the State of Georgia. For TRS the State of Georgia support is provided only for certain support personnel.

At June 30, 2017, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	TRS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 74,480.00	\$ 24,723.00
Changes of assumptions	129,581.00	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	632,462.00	-
Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	23,388.00	209,821.00
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	375,465.00	-
Total	\$ 1,235,376.00	\$ 234,544.00

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The School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$375,465.00 for TRS are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:	TRS
2018	\$ 26,517.00
2019	\$ 26,517.00
2020	\$ 316,443.00
2021	\$ 245,060.00
2022	\$ 10,830.00

**Actuarial assumptions:** The total pension liability as of June 30, 2016 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2015, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

***Teachers Retirement System:***

Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	3.25% – 9.00%, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 White Collar Mortality Table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with the Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB (set forward one year for males) for service requirements and dependent beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB (set forward two years for males and four years for females) was used for the death after disability retirement. Rates of mortality in active service were based on the RP-2000 Employee Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014.

***Public School Employees Retirement System:***

Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	N/A
Investment rate of return	7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Blue-Collar Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 3 years for males and 2 years for females) for the period after service retirements and for dependent beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 5 years for both males and females) was used for death after disability retirement. There is a margin for future mortality improvement in the tables used by the System. Based on the results of the most recent experience study adopted by the Board on December 17, 2015, the numbers of expected future deaths are 9-11% less than the

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actual number of deaths that occurred during the study period for healthy retirees and 9-11% less than expected under the selected table for disabled retirees. Rates of mortality in active service were based on the RP-2000 Employee Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014.

The long-term expected rate of return on TRS and PSERS pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	TRS Target allocation	PSERS Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Fixed income	30.00%	30.00%	(0.50)%
Domestic large stocks	39.80%	37.20%	9.00%
Domestic mid stocks	3.70%	3.40%	12.00%
Domestic small stocks	1.50%	1.40%	13.50%
International developed market stocks	19.40%	17.80%	8.00%
International emerging market stocks	5.60%	5.20%	12.00%
Alternative	-	5.00%	10.50%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	

\* Rates shown are net of the 2.75% assumed rate of inflation

**Discount rate:** The discount rate used to measure the total TRS and PSERS pension liability was 7.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer and nonemployer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the TRS and PSERS pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate:** The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%, 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 1-percentage-point lower (6.50%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.50%) than the current rate:

Teachers Retirement System:	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 7,781,843.00	\$ 4,999,538.00	\$ 2,708,769.00

**Pension plan fiduciary net position:** Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TRS and PSERS financial report which is publically available at [www.trsga.com/publications](http://www.trsga.com/publications) and <http://www.ers.ga.gov/formspubs/formspubs.html>.

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Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net pension liability	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	School District's covered payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2017	0.024233%	\$ 4,999,538.00	\$ 2,658,063.27	188.09%	76.06%
2016	0.024059%	\$ 3,662,744.00	\$ 2,539,548.49	144.23%	81.44%
2015	0.025179%	\$ 3,181,035.00	\$ 2,568,752.17	123.84%	84.03%

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
 SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
 PUBLIC SCHOOLS EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

SCHEDULE "2"

Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net pension liability	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District	Total	School District's covered payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2017	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 32,442.00	\$ 32,442.00	\$ 91,583.14	N/A	81.00%
2016	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 27,742.00	\$ 27,742.00	\$ 120,701.44	N/A	87.00%
2015	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 29,953.00	\$ 29,953.00	\$ 122,376.32	N/A	88.29%

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
 SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
 TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

SCHEDULE "3"

Year Ended	Contractually required contribution	Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	School District's covered payroll	Contribution as a percentage of covered payroll
2017	\$ 375,465.00	\$ 375,465.00	\$ -	\$ 2,631,152.72	14.27%
2016	\$ 379,306.00	\$ 379,306.00	\$ -	\$ 2,658,063.27	14.27%
2015	\$ 333,950.60	\$ 333,950.60	\$ -	\$ 2,539,548.49	13.15%
2014	\$ 315,442.78	\$ 315,442.78	\$ -	\$ 2,568,752.17	12.28%
2013	\$ 302,624.16	\$ 302,624.16	\$ -	\$ 2,652,271.38	11.41%
2012	\$ 278,528.48	\$ 278,528.48	\$ -	\$ 2,709,422.79	10.28%
2011	\$ 282,294.09	\$ 282,294.09	\$ -	\$ 2,746,051.46	10.28%
2010	\$ 264,636.12	\$ 264,636.12	\$ -	\$ 2,717,003.29	9.74%

**Teachers Retirement System**

***Changes of assumptions:*** In 2010 and later, the expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP 2000 Mortality Tables rather than the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2010. In 2010, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability and mortality were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience. In 2010, assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience.

On November 18, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, disability, withdrawal and salary increases. The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to RP 2000 White Collar Mortality Table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with the Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB (set forward one year for males).

**Public School Employees Retirement System**

***Changes of assumptions:*** In 2010 and later, the expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP 2000 Mortality Tables rather than the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2010. In 2010, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability and mortality were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

On December 17, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement and withdrawal. The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP 2000 Blue Collar Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 3 years for males and 2 years for females).

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GENERAL FUND  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

SCHEDULE "5"

	NONAPPROPRIATED BUDGETS		ACTUAL AMOUNTS	VARIANCE OVER/UNDER
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Property Taxes	\$ 1,654,348.00	\$ 1,654,348.00	\$ 1,640,766.79	\$ (13,581.21)
Sales Taxes	-	-	15,888.38	15,888.38
State Funds	2,735,994.00	2,748,103.25	2,801,951.45	53,848.20
Federal Funds	215,500.00	481,830.00	491,784.73	9,954.73
Charges for Services	110,352.00	110,352.00	100,021.43	(10,330.57)
Investment Earnings	598.00	598.00	915.94	317.94
Miscellaneous	47,050.00	47,050.00	26,310.23	(20,739.77)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>4,763,842.00</b>	<b>5,042,281.25</b>	<b>5,077,638.95</b>	<b>35,357.70</b>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction	3,334,999.00	3,584,995.25	2,825,683.42	759,311.83
Support Services				
Pupil Services	97,876.00	116,623.00	104,693.62	11,929.38
Improvement of Instructional Services	120,539.00	179,756.00	166,909.34	12,846.66
Educational Media Services	105,672.00	105,672.00	103,357.05	2,314.95
General Administration	348,672.00	348,722.00	346,085.57	2,636.43
School Administration	378,293.00	378,293.00	364,151.80	14,141.20
Business Administration	85,040.00	85,040.00	86,409.49	(1,369.49)
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	341,049.00	341,049.00	283,803.59	57,245.41
Student Transportation Services	155,663.00	155,663.00	112,137.40	43,525.60
Other Support Services	14,000.00	14,000.00	10,861.00	3,139.00
Food Services Operation	225,000.00	225,000.00	228,318.98	(3,318.98)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>5,206,803.00</b>	<b>5,534,813.25</b>	<b>4,632,411.26</b>	<b>902,401.99</b>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	(442,961.00)	(492,532.00)	445,227.69	937,759.69
<u>OTHER FINANCING USES</u>				
Other Uses	-	-	(315,408.66)	(315,408.66)
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>(442,961.00)</b>	<b>(492,532.00)</b>	<b>129,819.03</b>	<b>622,351.03</b>
Fund Balances - Beginning	1,573,158.12	1,573,158.12	1,566,563.35	(6,594.77)
Adjustments	20.00	2,732.74	-	(2,732.74)
<b>Fund Balances - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 1,130,217.12</b>	<b>\$ 1,083,358.86</b>	<b>\$ 1,696,382.38</b>	<b>\$ 613,023.52</b>

Notes to the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual

The accompanying schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances budget and actual is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is the basis of accounting used in the presentation of the fund financial statements.

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

SCHEDULE "6"

FUNDING AGENCY PROGRAM/GRANT	CFDA NUMBER	PASS- THROUGH ENTITY ID NUMBER	EXPENDITURES IN PERIOD
Agriculture, U. S. Department of			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Food Services			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	17175GA324N1099	\$ 81,707.39
National School Lunch Program	10.555	17175GA324N1100	<u>122,085.39</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			203,792.78
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Food Services			
Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	10.579	16165GA350N8103	<u>18,000.00</u>
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			<u>221,792.78</u>
Education, U. S. Department of			
Special Education Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Special Education			
Grants to States	84.027	H027A160073	67,228.94
Preschool Grants	84.173	H173A160081	<u>3,563.00</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>70,791.94</u>
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	V048A160010	4,958.00
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	S367A150001	32,694.91
Rural Education	84.358	S358B160010	8,306.00
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	S010A150010	1,672.00
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	S010A160010	<u>125,243.69</u>
Total Other Programs			<u>172,874.60</u>
Total U. S. Department of Education			<u>243,666.54</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 465,459.32</u>

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the Webster County Board of Education (the "Board") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2017. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Board, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the Board.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. The Board has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE  
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

SCHEDULE "7"

<u>AGENCY/FUNDING</u>	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE GENERAL FUND
GRANTS	
Bright From the Start:	
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning Pre-Kindergarten Program	\$ 104,206.20
Education, Georgia Department of	
Quality Basic Education	
Direct Instructional Cost	
Kindergarten Program	133,291.00
Kindergarten Program - Early Intervention Program	3,517.00
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	269,796.00
Primary Grades - Early Intervention (1-3) Program	70,218.00
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	108,888.00
Upper Elementary Grades - Early Intervention (4-5) Program	91,697.00
Middle School (6-8) Program	270,797.00
High School General Education (9-12) Program	214,746.00
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	122,969.00
Students with Disabilities	280,349.00
Gifted Student - Category VI	21,774.00
Alternative Education Program	23,196.00
Media Center Program	43,116.00
20 Days Additional Instruction	14,031.00
Staff and Professional Development	6,769.00
Principal Staff and Professional Development	520.00
Indirect Cost	
Central Administration	294,105.00
School Administration	201,570.00
Facility Maintenance and Operations	93,474.00
Amended Formula Adjustment	(33,778.00)
Categorical Grants	
Pupil Transportation	
Regular	69,674.00
Nursing Services	45,000.00
Sparsity	297,044.00
Education Equalization Funding Grant	28,595.00
Other State Programs	
Food Services	6,998.00
Preschool Disability Services	4,949.00
Teacher of the Year	507.25
Vocational Education	6,653.00
Office of the State Treasurer	
Public School Employees Retirement	7,280.00
	\$ 2,801,951.45

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

SCHEDULE "8"

PROJECT	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1)	CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3)	TOTAL COMPLETION COST	EXCESS PROCEEDS NOT EXPENDED	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
<b>2011 SPLOST REFERENDUM</b>							
(i) Acquiring, constructing, equipping and furnishing new school buildings and facilities useful and desirable in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, a new high school and athletic/physical education facilities	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 28,533.52	\$ -	\$ -	June 2019
(ii) Adding to, renovating, repairing, improving, demolishing, furnishing, and equipping existing school buildings and other buildings and facilities useful and desirable in connection therewith, including but not limited to the elementary, middle and high schools.	140,000.00	140,000.00	57,710.19	129,516.96	-	-	June 2019
(iii) Paying a portion of the debt service on the outstanding Series 2005 General Obligation Bonds previously issued by Webster County School District, the maximum amount of the debt service to be paid with sales tax proceeds to be \$500,000.00.	500,000.00	1,521,814.44	324,100.00	1,197,714.44	1,521,814.44	-	Completed
(iv) Acquiring new technology and software and wiring upgrades.	100,000.00	100,000.00	21,802.96	26,975.71	-	-	June 2019
(v) Acquiring real property.	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	-	-	-	June 2019
(vi) Acquiring new school equipment including, but not limited to, new buses, maintenance vehicles and other school equipment.	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	9,094.15	-	-	June 2019
(vii) Purchasing textbooks and band instruments.	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	June 2019
(vii) Acquiring any necessary or desirable property, both real and personal.	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	-	-	-	June 2019
	<u>1,000,000.00</u>	<u>2,021,814.44</u>	<u>403,613.15</u>	<u>1,391,834.78</u>	<u>1,521,814.44</u>	<u>-</u>	
<b>2016 SPLOST REFERENDUM</b>							
(i) Acquiring, constructing, equipping and furnishing new school buildings and facilities useful and desirable in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, a new high school and athletic/physical education facilities	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	-	-	-	June 2022
(ii) Adding to, renovating, repairing, improving, demolishing, furnishing, and equipping existing school buildings and other buildings and facilities useful and desirable in connection therewith, including but not limited to the elementary, middle and high schools.	100,000.00	100,000.00	-	-	-	-	June 2022
(iii) Paying a portion of the debt service on the outstanding Series 2005 General Obligation Bonds previously issued by Webster County School District, the maximum amount of the debt service to be paid with sales tax proceeds to be \$1,500,000.00.	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	-	-	-	-	June 2022
(iv) Acquiring new technology, including safety and security technology, ocmputer technology and software and wiring upgrades.	100,000.00	100,000.00	-	-	-	-	June 2022
(v) Acquiring real property.	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	-	-	-	June 2022
(vi) Acquiring new school equipment including, but not limited to, new buses, maintenance vehicles and other school equipment.	100,000.00	100,000.00	-	-	-	-	June 2022
(vii) Purchasing textbooks and band instruments.	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	-	-	-	June 2022
(vii) Acquiring any necessary or desirable property, both real and personal.	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	-	-	-	June 2022
	<u>2,000,000.00</u>	<u>2,000,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
	<u>\$ 3,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,021,814.44</u>	<u>\$ 403,613.15</u>	<u>\$ 1,391,834.78</u>	<u>\$ 1,521,814.44</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

- (1) The School District's original cost estimate as specified in the resolution calling for the imposition of the Local Option Sales Tax.
- (2) The School District's current estimate of total cost for the projects. Includes all cost from project inception to completion.
- (3) The voters of Webster County approved the imposition of a 1% sales tax to fund the above projects and retire associated debt. Amounts expended for these projects may include sales tax proceeds, state, local property taxes and/or other funds over the life of the projects.

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GENERAL FUND - QUALITY BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS (QBE)  
ALLOTMENTS AND EXPENDITURES - BY PROGRAM  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

SCHEDULE "9"

DESCRIPTION	ALLOTMENTS FROM GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (1) (2)	ELIGIBLE QBE PROGRAM COSTS		
		SALARIES	OPERATIONS	TOTAL
Direct Instructional Programs				
Kindergarten Program	\$ 154,073.00	\$ 176,196.53	\$ 3,120.75	\$ 179,317.28
Kindergarten Program-Early Intervention Program	7,707.00	0.35	-	0.35
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	320,178.00	393,613.70	10,397.99	404,011.69
Primary Grades-Early Intervention (1-3) Program	72,092.00	89,132.95	-	89,132.95
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	140,903.00	372,400.49	19,921.09	392,321.58
Upper Elementary Grades-Early Intervention (4-5) Program	93,518.00	-	-	-
Middle School (6-8) Program	318,232.00	443,022.01	19,222.93	462,244.94
High School General Education (9-12) Program	247,668.00	338,395.97	65,246.03	403,642.00
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	139,657.00	99,666.01	14,385.54	114,051.55
Students with Disabilities	309,940.00			
Category III		271,767.06	34,107.62	305,874.68
Gifted Student - Category VI	25,167.00	-	25.00	25.00
Alternative Education Program	25,995.00	81,093.98	-	81,093.98
TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	1,855,130.00	2,265,289.05	166,426.95	2,431,716.00
Media Center Program	50,342.00	97,286.24	6,070.81	103,357.05
Staff and Professional Development	7,834.00	-	6,928.22	6,928.22
TOTAL QBE FORMULA FUNDS	\$ 1,913,306.00	\$ 2,362,575.29	\$ 179,425.98	\$ 2,542,001.27

(1) Comprised of State Funds plus Local Five Mill Share.

(2) Allotments do not include the impact of the State amended formula adjustment.

SECTION II

COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS



## DEPARTMENT OF AUDITS AND ACCOUNTS

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STATE AUDITOR  
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December 11, 2018

The Honorable Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia  
Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia  
Members of the State Board of Education  
and  
Superintendent and Members of the  
Webster County Board of Education

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Webster County Board of Education (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 11, 2018.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

## Compliance and Other Matters

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

## Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg S. Griffin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

SECTION III

AUDITEE'S RESPONSE TO PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AUDITEE'S RESPONSE  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

SECTION IV

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

**I SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issue:

Governmental Activities; General Fund; Capital Projects Fund; Debt  
Service Fund; Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness identified?
- Significant deficiency identified?

No  
None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted:

No

**II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

No matters were reported.

**III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

No matters were reported.