



WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ALAMO, GEORGIA

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2018
(Including Independent Auditor's Reports)**



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November 20, 2019

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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
Wheeler 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 Wheeler County Board of Education (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, 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, 2018, 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 2018, the School District adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*. The School District restated beginning net position for the effect of GASB Statement No. 75. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and required supplementary information listed in the table of contents 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 accompanying supplementary 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 November 20, 2019 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 cursive script that reads "Greg S. Griffin".

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

INTRODUCTION

The discussion and analysis of the Wheeler County Board of Education's (School District) financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the fiscal years 2018 and 2017 are as follows:

- GASB No. 75, related to *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Other Post Employment Benefits* (OPEB) was implemented in fiscal year 2018. These standards directly impact the School District's liabilities and unrestricted net position only on the government-wide financial statements and resulted in significant changes in how the School District reflects its future responsibilities and liabilities to its employees. The current financial stability of the organization is not materially impacted by the adoption of this standard.
- Beginning net position was restated resulting in a decrease of \$9.9 million for the implementation of GASB No. 75. Net position decreased by \$60.7 thousand from the beginning of the year, restated amount, which represents a decrease of 0.7 percent.
- On the government-wide financial statements, the assets and deferred outflows of resources of the School District were less than liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$9.2 million for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded the liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$0.7 million for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.
- The School District had \$12.4 million and \$12.2 million in expenses relating to governmental activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, respectively. Only \$8.2 million and \$7.5 million of the above mentioned expenses for 2018 and 2017 were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues (primarily property and sales taxes) of \$4.1 million for 2018 and 2017, along with beginning net position were utilized to provide for these programs.
- The general fund (the primary operating fund), presented on a current financial resource basis, ended the fiscal year with a fund balance of \$955.0 thousand, an increase of \$355.6 thousand from the June 30, 2017 fund balance of \$599.4 thousand.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts; management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements and supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two levels of statements that present different views of the School District. These include the government-wide and fund financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities. These statements provide information about the activities of the School District presenting both short-term and long-term information about the overall financial status.

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The fund financial statements focus on individual parts, reporting the School District's operation in more detail. The governmental funds statements disclose how basic services are financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fiduciary funds statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the School District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others. The fund financial statements reflect the School District's most significant funds. For the years ending June 30, 2018 and 2017, the general fund, the capital projects fund, and the debt service fund represent the most significant funds.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements. Additionally, other supplementary information (not required) is also presented that further supplements understanding of the financial statements.

Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the School District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Position includes all of the School District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current fiscal year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the School District's net position and how it has changed. Net position, the difference between the School District's assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, are one way to measure the School District's overall financial health or position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position are an indication of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. Changes may be the result of many factors, including those not under the School District's control, such as the property tax base, facility conditions, required educational programs and other factors.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the School District has one distinct type of activity:

- **Governmental Activities** – All of the School District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, food service, student activity accounts and various others.

Fund Financial Statements

The School District's fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds, not the School District as a whole. Some funds are required by State law and some by bond requirements. The School District's major governmental funds are the general fund, capital projects fund, and debt service fund.

Governmental Funds - Most of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on the determination of financial position and change in financial position, not on income determination. These funds are reported using the modified accrual method of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational

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programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds are reconciled in the financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds - The School District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others, such as school clubs and organizations within the principals' accounts. The School District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The School District excludes these activities from the government-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Recall that the Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the School District as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position for fiscal years 2018 and 2017.

Table 1
Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2017 (1)	Net Change
Assets			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 3,110,482	\$ 2,528,159	\$ 582,323
Capital Assets, Net	7,276,047	7,524,315	(248,268)
Total Assets	10,386,529	10,052,474	334,055
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans	1,527,339	2,547,153	(1,019,814)
Related to OPEB Plans	348,801	-	348,801
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,876,140	2,547,153	(671,013)
Liabilities			
Current and Other Liabilities	1,709,725	1,492,508	217,217
Net Pension Liability	9,107,916	10,183,312	(1,075,396)
Net OPEB Liability	9,494,963	-	9,494,963
Total Liabilities	20,312,604	11,675,820	8,636,784
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans	265,172	209,148	56,024
Related to OPEB Plans	883,924	-	883,924
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,149,096	209,148	939,948
Net Position			
Investment in Capital Assets	7,276,047	7,524,315	(248,268)
Restricted	467,433	445,984	21,449
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(16,942,511)	(7,255,640)	(9,686,871)
Total Net Position	\$ (9,199,031)	\$ 714,659	\$ (9,913,690)

(1) Fiscal Year 2017 balances do not reflect the effects of the restatement of net position. See Note 12 in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements for additional information.

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Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017.

Table 2
Change in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2017 (1)	Net Change
Revenues			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 94,140	\$ 79,911	\$ 14,229
Operating Grants and Contributions	8,104,936	7,391,309	713,627
Capital Grants and Contributions	-	77,216	(77,216)
Total Program Revenues	8,199,076	7,548,436	650,640
General Revenues:			
Taxes			
Property Taxes			
For Maintenance and Operations	2,453,756	2,241,179	212,577
For Railroad	9,797	8,038	1,759
Sales Taxes			
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax			
For Capital Projects	328,086	345,932	(17,846)
Other Sales Tax	9,940	14,318	(4,378)
Grants and Contributions not			
Restricted to Specific Programs	848,452	1,012,481	(164,029)
Investment Earnings	2,340	2,333	7
Miscellaneous	454,185	468,832	(14,647)
Total General Revenues	4,106,556	4,093,113	13,443
Total Revenues	12,305,632	11,641,549	664,083
Program Expenses:			
Instruction	6,810,065	6,925,497	(115,432)
Support Services			
Pupil Services	271,903	267,917	3,986
Improvement of Instructional Services	131,994	90,310	41,684
Educational Media Services	209,814	180,276	29,538
General Administration	375,202	519,370	(144,168)
School Administration	982,319	981,741	578
Business Administration	523,169	413,994	109,175
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,113,119	1,116,184	(3,065)
Student Transportation Services	776,887	652,069	124,818
Central Support Services	70,044	87,568	(17,524)
Other Support Services	40,575	23,338	17,237
Operations of Non-Instructional Services			
Enterprise Operations	205,776	157,354	48,422
Food Services	855,429	803,607	51,822
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	-	735	(735)
Total Expenses	12,366,296	12,219,960	146,336
Decrease in Net Position	(60,664)	(578,411)	517,747
Net Position - Beginning of the Year - Restated	(9,138,367)	1,293,070	(10,431,437)
Net Position - End of the Year	\$ (9,199,031)	\$ 714,659	\$ (9,913,690)

(1) Fiscal year 2017 balances do not reflect the effects of the restatement of net position.
See Note 12 in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements for additional information.

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Program revenues, in the form of charges for services, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions increased \$650.6 thousand for governmental activities. This increase is largely due to an increase in funds earned through the State Quality Basic Education (QBE) Funding Formula.

General revenues increased by \$13.4 thousand during fiscal year 2018. The majority of the increase came from an increase in property tax collections. This increase is the result of the tax commissioner implementing a program with a service provider to collect past due amounts in fiscal year 2016.

The School District continues to analyze spending patterns and look for areas where reductions can be made without affecting the level of education provided. Table 3 shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services. Net cost of services can be defined as the total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental revenue provided for specific programs. The net cost reflects the financial burden on the School District's taxpayers by each activity.

Table 3
Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	Fiscal	Fiscal	Fiscal	Fiscal
	Year 2018	Year 2017 (1)	Year 2018	Year 2017 (1)
Instruction	\$ 6,810,065	\$ 6,925,497	\$ 1,428,805	\$ 2,009,107
Support Services:				
Pupil Services	271,903	267,917	111,127	122,050
Improvement of Instructional Services	131,994	90,310	(3,567)	(8,085)
Educational Media Services	209,814	180,276	69,575	62,545
General Administration	375,202	519,370	170,074	331,353
School Administration	982,319	981,741	558,486	621,506
Business Administration	523,169	413,994	198,849	175,071
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,113,119	1,116,184	790,910	793,109
Student Transportation Services	776,887	652,069	533,131	339,237
Central Support Services	70,044	87,568	69,844	87,567
Other Support Services	40,575	23,338	23,133	23,338
Operations of Non-Instructional Services:				
Enterprise Operations	205,776	157,354	161,276	108,827
Food Services	855,429	803,607	55,577	5,163
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	-	735	-	735
Total Expenses	\$ 12,366,296	\$ 12,219,960	\$ 4,167,220	\$ 4,671,523

(1) Fiscal year 2017 balances do not reflect the effects of the restatement of net position.

See Note 12 in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements for additional information.

Although program revenues make up a majority of the funding, the School District is still dependent upon tax revenues for governmental activities. For 2018, 34.9% of instruction and support activities were supplemented by taxes and other general revenues compared to 40.5% in 2017.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The School District's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The governmental funds had total revenues of \$12.4 million and total expenses of \$11.9 million. There was an increase in the fund balance totaling \$439.4 thousand for the governmental funds as a whole. The \$955.0 thousand fund balance in the general fund reflects that the School District continues to be able to adequately meet current costs.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The School District's budget is prepared according to Georgia Law. The most significant budgeted fund is the general fund, funded primarily through state revenue and local property tax revenue. During the course of fiscal years 2018 and 2017, the School District amended its general fund budget as needed.

During fiscal year 2018 the general fund had final actual revenues totaling \$12.0 million and the final budgeted amount totaled \$11.6 million. There were differences in various revenue categories between the amounts of the final actual and the final budget. The differences noted between the various categories were primarily due to property tax collections being lower than expected, and state and federal grants, and miscellaneous revenues were greater than expected.

Final actual general fund expenditures during fiscal year 2018 totaling \$11.7 million represented a decrease from the final budgeted amount of \$12.0 million by \$0.3 million. The difference (final actual vs. final budget) was mainly due to instruction, maintenance and operations, and student transportation expenditures being lower than expected.

General fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$0.36 million for the fiscal year 2018.

CAPITAL ASSETS

At the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the School District had \$7.3 million and \$7.5 million, respectively, invested in capital assets in the governmental funds. Table 4 reflects a summary of these balances net of accumulated depreciation. The School District's capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, are comprised of buildings and building improvements (90.5%), land and land improvements (1.9%), and equipment (7.6%).

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

	Governmental Activities		
	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2017	Net Change
Land	\$ 119,360	\$ 105,520	\$ 13,840
Buildings and Improvements	6,587,550	6,781,495	(193,945)
Equipment	550,400	613,503	(63,103)
Land Improvements	18,737	23,797	(5,060)
Total	\$ 7,276,047	\$ 7,524,315	\$ (248,268)

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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CURRENT ISSUES

In fiscal year 2018, the cost of the employer portion of TRS pension as well as health insurance premiums increased.

Approximately 81.5% of general fund expenses, the main operating fund for the School District, were related to salaries and employee benefits for the year ended June 30, 2018. More than a third of certified personnel in the School District have 21 years or more of experience resulting in salaries at the highest possible state pay level. With such personnel heavy expenses, it is difficult to offset mandated expense increases such as TRS and health insurance premium expenses. The School District consistently evaluates how funds can be spent smarter and more effectively to ensure that County students receive a quality education from effective personnel.

The most significant challenge facing the School District is the relative uncertainty regarding how School Districts will be funded moving forward. The General Assembly is in the process of exploring new funding formulas that would likely cement in the austerity reductions received annually and change the way personnel salaries are calculated. It is uncertain at this point what type of financial impact these changes might have on the School District's finances.

Another matter which is of concern to the School District is the impact of GASB No. 75 on the financial statements for fiscal year 2018 and beyond. For fiscal year 2018, GASB No. 75 had a negative impact on our financial statements of \$10.0 million. It is expected to continually have a significant impact on net position in future financial statements.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Janet Brown, Chief Financial Officer at the Wheeler County Board of Education, 18 McRae Street, Alamo GA 30411. You may also email your questions to janet.brown@wheeler.k12.ga.us.

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT "A"

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,851,559.90
Receivables, Net	
Taxes	276,698.55
State Government	851,841.65
Federal Government	109,220.03
Local	10,198.03
Inventories	10,964.10
Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable	119,360.00
Capital Assets, Depreciable (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>7,156,687.04</u>
Total Assets	<u>10,386,529.30</u>
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans	1,527,339.00
Related to OPEB Plan	<u>348,801.00</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,876,140.00</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	218,897.59
Salaries and Benefits Payable	1,282,184.81
Payroll Withholdings Payable	106,422.94
Deposits and Unearned Revenues	102,220.00
Net Pension Liability	9,107,916.00
Net OPEB Liability	<u>9,494,963.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>20,312,604.34</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans	265,172.00
Related to OPEB Plan	<u>883,924.00</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,149,096.00</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Investment in Capital Assets	7,276,047.04
Restricted for	
Continuation of Federal Programs	114,891.33
Debt Service	15.08
Capital Projects	292,506.66
Bus Replacement	60,019.94
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(16,942,511.09)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (9,199,031.04)</u>

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT "B"

	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES		NET (EXPENSES) REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	
<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>				
Instruction	\$ 6,810,065.44	\$ -	\$ 5,381,260.05	\$ (1,428,805.39)
Support Services				
Pupil Services	271,903.00	-	160,776.11	(111,126.89)
Improvement of Instructional Services	131,994.16	-	135,561.34	3,567.18
Educational Media Services	209,813.80	-	140,239.00	(69,574.80)
General Administration	375,201.54	-	205,127.84	(170,073.70)
School Administration	982,318.94	-	423,833.00	(558,485.94)
Business Administration	523,168.89	-	324,319.58	(198,849.31)
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,113,118.84	-	322,209.26	(790,909.58)
Student Transportation Services	776,886.58	-	243,755.59	(533,130.99)
Central Support Services	70,044.05	-	200.00	(69,844.05)
Other Support Services	40,575.09	-	17,441.91	(23,133.18)
Operations of Non-Instructional Services				
Enterprise Operations	205,776.32	44,500.00	-	(161,276.32)
Food Services	855,429.43	49,640.12	750,212.30	(55,577.01)
	<u>\$ 12,366,296.08</u>	<u>\$ 94,140.12</u>	<u>\$ 8,104,935.98</u>	<u>(4,167,219.98)</u>
General Revenues				
Taxes				
Property Taxes				
For Maintenance and Operations				2,453,755.88
Railroad Taxes				9,796.65
Sales Taxes				
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax				
For Capital Projects				328,086.47
Other Sales Tax				9,939.92
Grants and Contributions not Restricted to Specific Programs				848,452.00
Investment Earnings				2,339.53
Miscellaneous				454,185.01
				<u>4,106,555.46</u>
Change in Net Position				(60,664.52)
Net Position - Beginning of Year (Restated)				<u>(9,138,366.52)</u>
Net Position - End of Year				<u>\$ (9,199,031.04)</u>

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT "C"

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,587,584.95	\$ 263,959.87	\$ 15.08	\$ 1,851,559.90
Receivables, Net				
Taxes	248,151.76	28,546.79	-	276,698.55
State Government	851,841.65	-	-	851,841.65
Federal Government	109,220.03	-	-	109,220.03
Local	10,198.03	-	-	10,198.03
Inventories	10,964.10	-	-	10,964.10
Total Assets	\$ 2,817,960.52	\$ 292,506.66	\$ 15.08	\$ 3,110,482.26
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 218,897.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218,897.59
Salaries and Benefits Payable	1,282,184.81	-	-	1,282,184.81
Payroll Withholdings Payable	106,422.94	-	-	106,422.94
Deposits and Unearned Revenues	102,220.00	-	-	102,220.00
Total Liabilities	1,709,725.34	-	-	1,709,725.34
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>				
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	153,318.41	-	-	153,318.41
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>				
Nonspendable	10,964.10	-	-	10,964.10
Restricted	163,947.17	292,506.66	15.08	456,468.91
Assigned	76,581.34	-	-	76,581.34
Unassigned	703,424.16	-	-	703,424.16
Total Fund Balances	954,916.77	292,506.66	15.08	1,247,438.51
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$ 2,817,960.52	\$ 292,506.66	\$ 15.08	\$ 3,110,482.26

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
 TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
 JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT "D"

Total fund balances - governmental funds (Exhibit "C") \$ 1,247,438.51

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	\$	119,360.00	
Buildings and improvements		10,989,358.00	
Equipment		3,365,552.49	
Land improvements		205,784.00	
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(7,404,007.45)</u>	7,276,047.04

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

Net pension liability	\$	(9,107,916.00)	
Net OPEB liability		<u>(9,494,963.00)</u>	(18,602,879.00)

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

Related to pensions	\$	1,262,167.00	
Related to OPEB		<u>(535,123.00)</u>	727,044.00

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

153,318.41

Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "A") \$ (9,199,031.04)

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT "E"

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Property Taxes	\$ 2,537,823.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,537,823.24
Sales Taxes	9,939.92	328,086.47	-	338,026.39
State Funds	7,424,341.41	-	-	7,424,341.41
Federal Funds	1,524,740.57	-	-	1,524,740.57
Charges for Services	94,140.12	-	-	94,140.12
Investment Earnings	1,825.13	514.40	-	2,339.53
Miscellaneous	454,185.01	-	-	454,185.01
	<u>12,046,995.40</u>	<u>328,600.87</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,375,596.27</u>
Total Revenues				
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction	6,530,614.17	-	-	6,530,614.17
Support Services				
Pupil Services	271,804.66	-	-	271,804.66
Improvement of Instructional Services	131,993.94	-	-	131,993.94
Educational Media Services	200,731.18	-	-	200,731.18
General Administration	365,201.85	-	-	365,201.85
School Administration	963,467.33	-	-	963,467.33
Business Administration	518,780.04	-	-	518,780.04
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	867,948.76	230,950.59	-	1,098,899.35
Student Transportation Services	699,884.18	-	-	699,884.18
Central Support Services	57,269.19	-	-	57,269.19
Other Support Services	40,575.09	-	-	40,575.09
Enterprise Operations	205,776.32	-	-	205,776.32
Food Services Operation	837,382.77	-	-	837,382.77
Capital Outlay	-	13,840.00	-	13,840.00
	<u>11,691,429.48</u>	<u>244,790.59</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,936,220.07</u>
Total Expenditures				
Net Change in Fund Balances	355,565.92	83,810.28	-	439,376.20
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>599,350.85</u>	<u>208,696.38</u>	<u>15.08</u>	<u>808,062.31</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 954,916.77</u>	<u>\$ 292,506.66</u>	<u>\$ 15.08</u>	<u>\$ 1,247,438.51</u>

WHEELER 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, 2018

EXHIBIT "F"

Net change in fund balances total governmental funds (Exhibit "E") \$ 439,376.20

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	\$ 140,539.84	
Depreciation expense	<u>(388,807.85)</u>	(248,268.01)

Taxes reported in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. (74,270.71)

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/OPEB liability is measured a year before the District's report date. Pension/OPEB expense, which is the change in the net pension/OPEB liability adjusted for changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions/OPEB, is reported in the Statement of Activities.

Pension expense	\$ (442.00)	
OPEB expense	<u>(177,060.00)</u>	<u>(177,502.00)</u>

Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "B") \$ (60,664.52)

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT "G"

	<u>AGENCY FUNDS</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ <u>13,868.08</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Funds Held for Others	\$ <u>13,868.08</u>

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NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

REPORTING ENTITY

The Wheeler 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 non-exchange 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. **Investment in capital assets** consists of the School District's total investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.
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) 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 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. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

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 resources 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 2018, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*. This statement establishes standards for recognizing and measuring liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures. For defined benefit OPEB, this statement identifies the methods and assumptions that are required to be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value, and attribute that present value to periods of employee service. Note disclosure and required supplementary information requirements about defined benefit OPEB also are addressed. The adoption of this statement has a significant impact on the School District's financial statements. As noted in the Restatement of Net Position note disclosure, the School District restated beginning net position for the cumulative effect of this accounting change.

In fiscal year 2018, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*. This statement requires that a government that receives resources pursuant to an irrevocable split-interest agreement recognize assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources at the inception of the agreement. Furthermore, this statement requires that a government recognize assets representing its beneficial interests in irrevocable split-interest agreements that are administered by a third party, if the government controls the present service capacity of the beneficial interests. This statement requires that a government recognize revenue when the resources become applicable to the reporting period. The adoption of this statement does not have a significant impact on the School District's financial statements.

In fiscal year 2018, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*. The objective of this statement is to address practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and postemployment benefits (pensions and other postemployment benefits [OPEB]). The adoption of this statement does not have a significant impact on the School District's financial statements.

In fiscal year 2018, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*. The primary objective of this statement is to improve consistency in accounting and financial reporting for in-substance defeasance of debt by providing guidance for transactions in which cash and other monetary assets acquired with only existing resources—resources other than the proceeds of refunding debt—are placed in an irrevocable trust for the sole purpose of extinguishing debt. This statement also improves accounting and financial reporting for prepaid insurance on debt that is extinguished and notes to financial statements for debt that is defeased in substance. The 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.

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	All	N/A
Land Improvements	\$ 5,000.00 or more	20 to 80 years
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 5,000.00 or more	Up to 80 years
Equipment	\$ 5,000.00 or more	3 to 20 years
Construction in Progress	\$ 5,000.00 or more	N/A
Intangible Assets	\$ 50,000.00 or more	10 to 20 years

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.

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.

POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Georgia School Employees Postemployment Benefit Fund (School OPEB Fund) and additions to/deductions from School OPEB Fund fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by School OPEB Fund. For this purpose, benefit payments 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:

Non-spendable 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 Wheeler County Board of Commissioners adopted the property tax levy for the 2017 tax digest year (calendar year) on November 28, 2017 (levy date) based on property values as of January 1, 2017. Taxes were due on March 15, 2018 (lien date). Taxes collected within the current fiscal year or within 60 days after year-end on the 2017 tax digest are reported as revenue in the governmental funds for fiscal year 2018. The Wheeler 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, 2018, for maintenance and operations amounted to \$2,305,090.96.

The tax millage rate levied for the 2017 tax year (calendar year) for the School District was as follows (a mill equals \$1 per thousand dollars of assessed value):

School Operations	<u>15.716</u> mills
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Additionally, Title Ad Valorem Tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, amounted to \$222,935.63 during fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

SALES TAXES

Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), at the fund reporting level, during the year amounted to \$328,086.47 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, except the various school activity (principal) accounts, 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.

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, 2018, the School District had deposits with a carrying amount of \$1,865,427.98, and a bank balance of \$2,006,170.18. The bank balances insured by Federal depository insurance were \$342,797.40 and the bank balances collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the School District's name were \$1,663,372.78.

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT "H"

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, 2017	Increases	Decreases	Balances June 30, 2018
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 105,520.00	\$ 13,840.00	\$ -	\$ 119,360.00
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Buildings and Improvements	10,989,358.00	-	-	10,989,358.00
Equipment	3,238,852.65	126,699.84	-	3,365,552.49
Land Improvements	205,784.00	-	-	205,784.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Improvements	4,207,862.89	193,944.88	-	4,401,807.77
Equipment	2,625,349.44	189,803.10	-	2,815,152.54
Land Improvements	181,987.27	5,059.87	-	187,047.14
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	7,418,795.05	(262,108.01)	-	7,156,687.04
Governmental Activity Capital Assets - Net	\$ 7,524,315.05	\$ (248,268.01)	\$ -	\$ 7,276,047.04

Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:

Instruction		\$ 225,782.70
Support Services		
Education Media Services	\$ 8,115.67	
General Administration	2,445.98	
School Administration	2,256.98	
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	68,356.76	
Student Transportation Services	56,939.33	
Central Support Services	17,352.00	155,466.72
Food Services		7,558.43
		\$ 388,807.85

NOTE 6: SHORT-TERM DEBT

The School District issues tax anticipation notes in advance of property tax collections, depositing the proceeds in its general fund. This short-term debt is to provide cash for operations until property tax collections are received by the School District. Article IX, Section V, Paragraph V of the Constitution of the State of Georgia limits the aggregate amount of short-term debt to 75% of the total gross income from taxes collected in the preceding year and requires all short-term debt to be repaid no later than December 31 of the calendar year in which the debt was incurred.

Short-term debt activity for the fiscal year is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Issued	Redeemed	Ending Balance
Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ -	\$ 1,154,550.00	\$ 1,154,550.00	\$ -

NOTE 7: 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.

The School District has elected to self-insure for losses related to natural disasters. The School District has not experienced any losses related to this risk in the past three years.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Georgia Education Workers' Compensation Trust

The School District participates in the Georgia Education Workers' Compensation Trust (the Trust), a public entity risk pool organized on December 1, 1991, 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 Trust for its general workers' compensation insurance coverage. Specific excess of loss insurance coverage is provided through an agreement by the Trust with the Safety National Casualty Company to provide coverage for potential losses sustained by the Trust in excess of \$1.0 million loss per occurrence, up to the statutory limit. Employers' Liability insurance coverage is also provided with limits of \$2.0 million. The Trust covers the first \$1.0 million of each Employers Liability claim with Safety National providing additional Employers Liability limits up to a \$2.0 million per occurrence maximum. Safety National Casualty Company also provides \$2.0 million in aggregate coverage to the Trust, attaching at 110% of the loss fund and based on the Fund's annual normal premium.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

The School District is self-insured with regard to unemployment compensation claims. The School District accounts for claims within the general fund with expenses/expenditures and liability being reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. The School District has not experienced any claims during the last two fiscal years.

SURETY BOND

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

Position Covered	Amount
Superintendent	\$ 100,000.00

NOTE 8: FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

The School District's financial statements include the following amounts presented in the aggregate at June 30, 2018:

Nonspendable					
Inventory		\$		10,964.10	
Restricted					
Continuation of Federal Programs	\$		103,927.23		
Bus Replacement			60,019.94		
Capital Projects			292,506.66		
Debt Service			15.08	456,468.91	
Assigned					
School Activity Accounts				76,581.34	
Unassigned				703,424.16	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2018		\$		1,247,438.51	

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 9: 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.

LITIGATION

The School District is a defendant in various legal proceedings pertaining to matters incidental to the performance of routine School District operations. The ultimate disposition of these proceedings is not presently determinable, but is not believed to have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the School District.

NOTE 10: OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

GEORGIA SCHOOL PERSONNEL POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH BENEFIT FUND

Plan Description: Certified teachers and non-certified public school employees of the School District as defined in §20-2-875 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) are provided OPEB through the School OPEB Fund - a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan, reported as an employee trust fund and administered by a Board of Community Health (Board). Title 20 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms of the group health plan to the Board.

Benefits Provided: The School OPEB Fund provides healthcare benefits for retirees and their dependents due under the group health plan for public school teachers, including librarians, other certified employees of public schools, regional educational service agencies and non-certified public school employees. Retiree medical eligibility is attained when an employee retires and is immediately eligible to draw a retirement annuity from Employees' Retirement System (ERS), Georgia Judicial Retirement System (JRS), Legislative Retirement System (LRS), Teachers Retirement System (TRS) or

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Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS). If elected, dependent coverage starts on the same day as retiree coverage. Medicare-eligible retirees are offered Standard and Premium Medicare Advantage plan options. Non-Medicare eligible retiree plan options include Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA), Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). The School OPEB Fund also pays for administrative expenses of the fund. By law, no other use of the assets of the School OPEB Fund is permitted.

Contributions: As established by the Board, the School OPEB Fund is substantially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis; that is, annual cost of providing benefits will be financed in the same year as claims occur. Contributions to the School OPEB Fund from the School District were \$346,024.00 for the year ended June 30, 2018. Active employees are not required to contribute to the School OPEB Fund.

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

At June 30, 2018, the School District reported a liability of \$9,494,963.00 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2017. The total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016. An expected total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2017 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was actuarially determined based on employer contributions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. At June 30, 2017, the School District's proportion was 0.067580%, which was a decrease of 0.001281% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the School District recognized OPEB expense of \$523,084.00. At June 30, 2018, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	OPEB	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes of assumptions	\$ -	\$ 723,017.00
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	2,777.00	-
Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	160,907.00
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	346,024.00	-
Total	\$ 348,801.00	\$ 883,924.00

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School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$346,024.00 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:	OPEB
2019	\$ (158,285.00)
2020	\$ (158,285.00)
2021	\$ (158,285.00)
2022	\$ (158,285.00)
2023	\$ (158,979.00)
2024	\$ (89,028.00)

Actuarial assumptions: The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2017 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016 using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement and rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2017:

OPEB:

Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	
ERS	3.25% - 7.00%, including inflation
JRS	4.50%, including inflation
LRS	None
TRS	3.25 – 9.00%, including inflation
PSERS	N/A
Long-term expected rate of return	3.88%, compounded annually, net of investment expense, and including inflation
Healthcare cost trend rate	7.75%
Pre-Medicare Eligible	5.75%
Medicare Eligible	
Ultimate trend rate	5.00%
Pre-Medicare Eligible	5.00%
Medicare Eligible	2022
Year of Ultimate trend rate	

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Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale BB as follows:

- For ERS, JRS and LRS members: The RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB and set forward 2 years or both males and females is used for the period after service retirement and for dependent beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB and set back 7 years for males and set forward 3 years for females is used for the period after disability retirement.
- For TRS members: The RP-2000 White Collar Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 1 year for males) is used for death after service retirement and beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward two years for males and four years for females) is used for death after disability retirement.
- For PSERS members: 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) is used for the period after service retirement and for beneficiaries of deceased members. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 5 years for both males and females) is used for the period after disability retirement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the pension systems, which covered the five-year period ending June 30, 2014.

Projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculation.

Additionally, there was a change that affected measurement of the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date. The methodology used to determine employee and retiree participation in the School OPEB Fund is based on their current or last employer payroll location. Current and former employees of public school districts, libraries, regional educational service agencies and community colleges are allocated to the School OPEB Fund irrespective of retirement system affiliation. In addition, the discount rate increased from 3.07% to 3.58%.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of investment expense and the assumed rate of 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 allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return*</u>
Local Government Investment Pool	100.00%	1.13%

* Rate shown is net of the 2.75% assumed rate of inflation.

Discount rate: In order to measure the total OPEB liability for the School OPEB Fund, a single equivalent interest rate of 3.58% was used as the discount rate. This is comprised mainly of the yield or index rate for 20 year tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA or higher (3.56% per the Bond Buyers Index). The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from members and from the employer will be made at the current level as averaged over the last five years, adjusted for annual projected changes in headcount. Projected future benefit payments for all current plan members were projected through 2115. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make OPEB payments for inactive employees through year 2029. Therefore, the calculated discount rate of 3.58% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate: The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.58%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.58%) or 1 percentage-point higher (4.58%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.58%)	Current Discount Rate (3.58%)	1% Increase (4.58%)
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 11,273,568.00	\$ 9,494,963.00	\$ 8,091,283.00

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates: The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 7,870,243.00	\$ 9,494,963.00	\$ 11,610,346.00

OPEB plan fiduciary net position: Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which is publicly available at <https://sao.georgia.gov/comprehensive-annual-financial-reports>.

NOTE 11: 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 report that can be obtained at 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 2018. The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2018 was 16.81% of annual School District payroll. For the current fiscal year, employer contributions to the pension plan were \$965,441.00 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.

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 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 \$18,742.00.

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

At June 30, 2018, the School District reported a liability of \$9,107,916.00 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for TRS.

The net pension liability for TRS was measured as of June 30, 2017. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2017 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, 2017.

At June 30, 2017, the School District's TRS proportion was 0.049006%, which was a decrease of 0.000353% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

At June 30, 2018, 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 \$114,360.00.

The PSERS net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2017 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, 2017.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the School District recognized pension expense of \$962,518.00 for TRS and \$23,048.00 for PSERS and revenue of \$23,048.00 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, 2018, 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	\$ 340,692.00	\$ 34,372.00
Changes of assumptions	199,657.00	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	62,678.00
Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	21,549.00	168,122.00
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	965,441.00	-
Total	\$ 1,527,339.00	\$ 265,172.00

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The School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$965,441.00 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, 2019. 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
2019	\$ (94,223.00)
2020	\$ 436,144.00
2021	\$ 201,511.00
2022	\$ (251,022.00)
2023	\$ 4,316.00

Actuarial assumptions: The total pension liability as of June 30, 2017 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016, 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, 2016 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 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.

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The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 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:

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
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School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 14,947,159.00	\$ 9,107,916.00	\$ 4,297,692.00
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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 publicly available at www.trsga.com/publications and <http://www.ers.ga.gov/formspubs/formspubs.html>.

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NOTE 12: RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR NET POSITION

For fiscal year 2018, the School District made prior period adjustments due to the adoption of GASB Statement No. 75, as described in "New Accounting Pronouncements", which require the restatement of the June 30, 2017, net position in Governmental Activities. The result is a decrease in net position at July 1, 2017 of \$9,853,026.00. This change is in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures.

Net Position, July 1, 2017 as previously reported	\$ 714,659.48
Prior Period Adjustment - Implementation of GASB No. 75: Net OPEB Liability (measurement date)	(10,205,397.00)
Deferred Outflows - School District's Contributions made during fiscal year 2017	<u>352,371.00</u>
Net Position, July 1, 2017, as restated	\$ <u><u>(9,138,366.52)</u></u>

NOTE 13: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On March 19, 2019, the voters of Wheeler County authorized the School District to issue General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$7,000,000.00 and the continuation of a 1% sales tax to be used for Capital Improvement.

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 SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
 TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

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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	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
2018	0.049006%	\$ 9,107,916.00	\$ -	\$ 9,107,916.00	\$ 5,650,593.44	161.19%	79.33%
2017	0.049359%	\$ 10,183,312.00	\$ -	\$ 10,183,312.00	\$ 5,430,477.64	187.52%	76.06%
2016	0.050350%	\$ 7,665,288.00	\$ -	\$ 7,665,288.00	\$ 5,316,966.24	144.17%	81.44%
2015	0.050594%	\$ 6,391,885.00	\$ -	\$ 6,391,885.00	\$ 5,160,083.63	123.87%	84.03%

WHEELER 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
2018	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 114,360.00	\$ 114,360.00	\$ 270,514.09	N/A	85.69%
2017	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 124,359.00	\$ 124,359.00	\$ 262,685.66	N/A	81.00%
2016	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 83,224.00	\$ 83,224.00	\$ 241,373.34	N/A	87.00%
2015	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 56,911.00	\$ 56,911.00	\$ 209,930.15	N/A	88.29%

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
 SCHOOL OPEB FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

SCHEDULE "3"

Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the School District	Total	School District's covered-employee payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered- employee payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability
2018	0.067580%	\$ 9,494,963.00	\$ -	\$ 9,494,963.00	\$ 4,851,994.25	195.69%	1.61%

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

SCHEDULE "4"

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
2018	\$ 965,441.00	\$ 965,441.00	\$ -	\$ 5,743,254.47	16.81%
2017	\$ 806,340.00	\$ 806,340.00	\$ -	\$ 5,650,593.44	14.27%
2016	\$ 774,929.18	\$ 774,929.18	\$ -	\$ 5,430,477.64	14.27%
2015	\$ 699,181.06	\$ 699,181.06	\$ -	\$ 5,316,966.24	13.15%
2014	\$ 633,658.27	\$ 633,658.27	\$ -	\$ 5,160,083.63	12.28%
2013	\$ 575,109.33	\$ 575,109.33	\$ -	\$ 5,040,397.28	11.41%
2012	\$ 517,295.87	\$ 517,295.87	\$ -	\$ 5,032,060.99	10.28%
2011	\$ 513,383.59	\$ 513,383.59	\$ -	\$ 4,994,003.79	10.28%
2010	\$ 515,955.40	\$ 515,955.40	\$ -	\$ 5,297,283.37	9.74%
2009	\$ 517,305.31	\$ 517,305.31	\$ -	\$ 5,574,410.67	9.28%

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
 SCHOOL OPEB FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

SCHEDULE "5"

Year Ended	Contractually required contribution	Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	School District's covered- employee payroll	Contribution as a percentage of covered- employee payroll
2018	\$ 346,024.00	\$ 346,024.00	\$ -	\$ 5,048,092.73	6.85%
2017	\$ 352,371.00	\$ 352,371.00	\$ -	\$ 4,851,994.25	7.26%

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).

School OPEB Fund

Changes of benefit terms: In June 30, 2010 actuarial valuation, there was a change of benefit terms to require Medicare-eligible recipients to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan to receive the State subsidy.

Changes in assumptions: In the revised June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation, there was a change relating to employee allocation. Employees were previously allocated based on their Retirement System membership, and currently employees are allocated based on their current employer payroll location. Additionally, there were changes to the discount rate and an increase in the investment rate of return due to a longer-term investment strategy.

In the June 30, 2015 actuarial valuation, decremental and underlying inflation assumptions were changed to reflect the Retirement Systems' experience studies.

In the June 30, 2012 actuarial valuation, a data audit was performed and data collection procedures and assumptions were changed.

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE "7"

	NONAPPROPRIATED BUDGETS		ACTUAL AMOUNTS	VARIANCE OVER/UNDER
	ORIGINAL(1)	FINAL(1)		
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	\$ 2,541,598.00	\$ 2,541,598.00	\$ 2,537,823.24	\$ (3,774.76)
Sales Taxes	14,318.00	14,318.00	9,939.92	(4,378.08)
State Funds	7,223,886.00	7,346,106.00	7,424,341.41	78,235.41
Federal Funds	1,529,897.00	1,509,897.00	1,524,740.57	14,843.57
Charges for Services	48,175.00	48,175.00	94,140.12	45,965.12
Investment Earnings	275.00	275.00	1,825.13	1,550.13
Miscellaneous	188,068.00	188,068.00	454,185.01	266,117.01
	<u>11,546,217.00</u>	<u>11,648,437.00</u>	<u>12,046,995.40</u>	<u>398,558.40</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Instruction	6,686,593.07	6,723,731.48	6,530,614.17	193,117.31
Support Services				
Pupil Services	259,303.00	221,303.30	271,804.66	(50,501.36)
Improvement of Instructional Services	56,876.00	38,104.00	131,993.94	(93,889.94)
Educational Media Services	200,558.00	200,558.00	200,731.18	(173.18)
General Administration	359,145.24	393,812.31	365,201.85	28,610.46
School Administration	965,456.50	965,456.50	963,467.33	1,989.17
Business Administration	559,490.00	559,490.00	518,780.04	40,709.96
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,004,154.00	1,004,154.00	867,948.76	136,205.24
Student Transportation Services	823,978.20	828,675.00	699,884.18	128,790.82
Central Support Services	50,000.00	50,500.00	57,269.19	(6,769.19)
Other Support Services	40,743.76	40,744.00	40,575.09	168.91
Enterprise Operations	-	-	205,776.32	(205,776.32)
Food Services Operation	936,234.90	936,234.90	837,382.77	98,852.13
	<u>11,942,532.67</u>	<u>11,962,763.49</u>	<u>11,691,429.48</u>	<u>271,334.01</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances	(396,315.67)	(314,326.49)	355,565.92	669,892.41
Fund Balances - Beginning	599,350.85	599,350.85	599,350.85	-
Adjustments	8,625.64	(12,841.83)	-	12,841.83
	<u>8,625.64</u>	<u>(12,841.83)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,841.83</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 211,660.82</u>	<u>\$ 272,182.53</u>	<u>\$ 954,916.77</u>	<u>\$ 682,734.24</u>

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

- (1) Original and Final Budget amounts do not include the budgeted revenues or expenditures of the various principal accounts. The actual revenues and expenditures of the various principal accounts are \$267,954.34 and \$275,835.25, respectively.

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.

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE "8"

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	18185GA324N1099	\$ 213,652.34
National School Lunch Program	10.555	18185GA324N1100	657,023.44
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			<u>870,675.78</u>
Education, U.S. Department of			
Special Education Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Special Education			
Grants to States	84.027	H027A160073	42,332.96
Grants to States	84.027	H027A170073	192,593.48
Preschool Grants	84.173	H173A160081	13.00
Preschool Grants	84.173	H173A170081	7,392.81
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>242,332.25</u>
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	V048A170010	11,360.00
Rural Education	84.358	S358B160010	16,879.00
Striving Readers	84.371	S371C110049	37.16
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	S424A170011	11,191.00
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant	84.367	S367A150001	19,887.88
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	S367A160001	16,113.47
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	S010A160010	41,157.00
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	S010A170010	411,255.55
Total Other Programs			<u>527,881.06</u>
Total U. S. Department of Education			<u>770,213.31</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 1,640,889.09</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 Wheeler County Board of Education (the "Board") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2018. 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.

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE "9"

<u>AGENCY/FUNDING</u>	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE
	GENERAL FUND
GRANTS	
Bright From the Start:	
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning Pre-Kindergarten Program	\$ 207,411.01
Education, Georgia Department of	
Quality Basic Education	
Direct Instructional Cost	
Kindergarten Program	289,081.00
Kindergarten Program - Early Intervention Program	127,944.00
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	715,385.00
Primary Grades - Early Intervention (1-3) Program	247,699.00
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	424,748.00
Upper Elementary Grades - Early Intervention (4-5) Program	131,538.00
Middle School (6-8) Program	685,094.00
High School General Education (9-12) Program	656,976.00
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	236,206.00
Students with Disabilities	882,133.00
Gifted Student - Category VI	166,738.00
Remedial Education Program	108,891.00
Alternative Education Program	49,644.00
English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	52,283.00
Media Center Program	127,432.00
20 Days Additional Instruction	39,751.00
Staff and Professional Development	19,751.00
Principal Staff and Professional Development	831.00
Indirect Cost	
Central Administration	398,114.00
School Administration	383,715.00
Facility Maintenance and Operations	262,902.00
Amended Formula Adjustment	(99,297.00)
Categorical Grants	
Pupil Transportation	
Regular	217,311.00
Nursing Services	45,000.00
Sparsity	101,926.00
Education Equalization Funding Grant	848,452.00
Other State Programs	
Food Services	17,766.00
Preschool Disability Services	23,096.40
Vocational Education	28,826.00
Vocational Supervisors	8,252.00
Office of the State Treasurer	
Public School Employees Retirement	18,742.00
	\$ 7,424,341.41

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WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE "10"

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
Runs April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2021							
(i) Adding to, renovating, repairing, improving and equipping the existing schools and facilities including, but not limited to, elementary facilities, vocational/agricultural facilities, gymnasiums, HVAC and physical education and athletic facilities:	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 35,359.30	\$ 103,340.49	-	-	June 30, 2021
(ii) Acquiring miscellaneous new equipment, fixtures, and furnishings for the School District, including textbooks, computer technology equipment and software, interactive boards, safety/security equipment and technology, food service equipment, school buses and other vehicles:	500,000.00	500,000.00	195,591.29	218,337.31	-	-	June 30, 2021
(iii) Acquiring real property:	500,000.00	500,000.00	13,840.00	750.00	-	-	June 30, 2021
(iv) Acquiring any capital property; and acquiring any capital property necessary or desirable for the foregoing purposes both real and personal.	500,000.00	500,000.00	-	-	-	-	June 30, 2021
TOTAL	\$ 2,700,000.00	\$ 2,700,000.00	\$ 244,790.59	\$ 322,427.80	\$ -	\$ -	

- (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 costs from project inception to completion.
- (3) The voters of Wheeler 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.

SECTION II

COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS



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November 20, 2019

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp, 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
Wheeler 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 Wheeler County Board of Education (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, 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 November 20, 2019.

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 fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Wheeler County Board of Education (School District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018. The School District's major federal programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over compliance.

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

SECTION III

AUDITEE'S RESPONSE TO PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITEE'S RESPONSE
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FS-2017-01	<u>Internal Controls over Financial Reporting</u>
Control Category:	Financial Reporting
Internal Control Impact:	Material Weakness
Compliance Impact:	None
Finding Status:	Previously Reported Corrective Action Implemented

FS-2017-02	<u>Maintenance of Capital Assets</u>
Control Category:	Capital Assets
Internal Control Impact:	Significant Deficiency
Compliance Impact:	None
Finding Status:	Further Action Not Warranted (1)

(1) Finding/internal control deficiencies of this nature, that are not deemed significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and do not require reporting in the audit report in accordance with *Statements on Auditing Standards* (SAS) 122 or *Governmental Auditing Standards* (Yellow Book), will be communicated in a management letter.

PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

SECTION IV

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

WHEELER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

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?	No
▪ Significant deficiency identified?	None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted:	No

Federal Awards

Internal Control over major programs:	
▪ Material weakness identified?	No
▪ Significant deficiency identified?	None Reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: All major programs	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	No
Identification of major programs:	
<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.553, 10.555	Child Nutrition Cluster
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	\$750,000.00
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	No

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.