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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2020
(Including Independent Auditor's Reports)



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SECTION I

FINANCIAL



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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
Washington County Board of Education

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Washington County Board of Education (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, 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 governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the School District as of June 30, 2020, 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 2020, the Washington County Board of Education early adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. The cumulative effect of GASB Statement No. 84 is described in the restatement note in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements. 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

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Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 19, 2021 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 and made available to the press of the State, as provided for by Official Code of Georgia Annotated section 50-6-24.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg S. Griffin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

February 19, 2021

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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INTRODUCTION

The discussion and analysis of the Washington County Board of Education's (the School District) financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the 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 2020 and 2019 are as follows:

- On the government-wide financial statements, the assets and deferred outflow of resources of the School District exceeded liabilities and deferred inflow of resources by \$14.0 million and \$11.8 million, respectively, for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019.
- The School District had \$37.0 million and \$34.2 million in expenses relating to governmental activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, respectively. Only \$22.7 million and \$21.7 million of the above mentioned expenses for 2020 and 2019 were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues (primarily property and sales taxes) of \$16.4 million and \$16.1 million, respectively, for 2020 and 2019, along with fund balance were adequate to provide for these programs.
- General revenues account for \$16.4 million in revenue or 41.91% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$22.7 million or 58.09% of total revenues of \$39.1 million.
- The general fund (the primary operating fund), presented on a current financial resource basis, ended the fiscal year with a fund balance of \$8.6 million, an increase of \$891 thousand from the June 30, 2019 fund balance of \$7.7 million.
- Among major funds, the general fund had \$35.0 million in revenues and \$34.0 million in expenditures. The fund balance for the general fund increased slightly by \$891 thousand. This increase can be attributed to effective budgeting, expenditure controls, and increased revenues.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts; management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements and required 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, 2020 and 2019, 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 and supplemental information that further explains and supports 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 and liabilities. 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, accounting adjustments as a result of GASB implementation, 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, the capital projects fund, and the 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 to the financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds - The School District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others, such as scholarships 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 2020 and 2019.

**Table 1
Net Position**

| | Governmental Activities | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Fiscal Year 2020 | Fiscal Year 2019 (1) |
| Assets | | |
| Current and Other Assets | \$ 26,207,954.02 | \$ 22,919,892.08 |
| Capital Assets, Net | 57,147,290.99 | 57,916,728.99 |
| Total Assets | 83,355,245.01 | 80,836,621.07 |
| Deferred Outflows of Resources | | |
| Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans | 8,324,771.26 | 5,826,079.78 |
| Related to OPEB Plans | 1,415,242.00 | 1,002,689.00 |
| Total Deferred Outflows of Resources | 9,740,013.26 | 6,828,768.78 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current and Other Liabilities | 3,796,637.09 | 3,857,155.04 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | 14,360,278.91 | 14,353,860.65 |
| Net Pension Liability | 30,016,076.00 | 26,630,504.00 |
| Net OPEB Liability | 22,128,151.00 | 23,344,147.00 |
| Total Liabilities | 70,301,143.00 | 68,185,666.69 |
| Deferred Inflows of Resources | | |
| Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans | 2,248,947.00 | 2,392,381.00 |
| Related to OPEB Plans | 6,591,372.00 | 5,281,172.00 |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources | 8,840,319.00 | 7,673,553.00 |
| Net Position | | |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets | 43,322,185.81 | 44,028,549.33 |
| Restricted | 15,051,661.68 | 12,784,000.32 |
| Unrestricted (Deficit) | (44,420,051.22) | (45,006,379.49) |
| Total Net Position | \$ 13,953,796.27 | \$ 11,806,170.16 |

(1) Fiscal year 2019 balances do not reflect the effects of the Restatement of Net Position. See Note 15 in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements for additional information.

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Net position increased \$2.1 million in fiscal year 2020. This increase is primarily due to an increase in investment balances and the deferred outflows related to the pension plans.

During fiscal year 2015, the Board adopted GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. In fiscal year 2018 the implementation of GASB No. 75 coupled with these two statements drastically changed the presentation for the government-wide balance sheet by requiring the reporting of the Board's net pension/OPEB liability and deferred inflows and outflows associated with pension payments and State Health contributions in which the Board participates. The total liability effect of these changes was \$30,016,076.00 for Pensions and \$22,128,151.00 for OPEB the year ended June 30, 2020. These liabilities exceeded the Board's unrestricted net position by \$7,724,175.78. Although this causes a large deficit balance in unrestricted net position, it should not be considered a financial weakness as these costs are spread out over multiple years well into the future.

In fiscal year 2020, the Board early adopted GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. The statement clarified the guidance on the definition of custodial funds. The new criteria focused on the control of the assets and the beneficiaries of the fiduciary activity. In compliance with GASB No. 84, the Board reclassified the majority of its agency funds to governmental funds. This resulted in restating Beginning Net Position by \$98,695.97.

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Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal years ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019.

Table 2
Change in Net Position

| | Governmental Activities | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Fiscal Year 2020 | Fiscal Year 2019 (1) |
| Revenues | | |
| Program Revenues: | | |
| Charges for Services | \$ 348,435.12 | \$ 420,440.91 |
| Operating Grants and Contributions | 21,612,188.57 | 20,684,653.93 |
| Capital Grants and Contributions | 752,005.34 | 605,290.40 |
| Total Program Revenues | <u>22,712,629.03</u> | <u>21,710,385.24</u> |
| General Revenues: | | |
| Taxes | | |
| Property Taxes | | |
| For Maintenance and Operations | 11,785,564.92 | 11,861,682.09 |
| Railroad Cars | 87,548.23 | 85,533.94 |
| Sales Taxes | | |
| Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax | | |
| For Capital Projects | 3,154,760.97 | 2,806,843.29 |
| Other Taxes | 76,381.19 | 69,856.25 |
| Investment Earnings | 387,715.23 | 322,418.56 |
| Miscellaneous | 891,273.07 | 943,091.72 |
| Total General Revenues | <u>16,383,243.61</u> | <u>16,089,425.85</u> |
| Total Revenues | <u>39,095,872.64</u> | <u>37,799,811.09</u> |
| Program Expenses: | | |
| Instruction | 21,706,644.26 | 19,375,634.42 |
| Support Services | | |
| Pupil Services | 1,421,106.37 | 1,157,189.37 |
| Improvement of Instructional Services | 1,431,259.68 | 1,531,687.15 |
| Educational Media Services | 468,314.72 | 419,252.09 |
| General Administration | 1,037,010.03 | 1,051,663.50 |
| School Administration | 2,670,934.50 | 2,425,366.05 |
| Business Administration | 614,232.13 | 556,094.48 |
| Maintenance and Operation of Plant | 3,260,438.59 | 3,056,030.99 |
| Student Transportation Services | 1,964,236.02 | 2,255,636.85 |
| Other Support Services | 55,995.45 | 50,339.04 |
| Operations of Non-Instructional Services | | |
| Food Services | 1,936,290.75 | 1,886,362.81 |
| Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt | 480,480.00 | 480,480.00 |
| Total Expenses | <u>37,046,942.50</u> | <u>34,245,736.75</u> |
| Increase in Net Position | <u>\$ 2,048,930.14</u> | <u>\$ 3,554,074.34</u> |

(1) Fiscal year 2019 balances do not reflect the effects of the Restatement of Net Position.
See Note 15 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 \$1.0 million for governmental activities. This increase is largely due to an increase in funds earned through the State Quality Basic Education (QBE) Funding Formula. The increase in Capital Grants and Contributions is due to the School District recognizing a donation from the State Properties Commission.

General revenues increased slightly by \$294 thousand during fiscal year 2020 due to receipt of more SPLOST and Investment revenue.

Governmental Activities

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. 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. It identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

**Table 3
Governmental Activities**

| | Total Cost of Services | | Net Cost of Services | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Fiscal Year | Fiscal Year | Fiscal Year | Fiscal Year |
| | 2020 | 2019 (1) | 2020 | 2019 (1) |
| Instruction | \$ 21,706,644.26 | \$ 19,375,634.42 | \$ 6,113,512.28 | \$ 4,670,881.39 |
| Support Services: | | | | |
| Pupil Services | 1,421,106.37 | 1,157,189.37 | 959,766.84 | 778,338.31 |
| Improvement of Instructional Services | 1,431,259.68 | 1,531,687.15 | 1,024,452.49 | 1,068,122.89 |
| Educational Media Services | 468,314.72 | 419,252.09 | 36,025.72 | (706.91) |
| General Administration | 1,037,010.03 | 1,051,663.50 | 269,139.21 | 464,510.83 |
| School Administration | 2,670,934.50 | 2,425,366.05 | 1,825,362.50 | 1,610,056.05 |
| Business Administration | 614,232.13 | 556,094.48 | 614,232.13 | 556,094.48 |
| Maintenance and Operation of Plant | 3,260,438.59 | 3,056,030.99 | 2,162,325.64 | 2,057,647.02 |
| Student Transportation Services | 1,964,236.02 | 2,255,636.85 | 1,158,469.16 | 1,421,748.41 |
| Other Support Services | 55,995.45 | 50,339.04 | 55,995.45 | 50,339.04 |
| Operations of Non-Instructional Services: | | | | |
| Food Services | 1,936,290.75 | 1,886,362.81 | 88,865.47 | (171,309.60) |
| Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt | 480,480.00 | 480,480.00 | 26,166.58 | 29,629.60 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 37,046,942.50 | \$ 34,245,736.75 | \$ 14,334,313.47 | \$ 12,535,351.51 |

(1) Fiscal year 2019 balances do not reflect the effects of the Restatement of Net Position.

See Note 15 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 2020, 41.1% of instruction and support activities were supplemented by taxes and other general revenues compared to 39.77% in 2019.

The State's QBE funding does not provide an adequate level of funding to provide basic education services and to adequately maintain facilities. The Board levies a millage rate of 16.986 to provide additional local funding.

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Expenses increased \$2.8 million from the prior year, the net costs of providing services increased \$1.8 million. This situation occurred because of the increase in recognized Pension and OPEB expenditures and salaries and benefits. Salaries increased due to the standard salary step increases. As a result of salary increases, benefits increased. The TRS employer rate also increased 21.14% in 2020 from 20.9% in 2019.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The Board's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Total governmental funds had revenues and other financing sources of \$40.4 million and expenditures and other financing uses of \$37.4 million. The general fund reflected an increase of \$891 thousand, the debt service fund increased by \$1.9 million, and the capital projects funds increased \$154 thousand. The change in the fund balance of the general fund indicates the Board was able to satisfy current year expenditure requirements with current year revenues.

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 2020 and 2019, the School District amended its general fund budget as needed.

For the general fund, the final budgeted revenues and other financing sources of \$36.9 million increased from the original budgeted amount of \$36.1 million by \$824 thousand. This difference was mainly due to an increase in state and federal funds. The actual revenue was less than the budgeted amount by \$1.9 million. The majority of the variances between the final budget and actual revenue in 2020 are due to property tax collections being less than the budgeted amount. Additionally, federal school nutrition revenue was also lower than originally expected due to the impact of COVID on plate sales from March to May.

The final budgeted expenditures and other financial uses of \$36.9 million were more than the original budgeted amount of \$35.9 million by \$1.0 million. The difference was due to various adjustments in budgeted expenditure accounts. The actual expenditures and other financing use of \$34.1 million were \$2.8 million less than budgeted. The majority of the variances between the final budgeted expenditures and actual are due to the unexpected impact of COVID resulting in a decrease in salaries, benefits, and operating expenditures.

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CAPITAL ASSETS

At the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, the School District had \$57.1 and \$57.9 million, respectively, invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. These assets are made up of a broad range of capital assets, including land; buildings; transportation, food service and maintenance equipment. Table 4 reflects a summary of these balances, by class, net of accumulated depreciation.

Table 4
Capital Assets
(Net of Depreciation)

| | Governmental Activities | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Fiscal Year | Fiscal Year |
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| Land | \$ 1,924,569.20 | \$ 2,061,201.97 |
| Construction In Progress | 98,094.02 | 104,207.02 |
| Building and Improvements | 50,296,174.34 | 51,031,310.21 |
| Equipment | 1,630,188.92 | 1,426,493.58 |
| Land Improvements | 3,198,264.51 | 3,293,516.21 |
| Total | \$ 57,147,290.99 | \$ 57,916,728.99 |

The overall capital assets decreased in fiscal year 2020 by \$769 thousand due to a combination of increased depreciation and disposals exceeding any new purchases and donations.

Land decreased due to the sale of properties not being used for instructional purposes.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The Board did not issue any general obligation bonds in fiscal year 2020. As of June 30, 2020, the Board had \$14.3 million in Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) with no principal payment due within one year. Table 5 shows fiscal year 2020 balances compared with fiscal year 2019 balances.

Table 5
Debt at June 30

| | Governmental Activities | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Fiscal Year | Fiscal Year |
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| General Obligation Bonds | \$ 14,300,000.00 | \$ 14,300,000.00 |
| Compensated Absences | 60,278.91 | 53,860.65 |
| Total | \$ 14,360,278.91 | \$ 14,353,860.65 |

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

CURRENT ISSUES

Fiscal year 2020 started out as an extension of 2019 with regard to financial stability. The Board continued to benefit from the State's fully funded QBE formula. The increase of \$852 thousand over 2019 aided in increasing the Board's salary scale for the certified employees. In addition, local funds provided a 2% salary increase for non-certified employees. At the conclusion of fiscal year 2020, the Board's general fund balance grew to \$8.6 million, an increase of \$891 thousand over fiscal year 2019. Other highlights included slight revenue increases in sales tax and federal funds, additional grants for specific projects, and increased interest from investments. The specific project funds reduced the cost of three additional propane buses, a plasma cutting machine for our CTAE Department, and provided equipment to improve art and theatre classes.

In 2020 the Board's government-wide statements experienced a \$1.9 million year over year increase in recognition of OPEB and Pension expenses. The employer's portion of Teachers Retirement increased by 0.24% over 2019. These increases were slightly offset by decreases in salaries, benefits, supplies, and fuel in transportation due to curtailed operations resulting from COVID-19 closures. The Board's previously conservative projections and spending of ESPLOST revenues provided funds to spend in fiscal year 2020 on multiple projects including but not limited to electrical and security upgrades, landscape and facility improvements, instructional materials and three buses. The ESPLOST project with the highest priority continues to be funding deposits into the Repurchase Agreement to repay the Series 2011B bonds issued to construct the new high school facility. This bond repayment is due in full in December 2021. Revenues have been more than adequate to meet both the needs of the repurchase agreements and the funding of miscellaneous minor projects throughout the School District.

In December 2019, a strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) began to spread worldwide, resulting in a severe impact to the United States Economy. The spread of COVID-19 has had a negative impact on virtually all businesses and individuals suppressing the spending and use of many services that provide tax revenue to state and local government coffers. The full extent of this impact is uncertain and cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

Fortunately, Governor Nathan Deal (2011-2019) used conservative spending practices during his tenure to build up the State's reserves. As a reaction to COVID-19's negative impact on the accumulation of state revenue, Governor Brian Kemp was able to utilize those reserves in 2020 to continue the funding of operations during the last quarter of the fiscal year and to reduce the fiscal year 2021 original state budget cut estimates from 14% to 11%. Although cuts to the Board's QBE funding are never welcomed, the Board appreciates the practices that held the fiscal year 2021 reduction to a manageable amount.

For fiscal year 2021, the Board of Education will be benefitting from prior year's conservative spending practices. COVID-19's impact on the state's overall revenue caused Austerity to be reinstated. As a result, the Board's QBE 2021 budget experienced a \$1.648 million cut. The Board is benefitting from Federal CARES Act funding, which was provided in response to the state funding shortfalls due to COVID-19. This funding, in the amount of \$1.2 million, will assist in reducing the negative impact on the Austerity reduction. However, it will not fully cover the reduction, and the Board will have additional costs in purchasing sanitization supplies and equipment to keep our children and employees safe. While some other school districts are forced to furlough and lay off to balance their 2021 budgets, the Board plans to provide faculty and staff full salary compensation through the use of continued conservative practices, restructuring of administrative teams and fund balance, if necessary. The Board has adequate local funds to assist in the shortfall of funding and additional COVID-19 costs for fiscal year 2021.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

For fiscal year 2021, the Board was able to follow through on the adoption of a market-based salary scale for non-certified staff to provide a more consistent method of determining compensation. This provides non-certified staff with pay increases at specified intervals throughout their career with the Board. Also, in fiscal year 2021, the Board gave a \$400 increase to all certified employee's local supplements. Federal Grants continue to supplement state and local expenditures to provide added assistance to the student population in supporting the School District's educational initiatives.

In March of 2020 the voters supported the extension of the current ESPLOST. Collections on this ESPLOST will begin in the summer of 2021. Dr. Rickey Edmond, Superintendent, has implemented many improvement initiatives, some of which require capital expenditures to be covered in the ESPLOST extension. The State Properties Commission donated to the Board of Education the land and building adjacent to the Board Office in fiscal year 2020. The Board is currently working with an Architect to develop the plans and drawings to renovate the facility. ESPLOST funds will be used to construct a dedicated campus on this site for enhanced and specialized instruction for our gifted and advanced students, and to provide facilities to further immerse students in STEAM initiatives and other innovative programs. Additionally, this repurposed building will house a fully outfitted kitchen and banquet facility to allow for the implementation of a widely requested Culinary Arts curriculum through our CTAE program. Also, the Board is furthering plans to renovate the Elder Middle School facility as ESPLOST funds become available. Additional projects to be funded with remaining ESPLOST funds include the installation of LED lighting upgrades throughout the School District, the purchase of additional propane fueled buses, technology upgrades, and other miscellaneous projects.

The Board of Education remains vigilant in looking for ways to maximize use of current resources and reduce costs to further our student's abilities and successes. In pursuing the steady accumulation of fund balance and maintaining a close watch on social and economic factors, the Board will continue to employ sound financial practices while protecting the interest of the students, staff, and the community.

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 Sandra McMaster, Deputy Superintendent, or Jasmine Williams, Controller, at the Washington County Board of Education, 501 Industrial Drive, Sandersville, Georgia 31082. You may also email your questions to scmcmaster@washington.k12.ga.us or jwilliams@washington.k12.ga.us.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT "A"

| | | GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES |
|---|----|----------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ | 11,669,097.69 |
| Receivables, Net | | |
| Interest | | 184.50 |
| Taxes | | 897,445.40 |
| State Government | | 2,257,156.27 |
| Federal Government | | 610,813.34 |
| Other | | 44,904.17 |
| Inventories | | 63,789.04 |
| Prepaid Items | | 30,227.55 |
| Restricted Assets | | |
| Cash and Investments with Fiscal Agent or Trustee | | 10,634,336.06 |
| Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable | | 2,022,663.22 |
| Capital Assets, Depreciable (Net of Accumulated Depreciation) | | 55,124,627.77 |
| Total Assets | | 83,355,245.01 |
| <u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u> | | |
| Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans | | 8,324,771.26 |
| Related to OPEB Plan | | 1,415,242.00 |
| Total Deferred Outflows of Resources | | 9,740,013.26 |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | |
| Accounts Payable | | 106,005.33 |
| Salaries and Benefits Payable | | 3,650,591.76 |
| Interest Payable | | 40,040.00 |
| Net Pension Liability | | 30,016,076.00 |
| Net OPEB Liability | | 22,128,151.00 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | | |
| Due in More Than One Year | | 14,360,278.91 |
| Total Liabilities | | 70,301,143.00 |
| <u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u> | | |
| Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans | | 2,248,947.00 |
| Related to OPEB Plan | | 6,591,372.00 |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources | | 8,840,319.00 |
| <u>NET POSITION</u> | | |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets | | 43,322,185.81 |
| Restricted for | | |
| Continuation of Federal Programs | | 1,316,135.04 |
| Debt Service | | 12,566,743.12 |
| Capital Projects | | 1,168,783.52 |
| Unrestricted (Deficit) | | (44,420,051.22) |
| Total Net Position | \$ | 13,953,796.27 |

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT "B"

| | PROGRAM REVENUES | | | | NET (EXPENSES) REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| | EXPENSES | CHARGES FOR SERVICES | OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS | CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS | |
| GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES | | | | | |
| Instruction | \$ 21,706,644.26 | \$ 326,980.37 | \$ 15,095,496.11 | \$ 170,655.50 | \$ (6,113,512.28) |
| Support Services | | | | | |
| Pupil Services | 1,421,106.37 | - | 461,339.53 | - | (959,766.84) |
| Improvement of Instructional Services | 1,431,259.68 | - | 405,942.71 | 864.48 | (1,024,452.49) |
| Educational Media Services | 468,314.72 | - | 432,289.00 | - | (36,025.72) |
| General Administration | 1,037,010.03 | - | 767,870.82 | - | (269,139.21) |
| School Administration | 2,670,934.50 | - | 845,572.00 | - | (1,825,362.50) |
| Business Administration | 614,232.13 | - | - | - | (614,232.13) |
| Maintenance and Operation of Plant | 3,260,438.59 | - | 1,077,601.28 | 20,511.67 | (2,162,325.64) |
| Student Transportation Services | 1,964,236.02 | - | 704,546.86 | 101,220.00 | (1,158,469.16) |
| Other Support Services | 55,995.45 | - | - | - | (55,995.45) |
| Operations of Non-Instructional Services | | | | | |
| Food Services | 1,936,290.75 | 21,454.75 | 1,821,530.26 | 4,440.27 | (88,865.47) |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt | 480,480.00 | - | - | 454,313.42 | (26,166.58) |
| Total Governmental Activities | \$ 37,046,942.50 | \$ 348,435.12 | \$ 21,612,188.57 | \$ 752,005.34 | (14,334,313.47) |
| General Revenues | | | | | |
| Taxes | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | | | | | |
| For Maintenance and Operations | | | | | 11,785,564.92 |
| Railroad Cars | | | | | 87,548.23 |
| Sales Taxes | | | | | |
| Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax | | | | | 3,154,760.97 |
| For Capital Projects | | | | | 76,381.19 |
| Other Sales Tax | | | | | 387,715.23 |
| Investment Earnings | | | | | 891,273.07 |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | - |
| Total General Revenues | | | | | 16,383,243.61 |
| Change in Net Position | | | | | 2,048,930.14 |
| Net Position - Beginning of Year (Restated) | | | | | 11,904,866.13 |
| Net Position - End of Year | | | | | \$ 13,953,796.27 |

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT "C"

| | GENERAL FUND | CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND | DEBT SERVICE FUND | TOTAL |
|--|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 9,071,096.98 | \$ 2,598,000.71 | \$ - | \$ 11,669,097.69 |
| Receivables, Net | | | | |
| Interest | 184.50 | - | - | 184.50 |
| Taxes | 394,255.53 | 503,189.87 | - | 897,445.40 |
| State Government | 2,257,156.27 | - | - | 2,257,156.27 |
| Federal Government | 610,813.34 | - | - | 610,813.34 |
| Other | 6,932.01 | - | - | 6,932.01 |
| Inventories | 63,789.04 | - | - | 63,789.04 |
| Prepaid Items | 30,227.55 | - | - | 30,227.55 |
| Restricted | | | | |
| Cash and Investments with a Fiscal Agent or Trustee | - | - | 10,634,336.06 | 10,634,336.06 |
| | \$ 12,434,455.22 | \$ 3,101,190.58 | \$ 10,634,336.06 | \$ 26,169,981.86 |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | 106,005.33 | - | - | 106,005.33 |
| Salaries and Benefits Payable | 3,650,591.76 | - | - | 3,650,591.76 |
| | 3,756,597.09 | - | - | 3,756,597.09 |
| <u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u> | | | | |
| Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes | 79,986.18 | - | - | 79,986.18 |
| Unavailable - Sales Taxes | - | 254,208.16 | - | 254,208.16 |
| | 79,986.18 | 254,208.16 | - | 534,194.34 |
| <u>FUND BALANCES</u> | | | | |
| Nonspendable | 94,016.59 | - | - | 94,016.59 |
| Restricted | 1,252,346.00 | 2,846,982.42 | 10,634,336.06 | 14,733,664.48 |
| Assigned | 2,766,502.02 | - | - | 2,766,502.02 |
| Unassigned | 4,485,007.34 | - | - | 4,485,007.34 |
| | 8,597,871.95 | 2,846,982.42 | 10,634,336.06 | 22,079,190.43 |
| | \$ 12,434,455.22 | \$ 3,101,190.58 | \$ 10,634,336.06 | \$ 26,169,981.86 |
| Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances | \$ 12,434,455.22 | \$ 3,101,190.58 | \$ 10,634,336.06 | \$ 26,169,981.86 |

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
 TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
 JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT "D"

Total fund balances - governmental funds (Exhibit "C") \$ 22,079,190.43

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 | \$ | 1,924,569.20 | |
| Construction in progress | | 98,094.02 | |
| Buildings and improvements | | 63,950,914.60 | |
| Equipment | | 6,740,571.40 | |
| Land improvements | | 4,609,195.09 | |
| Accumulated depreciation | | <u>(20,176,053.32)</u> | 57,147,290.99 |

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

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----|------------------------|-----------------|
| Net pension liability | \$ | (30,016,076.00) | |
| Net OPEB liability | | <u>(22,128,151.00)</u> | (52,144,227.00) |

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 | \$ | 6,075,824.26 | |
| Related to OPEB | | <u>(5,176,130.00)</u> | 899,694.26 |

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

334,194.34

Qualified School Construction Bond Interest subsidy recorded as revenue in the statement of activities do not provide current financial resources and therefore are not recorded as revenue in the governmental funds.

37,972.16

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

| | | | |
|------------------------------|----|--------------------|------------------------|
| Bonds payable | \$ | (14,300,000.00) | |
| Accrued interest payable | | (40,040.00) | |
| Compensated absences payable | | <u>(60,278.91)</u> | <u>(14,400,318.91)</u> |

Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "A") \$ 13,953,796.27

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT "E"

| | GENERAL FUND | CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND | DEBT SERVICE FUND | TOTAL |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 11,871,669.56 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 11,871,669.56 |
| Sales Taxes | 76,381.19 | 2,900,552.81 | - | 2,976,934.00 |
| State Funds | 17,332,792.64 | - | - | 17,332,792.64 |
| Federal Funds | 4,302,608.36 | - | - | 4,302,608.36 |
| Charges for Services | 348,435.12 | - | - | 348,435.12 |
| Investment Earnings | 71,013.11 | 39,533.90 | 277,168.22 | 387,715.23 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,017,059.75 | - | 453,898.78 | 1,470,958.53 |
| Total Revenues | 35,019,959.73 | 2,940,086.71 | 731,067.00 | 38,691,113.44 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current | | | | |
| Instruction | 19,862,731.20 | 298,181.51 | - | 20,160,912.71 |
| Support Services | | | | |
| Pupil Services | 1,387,443.64 | - | - | 1,387,443.64 |
| Improvement of Instructional Services | 1,424,002.71 | - | - | 1,424,002.71 |
| Educational Media Services | 459,299.69 | - | - | 459,299.69 |
| General Administration | 1,008,647.53 | - | - | 1,008,647.53 |
| School Administration | 2,613,111.50 | - | - | 2,613,111.50 |
| Business Administration | 592,629.28 | - | - | 592,629.28 |
| Maintenance and Operation of Plant | 2,787,811.83 | 284,153.52 | - | 3,071,965.35 |
| Student Transportation Services | 1,899,501.94 | 276,624.00 | - | 2,176,125.94 |
| Other Support Services | 55,995.45 | - | - | 55,995.45 |
| Food Services Operation | 1,949,244.51 | - | - | 1,949,244.51 |
| Capital Outlay | - | 317,437.60 | - | 317,437.60 |
| Debt Services | - | - | - | - |
| Interest | - | - | 480,480.00 | 480,480.00 |
| Total Expenditures | 34,040,419.28 | 1,176,396.63 | 480,480.00 | 35,697,295.91 |
| Revenues over (under) Expenditures | 979,540.45 | 1,763,690.08 | 250,587.00 | 2,993,817.53 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | |
| Transfers In | - | - | 1,698,056.44 | 1,698,056.44 |
| Transfers Out | (88,782.84) | (1,609,273.60) | - | (1,698,056.44) |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | (88,782.84) | (1,609,273.60) | 1,698,056.44 | - |
| Net Change in Fund Balances | 890,757.61 | 154,416.48 | 1,948,643.44 | 2,993,817.53 |
| Fund Balances - Beginning (Restated) | 7,707,114.34 | 2,692,565.94 | 8,685,692.62 | 19,085,372.90 |
| Fund Balances - Ending | \$ 8,597,871.95 | \$ 2,846,982.42 | \$ 10,634,336.06 | \$ 22,079,190.43 |

WASHINGTON 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, 2020

EXHIBIT "F"

Net change in fund balances total governmental funds (Exhibit "E") \$ 2,993,817.53

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 | \$ 831,105.21 | |
| Depreciation expense | <u>(1,582,108.75)</u> | (751,003.54) |

The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, donations, and disposals) is to decrease net position. (18,434.46)

Taxes reported in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. 255,651.75

Qualified School Construction Bond Interest subsidy recorded as revenue in the statement of activities do not provide current financial resources and therefore are not recorded as revenue in the governmental funds. 414.64

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 | \$ (743,446.52) | |
| OPEB expense | <u>318,349.00</u> | (425,097.52) |

Some items reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

| | | |
|----------------------|--|-------------------|
| Compensated absences | | <u>(6,418.26)</u> |
|----------------------|--|-------------------|

Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "B") \$ 2,048,930.14

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT "G"

| | <u>CUSTODIAL FUNDS</u> |
|---|----------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | |
| Investments | \$ 63,163.11 |
| Receivables, Net | |
| Interest and Dividends | <u>30.32</u> |
| | |
| Total Assets | \$ <u><u>63,193.43</u></u> |
| <u>NET POSITION</u> | |
| Restricted | |
| Individuals, Organizations, and Other Governments | \$ <u><u>63,193.43</u></u> |

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
 FIDUCIARY FUNDS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT "H"

| | CUSTODIAL FUNDS |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>ADDITIONS</u> | |
| Contributions | |
| Investment Earnings | |
| Interest | \$ <u>324.42</u> |
| <u>DEDUCTIONS</u> | |
| Scholarships | <u>2,100.00</u> |
| Change in Net Position | (1,775.58) |
| Net Position - Beginning (Restated) | <u>64,969.01</u> |
| Net Position - Ending | \$ <u><u>63,193.43</u></u> |

NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

REPORTING ENTITY

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

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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

GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The School District reports the following fiduciary fund type:

- Custodial funds are used to report resources held by the School District in a purely custodial capacity.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

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

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The School District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if they are collected within sixty days after year-end. The School District considers all intergovernmental revenues to be available if they are collected within 120 days after year-end. Property taxes, sales taxes and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term liabilities are reported as other financing sources.

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

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In fiscal year 2020, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*. The primary objective of this statement is to provide temporary relief to governments and other stakeholders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. That objective is accomplished by postponing the effective dates of certain provisions in statements and Implementation Guides that first became effective or are scheduled to become effective for period beginning after June 15, 2018, and later.

In fiscal year 2020, the School District early adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. This statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. An activity meeting the criteria should be reported in a fiduciary fund in the basic financial statements. Governments with activities meeting the criteria should present a statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. The cumulative effect of GASB Statement No. 84 is described in the restatement note in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

In fiscal year 2020, the School District early adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests*. It defines a majority equity interest and specifies that majority equity interest in a legal separate organization should be reported as an investment. A majority equity interest that meets the definition of an investment should be measured using the equity method, unless it is held by a special-purpose government engaged only in fiduciary activities, a fiduciary fund, or an endowment (including permanent and term endowments) or permanent fund. Those governments and funds should measure the majority equity interest at fair value. The adoption of this statement did not have an 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.

INVESTMENTS

The School District can invest its funds as permitted by O.C.G.A. §36-83-4. In selecting among options for investment or among institutional bids for deposits, the highest rate of return shall be the objective, given equivalent conditions of safety and liquidity.

Investments made by the School District in nonparticipating interest-earning contracts (such as certificates of deposit) and repurchase agreements are reported at cost. Participating interest-earning contracts and money market investments with a maturity at purchase of one year or less are reported at amortized cost. All other investments are reported at fair value.

For accounting purposes, certificates of deposit are classified as investments if they have an original maturity greater than three months when acquired.

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 (FIFO) basis). The School District uses the consumption method to account for inventories whereby donated food commodities are recorded as an asset and as revenue when received, and expenses/expenditures are recorded as the inventory items are used. Purchased foods are recorded as an asset when purchased and expenses/expenditures are recorded as the inventory items are used.

PREPAID ITEMS

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

RESTRICTED ASSETS

Certain resources set aside for repayment of debt are classified as restricted assets on the Statement of net position because their use is limited by applicable debt statutes, e.g. Qualified Zone Academy Bond sinking funds.

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 | Up to 50 years |
| Buildings and Improvements | \$ 5,000.00 | Up to 80 years |
| Equipment | \$ 5,000.00 | 3 to 20 years |
| Intangible Assets | \$ 300,000.00 | 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.

COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Compensated absences payable consists of vacation leave employees earned based on services already rendered.

Vacation leave of 10 days is awarded on a fiscal year basis to all full-time personnel employed on a twelve-month basis. No other employees are eligible to earn vacation leave. Vacation leave not utilized during the fiscal year may be carried over to the next fiscal year, providing such vacation leave does not exceed 10 days. Upon terminating employment, the School District pays all unused and unforfeited vacation benefits to employees. Accordingly, vacation benefits are accrued as a liability in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental fund financial statements only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements by fiscal-year end.

Members of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (TRS) may apply unused sick leave toward early retirement. The liability for early retirement will be borne by TRS rather than by the individual School Districts. Otherwise, sick leave does not vest with the employee, and no liability is reported in the School District's financial statements.

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES AND BOND DISCOUNTS/PREMIUMS

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

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

PENSIONS

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

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:

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

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

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

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

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

USE OF ESTIMATES

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

PROPERTY TAXES

The Washington County Board of Commissioners adopted the property tax levy for the 2019 tax digest year (calendar year) on August 23, 2019 (levy date) based on property values as of January 1, 2019. Taxes were due on December 10, 2019 (lien date). Taxes collected within the current fiscal year or within 60 days after year-end on the 2019 tax digest are reported as revenue in the governmental funds for fiscal year 2020. The Washington County Tax Commissioner bills and collects the property taxes for the School District, withholds 2.50% 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, 2020, for maintenance and operations amounted to \$10,869,686.79.

The tax millage rate levied for the 2019 tax year (calendar year) for the School District was as follows (a mill equals \$1 per thousand dollars of assessed value):

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| School Operations | <u>16.986</u> mills |
|-------------------|---------------------|

Additionally, Title Ad Valorem Tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, amounted to \$914,434.54 during fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

SALES TAXES

Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), at the fund reporting level, during the year amounted to \$2,900,552.81 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 fund. 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 and function. The legal level of budgetary control was established by the Board at the aggregate function 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.

The Superintendent is authorized by the Board to approve adjustments in any budget function for any fund. Any position or expenditure not previously approved in the annual budget that exceeds \$30,000.00 shall require Board approval unless the Superintendent deems the position or purchase an emergency. In such case, the expenditure shall be reported to the Board within 48 hours of the purchase. Under no circumstance is the Superintendent or other staff person authorized to spend funds that exceed the total budget without approval by the Board.

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, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

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. At June 30, 2020, \$1,030,659.71 of deposits were not secured by surety bond, insurance or collateral as specified above. The School District is working with the affected financial institutions to ensure appropriate levels of collateral are maintained for all the School District's deposits.

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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, 2020, School District had deposits with a carrying amount of \$4,379,714.53, and a bank balance of \$5,918,321.02. The bank balances insured by Federal depository insurance were \$533,218.28 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 \$3,375,512.29.

At June 30, 2020, \$2,009,590.45 of the School District's bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

| | | |
|--|----|---------------------|
| Uninsured and Uncollateralized | \$ | 1,030,659.71 |
| Uninsured with collateral held by the pledging financial institution | | - |
| Uninsured with collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the School District's name | | <u>978,930.74</u> |
| Total | \$ | <u>2,009,590.45</u> |

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Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents balances to carrying value of deposits:

| | | |
|---|----|---------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | | |
| Statement of Net Position | \$ | 11,669,097.69 |
| Add: | | |
| Deposits with original maturity of three months or more reported as investments | | 63,163.11 |
| Less: | | |
| Investment pools reported as cash and cash equivalents | | |
| Georgia Fund 1 | | 7,352,546.27 |
| Total carrying value of deposits - June 30, 2020 | \$ | 4,379,714.53 |

CATEGORIZATION OF CASH EQUIVALENTS

The School District reported cash equivalents of \$7,352,546.27 in Georgia Fund 1, a local government investment pool, which is included in the cash balances above. Georgia Fund 1 is not registered with the SEC as an investment company and does not operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The investment is valued at the pool's share price, \$1.00 per share, which approximates fair value. The pool is an AAf rated investment pool by Standard and Poor's. The weighted average maturity of Georgia Fund 1 may not exceed 60 days. The weighted average maturity for Georgia Fund 1 on June 30, 2020 was 38 days.

Georgia Fund 1, administered by the State of Georgia, Office of the State Treasurer, is not required to be categorized since the School District did not own any specific identifiable securities in the pool. The investment policy of the State of Georgia, Office of the State Treasurer for the Georgia Fund 1, does not provide for investment in derivatives or similar investments. Additional information on the Georgia Fund 1 is disclosed in the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This audit can be obtained from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts at www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/CAFR.html.

CATEGORIZATION OF INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2020, the School District had the following investments:

| Investment Type | Cost Based | <u>Investment Maturity</u> 1 - 5 Years |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Debt Securities | | |
| Repurchase Agreements | \$ <u>10,634,336.06</u> | \$ <u>10,634,336.06</u> |

At June 30, 2020 the fair market value of the School District's principal investment in the Repurchase Agreement with Deutsche Bank was \$10,634,336.06 inclusive of the accrued interest. Eligible Securities are (a) Cash, (b) Government Obligations – direct obligations of the United States of America or obligations the full and timely payment of the principal and interest on which is unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America and (c) any bond, debenture, note, participation certificate or other similar obligation which is either (i) issued or guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Corporation, the Federal Farm Credit Bank, Tennessee Valley Association or (ii) issued by the Government National Mortgage Association; including in each case, collateralized mortgage-backed obligations and pass-through obligations. Purchased or held securities may not carry margins of less than 100% for cash and/or 103% for all other defined and allowed investment securities.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates of debt investment will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The School District does not have a formal policy for managing interest rate risk.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the School District will not be able to recover the value of the investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The School District does not have a formal policy for managing custodial credit risk.

At June 30, 2020, \$10,634,336.06 of the School District's applicable investments were held by the investment's counterparty, not in the School District's name.

Credit Quality Risk

Credit quality risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. State law limits investments to those prescribed O.C.G.A. §36-83-4. The School District does not have a formal policy that would further limit its investment choices or one that addresses credit risk.

The investments subject to credit quality risk are reflected below:

| Rated Debt Investments | Cost Based | Quality Ratings |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | AAA |
| Debt Securities | | |
| Repurchase Agreements | \$ 10,634,336.06 | \$ 10,634,336.06 |

Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The School District does not have a formal policy for managing concentration of credit risk. More than 5% of the School District's investments are in Repurchase Agreement. This investment is 100% of the School District's total investments.

NOTE 5: RESTRICTED ASSETS

The restricted assets represent the investment balance, totaling \$10,634,336.06, respectively, for the QSCB Bond Sinking Fund.

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NOTE 6: CAPITAL ASSETS

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

| | Balances July 1, 2019 | Increases | Decreases | Transfers | Balances June 30, 2020 |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Governmental Activities | | | | | |
| Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated: | | | | | |
| Land | \$ 2,061,201.97 | \$ 18,626.63 | \$ 155,259.40 | \$ - | \$ 1,924,569.20 |
| Construction in Progress | 104,207.02 | 79,825.08 | - | (85,938.08) | 98,094.02 |
| Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated | 2,165,408.99 | 98,451.71 | 155,259.40 | (85,938.08) | 2,022,663.22 |
| Capital Assets Being Depreciated | | | | | |
| Buildings and Improvements | 63,608,271.83 | 334,561.81 | 77,857.12 | 85,938.08 | 63,950,914.60 |
| Equipment | 6,239,153.79 | 513,667.61 | 12,250.00 | - | 6,740,571.40 |
| Land Improvements | 4,528,299.09 | 80,896.00 | - | - | 4,609,195.09 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation for: | | | | | |
| Buildings and Improvements | 12,576,961.62 | 1,095,988.78 | 18,210.14 | - | 13,654,740.26 |
| Equipment | 4,812,660.21 | 309,972.27 | 12,250.00 | - | 5,110,382.48 |
| Land Improvements | 1,234,782.88 | 176,147.70 | - | - | 1,410,930.58 |
| Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net | 55,751,320.00 | (652,983.33) | 59,646.98 | 85,938.08 | 55,124,627.77 |
| Governmental Activities Capital Assets - Net | \$ 57,916,728.99 | \$ (554,531.62) | \$ 214,906.38 | \$ - | \$ 57,147,290.99 |

Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:

| | | | |
|--|-------------|--|-----------------|
| Instruction | | | \$ 1,183,057.44 |
| Support Services | | | |
| Improvements of Instructional Services | \$ 6,929.42 | | |
| Maintenance and Operation of Plant | 165,163.56 | | |
| Student Transportation Services | 191,095.67 | | 363,188.65 |
| Food Services | | | 35,862.66 |
| | | | \$ 1,582,108.75 |

NOTE 7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2020, consisted of the following:

| | Transfers From | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Transfers to | General Fund | Capital Projects Fund | Total |
| Debt Service Fund | \$ 88,782.84 | \$ 1,609,273.60 | \$ 1,698,056.44 |

Transfers are used to move property tax revenues collected by the general fund and sales tax revenues collected by the capital projects fund to the debt service fund to invest in the repurchase agreement.

NOTE 8: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

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

| | Governmental Activities | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | Balance July 1, 2019 | Additions | Deductions | Balance June 30, 2020 | Due Within One Year |
| Qualified School Construction Bonds | \$ 14,300,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 14,300,000.00 | \$ - |
| Compensated Absences (1) | 53,860.65 | 78,303.48 | 71,885.22 | 60,278.91 | - |
| | <u>\$ 14,353,860.65</u> | <u>\$ 78,303.48</u> | <u>\$ 71,885.22</u> | <u>\$ 14,360,278.91</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

(1) The portion of compensated absences due within one year has been determined to be immaterial to the basic financial statements.

GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT OUTSTANDING

As of June 30, 2020, the School District has \$2,785,000.00 of authorized, unissued general obligation debt remaining.

In the event the entity is unable to make the principal and interest payments on the Qualified School Construction Bonds using proceeds of the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), the debt will be satisfied from the general fund or from a direct annual ad valorem tax levied upon all taxable property within the School District. Additional security is provided by the State of Georgia Intercept Program which allows for state appropriations entitled to the School District to be transferred to the Debt Service Account Custodian for the payment of debt.

QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS (QSCB)

Section 1521 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 provides for a source of capital at no or at nominal interest rates for costs incurred by School Districts in connection with the construction, rehabilitation or repair of a public-school facility or for the acquisition of land where a school will be built. Investors receive Federal income tax credits at prescribed tax credit rates in lieu of interest, which essentially allows School Districts to borrow without incurring interest costs.

When the stated interest rate on the QSCB results in interest payments that exceed the supplemental interest payments discussed in the preceding paragraph, the School District may apply for a direct cash subsidy payment from the U.S. Treasury which is intended to reduce the stated interest rate to a nominal percentage. To qualify for this subsidy the School District is required to periodically file appropriate documents with the Internal Revenue Service. These subsidy payments do not include the amount of any supplemental interest paid on a QSCB. The interest subsidy received by the School District in fiscal year 2020 was \$453,898.78, which funded all but \$26,581.22 of interest expense due on the QSCB.

On August 5, 2013, the Board entered into a Repurchase Agreement with Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc. and U.S. Bank, N.A. for the required sinking fund deposits on the \$14,300,000.00 Series 2011B QSCB Bond Debt Payable in 2021. Under the agreement, annual deposits will be made into the sinking fund and will earn a guaranteed interest rate of 2.865%. The deposits will be fully collateralized with cash at 100% and/or eligible securities at 103%. Deposits will be made in December of each year. The accumulated balance in the sinking fund, including interest earnings, will repay the debt in full in December 2021.

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Debt currently outstanding under Qualified School Construction Bonds is as follows:

| Description | Interest Rate | Issue Date | Maturity Date | Amount Issued | Amount Outstanding |
|--|---------------|------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|
| General Government-Series 2011B (QSCB) | 3.36% | 6/1/2012 | 12/1/2021 | \$ 14,300,000.00 | \$ 14,300,000.00 |

The following is a schedule of total Qualified School Construction Bond payments:

| Fiscal Year Ended June 30: | Principal | Interest |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 2021 | \$ - | \$ 480,480.00 |
| 2022 | 14,300,000.00 | 240,240.00 |
| Total Principal and Interest | \$ 14,300,000.00 | \$ 720,720.00 |

COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Compensated absences represent obligations of the School District relating to employees' rights to receive compensation for future absences based upon service already rendered. This obligation relates only to vesting accumulating leave in which payment is probable and can be reasonably estimated. Typically, the general fund is the fund used to liquidate this long-term debt. The School District uses the vesting method to compute compensated absences.

NOTE 9: 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. The School District carries commercial insurance for these risks. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceed commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Georgia School Boards Association Risk Management Fund

The School District participates in the Georgia School Boards Association Risk Management Fund (the Fund), a public entity risk pool organized on August 1, 1994, to develop and administer a plan to reduce risk of loss on account of general liability, errors and omissions liability, cyber risk and property damage, including safety engineering and other loss prevention and control techniques, and to administer the Fund including the processing and defense of claims brought against members of the Fund. The School District pays an annual contribution to the Fund for coverage. Reinsurance is provided to the Fund through agreements by the Fund with insurance companies according to their specialty for property (including coverage for flood and earthquake), machinery breakdown, general liability, errors and omissions, crime, and cyber risk. Reinsurance limits and retentions vary by line of coverage.

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

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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 107% of the loss fund and based on the Fund's annual normal premium.

Changes in the workers' compensation claims liability during the last two fiscal years are as follows:

| | <u>Beginning of Year Liability</u> | <u>Claims and Changes in Estimates</u> | <u>Claims Paid</u> | <u>End of Year Liability</u> |
|------|--|--|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2019 | \$ 525.00 | \$ 6,586.42 | \$ 7,111.42 | \$ - |
| 2020 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

The School District is self-insured with regard to unemployment compensation claims. In connection with this program, a self-insurance reserve has been established within the general fund by the School District. 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.

Changes in the unemployment compensation claims liability during the last two fiscal years are as follows:

| | <u>Beginning of Year Liability</u> | <u>Claims and Changes in Estimates</u> | <u>Claims Paid</u> | <u>End of Year Liability</u> |
|------|--|--|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2019 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 2020 | \$ - | \$ 759.80 | \$ 137.80 | \$ 622.00 |

SURETY BOND

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

| <u>Position Covered</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Superintendent | \$ <u>100,000.00</u> |

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NOTE 10: FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

The School District's financial statements include the following amounts presented in the aggregate at June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Nonspendable | | |
| Inventories | \$ 63,789.04 | |
| Prepaid Assets | 30,227.55 | \$ 94,016.59 |
| Restricted | | |
| Continuation of Federal Programs | \$ 1,252,346.00 | |
| Capital Projects | 914,575.36 | |
| Debt Service | 12,566,743.12 | 14,733,664.48 |
| Assigned | | |
| School Activity Accounts | \$ 305,085.56 | |
| Self Insurance Reserve | 41,459.30 | |
| Other Committed Contracts | 2,419,957.16 | 2,766,502.02 |
| Unassigned | | 4,485,007.34 |
| Fund Balance, June 30, 2020 | | \$ 22,079,190.43 |

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.

OPERATING LEASES

The School District leases copiers, printers, and postage meters under the provisions of one or more long-term lease agreements classified as operating leases for accounting purposes. Rental expenditures under the terms of the operating leases totaled \$126,177.80 for governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2020. The following future minimum lease payments were required under operating leases at June 30, 2020:

| Year Ending | Governmental Funds |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| 2021 | \$ 122,825.64 |
| 2022 | 122,825.64 |
| 2023 | 122,825.64 |
| 2024 | 122,825.64 |
| 2025 | 122,825.64 |
| Total | \$ 614,128.20 |

NOTE 12: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

FEDERAL GRANTS

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

NOTE 13: 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 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 \$598,586.00 for the year ended June 30, 2020. 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, 2020, the School District reported a liability of \$22,128,151.00 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2019. The total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018. An expected total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2019 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, 2019. At June 30, 2019, the School District's proportion was 0.180312%, which was a decrease of 0.003360% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

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For the year ended June 30, 2020, the School District recognized OPEB expense of \$280,237.00. At June 30, 2020, 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 |
| Differences between expected and actual experience | \$ - | \$ 2,407,313.00 |
| Changes of assumptions | 768,467.00 | 3,119,370.00 |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments | 48,189.00 | - |
| Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions | - | 1,064,689.00 |
| School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date | 598,586.00 | - |
| Total | \$ 1,415,242.00 | \$ 6,591,372.00 |

School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date 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, 2021. 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 |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2021 | \$ (1,303,143.00) |
| 2022 | \$ (1,303,143.00) |
| 2023 | \$ (1,304,996.00) |
| 2024 | \$ (1,115,871.00) |
| 2025 | \$ (603,747.00) |
| Thereafter | \$ (143,816.00) |

Actuarial assumptions: The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2019 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018 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, 2019:

OPEB:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Inflation | 2.50% |
| Salary increases | 3.00% - 8.75%, including inflation |
| Long-term expected rate of return | 7.30%, compounded annually, net of investment expense, and including inflation |
| Healthcare cost trend rate | |

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| Pre-Medicare Eligible | 7.250% |
| Medicare Eligible | 5.375% |
| Ultimate trend rate | 5.375% |
| Pre-Medicare Eligible | 4.75% |
| Medicare Eligible | 4.75% |
| Year of Ultimate trend rate | 4.75% |
| Pre-Medicare Eligible | 2028 |
| Medicare Eligible | 2022 |

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 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, 2018 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, and adopted by the pension Board on December 17, 2015. The next experience study for TRS will be for the period ending June 30, 2018.

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g., initial per capita costs, health care cost trends, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2018 valuation.

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.

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

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adding expected inflation. During fiscal year 2018, the School OPEB fund update their investment strategy to a more long-term approach. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

| Asset class | Target allocation | Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return* |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Fixed income | 30.00% | (0.10)% |
| Domestic Stocks -- Large Cap | 46.20% | 8.90% |
| Domestic Stocks -- Small Cap | 1.30% | 13.20% |
| Int'l Stocks - Developed Mkt | 12.40% | 8.90% |
| Int'l Stocks - Emerging Mkt | 5.10% | 10.90% |
| Alternatives | 5.00% | 12.00% |
| Total | 100.00% | |

*Net of Inflation

Discount rate: The discount rate has changed since the prior measurement date from 3.87% to 3.58%. 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 (3.50% 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 2119. 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 2026. 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 School 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 School 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%) |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| School District's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability | \$ 25,720,215.00 | \$ 22,128,151.00 | \$ 19,206,168.00 |

Sensitivity of the School 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 School 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 |
|---|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| School District's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability | \$ 18,640,623.00 | \$ 22,128,151.00 | \$ 26,557,577.00 |

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 14: RETIREMENT PLANS

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

TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TRS)

Plan Description: All teachers of the School District as defined in O.C.G.A §47-3-60 and certain other support personnel as defined by O.C.G.A §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. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §47-3-63, the employer contributions for certain full-time public school support personnel are funded on behalf of the employer by the State of Georgia. 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 6.00% of their annual pay during fiscal year 2020. The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2020 was 21.14% of annual School District payroll, of which 21.00% of payroll was required from the School District and 0.14% of payroll was required from the State. For the current fiscal year, employer contributions to the pension plan were \$3,704,071.31 and \$23,837.44 from the School District and the State, respectively.

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Plan Description: The Employees' Retirement System of Georgia (ERS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established by the Georgia General Assembly during the 1949 Legislative Session for the purpose of providing retirement allowances for employees of the State of Georgia and its political subdivisions. ERS is directed by a Board of Trustees. Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. ERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.ers.ga.gov/financials.

Benefits Provided: The ERS Plan supports three benefit tiers: Old Plan, New Plan, and Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS). Employees under the old plan started membership prior to July 1, 1982 and are subject to plan provisions in effect prior to July 1, 1982. Members hired on or after July 1, 1982 but prior to January 1, 2009 are new plan members subject to modified plan provisions. Effective January 1, 2009, new state employees and rehired state employees who did not retain membership rights under the Old or New Plans are members of GSEPS. ERS members hired prior to January 1, 2009 also have the option to irrevocably change their membership to GSEPS.

Under the old plan, the new plan, and GSEPS, a member may retire and receive normal retirement benefits after completion of 10 years of creditable service and attainment of age 60 or 30 years of creditable service regardless of age. Additionally, there are some provisions allowing for early retirement after 25 years of creditable service for members under age 60.

Retirement benefits paid to members are based upon the monthly average of the member's highest 24 consecutive calendar months, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, multiplied by the applicable benefit factor. Annually, postretirement cost-of-living adjustments may also be made to members' benefits, provided the members were hired prior to July 1, 2009. The normal retirement pension is payable monthly for life; however, options are available for distribution of the member's monthly pension, at reduced rates, to a designated beneficiary upon the member's death. Death and disability benefits are also available through ERS.

Contributions: Member contributions under the old plan are 4% of annual compensation, up to \$4,200.00, plus 6% of annual compensation in excess of \$4,200.00. Under the old plan, the state pays member contributions in excess of 1.25% of annual compensation. Under the old plan, these state contributions are included in the members' accounts for refund purposes and are used in the computation of the members' earnable compensation for the purpose of computing retirement benefits. Member contributions under the new plan and GSEPS are 1.25% of annual compensation. The School District's required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2020 was 24.66% of annual covered payroll for old and new plan members and 21.64% for GSEPS members. 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. Employer contributions to the pension plan were \$89,543.95 for the current fiscal year.

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/financials.

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 \$15.25, 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.

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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 \$54,452.00.

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

At June 30, 2020, the School District reported a liability of \$30,016,076.00 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for TRS (\$29,355,707.00) and ERS (\$660,369.00).

The TRS net pension liability reflected a reduction for support provided to the School District by the State of Georgia for certain public school support personnel. The amount recognized by the School District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related State of Georgia support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the School District were as follows:

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability | \$ 29,355,707.00 |
| State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District | <u>196,105.00</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 29,551,812.00</u> |

The net pension liability for TRS and ERS was measured as of June 30, 2019. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2019 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on contributions to TRS and ERS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

At June 30, 2019, the School District's TRS proportion was 0.136521%, which was a decrease of 0.003487% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018. At June 30, 2019, the School District's ERS proportion was 0.016003%, which was an increase of 0.000386% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

At June 30, 2020, 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 \$310,180.00.

The PSERS net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2019 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, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the School District recognized pension expense of \$4,416,104.00 for TRS, \$179,999.00 for ERS and \$95,656.00 for PSERS and revenue of \$60,641.00 for TRS and \$95,656.00 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.

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At June 30, 2020, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

| | TRS | | ERS | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Deferred Outflows of Resources | Deferred Inflows of Resources | Deferred Outflows of Resources | Deferred Inflows of Resources |
| Differences between expected and actual experience | \$ 1,654,637.00 | \$ 8,703.00 | \$ 21,992.00 | \$ - |
| Changes of assumptions | 2,817,063.00 | - | 11,623.00 | - |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments | - | 699,049.00 | - | 20,556.00 |
| Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions | - | 1,520,639.00 | 25,841.00 | - |
| School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date | 3,704,071.31 | - | 89,543.95 | - |
| Total | \$ 8,175,771.31 | \$ 2,228,391.00 | \$ 148,999.95 | \$ 20,556.00 |

The School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date 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, 2021. 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 | ERS |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 2021 | \$ 962,921.00 | \$ 53,499.00 |
| 2022 | \$ (217,587.00) | \$ (13,274.00) |
| 2023 | \$ 667,540.00 | \$ (4,049.00) |
| 2024 | \$ 830,435.00 | \$ 2,724.00 |

Actuarial assumptions: The total pension liability as of June 30, 2019 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Teachers Retirement System:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Inflation | 2.50% |
| Salary increases | 3.00% – 8.75%, average, including inflation |
| Investment rate of return | 7.25%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation |
| Post-retirement benefit increases | 1.50% semi-annually |

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, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014, with the exception of the assumed investment rate of return.

Employees' Retirement System:

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Inflation | 2.75% |
| Salary increases | 3.25% - 7.00%, including inflation |
| Investment rate of return | 7.30%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation |

Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with the Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB and set forward 2 years for both males and females for service retirements and dependent beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB and set back 7 years for males and set forward 3 years for 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 9-12% less than the actual number of deaths that occurred during the study period for service retirements and beneficiaries and for disability retirements. 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, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014, with the exception of the assumed investment of return.

Public School Employees Retirement System:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Inflation | 2.75% |
| Salary increases | N/A |
| Investment rate of return | 7.30%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation |
| Post-retirement benefit increases | 1.50% semi-annually |

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.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014, with the exception of the assumed investment rate of return.

The long-term expected rate of return on TRS, ERS 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

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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 | ERS/PSERS Target allocation | Long-term expected real rate of return* |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Fixed income | 30.00% | 30.00% | (0.10)% |
| Domestic large stocks | 51.00% | 46.20% | 8.90% |
| Domestic small stocks | 1.50% | 1.30% | 13.20% |
| International developed market stocks | 12.40% | 12.40% | 8.90% |
| International emerging market stocks | 5.10% | 5.10% | 10.90% |
| Alternative | - | 5.00% | 12.00% |
| Total | 100.00% | 100.00% | |

* Rates shown are net of assumed rate of inflation.

Discount rate: The discount rate used to measure the total TRS pension liability was 7.25%. The discount rate used to measure the total ERS and PSERS pension liability was 7.30%. 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, ERS 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 7.25% and 7.30%, 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 (6.25% and 6.30%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25% and 8.30%) than the current rate:

| Teachers Retirement System: | 1% Decrease (6.25%) | Current Discount Rate (7.25%) | 1% Increase (8.25%) |
|--|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability | \$ 47,652,904.00 | \$ 29,355,707.00 | \$ 14,308,909.00 |
| Employees' Retirement System: | 1% Decrease (6.30%) | Current Discount Rate (7.30%) | 1% Increase (8.30%) |
| School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability | \$ 938,445.00 | \$ 660,369.00 | \$ 423,314.00 |

Pension plan fiduciary net position: Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TRS, ERS and PSERS financial report which is publicly available at www.trsga.com/publications and <http://www.ers.ga.gov/financials>.

DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

In 1982 the Washington County Board of Education began a tax deferred annuity plan under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b) for its employees. This plan was established in order to provide retirement benefits in lieu of Social Security.

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The Board selected Lincoln National Life (Lincoln Alliance) as the provider of this plan from 1986 until currently. Certain contributions are required of all employees and are based on a percentage of earnings. For full-time employees, the employee and the Board contribute equally to the plan. All employees may contribute equally to the plan. All employees may contribute additional amounts on a voluntary basis as a pre-tax contribution or an after-tax Roth contribution.

Full-time employees become vested in the Board’s contributions to the plan upon completing three years of service. Employee contributions are always vested. If an employee terminates before becoming vested, the Board’s contributions and earnings are forfeited. Annually the accumulated forfeited balances are redistributed as a contribution to the accounts of active and vested employees of the Board.

Employee-required contributions and earnings are available to the employees upon termination of service. Employee voluntary contributions are available upon reaching 59.5 or termination of service, and under which certain circumstances, are available as loans or hardship distributions while employed.

Employer contributions and earnings are available to the employee upon termination of service, but are only available in the form of a periodic retirement income payment such as a life-time annuity.

Employer Contributions for the current fiscal year and the preceding two fiscal years are as follows:

| Fiscal Year | Percentage Contributed | Required Contribution |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2020 | 100% | \$ 1,083,050.08 |
| 2019 | 100% | \$ 1,034,957.53 |
| 2018 | 100% | \$ 1,026,346.24 |

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NOTE 15: RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR NET POSITION

For fiscal year 2020, the School District made prior period adjustments due to the adoption of GASB Statement No, 84, as described in “New Accounting Pronouncements,” which requires the restatement of the June 30, 2019 net position in governmental activities and fund balance in the general fund and fiduciary funds. These changes are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

| | | |
|--|----|---------------|
| Net Position, July 1, 2019 as previously reported | \$ | 11,806,170.16 |
| | | |
| Prior Period Adjustment - Implementation of GASB No. 84: School Activity Account Reclassification | | 98,695.97 |
| Net Position, July 1, 2019, as restated | \$ | 11,904,866.13 |
| | | |
| Fund Balance (General Fund), July 1, 2019, as previously reported | \$ | 7,608,418.37 |
| | | |
| Prior Period Adjustment - Implementation of GASB No. 84: School Activity Account Reclassification | | 98,695.97 |
| Fund Balance (General Fund), July 1, 2019, as restated | \$ | 7,707,114.34 |
| | | |
| Net Position (Fiduciary Funds), July 1, 2019 as previously reported | \$ | 163,664.98 |
| | | |
| Prior Period Adjustment - Implementation of GASB No. 84: Restatement for Custodial Funds Beginning Net Position | | 98,695.97 |
| Net Position (Fiduciary Funds), July 1, 2019, as restated | \$ | 64,969.01 |

NOTE 16: TAX ABATEMENTS

Washington County enters into property tax abatement agreements with local businesses for the purpose of attracting or retaining businesses within their jurisdictions. The abatements may be granted to any business located within or promising to relocate to Washington County.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, Washington County abated property taxes due to the School District that were levied on August 23, 2019 and due on December 10, 2019 totaling \$88,859.34. Included in that amount abated, the following are individual tax abatement agreements that each exceeded 10.00% percent of the total amount abated:

- A 96.78 percent property tax abatement to an industrial battery manufacturer employing residents. The abatement amounted to \$85,997.90.

NOTE 17: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In October of 2020, the Board approved to renovate the Middle School Building and a building acquired by the State for future use.

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 SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
 TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
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SCHEDULE "1"

| 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 |
|------------|---|--|---|------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| 2020 | 0.13652% | \$ 29,355,707.00 | \$ 196,105.00 | \$ 29,551,812.00 | \$ 16,769,793.10 | 175.05% | 78.56% |
| 2019 | 0.14001% | \$ 25,988,484.00 | \$ 164,089.00 | \$ 26,152,573.00 | \$ 16,782,028.88 | 154.86% | 80.27% |
| 2018 | 0.14344% | \$ 26,659,323.00 | - | \$ 26,659,323.00 | \$ 16,517,988.13 | 161.40% | 79.33% |
| 2017 | 0.14957% | \$ 30,857,959.00 | - | \$ 30,857,959.00 | \$ 16,408,284.78 | 188.06% | 76.06% |
| 2016 | 0.15498% | \$ 23,594,166.00 | \$ 3,654.00 | \$ 23,597,820.00 | \$ 16,358,532.80 | 144.23% | 81.44% |
| 2015 | 0.15754% | \$ 19,903,227.00 | \$ 11,370.00 | \$ 19,914,597.00 | \$ 16,076,604.30 | 123.80% | 84.03% |

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 SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
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SCHEDULE "2"

| Year Ended | School District's proportion of the net pension liability | School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability | School District's covered payroll | School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll | Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability |
|------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 2020 | 0.01600% | \$ 660,369.00 | \$ 403,397.19 | 163.70% | 76.74% |
| 2019 | 0.01562% | \$ 642,020.00 | \$ 398,327.26 | 161.18% | 76.68% |
| 2018 | 0.01383% | \$ 561,480.00 | \$ 339,113.13 | 165.57% | 76.33% |
| 2017 | 0.01168% | \$ 552,655.00 | \$ 268,569.08 | 205.78% | 72.34% |
| 2016 | 0.01122% | \$ 454,526.00 | \$ 259,795.63 | 174.96% | 76.20% |
| 2015 | 0.01097% | \$ 411,443.00 | \$ 247,001.64 | 166.58% | 77.99% |

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

SCHEDULE "3"

| 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 |
|------------|--|---|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| 2020 | 0.00% | \$ - | \$ 310,180.00 | \$ 310,180.00 | \$ 693,600.62 | N/A | 85.02% |
| 2019 | 0.00% | \$ - | \$ 289,352.00 | \$ 289,352.00 | \$ 615,744.39 | N/A | 85.26% |
| 2018 | 0.00% | \$ - | \$ 269,563.00 | \$ 269,563.00 | \$ 605,153.00 | N/A | 85.69% |
| 2017 | 0.00% | \$ - | \$ 373,077.00 | \$ 373,077.00 | \$ 605,656.79 | N/A | 81.00% |
| 2016 | 0.00% | \$ - | \$ 239,268.00 | \$ 239,268.00 | \$ 566,390.23 | N/A | 87.00% |
| 2015 | 0.00% | \$ - | \$ 215,664.00 | \$ 215,664.00 | \$ 572,861.02 | N/A | 88.29% |

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 SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
 SCHOOL OPEB FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

SCHEDULE "4"

| Year Ended | School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability | School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability | 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 |
|------------|--|--|--|------------------|--|--|--|
| 2020 | 0.18031% | \$ 22,128,151.00 | \$ - | \$ 22,128,151.00 | \$ 14,876,403.47 | 148.75% | 4.63% |
| 2019 | 0.18367% | \$ 23,344,147.00 | \$ - | \$ 23,344,147.00 | \$ 14,528,431.99 | 160.68% | 2.93% |
| 2018 | 0.18642% | \$ 26,191,935.00 | \$ - | \$ 26,191,935.00 | \$ 14,159,685.42 | 184.98% | 1.61% |

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 SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
 TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
 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 payroll | Contribution as a percentage of covered payroll |
|------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 2020 | \$ 3,704,071.31 | \$ 3,704,071.31 | \$ - | \$ 17,636,013.75 | 21.00% |
| 2019 | \$ 3,483,777.95 | \$ 3,483,777.95 | \$ - | \$ 16,769,793.10 | 20.77% |
| 2018 | \$ 2,803,332.82 | \$ 2,803,332.82 | \$ - | \$ 16,782,028.88 | 16.70% |
| 2017 | \$ 2,356,951.47 | \$ 2,356,951.47 | \$ - | \$ 16,517,988.13 | 14.27% |
| 2016 | \$ 2,331,602.93 | \$ 2,331,602.93 | \$ - | \$ 16,408,284.78 | 14.21% |
| 2015 | \$ 2,143,676.63 | \$ 2,143,676.63 | \$ - | \$ 16,358,532.80 | 13.10% |

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 SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

SCHEDULE "6"

| 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 |
|------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 2020 | \$ 89,543.95 | \$ 89,543.95 | \$ - | \$ 363,114.22 | 24.66% |
| 2019 | \$ 99,961.83 | \$ 99,961.83 | \$ - | \$ 403,397.19 | 24.78% |
| 2018 | \$ 98,824.99 | \$ 98,824.99 | \$ - | \$ 398,327.26 | 24.81% |
| 2017 | \$ 83,745.12 | \$ 83,745.12 | \$ - | \$ 339,113.13 | 24.70% |
| 2016 | \$ 66,377.28 | \$ 66,377.28 | \$ - | \$ 268,569.08 | 24.72% |
| 2015 | \$ 57,051.08 | \$ 57,051.08 | \$ - | \$ 259,795.63 | 21.96% |

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 SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
 SCHOOL OPEB FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

SCHEDULE "7"

| 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 |
|------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| 2020 | \$ 598,586.00 | \$ 598,586.00 | \$ - | \$ 15,506,547.29 | 3.86% |
| 2019 | \$ 971,104.00 | \$ 971,104.00 | \$ - | \$ 14,876,403.47 | 6.53% |
| 2018 | \$ 951,959.00 | \$ 951,959.00 | \$ - | \$ 14,528,431.99 | 6.55% |
| 2017 | \$ 972,007.00 | \$ 972,007.00 | \$ - | \$ 14,159,685.42 | 6.86% |

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).

On May 15, 2019, the Board adopted recommended changes from the smoothed valuation interest rate methodology that has been in effect since June 30, 2009, to a constant interest rate method. In conjunction with the methodology, the long-term assumed rate of return in assets (discount rate) has been changed from 7.50% to 7.25%. and the assumed annual rate of inflation has been reduced from 2.75% to 2.50%.

Employees' Retirement System

Changes of benefit terms:

- A new benefit tier was added for members joining the System on and after July 1, 2009.
- A one-time 3% payment was granted to certain retirees and beneficiaries effective July 2016.
- A one-time 3% payment was granted to certain retirees and beneficiaries effective July 2017.

Changes of assumptions: 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, withdrawal and salary increases.

On March 15, 2018, the Board adopted a new funding policy. Because of this new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was reduced from 7.50% to 7.40% for the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation. In addition, based on the Board's new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was further reduced by 0.10% from 7.40% to 7.30% as of the June 30, 2018 measurement date.

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).

On March 15, 2018, the Board adopted a new funding policy. Because of this new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was reduced from 7.50% to 7.40% for June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation. In addition, based on the Board's new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was further reduced by 0.10% from 7.40% to 7.30% as of the June 30, 2018 measurement date.

School OPEB Fund

Changes of benefit terms: There have been no changes in benefit terms.

Changes in assumptions: The June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation was revised, for various factors, including the methodology used to determine how employees and retirees were assigned to each of the OPEB Funds and anticipated participation percentages. Current and former employees of State organizations (including technical colleges, community service boards and public health departments) are now assigned to State OPEB fund based on their last employer payroll location; irrespective of retirement affiliation.

The discount rate was updated from 3.07% as of June 30, 2016 to 3.58% as of June 30, 2017 to 3.87% as of June 30, 2018, and back to 3.58% as of June 30, 2019.

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 GENERAL FUND
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE "9"

| | NONAPPROPRIATED BUDGETS | | ACTUAL AMOUNTS | VARIANCE OVER/UNDER |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | ORIGINAL (1) | FINAL (1) | | |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 14,167,180.00 | \$ 14,167,180.00 | \$ 11,871,669.56 | \$ (2,295,510.44) |
| Sales Taxes | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 | 76,381.19 | 26,381.19 |
| State Funds | 17,158,860.61 | 17,393,341.20 | 17,332,792.64 | (60,548.56) |
| Federal Funds | 4,509,691.01 | 5,098,684.96 | 4,302,608.36 | (796,076.60) |
| Charges for Services | - | - | 348,435.12 | 348,435.12 |
| Investment Earnings | 38,000.00 | 38,000.00 | 71,013.11 | 33,013.11 |
| Miscellaneous | 77,500.00 | 77,500.00 | 1,017,059.75 | 939,559.75 |
| Total Revenues | 36,001,231.62 | 36,824,706.16 | 35,019,959.73 | (1,804,746.43) |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current | | | | |
| Instruction | 20,439,793.10 | 20,492,537.05 | 19,862,731.20 | 629,805.85 |
| Support Services | | | | |
| Pupil Services | 1,640,121.40 | 1,613,634.50 | 1,387,443.64 | 226,190.86 |
| Improvement of Instructional Services | 1,565,203.97 | 1,565,650.06 | 1,424,002.71 | 141,647.35 |
| Educational Media Services | 482,612.24 | 482,612.24 | 459,299.69 | 23,312.55 |
| General Administration | 1,156,384.02 | 1,157,901.02 | 1,008,647.53 | 149,253.49 |
| School Administration | 2,750,884.23 | 2,750,884.23 | 2,613,111.50 | 137,772.73 |
| Business Administration | 716,853.66 | 716,853.66 | 592,629.28 | 124,224.38 |
| Maintenance and Operation of Plant | 3,034,721.35 | 3,123,140.55 | 2,787,811.83 | 335,328.72 |
| Student Transportation Services | 2,073,448.54 | 2,216,461.54 | 1,899,501.94 | 316,959.60 |
| Central Support Services | 2,999.81 | 2,999.81 | - | 2,999.81 |
| Other Support Services | 57,600.00 | 57,680.00 | 55,995.45 | 1,684.55 |
| Food Services Operation | 1,776,391.00 | 2,555,568.66 | 1,949,244.51 | 606,324.15 |
| Total Expenditures | 35,697,013.32 | 36,735,923.32 | 34,040,419.28 | 2,695,504.04 |
| Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures | 304,218.30 | 88,782.84 | 979,540.45 | 890,757.61 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | |
| Other Sources | 100,355.00 | 100,786.00 | - | (100,786.00) |
| Other Uses | (172,564.30) | (189,568.84) | (88,782.84) | 100,786.00 |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | (72,209.30) | (88,782.84) | (88,782.84) | - |
| Net Change in Fund Balances | 232,009.00 | - | 890,757.61 | 890,757.61 |
| Fund Balances - Beginning | 7,785,656.93 | 7,785,656.93 | 7,707,114.34 | (78,542.59) |
| Adjustments | 23,967.10 | 33,637.93 | - | (33,637.93) |
| Fund Balances - Ending | \$ 8,041,633.03 | \$ 7,819,294.86 | \$ 8,597,871.95 | \$ 778,577.09 |

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 \$848,383.14 and \$821,994.60, 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.

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 SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE "11"

| <u>AGENCY/FUNDING</u> | <u>GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| | <u>GENERAL FUND</u> |
| GRANTS | |
| Bright From the Start: | |
| Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning | |
| Pre-Kindergarten Program | \$ 333,611.55 |
| Education, Georgia Department of | |
| Quality Basic Education | |
| Direct Instructional Cost | |
| Kindergarten Program | 1,088,574.00 |
| Kindergarten Program - Early Intervention Program | 69,581.00 |
| Primary Grades (1-3) Program | 2,334,397.00 |
| Primary Grades - Early Intervention (1-3) Program | 265,965.00 |
| Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program | 1,266,236.00 |
| Upper Elementary Grades - Early Intervention (4-5) Program | 238,870.00 |
| Middle School (6-8) Program | 2,193,024.00 |
| High School General Education (9-12) Program | 1,911,496.00 |
| Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program | 429,782.00 |
| Students with Disabilities | 2,912,498.00 |
| Gifted Student - Category VI | 304,292.00 |
| Remedial Education Program | 285,797.00 |
| Alternative Education Program | 151,649.00 |
| English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) | 27,764.00 |
| Media Center Program | 361,917.00 |
| 20 Days Additional Instruction | 113,519.00 |
| Staff and Professional Development | 60,804.00 |
| Principal Staff and Professional Development | 1,102.00 |
| Indirect Cost | |
| Central Administration | 629,600.00 |
| School Administration | 707,663.00 |
| Facility Maintenance and Operations | 754,350.00 |
| Amended Formula Adjustment | (253,017.00) |
| Categorical Grants | |
| Pupil Transportation | |
| Regular | 597,352.00 |
| Nursing Services | 66,286.00 |
| Vocational Supervisors | 7,070.00 |
| Other State Programs | |
| Food Services | 54,490.00 |
| Hygiene Products in Georgia Schools | 3,086.00 |
| Math and Science Supplements | 18,660.65 |
| Preschool Disability Services | 42,270.00 |
| Pupil Transportation - State Bonds | 101,220.00 |
| School Security Grant | 120,000.00 |
| Teachers Retirement | 23,837.44 |
| Vocational Education | 29,394.00 |
| Vocational Opportunities Equipment Grant | 25,200.00 |
| Office of the State Treasurer | |
| Public School Employees Retirement | 54,452.00 |
| | \$ 17,332,792.64 |

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE "10"

| 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 | 205GA324N1099 | \$ 416,888.66 |
| National School Lunch Program | 10.555 | 205GA324N1099 | <u>1,459,966.14</u> |
| Total U. S. Department of Agriculture | | | <u>1,876,854.80</u> |
| Education, U. S. Department of | | | |
| Special Education Cluster | | | |
| Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education | | | |
| Special Education | | | |
| Grants to States | 84.027 | H027A180073 | 56,061.00 |
| Grants to States | 84.027 | H027A190073 | 634,787.82 |
| Preschool Grants | 84.173 | H173A190081 | <u>26,235.00</u> |
| Total Special Education Cluster | | | <u>717,083.82</u> |
| Other Programs | | | |
| Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education | | | |
| Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States | 84.048 | V048A190010 | 47,495.00 |
| Rural Education | 84.358 | S365B180010 | 2,770.00 |
| Rural Education | 84.358 | S358B190010 | 44,039.31 |
| Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program | 84.424A | S424A19001 | 10,000.00 |
| Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants | 84.367 | S367A190001 | 252,885.00 |
| Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies | 84.010 | S010A180010 | 63,238.00 |
| Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies | 84.010 | S010A190010 | <u>1,382,116.53</u> |
| Total Other Programs | | | <u>1,802,543.84</u> |
| Total U. S. Department of Education | | | <u>2,519,627.66</u> |
| Defense, U. S. Department of | | | |
| Direct | | | |
| Department of the Air Force | | | |
| R.O.T.C. Program | 12.UNKNOWN | | <u>50,825.30</u> |
| Total Expenditures of Federal Awards | | | <u>\$ 4,447,307.76</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 Washington County Board of Education (the "Board") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2020. 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.

Note 3. Indirect Cost Rate

The Board has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE "12"

| | ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1) | CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2) | AMOUNT EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3) (4) | AMOUNT EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3) (4) | TOTAL COMPLETION COST (6) | EXCESS PROCEEDS NOT EXPENDED (5) | ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| PROJECT 2016-2021 ESPLOST | | | | | | | |
| The (i) paying a portion of the debt service payments due on outstanding Washington County School District (Georgia) General Obligation Bond, Series 2011B, the maximum amount of total debt service to be paid shall not exceed \$10,000,000;(ii) adding, renovating, repairing, improving, furnishing, equipping demolishing and completing existing school buildings and other buildings and facilities useful and desirable in connection wherewith, including, but not limited to, physical education/athletic fields and facilities, paving and technology infrastructures; (iii) acquiring technology improvements, including safety and security improvements, computer technology, hardware and software; (iv) acquiring, constructing and equipping new school buildings and other buildings and facilities useful and desirable; (v) acquiring new school equipment, including, but not limited to, new buses, maintenance vehicles and equipment; (vi) acquiring textbooks and instructional materials and equipment; (vii) acquiring any necessary or desirable property, both real and personal. | | | | | | | |
| Debt Service | | | | | | | |
| (i) Debt Service | \$ 10,000,000.00 | \$ 10,000,000.00 | \$ 1,674,265.92 | \$ 5,346,928.54 | \$ 7,021,194.46 | \$ 2,978,805.54 | 8/31/2021 |
| Capital Outlay | | | | | | | |
| (ii) adding, renovating, repairing, improving, furnishing, equipping demolishing and completing existing school buildings and other buildings and facilities, | 825,390.14 | 825,390.14 | 452,095.21 | 207,594.93 | 659,690.14 | 165,700.00 | 10/31/2020 |
| (iii) acquiring technology improvements, including safety and security improvements, computer technology, hardware and software, | 43,067.86 | 43,067.86 | 43,067.86 | - | 43,067.86 | - | 6/30/2020 |
| (v) acquiring new school equipment, including, but not limited to, new buses, maintenance vehicles and equipment, | 446,147.45 | 446,147.45 | 383,052.05 | 63,095.40 | 446,147.45 | - | 6/30/2020 |
| (vi) acquiring textbooks and instructional materials and equipment, | 298,181.51 | 298,181.51 | 298,181.51 | - | 298,181.51 | - | 6/30/2020 |
| Future Projects | | | | | | | |
| (iv) Other Projects. | <u>11,387,213.04</u> | <u>3,387,213.04</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | 3,387,213.04 | 8/31/2021 |
| SPLOST Grand Total \$ | <u>23,000,000.00</u> | <u>15,000,000.00</u> | <u>2,850,662.55</u> | <u>5,617,618.87</u> | <u>8,468,281.42</u> | <u>6,531,718.58</u> | |

- (1) The School District's original cost estimate as specified in the resolution calling for the imposition of the Local Option Sales Tax. This is the maximum amount to be contributed to the total project cost from this ESPLOST.
- (2) The School District's current estimate of total cost for the projects. Includes all cost from project inception to completion.
- (3) The voters of Washington 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.
- (4) In addition to the expenditures shown above, the School District has incurred interest to provide advance funding for the above projects as follows:

| | |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Prior Years | \$ 1,441,440.00 |
| Current Year | <u>480,480.00</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 1,921,920.00</u> |

 Of the Total Interest stated above, \$1,801,259.02 has been reimbursed from Federal Funds.
- (5) The unexpended funds remaining are available for use as approved in the original referendum.
- (6) The Total Completion Cost indicates cost to date. Project is ongoing and further expenditures will be incurred.

SECTION II

COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS



DEPARTMENT OF AUDITS AND ACCOUNTS

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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

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
Washington County Board of Education

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 Washington County Board of Education (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, 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 February 19, 2021.

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) as a basis for designing 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 financial statements. 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 to the right.

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

February 19, 2021



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

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
Washington County Board of Education

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Washington 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 its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2020. The School District's major federal program is 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 the School District's major federal program 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 the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School District's compliance.

Opinion on 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 its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2020.

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 the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the 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

February 19, 2021

SECTION III

AUDITEE'S RESPONSE TO PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITEE'S RESPONSE
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

SECTION IV

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

I SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Type of auditor's report issued: Governmental Activities; All Major Funds; Aggregate Remaining Fund Information | Unmodified |
| Internal control over financial reporting: | |
| ▪ Material weaknesses identified? | No |
| ▪ Significant deficiencies identified? | None Reported |
| Noncompliance material to financial statements noted: | No |

Federal Awards

| | |
|--|--|
| Internal Control over major programs: | |
| ▪ Material weaknesses identified? | No |
| ▪ Significant deficiencies 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 Number</u> | <u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u> |
| 84.010 | Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies |
| Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: | \$750,000.00 |
| Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? | Yes |

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.