



APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION BAXLEY, GEORGIA

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2015**
(Including Independent Auditor's Reports)



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August 22, 2016

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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 Appling County Board of Education, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements (Exhibits A through H), which collectively comprise the Board'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

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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 basic 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 Appling County Board of Education, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof 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 2015, the Appling County Board of Education adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*. The School District restated beginning Net Position for the cumulative effect of these accounting changes. Our opinion is 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, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of Contributions to Retirement Systems, Notes to the Required Supplementary Information and the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual as presented on pages i through ix and pages 29 through 33 respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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.

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Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Appling County Board of Education's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, consisting of Schedules 5 through 8, 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 U. S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 22, 2016, on our consideration of the Appling County Board of Education'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 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 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 Appling County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Greg S. Griffin".

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

The discussion and analysis of the Appling County Board of Education's financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Comparative data is provided for fiscal year 2015 and fiscal year 2014. However, the comparative data for fiscal year 2014 does not reflect the effects of the restatement of July 1, 2014 net position. This restatement is related to the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (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* which were adopted by the School District for fiscal year 2015. The provisions of this Statement establish accounting and financial reporting standards for pensions that are provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers through pension plans that are administered through trust. Implementation of this Statement resulted in a restatement to beginning net position of \$28.9 million. This restatement is based on actuarial estimates, and information is not available for fiscal year 2014 comparative balances. See Note 2 in the Notes to the Financial Statement for more information about the restatement of July 1, 2014 net position.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2015 are as follows:

- The total assets and deferred outflows of the System increased by \$3.4 million, which was primarily due to the Deferred Outflow of Resources. The Deferred Outflow of Resources is related to the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (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*, which were adopted by the School District for fiscal year 2015.
- Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources increased for the year by \$30.9 million. The combination of the increase in total assets and deferred outflows of resources of \$3.4 million and the increase in total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources \$30.9 million yields a decrease in net position of \$27.5 million. The decrease in net position is primarily in the category of Unrestricted.
- At June 30, 2015, the System's General Fund reported a balance of \$7.1 million, a decrease of \$0.7 million or 9.2 percent from the last fiscal year. Of this total, \$6.7 million represents unassigned fund balance.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

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System-wide Financial Statements

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

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

Governmental Funds

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

Fiduciary Funds

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

Notes to Financial Statements

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

System-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. As of June 30, 2015, System assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$32.2 million.

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

**Table 1
Net Position
(In Thousands)**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2014 (1)
Assets		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 16,484,212	\$ 17,132,367
Capital Assets, Net	<u>47,606,785</u>	<u>46,262,341</u>
Total Assets	<u>64,090,997</u>	<u>63,394,708</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>2,720,105</u>	<u>0</u>
Liabilities		
Current and Other Liabilities	3,869,842	3,714,422
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>22,773,726</u>	
Total Liabilities	<u>26,643,568</u>	<u>3,714,422</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>7,939,404</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Position		
Investment in Capital Assets	47,606,785	46,262,341
Restricted	5,223,901	5,401,126
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>-20,602,556</u>	<u>8,016,819</u>
	<u>\$ 32,228,130</u>	<u>\$ 59,680,286</u>

(1) The June 30, 2014 amounts do not reflect the effects of the restatement of July 1, 2014 net position. See Note 2 in the Notes to the Financial Statements for more information.

The largest portion of the System's net position, \$47.6 million, reflects its investments in capital assets (e.g. buildings, land, land improvements, equipment). The System uses the capital assets to provide services to our students, faculty, and community; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

An additional portion of the System's total net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used (16.2%). Comprising restricted net position is net position being accumulated for capital outlay (15.8%). The remaining (0.4%) represents funds restricted for ongoing federal programs.

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

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Changes in Net Position From Operating Results

Net position increased \$1.5 million from operating results in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 compared to an increase of \$0.3 million in the prior fiscal year.

Key elements of this increase are as follows on the next chart:

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**Table 2
Change in Net Position
(In Thousands)**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2014 (1)
Revenues		
Program Revenues		
Charges for Services and Sales	\$ 435,957	\$ 413,138
Operating Grants and Contributions	21,599,425	20,400,243
Capital Grants and Contributions	4,195	95,424
Total Program Revenues	22,039,577	20,908,805
General Revenues		
Taxes		
Property Taxes		
For Maintenance and Operations	11,997,231	11,888,713
Railroad Cars	16,783	15,598
Sales Taxes		
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax		
For Capital Projects	3,569,944	3,053,186
Local Option Sales Tax	47,062	77,480
Investment Earnings	13,234	10,949
Miscellaneous	1,066,565	913,968
Total General Revenues	16,710,819	15,959,894
Total Revenues	38,750,396	36,868,699
Program Expenses		
Instruction	23,414,201	23,109,667
Support Services		
Pupil Services	1,024,194	1,006,182
Improvement of Instructional Services	1,509,908	1,193,740
Educational Media Services	512,160	511,192
General Administration	533,073	541,839
School Administration	1,562,240	1,552,919
Business Administration	211,111	203,000
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	2,458,555	2,451,375
Student Transportation Services	2,097,650	2,144,422
Central Support Services	777,646	1,477,347
Other Support Services	227,397	186,987
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Enterprise Operation	848,812	
Food Services	2,095,495	2,187,548
Total Expenses	37,272,442	36,566,218
Increase in Net Position	\$ 1,477,954	\$ 302,481

(1) The June 30, 2014 amounts do not reflect the effects of the restatement of July 1, 2014 net position. See Note 2 in the Notes to the Financial Statements for more information.

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Financial Analysis of the System's Funds

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

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

The most significant budgeted funds are the general fund. As originally adopted, general fund revenues were projected to be \$29.1 million, which is unchanged from the fiscal year 2015 final amended budget. Appropriated expenditures totaled \$31.8 million. The Board appropriated \$2.7 million from unreserved fund balance to cover the shortfall. Of significance, initial state austerity reductions to funding formula earnings totaled \$1,640,510. No federal stimulus funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) were available to mitigate the impact of state funding reductions.

As fiscal year 2015 progressed, the final amended general fund budget increased \$2.8 million for expenditures, an increase of 9% from the original budget for the year.

General Fund Operations

The general fund finished fiscal year 2015 with a fund balance of \$7.1 million, a decrease of \$0.7 million or 9.2%, from fiscal year 2014. Actual revenues were above budget projections by \$6.0 million while actual expenditures were \$1.2 million more than budgeted. The actual expenditures were greater due to an increase in instructional costs. There was also a budgeted increase in state health insurance premiums, which were delayed for 2015.

First, state revenues were impacted by "austerity reductions" for the thirteenth consecutive year. Austerity reductions occur when the Georgia General Assembly fails to appropriate sufficient dollars in the state budget to fully fund the results of the State's Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula. By year-end, the System experienced a total austerity reduction of \$1,640,510 or 9.26% of formula earnings.

Second, local revenue sources represented 38.59% of total general fund revenues for the year, down from 39.67% in the prior year. Local revenues ended the year above budgeted projections because of successful tax collections. The remainder of local revenues consisted of other taxes, interest, and a few miscellaneous local sources.

At year-end, total expenditures were over budget by \$1.2 million. Expenditures for direct classroom instruction (e.g. teacher salaries and benefits, textbooks, software, classroom supplies, etc.) accounted for 62.82% of total general fund expenditures, down slightly from the prior fiscal year. Employee benefits saw a significant increase in fiscal year 2015. First, the employer share for Teacher's Retirement contribution increased from 12.28% in 2014 to 13.15% in 2015. This change increased employer cost by approximately 15%.

The following chart details the major components of revenues and expenditures by function for fiscal year 2015 as well as a comparison of changes compared to the previous fiscal year.

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

	Amount	Total	Increase (Decrease) over Fiscal Year 2014
Revenues			
State	\$ 17,564,126	50.11%	\$ 1,060,185
Federal	3,960,253	11.30%	-28,907
Local	13,528,539	38.59%	51,012
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 35,052,918</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 1,082,290.50</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Instruction	\$ 22,475,410	62.83%	\$ 537,008
Support Services			
Pupil Services	1,056,899	2.95%	50,717
Improvement of Instructional Services	1,560,235	4.36%	367,281
Educational Media Services	506,732	1.42%	16,467
General Administration	534,411	1.49%	1,336
School Administration	1,597,789	4.47%	69,456
Business Administration	211,637	0.59%	8,637
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	2,447,019	6.84%	3,358
Student Transportation Services	1,868,073	5.22%	-68,470
Central Support Services	419,693	1.17%	-86,030
Other Support Services	234,039	0.65%	47,052
Enterprise Operations	848,812	2.37%	848,812
Operations of Non-Instructional Services			
Food Services	2,016,931	5.64%	-86,003
Capital Outlay			-60,864
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 35,777,680</u>	<u>\$ 100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 1,648,757</u>

Capital Projects Fund Operations

The capital projects fund is used to account for school construction and the purchase of large capital assets. Expenditures in 2015 were more than capital outlay projects in the previous year because of the completion of the stadium project in 2015 and more expenditures for technology.

Capital Assets

The System's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2015, totaled \$47.6 million, net of accumulated depreciation. The investment in capital assets includes land, land improvements, buildings, vehicles, and equipment used in providing services to our students and community. The changes to the System's capital asset accounts came from stadium upgrades, equipment additions and additions to current year depreciation expense. Note 6 to the basic financial statements provides additional information on the System's capital assets including a detailed breakdown of the types of capital assets included in the computation of depreciation charges. As of June 30, 2015, 25% of the cost basis of depreciable assets had been taken as a depreciation charge since the various assets were placed in service.

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A summary of capital assets follows:

**Table 4
Capital Assets
(In Thousands)**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2014
Land	\$ 672,749	\$ 672,749
Construction In Progress	1,350,453	1,668,302
Building and Improvements	38,889,806	39,627,675
Equipment	1,240,437	1,460,898
Land Improvements	5,453,340	2,832,717
Total	<u>\$ 47,606,785</u>	<u>\$ 46,262,341</u>

Current Issues

The Appling County School System is a low income, rural county School District. The area of the County is 507 miles square. A large number of students are economically disadvantaged. The School District is located in an area where agriculture is the primary industry. Despite limited financial resources, System and school personnel manage to maximize the funds in order to benefit all students. The System has planned extensively to use its supplemental resources to support class size reduction, recruitment, retention and professional development of highly qualified staff.

The School System, although rural, offers students a variety of instructional programs and extra-curricular opportunities.

Appling County's population in 2014 was 18,540, which is a 0.02% increase since 2010. There were approximately 50.2% males and 49.8% females making up the population with those being composed of 18.6% black, 73.4% white and 9.3% Hispanic. The estimated median household income in 2014 was \$38,461 and the per capita income was \$19,440 Georgia's median income in 2014 was \$49,179. The percentage of residents living in poverty is 24.9%. The median house or condominium value was \$69,500 in Appling County and the state's median was \$151,300. The median gross rent was \$534. The median real estate property taxes paid for housing units with mortgages in 2014 was \$925 and \$313 was paid for housing units with no mortgage.

For residents 25 years and older (2014): 75.6% have completed high school or higher; 12.9% have a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Appling County compared to Georgia state average: (1) median household income below state average, (2) median house value below state average, (3) black race population percentage below state average, (4) Hispanic race population percentage above the state average, (5) persons living at or below the Federal Poverty Level is significantly above the state average.

The Appling County School District has faced severe financial challenges in recent years but has remained relatively stable and financially sound. The financial challenges have included rising costs in employee benefits, the continued state formula allotment reductions, and no significant growth in student population.

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The School District's current net taxes levied for 2015 tax year is 14.603, no change in mills from prior year. Total ad valorem taxes levied in 2015 were \$11,264,898 as compared to \$11,606,436 in 2014.

Outlook for the Future

The System enjoys a strong financial position in light of current economic conditions affecting local revenues as well as the effect of state revenue pressures through austerity reductions to the QBE funding formula and new programmatic requirements. Austerity reductions will continue in fiscal year 2016 but reduced by approximately \$622,507. The System will continue to receive no Equalization funds. Looking out further, while state revenues improved during fiscal year 2015 and the first part of fiscal year 2016, expectations are that austerity reductions will continue in fiscal year 2016 and beyond at some undetermined level. However, the State's reduction of austerity in 2015 is a positive sign of revenue collections at the state level. Until the state funding formula is restored, the System will continue to use the broad waivers provided by its System status to maintain a cost effective System. The System is anticipating a revised funding formula, which could present significant challenges to balancing the budget in the future, as it is unknown the long-term impact of this formula change.

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

Requests for Information

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

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Chief Financial Officer

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APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015

EXHIBIT "A"

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
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<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 7,654,040.37
Investments	4,696,056.23
Accounts Receivable, Net	
Taxes	953,565.31
State Government	2,297,428.88
Federal Government	852,627.55
Inventories	30,493.37
Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable	2,023,201.83
Capital Assets, Depreciable (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	45,583,583.22
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Total Assets	64,090,996.76
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<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plan	2,720,105.48
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<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	1,071.61
Salaries and Benefits Payable	3,807,740.55
Retainages Payable	61,030.00
Net Pension Liability	22,773,726.00
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Total Liabilities	26,643,568.16
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<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plan	7,939,404.00
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<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Investment in Capital Assets	47,606,785.05
Restricted for	
Continuation of Federal Programs	144,202.71
Capital Projects	5,079,697.95
Unrestricted (Deficit)	-20,602,555.63
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Total Net Position	\$ 32,228,130.08
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The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>
<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>		
Instruction	\$ 23,414,201.20	\$ 200,413.14
Support Services		
Pupil Services	1,024,194.36	
Improvement of Instructional Services	1,509,907.90	
Educational Media Services	512,159.40	
General Administration	533,073.14	
School Administration	1,562,239.43	
Business Administration	211,111.19	
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	2,458,554.89	5,425.14
Student Transportation Services	2,097,650.05	
Central Support Services	777,645.72	
Other Support Services	227,397.02	
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Enterprise Operations	848,812.10	
Food Services	<u>2,095,495.36</u>	<u>230,118.77</u>
Total Governmental Activities	\$ <u>37,272,441.76</u>	\$ <u>435,957.05</u>
General Revenues		
Taxes		
Property Taxes		
For Maintenance and Operations		
Railroad Cars		
Sales Taxes		
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax		
For Capital Projects		
Other Sales Tax		
Investment Earnings		
Miscellaneous		
Total General Revenues		
Change in Net Position		
Net Position - Beginning of Year, Restated		
Net Position - End of Year		

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT "B"

PROGRAM REVENUES		NET (EXPENSES)
OPERATING	CAPITAL	REVENUES
GRANTS AND	GRANTS AND	AND CHANGES IN
CONTRIBUTIONS	CONTRIBUTIONS	NET POSITION
\$ 14,679,184.47		\$ -8,534,603.59
71,174.09	\$ 4,194.80	-948,825.47
1,000,369.79		-509,538.11
462,129.92		-50,029.48
644,947.18		111,874.04
1,066,597.04		-495,642.39
7,745.32		-203,365.87
1,133,465.33		-1,319,664.42
791,952.66		-1,305,697.39
12,011.83		-765,633.89
113,809.58		-113,587.44
		-848,812.10
1,616,038.15		-249,338.44
\$ 21,599,425.36	\$ 4,194.80	-15,232,864.55
		11,997,230.78
		16,782.62
		3,569,944.12
		47,062.46
		13,234.49
		1,066,564.75
		16,710,819.22
		1,477,954.67
		30,750,175.41
		\$ 32,228,130.08

APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

EXHIBIT "C"

	GENERAL FUND	DISTRICT-WIDE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 7,359,718.97	\$ 294,321.40	\$ 7,654,040.37
Investments	67,007.29	4,629,048.94	4,696,056.23
Accounts Receivable, Net			
Taxes	736,207.70	217,357.61	953,565.31
State Government	2,297,428.88		2,297,428.88
Federal Government	852,627.55		852,627.55
Inventories	30,493.37		30,493.37
	<u>11,343,483.76</u>	<u>5,140,727.95</u>	<u>16,484,211.71</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>11,343,483.76</u>	\$ <u>5,140,727.95</u>	\$ <u>16,484,211.71</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,071.61		\$ 1,071.61
Salaries and Benefits Payable	3,807,740.55		3,807,740.55
Retainages Payable		\$ 61,030.00	61,030.00
Total Liabilities	<u>3,808,812.16</u>	<u>61,030.00</u>	<u>3,869,842.16</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	<u>397,269.91</u>		<u>397,269.91</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>			
Nonspendable	30,493.37		30,493.37
Restricted	113,709.34	5,079,697.95	5,193,407.29
Assigned	341,061.81		341,061.81
Unassigned	<u>6,652,137.17</u>		<u>6,652,137.17</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>7,137,401.69</u>	<u>5,079,697.95</u>	<u>12,217,099.64</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ <u>11,343,483.76</u>	\$ <u>5,140,727.95</u>	\$ <u>16,484,211.71</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015

EXHIBIT "D"

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit "C")	\$	12,217,099.64
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Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital Assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. These assets consist of:

Land	\$	672,748.98	
Construction in Progress		1,350,452.85	
Land Improvements		7,617,275.78	
Buildings and Improvements		46,860,045.43	
Equipment		6,390,294.69	
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>-15,284,032.68</u>	
Total Capital Assets			47,606,785.05

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

Net Pension Liability		-22,773,726.00
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Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

		-5,219,298.52
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Taxes that are not available to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in the funds.

		<u>397,269.91</u>
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Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit "A")	\$	<u><u>32,228,130.08</u></u>
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APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

EXHIBIT "E"

	GENERAL FUND	DISTRICT-WIDE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Property Taxes	\$ 11,972,888.79		\$ 11,972,888.79
Sales Taxes	47,062.46	\$ 3,569,944.12	3,617,006.58
State Funds	17,564,125.98		17,564,125.98
Federal Funds	3,960,253.49		3,960,253.49
Charges for Services	435,957.05		435,957.05
Investment Earnings	6,065.43	7,169.06	13,234.49
Miscellaneous	1,066,564.75	4,194.80	1,070,759.55
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Total Revenues	35,052,917.95	3,581,307.98	38,634,225.93
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Current			
Instruction	22,475,410.10	520,721.32	22,996,131.42
Support Services			
Pupil Services	1,056,899.24		1,056,899.24
Improvement of Instructional Services	1,560,234.56		1,560,234.56
Educational Media Services	506,732.39		506,732.39
General Administration	534,411.34		534,411.34
School Administration	1,597,789.54		1,597,789.54
Business Administration	211,636.83		211,636.83
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	2,447,019.12	26,482.13	2,473,501.25
Student Transportation Services	1,868,072.82		1,868,072.82
Central Support Services	419,693.07	339,762.13	759,455.20
Other Support Services	234,038.58		234,038.58
Enterprise Operations	848,812.10		848,812.10
Food Services Operation	2,016,930.68		2,016,930.68
Capital Outlay		2,814,280.41	2,814,280.41
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Total Expenditures	35,777,680.37	3,701,245.99	39,478,926.36
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Net Change in Fund Balances	-724,762.42	-119,938.01	-844,700.43
Fund Balances - Beginning	7,862,164.11	5,199,635.96	13,061,800.07
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Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 7,137,401.69	\$ 5,079,697.95	\$ 12,217,099.64
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The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

APPLING 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, 2015

EXHIBIT "F"

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit "E")	\$	-844,700.43
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Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Capital Outlays are reported as expenditures in Governmental Funds. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of Capital Assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, these amounts are:

Capital Outlay	\$	2,789,839.41	
Depreciation Expense		-1,445,395.40	
Excess of Capital Outlay over Depreciation Expense		1,344,444.01	1,344,444.01

Taxes reported in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		41,124.61
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Governmental funds report pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as Pension Expense.		937,086.48
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit "B")	\$	1,477,954.67
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APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

EXHIBIT "G"

	<u>AGENCY FUNDS</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 66,589.96
Accounts Receivable, Net State	<u>9,666.36</u>
 Total Assets	 \$ <u><u>76,256.32</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Funds Held for Others	\$ <u><u>76,256.32</u></u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

REPORTING ENTITY

The Appling County Board of Education (School District) was established under the laws of the State of Georgia and operates under the guidance of a school board elected by the voters and a Superintendent appointed by the Board. The Board 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

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The School District's basic financial statements are collectively comprised of the District-wide financial statements, fund financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements of the Appling County Board of Education.

District-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 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 statements for each category (governmental and fiduciary) are presented. 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:

- 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.
- District-wide Capital Projects Fund accounts for and reports financial resources including Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) that are restricted, committed or assigned to the expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

The School District reports the following fiduciary fund type:

- Agency funds account for assets held by the School District as an agent for various other funds, governments or individuals.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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EXHIBIT "H"

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The basis of accounting determines when transactions are reported on the financial statements. The District-wide governmental and fiduciary 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, grants and donations. 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 and donations 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. Property taxes, sales taxes and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

The School District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program costs are incurred, both restricted and unrestricted resources are 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.

RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR NET POSITION

For fiscal year 2015, the School District made several prior period adjustments due to the adoption of GASB Statement No. 68 and GASB Statement No. 71, as described in "New Accounting Pronouncements" below, which require the restatement of the June 30, 2014, Net Position in Governmental Activities. The result is a decrease in Net Position at July 1, 2014 of \$28,930,111.00. This change is in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Net Position, July 1, 2014, as previously reported	\$ 59,680,286.41
Prior Period adjustment - Implementation of GASB 68:	
Net Pension Liability (measurement date)	
TRS	-31,188,444.00
Deferred Outflows - School District's contribution made during fiscal year 2014	
TRS	<u>2,258,333.00</u>
Net Position, July 1, 2014, as restated	<u>\$ 30,750,175.41</u>

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In fiscal year 2015, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. The provisions of this statement establish accounting and financial reporting standards for pensions that are provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers through pension plans that are administered through trusts. The adoption of this statement has a significant impact on the School District's financial statements. As noted above the School District restated beginning Net Position for the cumulative effect of this accounting change.

In fiscal year 2015, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 69, *Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations*. This statement provides specific accounting and financial reporting guidance for combinations in the governmental environment. This statement also requires that disclosures be made by governments about combination arrangements in which they engage and for disposals of government operations. The School District did not have any activities of this type during the fiscal year and the adoption of this statement does not have a significant impact on the School District's financial statements.

In fiscal year 2015, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an amendment of GASB No. 68*. The objective of this statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting by addressing an issue in Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, concerning transition provisions related to certain pension contributions made to defined benefit pension plans prior to implementation of statement. This statement amends paragraph 137 of Statement No. 68 which limited recognition of pension-related deferred inflows of resources at the transition to circumstances in which it is practical to determine the amounts of all deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions. The adoption of this statement has a significant impact on the School District's financial statements. As noted above the School District restated beginning Net Position for the cumulative effect of this accounting change.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Composition of Deposits

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits 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 Section 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

Composition of Investments

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. Both participating interest-earning contracts and money market investments with a maturity at purchase greater than one year are reported at fair value. The Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 36-83-4 authorizes the School District to invest its funds. 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. Funds may be invested in the following:

1. Obligations issued by the State of Georgia or by other states,
2. Obligations issued by the United States government,
3. Obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the United States government or a United States government agency,

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4. Obligations of any corporation of the United States government,
5. Prime banker's acceptances,
6. The local government investment pool (Georgia Fund 1) administered by the State of Georgia, Office of the State Treasurer,
7. Repurchase agreements, and
8. Obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia.

The School District does not have a formal policy regarding investment policies that address credit risks, custodial credits risks, concentration of credit risks, interest rate risks or foreign currency risks.

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.

PROPERTY TAXES

The Appling County Board of Commissioners adopted the property tax levy for the 2014 tax digest year (calendar year) on October 7, 2014 (levy date). Taxes were due on December 22, 2014 (lien date). Taxes collected within the current fiscal year or within 60 days after year-end on the 2014 tax digest are reported as revenue in the governmental funds for fiscal year 2015. The Appling County Tax Commissioner bills and collects the property taxes for the School District and remits the taxes collected to the School District. Property tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, for maintenance and operations amounted to \$11,264,897.61.

The tax millage rate levied for the 2014 tax year (calendar year) for the Appling County Board of Education was as follows (a mill equals \$1 per thousand dollars of assessed value):

School Operations	<u>14.603 mills</u>
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Additionally, Title Ad Valorem Tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, amounted to \$691,208.56 during fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

SALES TAXES

Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, at the fund reporting level, during the year amounted to \$3,569,944.12 and is to be used for capital outlay for educational purposes. This sales tax was authorized by local referendum and the sales tax must be re-authorized at least every five years.

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 (first-in, first-out). 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.

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CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets purchased, including capital outlay costs, are recorded as expenditures in the fund financial statements at the time of purchase (including ancillary charges). On the District-wide financial statements, all purchased capital assets are valued 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 estimated fair market value on the date donated. Disposals are deleted at depreciated recorded cost. 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. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. The School District does not capitalize book collections or works of art. During the fiscal year under review, no events or changes in circumstances affecting a capital asset that may indicate impairment were known to the School District. For fiscal year 2015, the School District increased its capitalization threshold for equipment from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. This change was not applied to equipment obtained in prior fiscal years and did not have a significant impact on the School District's financial statements.

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

	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Land	Any Amount	N/A
Land Improvements	\$ 50,000.00	15 years
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 50,000.00	20 to 80 years
Equipment	\$ 10,000.00	5 to 15 years
Intangible Assets	\$ 10,000.00	15 years

Depreciation is used to allocate the actual or estimated historical cost of all capital assets over estimated useful lives, with the exception of intangible assets which are amortized.

Amortization of intangible assets such as water, timber, and mineral rights, easements, patents, trademarks, copyrights and software is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of net position and/or the balance sheet will sometimes 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. Under the full accrual method of accounting, the School District has reported deferred outflows of resources related to a defined benefit pension plan, as discussed in Note 12 – Retirement Plans.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and/or the balance sheet 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. Under the full accrual method of accounting, the School District has reported deferred inflows of resources related to a defined benefit pension plan, as discussed in Note 12 – Retirement Plans. This item is reported only in the District-wide Statement of Net Position. Additionally, the School District has one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenue, is reporting only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenue from property taxes, and this amount is deferred and will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period in which the amount becomes available.

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 fiduciary net position of the Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia (TRS), and the Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS) and additions to/deductions from TRS/PSERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TRS/PSERS. 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. See Note 12 - Retirement Plans.

NET POSITION

The School District's Net Position in the District-wide Statements is classified as follows:

Investment in Capital Assets - This represents the School District's total investment in capital assets.

Restricted Net Position - This represents resources for which the School District is legally or contractually obligated to spend resources for continuation of Federal Programs and capital projects in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties.

Unrestricted Net Position - Unrestricted Net Position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of Investment of Capital Assets and Restricted Net Position. Included in the net deficit reported is the School District's Net Pension Liability of \$22,773,726.00 which is required for financial reporting.

FUND BALANCES

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

Nonspendable - Amounts 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 - Constraints are placed on the use of resources are either (1) externally imposed conditions by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Assigned - Amounts that are 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 of Education or (2) the budget or finance committee, or the Superintendent, or designee, to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

Unassigned - The residual classification for the General Fund. This classification represents fund balances that have not been assigned to other funds and that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

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Fund Balances of the Governmental Funds at June 30, 2015, are as follows:

Nonspendable		
Inventories	\$	30,493.37
Restricted		
Continuation of Federal Programs	\$	113,709.34
Capital Projects	<u>5,079,697.95</u>	5,193,407.29
Assigned		
School Activity Accounts		341,061.81
Unassigned		<u>6,652,137.17</u>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2015	\$	<u><u>12,217,099.64</u></u>

It is the goal of the School District to achieve and maintain a committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the general fund at fiscal year-end of not less than 5% of expenditures, not to exceed 15% of the total budget of the subsequent fiscal year, net of any committed reserve balance for capital expenditures and assigned fund balances "to cover unanticipated deficiencies in revenue or unanticipated expenditures," in compliance with Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 20-2-167(a)5. If the unassigned, assigned, and committed fund balances (net of previous allowances) at fiscal year-end falls below the goal, the School District shall develop a restoration plan to achieve and maintain the minimum fund balance.

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.

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.

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 and capital projects funds. There is no statutory prohibition regarding over expenditure of the budget at any level. The budget for all governmental funds, except for the various school activity (principal) accounts, is prepared and adopted by fund. The legal level of budgetary control was established by the Board at the aggregate fund level. The budget for the General Fund was prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary process begins with the School District's administration presenting an initial budget for the Board's review. The administration makes revisions as necessary based on the Board's guidelines, and a tentative budget is approved. After approval of this tentative budget by the Board, such budget is advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality. 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 Official Code of Georgia Annotated section 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 Board must approve, for management purposes, any changes between the appropriations by fund. However, the Superintendent or other personnel so authorized by the Board shall have the authority to transfer appropriations within functions.

See Schedule 4 – General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget to Actual for a detail of any over/under expenditures during the fiscal year under review.

NOTE 4: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

COLLATERALIZATION OF DEPOSITS

Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) Section 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 percent 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. Section 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 percent of the daily pool balance.

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

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

CATEGORIZATION OF DEPOSITS

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. The School District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2015, the School District had deposits with a carrying amount of \$7,787,637.62, which includes \$67,007.29 in Certificates of Deposit that are reported as Investments, and a bank balance of \$9,947,498.93. The bank balances insured by Federal depository insurance were \$572,380.88 and the bank balances collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution or by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the School District's name were \$320,813.77.

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The amounts exposed to custodial credit risk are classified into three categories as follows:

- Category 1 - Uncollateralized,
- Category 2 - Cash collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or
- Category 3 - Cash collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the School District's name.

The School District's deposits by custodial risk category at June 30, 2015, are as follows:

Custodial Credit Risk Category	Bank Balance
1	\$ 0.00
2	0.00
3	<u>9,054,304.28</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,054,304.28</u>

CATEGORIZATION OF INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2015, the carrying value of the School District's total investments was \$4,696,056.23, which is materially the same as fair value. This includes \$67,007.29 invested in Certificates of Deposit, which are collateralized in the same manner as other cash deposits. The remaining investment consisted of \$4,629,048.94 of funds invested in the Georgia Fund 1 (local government investment pool) administered by the State of Georgia, Office of the State Treasurer which 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 (Primary Liquidity Portfolio) 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 <http://www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/cafr.html>.

The Primary Liquidity Portfolio consists of Georgia Fund 1 which 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. 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, 2015, was 56 days.

NOTE 5: NON-MONETARY TRANSACTIONS

The School District receives food commodities from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for school breakfast and lunch programs. These commodities are recorded at their Federally assigned value. See Note 2 – Inventories.

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NOTE 6: CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in the Capital Assets during the fiscal year:

	Balances July 1, 2014	Increases	Decreases	Balances June 30, 2015
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 672,748.98			\$ 672,748.98
Construction Work In Progress	1,668,301.55	\$ 1,349,238.60	\$ 1,667,087.30	1,350,452.85
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	2,341,050.53	1,349,238.60	1,667,087.30	2,023,201.83
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and Improvements	46,860,045.43			46,860,045.43
Equipment	6,304,327.72	85,966.97	0.00	6,390,294.69
Land Improvements	4,595,554.64	3,021,721.14		7,617,275.78
Less: Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings and Improvements	7,232,370.13	737,868.90		7,970,239.03
Equipment	4,843,429.77	306,427.95		5,149,857.72
Land Improvements	1,762,837.38	401,098.55		2,163,935.93
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	43,921,290.51	1,662,292.71	0.00	45,583,583.22
Governmental Activity Capital Assets - Net	\$ 46,262,341.04	\$ 3,011,531.31	\$ 1,667,087.30	\$ 47,606,785.05

Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:

Instruction	\$ 1,053,835.13
Support Services	
Educational Media Services	\$ 20,768.70
General Administration	7,665.32
School Administration	23,585.50
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	4,441.92
Student Transportation Services	246,846.74
Central Support Services	10,940.15
Food Services	77,311.94
	\$ 1,445,395.40

NOTE 7: RISK MANAGEMENT

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; acts of God and unemployment compensation.

The School District has obtained commercial insurance for risk of loss associated with job related illness or injuries to employees. The School District has neither significantly reduced coverage for these risks nor incurred losses (settlements) which exceeded the School District's insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

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

The School District is self-insured with regard to unemployment compensation claims. The School District accounts for claims within the General Fund with expenses/expenditures and liability being reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated.

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>
2014	\$ 5,186.00	\$ 4,159.48	\$ 9,345.48	\$ 0.00
2015	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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

<u>Position Covered</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Superintendent	\$ 50,000.00

NOTE 8: ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

The School District has recognized revenues and costs in the amount of \$100,886.89 for retirement contributions paid on the School District's behalf by the following State Agencies.

Georgia Department of Education

Paid to the Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia

For Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) Employer's Cost

In the amount of \$50,817.89

Office of the State Treasurer

Paid to the Public School Employees Retirement System

For Public School Employees Retirement (PSERS) Employer's Cost

In the amount of \$50,069.00

Funds paid on behalf of the School District are reported in governmental funds. See Note 12 - Retirement Plans for the State support related to the Net Pension Liability.

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NOTE 9: SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS

The following is an analysis of significant outstanding construction or renovation contracts executed by the School District as of June 30, 2015:

Project	Unearned Executed Contracts
Bus Maintenance Facility	\$ 57,914.00
Complex Renovations	1,113,850.00
	<u>\$ 1,171,764.00</u>

The amounts described in this note are not reflected in the basic financial statements.

NOTE 10: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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. The School District believes that such disallowances, if any, will be immaterial to its overall financial position.

The School District is a defendant in various legal proceedings pertaining to matters incidental to the performance of routine School District operations. The ultimate disposition of these proceedings is not presently determinable, but is not believed to be material to the basic financial statements.

NOTE 11: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

GEORGIA SCHOOL PERSONNEL POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH BENEFIT FUND

Plan Description. The Georgia School Personnel Post-employment Health Benefit Fund (School OPEB Fund) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan that covers eligible former employees of public school systems, libraries and regional educational service agencies. The School OPEB Fund provides health insurance benefits to eligible former employees and their qualified beneficiaries through the State Employees Health Benefit Plan administered by the Department of Community Health. The Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the group health plans, including benefits for retirees, to the Board of Community Health (Board). The Department of Community Health, which includes the School OPEB Fund, issues a separate stand alone financial audit report and a copy can be obtained from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts.

Funding Policy. The contribution requirements of plan members and participating employers are established by the Board in accordance with the current Appropriations Act and may be amended by the Board. Contributions of plan members or beneficiaries receiving benefits vary based on plan election, dependent coverage, and Medicare eligibility and election. For members with fewer than five years of service as of January 1, 2012, contributions also vary based on years of service. On average, members with five years or more of service as of January 1, 2012, pay approximately 25% of the cost of the health insurance coverage. In accordance with the Board resolution dated December 8, 2011, for members with fewer than five years of service as of January 1, 2012, the State provides a premium subsidy in retirement that ranges from 0% for fewer than 10 years of service to 75% (but no greater than the subsidy percentage offered to active employees) for 30 or more years of service. The subsidy for eligible dependents ranges from 0% to 55% (but no greater than the subsidy

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

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

The combined active and retiree contribution rates established by the Board for employers participating in the School OPEB Fund were as follows for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015:

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

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015	\$945.00 per member per month
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For non-certificated school personnel:

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015	\$596.20 per member per month
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No additional contribution was required by the Board for fiscal year 2015 nor contributed to the School OPEB Fund to prefund retiree benefits. Such additional contribution amounts are determined annually by the Board in accordance with the School plan for other post-employment benefits and are subject to appropriation.

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

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Percentage Contributed</u>	<u>Required Contribution</u>
2015	100%	\$ 3,744,604.09
2014	100%	\$ 3,620,807.13
2013	100%	\$ 3,184,161.53

NOTE 12: RETIREMENT PLANS

Appling County Board of Education 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 §47-3-60 of the *Official Code of Georgia Annotated* (O.C.G.A.) and certain other support personnel as defined by §47-3-63 are provided pension through the Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia (TRS). TRS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, is administered by the TRS Board of Trustees (TRS Board). Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. The Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia issues a publicly available separate financial audit report that can be obtained at www.trsga.com/publications.

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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% of their annual pay during fiscal year 2015. The school district's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2015 was 13.15% of annual school district payroll. Employer contributions for the current fiscal year and the preceding two fiscal years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Percentage Contributed</u>	<u>Required Contribution</u>
2015	100%	\$ 2,591,043.09
2014	100%	\$ 2,286,257.23
2013	100%	\$ 2,088,036.80

PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSERS)

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

At June 30, 2015, the School District reported a liability of \$22,773,726.00 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability for TRS.

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	\$ 22,773,726.00
State of Georgia's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability associated with the School District	<u>305,735.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 23,079,461.00</u>

The Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 30, 2014. The total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2013. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2014 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The School District's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on contributions to TRS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

At June 30, 2014, the School District's TRS proportion was 0.180262%, which was an increase of 0.001274% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2013.

At June 30, 2015, 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 \$212,668.00.

The PSERS Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 30, 2014. The total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2013. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2014 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, 2014.

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the School District recognized pension expense of \$1,609,508.00 for TRS and \$18,469.00 for PSERS. Revenue of \$7,372.00 for TRS and \$18,469.00 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, 2015, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension from the following sources:

	TRS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		\$ 7,939,404.00
Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	\$ 180,883.00	
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,539,222.48	
Total	\$ 2,720,105.48	\$ 7,939,404.00

Appling County Board of Education contributions subsequent to the measurement date of June 30, 2014 for TRS are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016. 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
2016	\$ -1,943,741.00
2017	\$ -1,943,741.00
2018	\$ -1,943,741.00
2019	\$ -1,943,742.00
2020	\$ 16,444.00

Actuarial assumptions: The total pension liability as of June 30, 2014 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2013, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Teachers' Retirement System:

Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	3.75 – 7.00%, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table for Males or Females set back two years for males and set back three years for females.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2013 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2009.

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Public School Employees Retirement System:

Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	N/A
Investment rate of return	7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table set forward one year for males for the period after service retirement, for dependent beneficiaries, and for deaths in active service, and the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table set back two years for males and set forward one year for females for the period after disability retirement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2013 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2009.

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

Asset class	Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Fixed income	30.00%	3.00%
Domestic large stocks	39.70%	6.50%
Domestic mid stocks	3.70%	10.00%
Domestic small stocks	1.60%	13.00%
International developed market stocks	18.90%	6.50%
International emerging market stocks	6.10%	11.00%
Total	100.00%	

* Rates shown are net of the 3.00% assumed rate of inflation

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

Sensitivity of the Appling County Board of Education's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability to changes in the discount rate: The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.50%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.50%) than the current rate:

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Teachers' Retirement System:

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current discount rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
School District's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 41,968,922.00	\$ 22,773,726.00	\$ 6,966,881.00

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

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

SCHEDULE "1"

	<u>2015</u>
School District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.180262%
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 22,773,726.00
State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District	<u>305,735.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 23,079,461.00</u>
School District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 18,617,729.89
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	122.32%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	84.03%

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.
Schedule includes all significant plans and funds administered by Appling County Board of Education.

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

	<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 2,591,043.09	\$	2,286,257.23	\$	2,088,036.80
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ <u>2,591,043.09</u>	\$	<u>2,286,257.23</u>	\$	<u>2,088,036.80</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
School District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 19,703,749.80	\$	18,617,729.89	\$	18,300,059.60
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	13.15%		12.28%		11.41%

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Due to the retention policy of the Appling County Board of Education, the School District could only provide 6 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.
Schedule includes all significant plans and funds administered by Appling County Board of Education.

SCHEDULE "2"

<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
\$ 1,859,610.95	\$ 1,886,923.64	\$ 1,885,928.13
<u>\$ 1,859,610.95</u>	<u>\$ 1,886,923.64</u>	<u>\$ 1,885,928.13</u>
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
\$ 18,089,600.68	\$ 18,355,288.33	\$ 19,362,711.81
10.28%	10.28%	9.74%

APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

SCHEDULE "3"

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.

Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions : The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of contributions are calculated as of June 30, three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the contractually required contributions for year ended June 30, 2015 reported in that schedule:

Valuation date	June 30, 2012
Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, open
Remaining amortization period	30 years
Asset valuation method	Seven-year smoothed market
Inflation rate	3.00%
Salary increases	3.75 – 7.00%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

SCHEDULE "4"

	NONAPPROPRIATED BUDGETS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL (1)	FINAL (1)	AMOUNTS	OVER/UNDER
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Property Taxes	\$ 10,730,000.00	\$ 10,730,000.00	\$ 11,972,888.79	\$ 1,242,888.79
Sales Taxes			47,062.46	47,062.46
State Funds	16,362,266.00	16,362,266.00	17,564,125.98	1,201,859.98
Federal Funds	1,601,579.00	1,601,579.00	3,960,253.49	2,358,674.49
Charges for Services	258,151.00	258,151.00	435,957.05	177,806.05
Investment Earnings	5,080.00	5,080.00	6,065.43	985.43
Miscellaneous	131,307.00	131,307.00	1,066,564.75	935,257.75
Total Revenues	29,088,383.00	29,088,383.00	35,052,917.95	5,964,534.95
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction	20,357,091.24	21,799,511.60	22,475,410.10	-675,898.50
Support Services				
Pupil Services	845,160.51	1,027,311.51	1,056,899.24	-29,587.73
Improvement of Instructional Services	638,886.99	1,626,097.63	1,560,234.56	65,863.07
Educational Media Services	533,644.60	533,644.60	506,732.39	26,912.21
General Administration	713,271.57	748,385.57	534,411.34	213,974.23
School Administration	1,612,404.02	1,612,404.02	1,597,789.54	14,614.48
Business Administration	207,866.40	207,866.40	211,636.83	-3,770.43
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	2,540,191.36	2,540,191.36	2,447,019.12	93,172.24
Student Transportation Services	1,867,542.59	1,925,970.59	1,868,072.82	57,897.77
Central Support Services	444,054.00	444,465.00	419,693.07	24,771.93
Other Support Services	124,623.53	223,291.53	234,038.58	-10,747.05
Enterprise Operations			848,812.10	-848,812.10
Food Services Operations	1,902,510.00	1,902,510.00	2,016,930.68	-114,420.68
Total Expenditures	31,787,246.81	34,591,649.81	35,777,680.37	-1,186,030.56
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	-2,698,863.81	-5,503,266.81	-724,762.42	4,778,504.39
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>				
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	1,194,714.30	1,194,714.30		1,914,714.30
Net Change in Fund Balance	-1,504,149.51	-4,308,552.51	-724,762.42	3,583,790.09
Fund Balances - Beginning	7,862,164.11	7,862,164.11	7,862,164.11	0.00
Adjustments	110,302.98	-28,973.61		28,973.61
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 6,468,317.58	\$ 3,524,637.99	\$ 7,137,401.69	\$ 3,612,763.70

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 \$980,220.07 and \$936,655.12, 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.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

SCHEDULE "5"

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	N/A	(2)
National School Lunch Program	* 10.555	N/A	\$ 1,813,453.82 (1)
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			<u>1,813,453.82</u>
Education, U. S. Department of			
Special Education Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Special Education			
Grants to States	84.027	N/A	726,065.29
Preschool Grants	84.173	N/A	<u>28,788.00</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>754,853.29</u>
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
ARRA - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grant	84.395	N/A	3,697.86
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	N/A	45,548.00
English Language Acquisition Grants	84.365	N/A	35,286.86
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	N/A	189,492.13
Migrant Education - State Grant Program	84.011	N/A	178,029.51
Rural Education	84.358	N/A	69,822.26
Title 1 Grants to Local Educational Agencies	* 84.010	N/A	<u>1,156,856.87</u>
Total Other Programs			<u>1,678,733.49</u>
Total U. S. Department of Education			<u>2,433,586.78</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 4,247,040.60</u>

N/A = Not Available

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

- (1) Includes the Federally assigned value of donated commodities for the Food Donation Program in the amount of \$107,396.21.
- (2) Expenditures for the funds earned on the School Breakfast Program (\$350,273.84) were not maintained separately and are included in the 2015 National School Lunch Program.

Major Programs are identified by an asterisk (*) in front of the CFDA number.

The School District did not provide Federal Assistance to any Subrecipient.

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of Federal awards includes the Federal grant activity of the Appling County Board of Education and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is the basis of accounting used in the presentation of the fund financial statements.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

SCHEDULE "6"

AGENCY/FUNDING	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE GENERAL FUND
GRANTS	
Bright from the Start:	
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning	
Pre-Kindergarten Program	\$ 876,966.47
Education, Georgia Department of	
Quality Basic Education	
Direct Instructional Cost	
Kindergarten Program	1,085,795.00
Kindergarten Program - Early Intervention Program	164,386.00
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	2,734,911.00
Primary Grades - Early Intervention (1-3) Program	313,990.00
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	1,065,778.00
Upper Elementary Grades - Early Intervention (4-5) Program	436,039.00
Middle School (6-8) Program	2,008,979.00
High School General Education (9-12) Program	1,679,010.00
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	705,286.00
Students with Disabilities	
Category I	391,681.00
Category II	127,485.00
Category III	1,555,088.00
Category IV	623,509.00
Category V	374,511.00
Gifted Student - Category VI	335,155.00
Remedial Education Program	280,709.00
Alternative Education Program	145,926.00
English For Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	293,878.00
Media Center Program	377,880.00
20 Days Additional Instruction	114,848.00
Staff and Professional Development	65,335.00
Principal Staff and Professional Development	1,641.00
Indirect Cost	
Central Administration	488,271.00
School Administration	816,117.00
Facility Maintenance and Operations	857,248.00
Amended Formula Adjustment	-1,530,585.00
Categorical Grants	
Pupil Transportation	
Regular	639,555.00
Nursing Services	65,318.00
Other State Programs	
Food Services	46,535.00
Math and Science Supplements	12,939.49
Preschool Handicapped Program	67,670.00
Residential and Reintegration Services	5,853.00
Teacher of the Year	1,014.25
Teachers' Retirement	50,817.89
Technology for Connections to Classrooms Bonds	64,655.88
Vocational Education	152,393.00
Vocational Supervisors	13,068.00
Office of State Treasurer	
Public School Employees Retirement	50,069.00
CONTRACT	
Governor's Office of Student Achievement	
Connections to Classrooms (1)	4,400.00
	\$ 17,564,125.98

(1) The purpose of the funds is to improve technology.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

SCHEDULE "7"

PROJECT	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1)	CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3)	TOTAL COMPLETION COST	EXCESS PROCEEDS NOT EXPENDED	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
<u>SPLOST IV Referendum</u>							
(1) Acquiring technology improvements, including safety and security improvements, computer technology, hardware and software;	\$ 4,302,665.00	\$ 4,302,665.00	\$ 339,762.13	\$ 1,970,848.59	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	June 2018
(2) Adding to, renovating, repairing, improving, furnishing, and equipping existing school buildings and other buildings and facilities useful and desirable in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, physical education/athletic facilities, roofing, HVAC, electrical and technology infrastructures, paving, covered walkways and gymnasiums;	11,842,783.00	11,842,783.00	2,867,272.54	2,634,622.91			June 2018
(3) Acquiring new school equipment, including, but not limited to, new buses, transportation, maintenance and school vehicles and equipment;	1,502,000.00	1,502,000.00		520,403.00			June 2018
(4) Acquiring, constructing and equipping new storage facilities and other facilities;	473,664.00	473,664.00					June 2018
(5) Acquiring textbooks and instructional materials and equipment;	1,878,888.00	1,878,888.00	494,211.32	491,223.57			June 2018
(6) Acquiring any necessary or desirable property, both real and personal.							June 2018
	<u>\$ 20,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,701,245.99</u>	<u>\$ 5,617,098.07</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	

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

APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GENERAL FUND - QUALITY BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS (QBE)
ALLOTMENTS AND EXPENDITURES - BY PROGRAM
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

SCHEDULE "8"

DESCRIPTION	ALLOTMENTS FROM GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (1)(2)	ELIGIBLE QBE PROGRAM COSTS		
		SALARIES	OPERATIONS	TOTAL
Direct Instructional Programs				
Kindergarten Program	\$ 1,333,970.00	\$ 1,588,067.64	\$ 80,653.01	\$ 1,668,720.65
Kindergarten Program-Early Intervention Program	214,578.00	163,452.88	85.20	163,538.08
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	3,292,376.00	3,389,047.23	118,191.12	3,507,238.35
Primary Grades-Early Intervention (1-3) Program	385,375.00	200,775.96	1,214.10	201,990.06
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	1,306,263.00	1,180,597.37	64,536.49	1,245,133.86
Upper Elementary Grades-Early Intervention (4-5) Program	517,056.00	268,222.89	4,792.50	273,015.39
Middle School (6-8) Program	2,440,047.00	2,614,730.03	152,441.72	2,767,171.75
High School General Education (9-12) Program	2,048,151.00	2,824,722.92	191,368.59	3,016,091.51
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	859,025.00	959,024.06	71,875.47	1,030,899.53
Students with Disabilities	3,768,097.00			
Category I		152,855.94	1,011.98	153,867.92
Category II		156,189.66	42,365.01	198,554.67
Category III		2,143,513.75	11,592.58	2,155,106.33
Category IV		743,180.04	20,444.98	763,625.02
Category V		350,494.09	33,589.54	384,083.63
Gifted Student - Category VI	411,863.00	151,668.94	3,463.82	155,132.76
Remedial Education Program	342,596.00	176,884.63		176,884.63
Alternative Education Program	177,320.00	50,942.50		50,942.50
English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	352,263.00	434,928.43	1,249.84	436,178.27
TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	17,448,980.00	17,549,298.96	798,875.95	18,348,174.91
Media Center Program	459,718.00	458,356.77	48,375.62	506,732.39
Staff and Professional Development	79,764.00	6,944.62	52,891.88	59,836.50
TOTAL QBE FORMULA FUNDS	\$ 17,988,462.00	\$ 18,014,600.35	\$ 900,143.45	\$ 18,914,743.80

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

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

See notes to the basic financial statements.

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SECTION II

COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS

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DEPARTMENT OF AUDITS AND ACCOUNTS

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August 22, 2016

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

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Appling County Board of Education as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Appling County Board of Education's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 22, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. 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. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items FS 2015-001 and FS 2015-002 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted certain matters that we have reported to management of Appling County Board of Education in a separate letter dated August 22, 2016.

Appling County Board of Education's Response to Findings

Appling County Board of Education's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Appling County Board of Education's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Appling County Board of Education's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. Appling County Board of Education's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Appling County Board of Education's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 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 Appling County Board of Education's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Appling County Board of Education complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of Appling County Board of Education 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 Appling County Board of Education's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, 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 Appling County Board of Education'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 OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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SECTION III

AUDITEE'S RESPONSE TO PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITEE'S RESPONSE
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

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SECTION IV

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

I SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issue:
Governmental Activities; General Fund; Capital Projects Fund;
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness identified? No
- Significant deficiencies identified? Yes

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted: No

Federal Awards

Internal Control over major programs:

- Material weakness identified? No
- Significant deficiency identified? None Reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:
All major programs Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in
accordance with OMB Circular A-133, Section 510(a)? No

Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.553, 10.555	Child Nutrition Cluster
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$300,000.00

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? No

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FS 2015-001 Inadequate Controls over Employee Compensation
Control Category: Employee Compensation – Overtime Pay
Internal Control Impact: Significant Deficiency

Description:

The School District did not have adequate internal controls in place over the calculation of overtime pay.

Criteria:

The School District's management is responsible for designing and maintaining internal controls that ensure employee compensation payments are properly calculated and disbursed.

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II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Condition:

Based on a review of employees' payroll records the following deficiencies were noted:

- Two employees' overtime was incorrectly calculated throughout the year under review.
- One employee was paid overtime wages for working outside the normal work week whether or not overtime was earned.

Cause:

In discussing the issue with management, they stated these deficiencies were the result of a simple oversight by payroll personnel. Current year auditors also noted a lack of policy and procedures in place over the employee compensation process.

Effect or Potential Effect:

This could result in errors in financial reporting and increases the risk of material misstatements in the financial statements, including misstatements due to fraud.

Recommendation:

The School District should implement appropriate procedures to strengthen internal controls over processing of employee compensation. Additionally, the School District should ensure that all overtime pay is based on board approved regulations.

Views of Responsible Officials and Corrective Action Plans:

We concur with this finding. The Board will ensure that internal controls are established, implemented, and functioning at the System level to adequately address overtime and ensure that all said overtime be properly calculated. The Board will monitor controls established to ensure accuracy for any overtime being processed according to said procedures and a review and approval process will be implemented to resolve the issue.

Estimated Corrective Action Date: May 31, 2016

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Control Category:

[Inadequate Accounting Controls over School Activity Accounts](#)

Investments

Revenues/Receivables/Receipts

Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements

Internal Control Impact:

Significant Deficiency

Description:

The accounting procedures of the School District were insufficient to provide adequate internal controls over the school activity accounts.

Criteria:

The School District's management is responsible for designing and maintaining internal controls that provide reasonable assurance that transactions are processed according to established procedures.

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Condition:

Revenues/Receivables/Receipts

A review of five receipts revealed the following deficiencies:

- No receipts were available for review – Appling County High School does not use any form of pre-numbered receipts.
- One receipt was not deposited in a timely manner.

Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements

A review of five vouchers revealed the following deficiency:

- One expenditure did not have approval from the Appling County High School principal prior to payment.

Investments

A review of Student Activity Accounts' bank reconciliations revealed the following deficiencies:

- Funding from one Future Farmers of America Certificate of Deposit was not located in the Future Farmers of America account.

Cause:

In discussing this issue with management it was determined that appropriate student activity controls had not been followed.

Effect or Potential Effect:

Failure to maintain adequate internal controls over school activity accounts increases the risk that misstatements could occur in the financial statements due to errors and/or irregularities and not be detected in a timely manner.

Recommendation:

Management should implement controls to ensure that all receipts are recorded and properly documented. Also, ensure that revenue from receipts are deposited in a timely manner. Additionally, management should ensure that all expenses have proper approval prior to payment for the expense. Management should monitor student activity accounts to ensure they are properly presented, and that the student activity accounts reflect an accurate balance at year end.

Views of Responsible Officials and Corrective Action Plans:

We concur with this finding. The Board will ensure that internal controls are established, implemented, and functioning at the school level and will utilize management oversight at the school level of school activities to properly safeguard assets in a proper and timely manner. The Board will monitor controls established and revise those necessary to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are processed according to said procedures.

Estimated Corrective Action Date: May 31, 2016

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III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.