



# **CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION METTER, GEORGIA**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2019  
(Including Independent Auditor's Reports)**



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of Georgia  
Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia  
Members of the State Board of Education  
and  
Superintendent and Members of the  
Candler County Board of Education

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Candler County Board of Education (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

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

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

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also



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includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the School District as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Other Matters***

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

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and required supplementary information listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The *Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards* is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U. S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 22, 2020 on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg S. Griffin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

May 22, 2020

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CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

## INTRODUCTION

Our discussion and analysis of the Candler County Board of Education's (School District) financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2019 are as follows:

- (1) On the government-wide financial statements, the assets and deferred outflows of the School District exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$7.6 million.
- (2) The School District had \$22.6 million in expenses relating to governmental activities; only \$17.0 million of these expenses are offset by program specific charges for services and grants and contributions. General revenues (primarily property and sales taxes) of \$9.0 million, were adequate to provide for these programs.
- (3) On the government-wide financial statements, the School District reported deferred inflows of resources of \$4.7 million and deferred outflows of resources of \$4.2 million related to defined benefit pension plans and OPEB plan recognized by the implementation of GASB No. 68 and No. 75.
- (4) The general fund (the primary operating fund) ended the fiscal year with a fund balance of \$6.9 million, an increase of \$775 thousand from the prior fiscal year.

## OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This report consists of several parts including management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements and supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two levels of statements that present different views of the School District. These include the government-wide and the fund financial statements. This discussion and analysis of the School District's financial statements provides an overview of its financial activities for the year. Comparative data is provided for fiscal year 2019 and fiscal year 2018.

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

The fund financial statements focus on the individual parts of the School District, reporting the School District's operation in more detail. The governmental funds statements disclose how basic services are financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fiduciary funds statement provides information about the financial relationships in which the School District acts solely as an agent for the benefit of others. The fund financial statements reflect the School District's most significant funds. In the case of the Candler County Board of Education, the general fund, capital projects fund, and debt service fund are the most significant funds.

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

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## GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements are basically a consolidation of all the School District's operating funds into one column called governmental activities. In reviewing the government-wide financial statements, a reader might ask the question about whether the School District is in a better financial position than last year? The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide the basis for answering this question. These financial statements include all of the School District's assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows. They use the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School District's net position and any changes in position. The change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the School District as a whole, the financial position of the School District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the results of many factors, including those not under the School District's control, such as the property tax base, facility conditions, required educational programs, implementation of new accounting pronouncements and other factors.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities reflect the School District's governmental activities.

## FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The School District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions during the fiscal year. However, the fund financial statements presented in this report provide detail information about only the School District's significant or major funds.

Governmental Funds - Most of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The differences between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds are reconciled within the financial statements.

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

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Current and other assets increased by \$2.5 million primarily in the restricted cash and investment accounts due to the deposit of current year sales tax revenue and investment earnings as well as an increase in grants and contributions and miscellaneous revenues.

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Depreciable capital assets decreased \$463 thousand in the current year. Current year depreciation accounted for \$1.3 million of that decrease, which was offset by \$872 thousand in current year depreciable capital asset additions.

In fiscal year 2019, the overall net position increased by \$3.5 million. Assets increased by \$2.9 million while liabilities decreased by \$1.9 million. General and program revenues increased by \$933 thousand and expenditures decreased by \$377 thousand during fiscal year 2019.

Table 1, Statement of Net Position, provides the perspective of the School District as a whole.

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

	Governmental Activities		
	Fiscal Year 2019	Fiscal Year 2018	Net Change
<b>Assets</b>			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 19,563,286	\$ 17,097,777	\$ 2,465,509
Capital Assets, Net	41,303,338	40,903,088	400,250
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>60,866,624</b>	<b>58,000,865</b>	<b>2,865,759</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans	3,436,182	2,674,861	761,321
Related to OPEB Plans	809,685	789,934	19,751
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>4,245,867</b>	<b>3,464,795</b>	<b>781,072</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current and Other Liabilities	3,636,748	3,246,151	390,597
Long-Term Liabilities	17,625,000	17,625,000	-
Net Pension Liability	15,662,137	16,092,703	(430,566)
Net OPEB Liability	15,959,434	17,852,160	(1,892,726)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>52,883,319</b>	<b>54,816,014</b>	<b>(1,932,695)</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans	1,404,826	1,201,529	203,297
Related to OPEB Plan	3,257,736	1,359,397	1,898,339
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>4,662,562</b>	<b>2,560,926</b>	<b>2,101,636</b>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	24,470,823	24,699,843	(229,020)
Restricted	9,223,842	7,757,697	1,466,145
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(26,128,055)	(28,368,820)	2,240,765
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 7,566,610</b>	<b>\$ 4,088,720</b>	<b>\$ 3,477,890</b>



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Table 2 shows the Change in Net Position for fiscal years ending June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2018.

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

	Governmental Activities		
	Fiscal Year 2019	Fiscal Year 2018	Net Change
<b>Revenues</b>			
Program Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$ 290,426	\$ 273,727	\$ 16,699
Operating Grants and Contributions	15,804,426	15,526,545	277,881
Capital Grants and Contributions	947,837	1,027,701	(79,864)
Total Program Revenues	17,042,689	16,827,973	214,716
General Revenues:			
Taxes			
Property Taxes			
For Maintenance and Operations	4,089,743	4,114,115	(24,372)
Railroad Cars	6,380	5,445	935
Sales Taxes			
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax			
For Debt Services	1,330,968	1,233,060	97,908
Other Sales Tax	38,551	54,660	(16,109)
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs	2,316,268	2,002,634	313,634
Investment Earnings	279,064	224,012	55,052
Miscellaneous	933,291	641,734	291,557
Total General Revenues	8,994,265	8,275,660	718,605
Total Revenues	26,036,954	25,103,633	933,321
<b>Program Expenses:</b>			
Instruction	13,172,327	13,780,081	(607,754)
Support Services			
Pupil Services	564,762	541,692	23,070
Improvement of Instructional Services	665,164	571,498	93,666
Educational Media Services	334,140	339,472	(5,332)
General Administration	748,284	719,922	28,362
School Administration	1,171,891	1,285,951	(114,060)
Business Administration	342,153	337,792	4,361
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,300,054	1,280,203	19,851
Student Transportation Services	1,037,476	973,783	63,693
Central Support Services	79,587	89,434	(9,847)
Other Support Services	154,623	162,840	(8,217)
Operations of Non-Instructional Services			
Enterprise Operations	306,240	267,191	39,049
Community Services	75,897	77,225	(1,328)
Food Services	1,591,266	1,494,222	97,044
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	1,015,200	1,015,200	-
Total Expenses	22,559,064	22,936,506	(377,442)
Increase in Net Position	\$ 3,477,890	\$ 2,167,127	\$ 1,310,763

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## GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting these services. Table 3 shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. It identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

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

	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>
	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>
Instruction	\$ 13,172,327	\$ 2,023,312
Support Services		
Pupil Services	564,762	459,529
Improvement of Instructional Services	665,164	212,734
Educational Media Services	334,140	58,709
General Administration	748,284	111,528
School Administration	1,171,891	616,499
Business Administration	342,153	336,521
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,300,054	533,872
Student Transportation Services	1,037,476	571,228
Central Support Services	79,587	77,630
Other Support Services	154,623	154,107
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Enterprise Operations	306,240	188,162
Community Services	75,897	7,843
Food Services	1,591,266	20,118
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	1,015,200	144,583
	<u>\$ 22,559,064</u>	<u>\$ 5,516,375</u>

Although program revenues make up a majority of the funding, the School District is still dependent upon tax revenues for governmental activities. For fiscal year 2019, 24% of expenses were supplemented by taxes and other general revenues.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The School District's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The governmental funds had total revenues of \$26.1 million and total expenditures of \$24.0 million. The excess of revenues over expenditures was due to a cognizant fiscal effort to keep expenses in line with state and federal funding, while maintaining an educational environment to meet the needs of our students. Capital projects fund started new construction projects at Metter High School which were funded by transfers from the general fund. SPLOST revenues and the QSCB IRS Subsidy recorded in the debt service fund were adequate to make the required debt payments.

## GENERAL FUND BUDGETING HIGHLIGHTS

The School District's budget is prepared in accordance with Georgia law. The most significant budgeted fund is the general fund, which includes local, state and federal funds collected and disbursed for the purpose of operating the School District.

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The School District's budget is based on its overall mission and incorporates site-based budgeting into the budget process to control total site budgets but provide flexibility for site management.

For the general fund, the actual revenues of \$23.6 million exceeded the final budgeted amount of \$21.8 million by \$1.8 million. This difference between actual revenues and final budget revenues was due to several reasons. Property taxes were better than budgeted due to a constant millage rate, an increase in TAVT tax collections, and a successful effort to collect delinquent taxes by the tax commissioner. State funds were better than budgeted due to increases in the QBE funding formula on the Mid-Term Allotment, the elimination of the Austerity reduction, and an increase in the Equalization grant. Charges for services and miscellaneous revenues were also higher than budgeted because the School District does not budget for the daycare or afterschool programs, nor does it budget for school activity accounts and other special revenue funds.

The actual expenditures of \$21.6 million were less than the final budgeted amount of \$21.7 million by \$100 thousand. This difference was primarily due to the School District not budgeting for school activity accounts nor the daycare, afterschool programs and various other special revenue funds.

### CAPITAL ASSETS

At fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the School District had \$41.3 million invested in capital assets in the governmental funds. In 2019, several new renovation/construction projects at Metter High School began that are reflected in the construction in progress and land improvements categories. Table 4 reflects a summary of these balances net of accumulated depreciation. The School District's capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, totaling \$41.3 million are comprised of buildings and building improvements (91.5%), land and land improvements (3.8%), construction in progress (2.1%) and equipment (2.6%). Additional information about the School District's capital assets can be found in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

**Table 4**  
**Capital Assets**  
**(Net of Depreciation)**

	Governmental Activities		
	Fiscal Year 2019	Fiscal Year 2018	Net Change
Land	\$ 830,480	\$ 830,480	\$ -
Construction in Progress	863,270	-	863,270
Buildings and Building Improvements	37,798,698	38,586,758	(788,060)
Equipment	1,055,220	1,033,621	21,599
Land Improvements	755,670	452,229	303,441
	<u>\$ 41,303,338</u>	<u>\$ 40,903,088</u>	<u>\$ 400,250</u>

### LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The Candler County School District had long-term liabilities of \$17.6 million related to General Government QSCB Series 2011 Bonds. The bonds are to be paid back by March 2026 with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax funds. The School District maintains an A1 underlying rating from Moody's Investors Service, which is the highest public rating that is GO-related.

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## **CURRENT ISSUES**

Like most school systems in the State of Georgia, the Candler County School District still feels the negative impacts and effects of the economic recession from years prior. Beginning back in fiscal year 2003, the state authorized austerity cuts (or amended formula adjustments), which negatively impacted the QBE funding formula funds that help to fund the education of our students. While the economic conditions of the State of Georgia are improving as of 2019, the state continues to underfund education. In addition, employer health insurance and TRS pension costs funded by the School District have risen over the past few years which have negatively impacted our financial position. However, due to Candler County Board of Education's close monitoring of revenues and expenditures over several years, our fund balance was sufficient enough to provide for any current year shortfalls in state and federal funding. Candler County School District is in very sound financial condition. The general fund has an unassigned fund balance of \$6.3 million which is an increase of about \$728 thousand from the prior fiscal year.

In December 2019, a strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) began to spread worldwide, resulting in a severe impact to the United States economy in March 2020. The spread of COVID-19 has had a negative impact on virtually all businesses and individuals which comprise the tax base of all levels of government. The extent of this impact is uncertain but is expected to have negative results on financial operations, however the impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

The School District will continue to be a good steward and look for ways to align resources and costs in a way to ensure the best opportunity for student success.

## **CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact Denise Strickland, CPA, Finance Director for the Candler County Board of Education, 210 S. College Street, Metter, GA 30439. You may also email your questions to Ms. Strickland at [dstrickland@metter.org](mailto:dstrickland@metter.org).

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2019

EXHIBIT "A"

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 7,726,392.88
Receivables, Net	
Interest	95,088.48
Taxes	550,227.65
State Government	1,760,448.52
Federal Government	332,834.37
Other	423,317.70
Inventories	67,903.76
Restricted Cash held by Trustee	474,477.37
Restricted Investments held by Trustee	8,132,595.07
Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable	1,693,750.00
Capital Assets, Depreciable (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>39,609,588.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>60,866,623.80</u>
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans	3,436,182.21
Related to OPEB Plan	<u>809,685.00</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>4,245,867.21</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	206,980.03
Salaries and Benefits Payable	2,465,757.12
Interest Payable	334,741.16
Contracts Payable	542,943.00
Retainages Payable	86,327.00
Net Pension Liability	15,662,137.00
Net OPEB Liability	15,959,434.00
Long-Term Liabilities	
Due in More Than One Year	<u>17,625,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>52,883,319.31</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans	1,404,826.00
Related to OPEB Plan	<u>3,257,736.00</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>4,662,562.00</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	24,470,822.80
Restricted for	
Continuation of Federal Programs	454,357.09
Debt Service	8,769,484.90
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(26,128,055.09)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 7,566,609.70</u>



CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
JUNE 30, 2019

	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>
<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>		
Instruction	\$ 13,172,327.17	\$ -
Support Services		
Pupil Services	564,762.21	-
Improvement of Instructional Services	665,164.14	-
Educational Media Services	334,140.07	-
General Administration	748,284.23	-
School Administration	1,171,890.83	-
Business Administration	342,153.08	-
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,300,054.16	1,500.00
Student Transportation Services	1,037,475.47	28,775.16
Central Support Services	79,587.35	-
Other Support Services	154,623.20	-
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Enterprise Operations	306,239.93	118,078.39
Community Services	75,896.92	68,053.44
Food Services	1,591,265.39	74,019.50
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	1,015,200.00	-
	<u>\$ 22,559,064.15</u>	<u>\$ 290,426.49</u>
Total Governmental Activities		
General Revenues		
Taxes		
Property Taxes		
For Maintenance and Operations		
Railroad Cars		
Sales Taxes		
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax		
For Debt Services		
Other Sales Tax		
Grants and Contributions not Restricted to Specific Programs		
Investment Earnings		
Miscellaneous		
Total General Revenues		
Change in Net Position		
Net Position - Beginning of Year		
Net Position - End of Year		

## EXHIBIT "B"

PROGRAM REVENUES		NET (EXPENSES)	
OPERATING	CAPITAL	REVENUES	
GRANTS AND	GRANTS AND	AND CHANGES IN	
CONTRIBUTIONS	CONTRIBUTIONS	NET POSITION	
\$ 11,149,014.57	\$ -	\$ (2,023,312.60)	
105,233.22	-	(459,528.99)	
452,430.15	-	(212,733.99)	
275,431.00	-	(58,709.07)	
636,756.51	-	(111,527.72)	
555,392.00	-	(616,498.83)	
5,631.77	-	(336,521.31)	
764,682.55	-	(533,871.61)	
360,252.44	77,220.00	(571,227.87)	
1,957.51	-	(77,629.84)	
516.00	-	(154,107.20)	
-	-	(188,161.54)	
-	-	(7,843.48)	
1,497,127.79	-	(20,118.10)	
-	870,616.97	(144,583.03)	
\$ 15,804,425.51	\$ 947,836.97	(5,516,375.18)	

4,089,743.09  
6,380.22

1,330,968.28  
38,550.85  
2,316,268.00  
279,063.30  
933,290.84

8,994,264.58

3,477,889.40

4,088,720.30

\$ 7,566,609.70

CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2019

EXHIBIT "C"

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 7,183,449.88	\$ 542,943.00	\$ -	\$ 7,726,392.88
Receivables, Net				
Taxes	435,439.40	-	114,788.25	550,227.65
State Government	1,760,448.52	-	-	1,760,448.52
Federal Government	332,834.37	-	-	332,834.37
Other	136,040.81	-	-	136,040.81
Inventories	67,903.76	-	-	67,903.76
Restricted Cash held by Trustee	-	-	474,477.37	474,477.37
Restricted Investments held by Trustee	-	-	8,132,595.07	8,132,595.07
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
 Total Assets	 \$ 9,916,116.74	 \$ 542,943.00	 \$ 8,721,860.69	 \$ 19,180,920.43
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 206,980.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 206,980.03
Salaries and Benefits Payable	2,465,757.12	-	-	2,465,757.12
Contracts Payable	-	542,943.00	-	542,943.00
Retainages Payable	-	86,327.00	-	86,327.00
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Total Liabilities	2,672,737.15	629,270.00	-	3,302,007.15
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>				
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	332,285.81	-	-	332,285.81
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>				
Nonspendable	67,903.76	-	-	67,903.76
Restricted	386,453.33	-	8,721,860.69	9,108,314.02
Committed	157,066.25	-	-	157,066.25
Unassigned (Deficit)	6,299,670.44	(86,327.00)	-	6,213,343.44
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Total Fund Balances	6,911,093.78	(86,327.00)	8,721,860.69	15,546,627.47
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
 Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	 \$ 9,916,116.74	 \$ 542,943.00	 \$ 8,721,860.69	 \$ 19,180,920.43
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2019

EXHIBIT "D"

Total fund balances - governmental funds (Exhibit "C") \$ 15,546,627.47

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Land	\$	830,480.00		
Construction in progress		863,270.00		
Buildings and improvements		46,982,030.00		
Equipment		4,173,694.00		
Land improvements		2,218,248.00		
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(13,764,384.00)</u>		41,303,338.00

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

Net pension liability	\$	(15,662,137.00)		
Net OPEB liability		<u>(15,959,434.00)</u>		(31,621,571.00)

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

Related to pensions	\$	2,031,356.21		
Related to OPEB		<u>(2,448,051.00)</u>		(416,694.79)

Taxes that are not available to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in the funds.				332,285.81
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Accrued interest revenue on repurchase agreement not earned in the current period and therefore not reported as a receivable on the fund level.				95,088.48
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Long-term liabilities, and related accrued interest, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Qualified School Construction Bonds Payable	\$	(17,625,000.00)		
Accrued interest payable		<u>(334,741.16)</u>		(17,959,741.16)

Qualified School Construction Bond interest subsidy that is not earned in the current period is not reported as a receivable on the fund level.				<u>287,276.89</u>
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Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "A") \$ 7,566,609.70

CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

EXHIBIT "E"

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Property Taxes	\$ 4,154,653.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,154,653.83
Sales Taxes	38,550.85	-	1,330,968.28	1,369,519.13
State Funds	15,055,088.26	-	-	15,055,088.26
Federal Funds	3,148,136.11	-	-	3,148,136.11
Charges for Services	290,426.49	-	-	290,426.49
Investment Earnings	10,244.90	-	251,860.26	262,105.16
Miscellaneous	933,290.84	-	869,391.90	1,802,682.74
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Total Revenues	23,630,391.28	-	2,452,220.44	26,082,611.72
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction	13,148,806.18	-	-	13,148,806.18
Support Services				
Pupil Services	588,824.99	-	-	588,824.99
Improvement of Instructional Services	709,345.10	-	-	709,345.10
Educational Media Services	279,543.82	-	-	279,543.82
General Administration	651,285.61	-	-	651,285.61
School Administration	1,194,608.64	-	-	1,194,608.64
Business Administration	331,199.15	-	10,887.50	342,086.65
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,560,717.95	-	-	1,560,717.95
Student Transportation Services	921,131.29	-	-	921,131.29
Central Support Services	121,106.22	-	-	121,106.22
Other Support Services	154,190.33	-	-	154,190.33
Enterprise Operations	306,239.93	-	-	306,239.93
Community Services	76,137.13	-	-	76,137.13
Food Services Operation	1,575,306.22	-	-	1,575,306.22
Capital Outlay	-	1,322,823.16	-	1,322,823.16
Debt Services				
Interest	-	-	1,015,200.00	1,015,200.00
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Total Expenditures	21,618,442.56	1,322,823.16	1,026,087.50	23,967,353.22
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Revenues over (under) Expenditures	2,011,948.72	(1,322,823.16)	1,426,132.94	2,115,258.50
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers In	-	1,236,496.16	-	1,236,496.16
Transfers Out	(1,236,496.16)	-	-	(1,236,496.16)
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Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,236,496.16)	1,236,496.16	-	-
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Net Change in Fund Balances	775,452.56	(86,327.00)	1,426,132.94	2,115,258.50
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Fund Balances - Beginning	6,135,641.22	-	7,295,727.75	13,431,368.97
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Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 6,911,093.78	\$ (86,327.00)	\$ 8,721,860.69	\$ 15,546,627.47
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CANDLER 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, 2019

EXHIBIT "F"

Net change in fund balances total governmental funds (Exhibit "E")	\$	2,115,258.50
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

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

Capital outlay	\$	1,735,210.00	
Depreciation expense		<u>(1,334,960.00)</u>	400,250.00

Taxes reported in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		(58,530.52)
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District pension contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds when made. However, they are reported as deferred outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position because the reported net pension/OPEB liability is measured a year before the District's report date. Pension/OPEB expense, which is the change in the net pension/OPEB liability adjusted for changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions/OPEB, is reported in the Statement of Activities.

Pension expense	\$	988,590.21	
OPEB expense		<u>14,138.00</u>	1,002,728.21

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

Increase in interest receivable on repurchase agreement		16,958.14
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Qualified School Construction Bond interest subsidy that is not earned in the current period is not reported as revenue on the fund level.		<u>1,225.07</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "B")	\$	<u><u>3,477,889.40</u></u>
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CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2019

EXHIBIT "G"

	<u>PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUSTS</u>	<u>AGENCY FUNDS</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 8,844.99	\$ 32,639.84
Investments	<u>112,408.70</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 121,253.69</u>	 <u>\$ 32,639.84</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Funds Held for Others		\$ <u>32,639.84</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>		
Held in Trust for Private Purposes	\$ <u>121,253.69</u>	

CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

EXHIBIT "H"

	PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUSTS
<u>ADDITIONS</u>	
Contributions	
Donors	\$ 111,242.64
Investment Earnings	
Interest	<u>1,188.78</u>
Total Additions	<u>112,431.42</u>
<u>DEDUCTIONS</u>	
Scholarships	<u>14,000.00</u>
Change in Net Position	98,431.42
Net Position - Beginning	<u>22,822.27</u>
Net Position - Ending	\$ <u><u>121,253.69</u></u>



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

### **REPORTING ENTITY**

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

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

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

### **BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

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

### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The School District reports the following fiduciary fund types:

- Private purpose trust funds are used to report all trust arrangements, other than those properly reported elsewhere, in which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations or other governments.
- Agency funds are used to report resources held by the School District in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

### **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

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

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

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

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

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

#### **NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In fiscal year 2019, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*. This statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations (AROs). An ARO is a legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. A government that has legal obligations to perform future asset retirement activities related to its tangible capital assets should recognize a liability based on the guidance in this statement. The adoption of this statement did not have an impact on the School District's financial statements.

In fiscal year 2019, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements*. The primary objective of this statement is to improve the information that is disclosed in notes to government financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements. It also clarifies which liabilities governments should include when disclosing information related to debt. The School District included additional information in the Long-term Liabilities note disclosure.

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

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

#### **INVESTMENTS**

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

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

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

#### **RECEIVABLES**

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

CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2019

EXHIBIT "I"

## INVENTORIES

### Food Inventories

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

## RESTRICTED ASSETS

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

## CAPITAL ASSETS

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

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

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

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

	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Land	All	N/A
Land Improvements	\$ 5,000.00	15 years
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 5,000.00	10 to 50 years
Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	5 to 15 years
Intangible Assets		
Software	\$ 150,000.00	Determined at purchase
Easements	\$ 100,000.00	Determined at purchase
Land Use Rights	\$ 100,000.00	Determined at purchase
Patents, Trademarks and Copyrights	\$ 100,000.00	Determined at purchase

## DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

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

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

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

In the School District's government-wide financial statements, outstanding debt is reported as liabilities. Bond issuance costs are recognized as an outflow of resources in the fiscal year in which the bonds are issued.

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

#### **PENSIONS**

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

#### **POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)**

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Georgia School Employees Postemployment Benefit Fund (School OPEB Fund) and additions to/deductions from School OPEB Fund fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by School OPEB Fund. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

#### **FUND BALANCES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### USE OF ESTIMATES

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

### PROPERTY TAXES

The Candler County Board of Commissioners adopted the property tax levy for the 2018 tax digest year (calendar year) on October 5, 2018 (levy date) based on property values as of January 1, 2018. Taxes were due on December 20, 2018 (lien date). Taxes collected within the current fiscal year or within 60 days after year-end on the 2018 tax digest are reported as revenue in the governmental funds for fiscal year 2019. The Candler County Tax Commissioner bills and collects the property taxes for the School District, withholds 0.1% of taxes collected as a fee for tax collection and remits the balance of taxes collected to the School District. Property tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, for maintenance and operations amounted to \$3,759,866.73.

The tax millage rate levied for the 2018 tax year (calendar year) for the School District was as follows (a mill equals \$1 per thousand dollars of assessed value):

School Operations	<u>14.00</u> mills
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Additionally, Title Ad Valorem Tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, amounted to \$388,406.88 during fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

### SALES TAXES

Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), at the fund reporting level, during the year amounted to \$1,330,968.28 and is to be used for capital outlay for educational purposes or debt service. This sales tax was authorized by local referendum and the sales tax must be re-authorized at least every five years.

### NOTE 3: BUDGETARY DATA

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

The budgetary process begins with the School District's administration presenting an initial budget for the Board's review. The administration makes revisions as necessary based on the Board's guidelines, and a tentative budget is approved. After approval of this tentative budget by the Board, such budget is advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality, as well as the School District's website. At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board after advertisement, the Board receives comments on the tentative budget, makes revisions as necessary



and adopts a final budget. The approved budget is then submitted, in accordance with provisions of O.C.G.A. §20-2-167(c), to the Georgia Department of Education. The Board may increase or decrease the budget at any time during the year. All unexpended budget authority lapses at fiscal year-end.

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

#### **NOTE 4: DEPOSITS, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS**

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

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

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, 2019, the School District had deposits with a carrying amount of \$7,767,877.71, and a bank balance of \$7,834,573.34. The bank balances insured by Federal depository insurance were \$437,890.31. The bank balances included in the State's Deposit Program (SDP) were \$7,396,683.03.

The School District participates in the State's Secure Deposit Program, a multi-bank pledging pool. The SDP requires participating banks that accept public deposits in Georgia to operate under the policy and procedures of the program. The Georgia Office of State Treasurer (OST) sets the collateral requirement and pledging level of each covered depository. There are four tiers of collateralization levels specifying percentages of eligible securities to secure covered deposits: 25%, 50%, 75%,

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and 110%. The SDP also provides for collateral levels to be increased to an amount of up to 125% if economic or financial conditions warrant. The program lists the type of eligible collateral. The OST approved authorized custodians.

In accordance with the SDP, if a covered depository defaults, losses to public depositors are first satisfied with any applicable insurance, followed by demands of payment under any letters of credit or sale of the covered depository's collateral. If necessary, any remaining losses are to be satisfied by assessments made against the other participating depositories. Therefore, for disclosure purposes, all deposits of the SDP are considered to be fully collateralized.

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

Cash and cash equivalents	
Statement of Net Position	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,726,392.88
Restricted cash held by trustee	474,477.37
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position	
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>41,484.83</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	8,242,355.08
Less:	
Investment pools reported as cash and cash equivalents	
FIMM Treasury Portfolio Select	0.03
Georgia Fund 1	<u>474,477.34</u>
Total carrying value of deposits - June 30, 2019	<u>\$ 7,767,877.71</u>

#### CATEGORIZATION OF CASH EQUIVALENTS

The School District reported cash equivalents of \$0.03 in short-term investments (FIMM Treasury Portfolio Select) with a maturity date of less than 90 days.

The School District reported cash equivalents of \$474,477.34 in Georgia Fund 1, a local government investment pool, which is included in the cash balances above. Georgia Fund 1 is not registered with the SEC as an investment company and does not operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The investment is valued at the pool's share price, \$1.00 per share, which approximates fair value. The pool is an AAAf 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, 2019, was 39 days.

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



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### CATEGORIZATION OF INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2019, the School District had the following investments:

Investment Type	Cost-Based	Fair Value	Investment Maturity	
			Less Than 1 Year	6 - 10 Years
Debt Securities				
Repurchase Agreements	\$ 8,132,595.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,132,595.07
Mutual Funds				
Money Market Funds	-	112,408.70	112,408.70	-
Total Investments	\$ 8,132,595.07	\$ 112,408.70	\$ 112,408.70	\$ 8,132,595.07

### Fair Value of Investments

The School District measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established by generally accepted accounting principles. These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices for identical investments in active markets;
- Level 2: Observable inputs other than quoted market prices; and,
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs.

At June 30, the School District had the following investments by fair value level:

Mutual funds – money market funds of \$112,408.70 are valued using observable inputs other than quoted market prices. (Level 2 inputs)

### Interest Rate Risk

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

### Custodial Credit Risk

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

At June 30, 2019, \$8,132,595.07 of the School District's applicable investments were held by the investment's counterparty, not in the School District's name.

### Credit Quality Risk

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

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The investments subject to credit quality risk are reflected below:

Rated Debt Investments	Cost-Based	Fair Value	Quality Ratings	
			BBB	Unrated
Debt Securities				
Repurchase Agreements	\$ 8,132,595.07	\$ -	\$ 8,132,595.07	\$ -
Mutual Funds				
Money Market Funds	-	112,408.70	-	112,408.70
Totals by Quality Ratings	\$ 8,132,595.07	\$ 112,408.70	\$ 8,132,595.07	\$ 112,408.70

### Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The School District does not have a formal policy for managing concentration of credit risk. More than 5% of the School District's investments are in repurchase agreements. This investment is 98.64% of the School District's total investments.

### NOTE 5: RESTRICTED ASSETS

The restricted assets represent the cash balance and investment balance, totaling \$474,477.37 and \$8,132,595.07, respectively, for the QSCB Bond Sinking Fund.

### NOTE 6: CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balances July 1, 2018	Increases	Decreases	Balances June 30, 2019
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 830,480.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 830,480.00
Construction in Progress	-	863,270.00	-	863,270.00
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	830,480.00	863,270.00	-	1,693,750.00
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Buildings and Improvements	46,791,909.00	190,121.00	-	46,982,030.00
Equipment	3,960,569.00	257,757.00	44,632.00	4,173,694.00
Land Improvements	1,794,186.00	424,062.00	-	2,218,248.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Improvements	8,205,151.00	978,181.00	-	9,183,332.00
Equipment	2,926,948.00	236,158.00	44,632.00	3,118,474.00
Land Improvements	1,341,957.00	120,621.00	-	1,462,578.00
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	40,072,608.00	(463,020.00)	-	39,609,588.00
Governmental Activities Capital Assets - Net	\$ 40,903,088.00	\$ 400,250.00	\$ -	\$ 41,303,338.00

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Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:

Instruction		\$ 800,976.00
Support Services		
Educational Media Services	\$ 66,748.00	
General Administration	120,146.40	
School Administration	53,398.40	
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	26,699.20	
Student Transportation Services	<u>200,244.00</u>	467,236.00
Food Services		<u>66,748.00</u>
		<u>\$ 1,334,960.00</u>

**NOTE 7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

**INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2019, consisted of the following:

<u>Transfers to</u>	<u>Transfers From General Fund</u>
Capital Projects Fund	\$ <u>1,236,496.16</u>

Transfers are used to move property tax revenues collected by the general fund to the capital projects fund as a funding source for capital construction projects.

**NOTE 8: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

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

	Governmental Activities				
	<u>Balance July 1, 2018</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Qualified School Construction Bonds	\$ <u>17,625,000.00</u>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ <u>17,625,000.00</u>	\$ -

The School District had no unused line of credit or outstanding notes from direct borrowings and direct placements related to governmental activities as of June 30, 2019. In the event the entity is unable to make the principal and interest payments using proceeds of the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), the debt will be satisfied from the general fund or from a direct annual ad valorem tax levied upon all taxable property within the School District. Additional security is provided by the State of Georgia Intercept Program which allows for state appropriations entitled to the School District to be transferred to the Debt Service Account Custodian for the payment of debt.

**QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS (QSCB)**

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

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When the stated interest rate on the QSCB results in interest payments that exceed the supplemental interest payments discussed in the preceding paragraph, the School District may apply for a direct cash subsidy payment from the U.S. Treasury which is intended to reduce the stated interest rate to a nominal percentage. To qualify for this subsidy the School District is required to periodically file appropriate documents with the Internal Revenue Service. These subsidy payments do not include the amount of any supplemental interest paid on a QSCB. The interest subsidy received by the School District in fiscal year 2019 was \$869,391.90, which funded all but \$145,808.10 of interest expense due on the QSCB.

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

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
General Government - QSCB Series 2011	5.76%	3/10/2011	3/1/2026	\$ 17,625,000.00	\$ 17,625,000.00

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

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	Principal	Interest
2020	\$ -	\$ 1,015,200.00
2021	-	1,015,200.00
2022	-	1,015,200.00
2023	-	1,015,200.00
2024	-	1,015,200.00
2025 - 2026	17,625,000.00	2,030,400.00
Total Principal and Interest	\$ 17,625,000.00	\$ 7,106,400.00

## **NOTE 9: RISK MANAGEMENT**

### **INSURANCE**

#### **Commercial Insurance**

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

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

### **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

The School District is self-insured with regard to unemployment compensation claims. A premium is charged when needed by the general fund to each user program on the basis of the percentage of that fund's payroll to total payroll in order to cover estimated claims budgeted by management based on known claims and prior experience. The School District accounts for claims with expenses/expenditures and liability being reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated.

The School District had no unemployment compensation liability, claims or paid claims during the last two fiscal years.

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**SURETY BOND**

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

<u>Position Covered</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Superintendent	\$ 50,000.00
Finance Director	\$ 10,000.00
Curriculum Director	\$ 10,000.00
Each Principal (3)	\$ 10,000.00
Each School Bookkeeper (2)	\$ 10,000.00

**NOTE 10: FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION DETAILS**

The School District's financial statements include the following amounts presented in the aggregate at June 30, 2019:

Nonspendable		
Inventories		\$ 67,903.76
Restricted		
Continuation of Federal Programs	\$ 386,453.33	
Debt Service	<u>8,721,860.69</u>	9,108,314.02
Committed		
School Activity Accounts		157,066.25
Unassigned		<u>6,213,343.44</u>
 Fund Balance, June 30, 2019		 <u>\$ 15,546,627.47</u>

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

**NOTE 11: SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS**

**COMMITMENTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

The following is an analysis of significant outstanding construction or renovation contracts executed by the School District as of June 30, 2019:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Unearned Executed Contracts (1)</u>	<u>Payments through June 30, 2019 (2)</u>
Metter High School Renovations and Athletic Enhancements	\$ <u>1,425,056.00</u>	\$ <u>863,270.00</u>

(1) The amounts described are not reflected in the basic financial statements.

(2) Payments include contracts and retainages payable at year end.

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### OPERATING LEASES

The School District leases copiers under the provisions of one or more long-term lease agreements classified as operating leases for accounting purposes. Rental expenditures under the terms of the operating leases(s) totaled \$39,901.68 for governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2019. The following future minimum lease payments were required under operating leases at June 30, 2019:

Year Ending	Governmental Funds
2020	\$ 37,754.64
2021	24,989.72
2022	7,385.34
2023	1,444.80
2024	120.40
Total	\$ 71,694.90

### NOTE 12: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

#### FEDERAL GRANTS

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

#### LITIGATION

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

### NOTE 13: OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

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

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

**Benefits Provided:** The School OPEB Fund provides healthcare benefits for retirees and their dependents due under the group health plan for public school teachers, including librarians, other certified employees of public schools, regional educational service agencies and non-certified public school employees. Retiree medical eligibility is attained when an employee retires and is immediately eligible to draw a retirement annuity from Employees' Retirement System (ERS), Georgia Judicial Retirement System (JRS), Legislative Retirement System (LRS), Teachers Retirement System (TRS) or Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS). If elected, dependent coverage starts on the same day as retiree coverage. Medicare-eligible retirees are offered Standard and Premium Medicare Advantage plan options. Non-Medicare eligible retiree plan options include Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA), Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). The School OPEB Fund also pays for administrative expenses of the fund. By law, no other use of the assets of the School OPEB Fund is permitted.

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**Contributions:** As established by the Board, the School OPEB Fund is substantially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis; that is, annual cost of providing benefits will be financed in the same year as claims occur. Contributions to the School OPEB Fund from the School District were \$678,273.00 for the year ended June 30, 2019. Active employees are not required to contribute to the School OPEB Fund.

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

At June 30, 2019, the School District reported a liability of \$15,959,434.00 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2018. The total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2017. An expected total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2018 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was actuarially determined based on employer contributions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. At June 30, 2018, the School District's proportion was 0.125569%, which was a decrease of 0.001493% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the School District recognized OPEB expense of \$664,135.00. At June 30, 2019, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	OPEB	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 363,014.00
Changes of assumptions	-	2,703,605.00
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	21,593.00	-
Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	109,819.00	191,117.00
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>678,273.00</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	\$ <u>809,685.00</u>	\$ <u>3,257,736.00</u>

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School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:	<u>OPEB</u>
2020	\$ (601,682.00)
2021	\$ (601,682.00)
2022	\$ (601,682.00)
2023	\$ (602,973.00)
2024	\$ (511,681.00)
2025	\$ (206,624.00)

**Actuarial assumptions:** The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2018 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2017 using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement and rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2018:

***OPEB:***

Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	3.25% - 9.00%, including inflation
Long-term expected rate of return	7.30%, compounded annually, net of investment expense, and including inflation
Healthcare cost trend rate	
Pre-Medicare Eligible	7.50%
Medicare Eligible	5.50%
Ultimate trend rate	
Pre-Medicare Eligible	4.75%
Medicare Eligible	4.75%
Year of Ultimate trend rate	
Pre-Medicare Eligible	2028
Medicare Eligible	2022

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

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



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The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the pension systems, which covered the five-year period ending June 30, 2014.

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g., initial per capita costs, health care cost trends, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2017 valuation.

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

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. During fiscal year 2018, the School OPEB fund updated their investment strategy to a more long-term approach. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Target allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return*
Fixed income	30.00%	(0.50)%
Domestic Stocks – Large Cap	37.20%	9.00%
Domestic Stocks – Mid Cap	3.40%	12.00%
Domestic Stocks – Small Cap	1.40%	13.50%
Int'l Stocks - Developed Mkt	17.80%	8.00%
Int'l Stocks - Emerging Mkt	5.20%	12.00%
Alternatives	5.00%	10.50%
Total	100.00%	

\*Net of Inflation

**Discount rate:** The discount rate has changed since the prior measurement date from 3.58% to 3.87%. In order to measure the total OPEB liability for the School OPEB Fund, a single equivalent interest rate of 3.87% was used as the discount rate. This is comprised mainly of the yield or index rate for 20-year tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA or higher (3.87% per the Bond Buyers Index). The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from members and from the employer will be made at the current level as averaged over the last five years, adjusted for annual projected changes in headcount. Projected future benefit payments for all current plan members were projected through 2118. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make OPEB payments for inactive employees through year 2018. Therefore, the calculated discount rate of 3.87% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

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***Sensitivity of the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate:*** The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.87%, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.87%) or 1 percentage-point higher (4.87%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.87%)	Current Discount Rate (3.87%)	1% Increase (4.87%)
School District's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 18,635,615.00	\$ 15,959,434.00	\$ 13,801,374.00

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

	1% Decrease	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
School District's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 13,417,225.00	\$ 15,959,434.00	\$ 19,208,284.00

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

#### **NOTE 14: RETIREMENT PLANS**

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

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

***Plan Description:*** All teachers of the School District as defined in O.C.G.A §47-3-60 and certain other support personnel as defined by §47-3-63 are provided a pension through the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (TRS). TRS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, is administered by the TRS Board of Trustees (TRS Board). Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. The Teachers Retirement System of Georgia issues a publicly available separate financial report that can be obtained at [www.trsga.com/publications](http://www.trsga.com/publications).

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

***Contributions:*** Per Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., contribution requirements of active employees and participating employers, as actuarially determined, are established and may be amended by the TRS Board. 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 2019. The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2019 was 20.90% of annual School District payroll, of which 20.69% of payroll was required from the School District and 0.21% of payroll was required from the State. For the current fiscal year, employer contributions to the pension plan were \$2,133,713.59 and \$20,452.86 from the School District and the State, respectively.

#### **EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

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

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

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

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

**Contributions:** Member contributions under the old plan are 4% of annual compensation, up to \$4,200.00, plus 6% of annual compensation in excess of \$4,200.00. Under the old plan, the state pays member contributions in excess of 1.25% of annual compensation. Under the old plan, these state contributions are included in the members' accounts for refund purposes and are used in the computation of the members' earnable compensation for the purpose of computing retirement benefits. Member contributions under the new plan and GSEPS are 1.25% of annual compensation. The School District's required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2019 was 24.78% of annual covered payroll for old and new plan members and 21.78% for GSEPS members. The rates include the annual actuarially determined employer contributions rate of 24.66% of annual covered payroll of new and old plan members and 21.66% of GSEPS members, plus a 0.12% adjustment for the HB 751 one-time benefit adjustment of 3% to retired state employees. Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Employer contributions to the pension plan were \$21,752.62 for the current fiscal year.

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

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

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

Upon retirement, the member will receive a monthly benefit of \$15.00, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Death and disability benefits are also available through PSERS. Additionally, PSERS may make periodic cost-of-living adjustments to the monthly benefits. Upon termination of employment, member contributions with accumulated interest are refundable upon request by the member. However, if an otherwise vested member terminates and withdraws his/her member contribution, the member forfeits all rights to retirement benefits.

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

Individuals who became members prior to July 1, 2012 contribute \$4 per month for nine months each fiscal year. Individuals who became members on or after July 1, 2012 contribute \$10 per month for nine months each fiscal year. The State of Georgia, although not the employer of PSERS members, is required by statute to make employer contributions actuarially determined and approved and certified by the PSERS Board of Trustees. The current fiscal year contribution was \$38,852.00.

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

At June 30, 2019, the School District reported a liability of \$15,662,137.00 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for TRS (\$15,521,663.00) and ERS (\$140,474.00).

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

School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 15,521,663.00
State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District	<u>170,215.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 15,691,878.00</u>

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The net pension liability for TRS and ERS was measured as of June 30, 2018. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2017. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2018 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on contributions to TRS and ERS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

At June 30, 2018, the School District's TRS proportion was 0.083620%, which was a decrease of 0.002113% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017. At June 30, 2018, the School District's ERS proportion was 0.003417%, which was a decrease of 0.000497% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

At June 30, 2019, 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 \$203,450.00.

The PSERS net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2017. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2018 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, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the School District recognized pension expense of \$1,140,733.00 for TRS, \$32,904.00 for ERS and \$47,106.00 for PSERS and revenue of \$6,888.00 for TRS and \$47,106.00 for PSERS. The revenue is support provided by the State of Georgia. For TRS the State of Georgia support is provided only for certain support personnel.

At June 30, 2019, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	TRS		ERS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,027,556.00	\$ 31,991.00	\$ 4,369.00	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	234,216.00	-	6,618.00	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	424,392.00	-	3,237.00
Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	932,918.00	7,957.00	12,288.00
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>2,133,713.59</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,752.62</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,395,485.59</u>	<u>\$ 1,389,301.00</u>	<u>\$ 40,696.62</u>	<u>\$ 15,525.00</u>

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The School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date for TRS and for ERS 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, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:	TRS	ERS
2020	\$ 417,752.00	\$ 10,837.00
2021	\$ 146,853.00	\$ (590.00)
2022	\$ (608,403.00)	\$ (5,381.00)
2023	\$ (91,075.00)	\$ (1,447.00)
2024	\$ 7,344.00	\$ -

**Actuarial assumptions:** The total pension liability as of June 30, 2018 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2017, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

***Teachers Retirement System:***

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

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014.

***Employees' Retirement System:***

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

Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with the Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB and set forward 2 years for both males and females for service retirements and dependent beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB and set back 7 years for males and set forward 3 years for females was used for death after disability retirement. There is a margin for future mortality improvement in the tables used by the System. Based on the results of the most recent experience study adopted by the Board on December 17, 2015, the numbers of expected future deaths are 9-12% less than the actual number of deaths that occurred during the study period for service retirements and beneficiaries and for disability retirements. Rates of mortality in active service were based on the RP-2000 Employee Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB.

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The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014.

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

Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	N/A
Investment rate of return	7.30%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014.

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

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

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

***Discount rate:*** The discount rate used to measure the total TRS pension liability was 7.50%. The discount rate used to measure the total ERS and PSERS pension liability was 7.30%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer and nonemployer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the TRS, ERS and PSERS pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future

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benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

***Sensitivity of the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate:*** The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50% and 7.30%, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.50% and 6.30%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.50% and 8.30%) than the current rate:

<b>Teachers Retirement System:</b>	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 25,910,100.00	\$ 15,521,663.00	\$ 6,961,062.00
<b>Employees' Retirement System:</b>	1% Decrease (6.30%)	Current Discount Rate (7.30%)	1% Increase (8.30%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 199,804.00	\$ 140,474.00	\$ 89,924.00

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

**NOTE 15: DEFICIT FUND BALANCE OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS**

Funds reporting a deficit fund balance at the fiscal year end, are as follows:

<u>Fund Type/Fund Name</u>	<u>Deficit Balance</u>
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 86,327.00

The deficit balance in the capital projects fund was due to the recording of retainage payables at year end. The deficit will be eliminated with transfers from the general fund as invoices are paid in the next fiscal year.

**NOTE 16: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The School District made various purchases from Growers Supply, Inc. The company is locally co-owned and operated by Craig Lanier, Board Chairman. Current year payments to Growers Supply, Inc. totaled \$695.90. In addition, the School District contracted with Greg Strickland for maintenance services. He is the brother-in-law of Denise Strickland, Finance Director. Current year payments to Greg Strickland totaled \$62,002.00. The School District also made various purchases totaling \$11,693.84 from Trapnell-Tomlinson Ace Hardware. This company is locally owned and operated by the family of Melinda Franklin, Special Education Administrative Assistant at Candler County Board of Education. Additionally, the School District made various purchases totaling \$2,727.74 from Randy's Service Center. This company is locally owned and operated by Randy Hendrix, husband of Rhonda Hendrix, Board Member.

**NOTE 17: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In December 2019, a strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) began to spread worldwide, resulting in a severe impact to the United States economy in March 2020. The spread of COVID-19 has had a negative impact on virtually all businesses and individuals which comprise the tax base of all levels of government. The extent of this impact is uncertain but is expected to have negative results on financial operations; however, the impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.



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SCHEDULE "1"

Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net pension liability	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District	Total	School District's covered payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2019	0.083620%	\$ 15,521,663.00	\$ 170,215.00	\$ 15,691,878.00	\$ 10,066,833.33	154.19%	80.27%
2018	0.085733%	\$ 15,933,742.00	\$ 155,931.00	\$ 16,089,673.00	\$ 9,932,846.93	160.41%	79.33%
2017	0.089003%	\$ 18,362,311.00	\$ 170,207.00	\$ 18,532,518.00	\$ 9,853,285.62	186.36%	76.06%
2016	0.090740%	\$ 13,814,264.00	\$ 154,067.00	\$ 13,968,331.00	\$ 9,685,537.74	142.63%	81.44%
2015	0.093557%	\$ 11,819,693.00	\$ 138,718.00	\$ 11,958,411.00	\$ 9,656,444.95	122.40%	84.03%

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SCHEDULE "2"

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>School District's proportion of the net pension liability</u>	<u>School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability</u>	<u>School District's covered payroll</u>	<u>School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll</u>	<u>Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability</u>
2019	0.003417%	\$ 140,474.00	\$ 87,148.62	161.19%	76.68%
2018	0.003914%	\$ 158,961.00	\$ 96,468.00	164.78%	76.33%
2017	0.003097%	\$ 146,501.00	\$ 72,000.00	203.47%	72.34%
2016	0.001299%	\$ 52,628.00	\$ 29,700.00	177.20%	76.20%

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SCHEDULE "3"

Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net pension liability	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District	Total	School District's covered payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2019	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 203,450.00	\$ 203,450.00	\$ 512,528.36	N/A	85.26%
2018	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 204,214.00	\$ 204,214.00	\$ 522,258.72	N/A	85.69%
2017	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 270,345.00	\$ 270,345.00	\$ 532,169.89	N/A	81.00%
2016	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 166,447.00	\$ 166,447.00	\$ 519,486.35	N/A	87.00%
2015	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 158,752.00	\$ 158,752.00	\$ 544,721.63	N/A	88.29%

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

SCHEDULE "4"

Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the School District	Total	School District's covered-employee payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability
2019	0.125569%	\$ 15,959,434.00	\$ -	\$ 15,959,434.00	\$ 9,182,487.78	173.80%	2.93%
2018	0.127062%	\$ 17,852,160.00	\$ -	\$ 17,852,160.00	\$ 9,152,244.51	195.06%	1.61%

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

SCHEDULE "5"

Year Ended	Contractually required contribution	Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	School District's covered payroll	Contribution as a percentage of covered payroll
2019	\$ 2,133,713.59	\$ 2,133,713.59	\$ -	\$ 10,310,315.89	20.69%
2018	\$ 1,674,347.00	\$ 1,674,347.00	\$ -	\$ 10,066,833.33	16.63%
2017	\$ 1,403,217.00	\$ 1,403,217.00	\$ -	\$ 9,932,846.93	14.13%
2016	\$ 1,393,144.94	\$ 1,393,144.94	\$ -	\$ 9,853,285.62	14.14%
2015	\$ 1,259,601.33	\$ 1,259,601.33	\$ -	\$ 9,685,537.74	13.00%
2014 (1)	\$ 1,185,811.00	\$ 1,185,811.00	\$ -	\$ 9,656,444.95	12.28%
2013 (1)	\$ 1,124,570.63	\$ 1,124,570.63	\$ -	\$ 9,856,009.03	11.41%
2012 (1)	\$ 1,034,911.04	\$ 1,034,911.04	\$ -	\$ 10,067,228.02	10.28%
2011 (1)	\$ 1,046,053.45	\$ 1,046,053.45	\$ -	\$ 10,175,617.22	10.28%
2010 (1)	\$ 1,000,826.08	\$ 1,000,826.08	\$ -	\$ 10,275,421.77	9.74%

(1) These amounts include contributions paid on the School District's behalf by Georgia Department of Education.

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

SCHEDULE "6"

Year Ended (1)	Contractually required contribution	Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	School District's covered payroll	Contribution as a percentage of covered payroll
2019	\$ 21,752.62	\$ 21,752.62	\$ -	\$ 87,782.90	24.78%
2018	\$ 21,622.00	\$ 21,622.00	\$ -	\$ 87,148.62	24.81%
2017	\$ 23,818.00	\$ 23,818.00	\$ -	\$ 96,468.00	24.69%
2016	\$ 17,798.40	\$ 17,798.40	\$ -	\$ 72,000.00	24.72%
2015	\$ 6,522.10	\$ 6,522.10	\$ -	\$ 29,700.00	21.96%

(1) Candler County Board of Education did not make any contributions before fiscal year 2015 for the Employees' Retirement System due to no participation during or before this measurement period.

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

SCHEDULE "7"

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Contractually required contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution</u>	<u>Contribution deficiency (excess)</u>	<u>School District's covered-employee payroll</u>	<u>Contribution as a percentage of covered- employee payroll</u>
2019	\$ 678,273.00	\$ 678,273.00	\$ -	\$ 9,405,243.30	7.21%
2018	\$ 650,812.00	\$ 650,812.00	\$ -	\$ 9,182,487.78	7.09%
2017	\$ 662,509.00	\$ 662,509.00	\$ -	\$ 9,152,244.51	7.24%



**Teachers Retirement System**

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

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.

**Employees' Retirement System**

***Changes of benefit terms:***

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

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

On December 17, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, disability, withdrawal and salary increases.

**Public School Employees Retirement System**

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

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

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.

**School OPEB Fund**

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

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

The discount rate was updated from 3.58% as of June 30, 2017 to 3.87% as of June 30, 2018.

CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GENERAL FUND  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

SCHEDULE "9"

	NONAPPROPRIATED BUDGETS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL (1)	FINAL (1)	AMOUNTS	OVER/UNDER
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Property Taxes	\$ 3,340,000.00	\$ 3,340,000.00	\$ 4,154,653.83	\$ 814,653.83
Sales Taxes	25,000.00	25,000.00	38,550.85	13,550.85
State Funds	14,668,392.00	14,668,041.00	15,055,088.26	387,047.26
Federal Funds	3,312,989.00	3,429,980.00	3,148,136.11	(281,843.89)
Charges for Services	49,797.00	49,797.00	290,426.49	240,629.49
Investment Earnings	5,150.00	5,150.00	10,244.90	5,094.90
Miscellaneous	313,848.00	313,848.00	933,290.84	619,442.84
Total Revenues	21,715,176.00	21,831,816.00	23,630,391.28	1,798,575.28
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction	13,967,028.00	13,444,474.00	13,148,806.18	295,667.82
Support Services				
Pupil Services	608,558.00	668,546.00	588,824.99	79,721.01
Improvement of Instructional Services	401,268.00	756,441.00	709,345.10	47,095.90
Educational Media Services	283,362.00	283,362.00	279,543.82	3,818.18
General Administration	593,014.00	752,706.00	651,285.61	101,420.39
School Administration	1,229,465.00	1,229,465.00	1,194,608.64	34,856.36
Business Administration	336,546.00	336,546.00	331,199.15	5,346.85
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,385,174.24	1,545,174.00	1,560,717.95	(15,543.95)
Student Transportation Services	849,806.00	916,516.00	921,131.29	(4,615.29)
Central Support Services	84,222.00	124,222.00	121,106.22	3,115.78
Other Support Services	145,812.00	145,812.00	154,190.33	(8,378.33)
Enterprise Operations	-	-	306,239.93	(306,239.93)
Community Services	-	-	76,137.13	(76,137.13)
Food Services Operation	1,515,856.00	1,515,856.00	1,575,306.22	(59,450.22)
Total Expenditures	21,400,111.24	21,719,120.00	21,618,442.56	100,677.44
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	315,064.76	112,696.00	2,011,948.72	1,899,252.72
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Other Sources	-	66,055.00	-	(66,055.00)
Other Uses	(1,125,000.00)	(1,326,055.00)	(1,236,496.16)	89,558.84
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,125,000.00)	(1,260,000.00)	(1,236,496.16)	23,503.84
Net Change in Fund Balances	(809,935.24)	(1,147,304.00)	775,452.56	1,922,756.56
Fund Balances - Beginning	6,135,641.22	6,135,641.22	6,135,641.22	-
Adjustments	-	26,206.38	-	(26,206.38)
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 5,325,705.98	\$ 5,014,543.60	\$ 6,911,093.78	\$ 1,896,550.18

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 following funds.  
The actual revenues and expenditures of these funds are as follows:

	Revenues	Expenditures
Principal Accounts	\$ 596,664.56	\$ 570,827.25
Afterschool Program	19,338.00	23,940.97
Daycare Program	48,715.44	52,196.16
English Language Acquisition State Grant	114.45	114.45
Various Other Funds	57,767.14	68,816.44
	\$ 722,599.59	\$ 715,895.27

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.

CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

SCHEDULE "10"

FUNDING AGENCY PROGRAM/GRANT	CFDA NUMBER	PASS- THROUGH ENTITY ID NUMBER	EXPENDITURES IN PERIOD
Agriculture, U. S. Department of			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Food Services			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	195GA324N1099	\$ 324,309.45
National School Lunch Program	10.555	195GA324N1099	1,144,445.62
Pass-Through From Bright From the Start			
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning			
Summer Food Service Program For Children	10.559	185GA368N1099	40,565.20
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			1,509,320.27
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Bright From the Start			
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning			
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	185GA368N1099	17,805.15
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Food Services			
Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	10.579	195GA350N8103	1,295.71
Total Other Programs			19,100.86
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			1,528,421.13
Education, U. S. Department of			
Special Education Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Special Education			
Grants to States	84.027	H027A170073	57,962.00
Grants to States	84.027	H027A180073	351,675.40
Preschool Grants	84.173	H173A180081	13,777.00
Total Special Education Cluster			423,414.40
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	V048A180010	26,085.00
Migrant Education - State Grant Program	84.011	S011A170011	1,540.00
Migrant Education - State Grant Program	84.011	S011A180011	62,286.93
Rural Education	84.358	S365B170010	13,991.95
Rural Education	84.358	S365B180010	17,955.61
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	S424A170011	9,238.00
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	S424A180011	65,619.90
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	S367A170001	1,382.15
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	S367A180001	88,707.48
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	S010A170010	110,671.94
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	S010A180010	817,303.85
Pass-Through From Southwest Regional Educational Service Agency			
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	S365A170010	114.45
Total Other Programs			1,214,897.26
Total U. S. Department of Education			1,638,311.66
Defense, U. S. Department of			
Direct			
Department of the Army			
R.O.T.C. Program			59,154.32
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 3,225,887.11

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the Candler County Board of Education (the "Board") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2019. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Board, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the Board.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Note 3. Indirect Cost Rate

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

See notes to the basic financial statements.

CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

SCHEDULE "11"

<u>AGENCY/FUNDING</u>	GOVERNMENTAL	
	FUND TYPE	
	GENERAL	FUND
GRANTS		
Bright From the Start:		
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning		
Pre-Kindergarten Program	\$	572,532.91
Education, Georgia Department of		
Quality Basic Education		
Direct Instructional Cost		
Kindergarten Program		728,781.00
Kindergarten Program - Early Intervention Program		67,628.00
Primary Grades (1-3) Program		1,648,892.00
Primary Grades - Early Intervention (1-3) Program		153,441.00
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program		889,956.00
Upper Elementary Grades - Early Intervention (4-5) Program		75,946.00
Middle School (6-8) Program		1,394,170.00
High School General Education (9-12) Program		1,197,404.00
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program		407,133.00
Students with Disabilities		1,859,281.00
Gifted Student - Category VI		588,900.00
Remedial Education Program		186,654.00
Alternative Education Program		101,257.00
English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)		100,459.00
Media Center Program		252,131.00
20 Days Additional Instruction		75,933.00
Staff and Professional Development		44,177.00
Principal Staff and Professional Development		842.00
Indirect Cost		
Central Administration		444,393.00
School Administration		508,453.00
Facility Maintenance and Operations		580,873.00
One time QBE adjustment for State Health Employer Holiday		(110,565.00)
Charter System Adjustment		206,992.00
Categorical Grants		
Pupil Transportation		
Regular		283,405.00
Nursing Services		45,000.00
Education Equalization Funding Grant		2,316,268.00
Other State Programs		
Food Services		33,628.00
Math and Science Supplements		11,358.97
Preschool Disability Services		76,519.19
Pupil Transportation - State Bonds		77,220.00
School Safety Grant		6,003.33
School Security Grant		84,918.00
Teachers Retirement		20,452.86
Vocational Education		85,799.00
Office of the State Treasurer		
Public School Employees Retirement		38,852.00
	\$	<u>15,055,088.26</u>

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CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

SCHEDULE "12"

PROJECT	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1)	CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3) (4)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3) (4)	TOTAL COMPLETION COST	EXCESS PROCEEDS NOT EXPENDED	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
<b>2018 ESPLOST</b>							
To be used for retirement of previously incurred general obligation debt in constructing the PreK-8 school facilities;	\$ 8,500,000.00	\$ 8,300,000.00	\$ 1,015,200.00	\$ 507,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	1/31/2023
To pay the costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping the following capital outlay projects at schools and educational facilities throughout Candler County:							
(a) renovation, improvements, and constructions of roads, streets, bridges and sidewalks including paving and other improvements to real property now owned or to be acquired by the School District;	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4)
(b) the acquisition of any property, both real and personal, and equipment necessary in connection with the above described capital outlay projects, together with school buses, maintenance vehicles and equipment, administrative and instructional technology additions and improvements, including, but not limited to, technology wiring, energy management systems, heating and air conditioning systems, lighting and similar equipment; and	-	200,000.00	-	-	-	-	1/31/2023
(c) renovating, improving, constructing, and equipping new and existing school district and athletic facilities, including, but not limited to, softball fields, paving, parking lots, storage buildings, fencing, land improvements, and any other building and facilities useful or desirable in connection therewith.	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4)
	<u>\$ 8,500,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,500,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,015,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 507,600.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

- (1) The School District's original cost estimate as specified in the resolution calling for the imposition of the Local Option Sales Tax.
- (2) The School District's current estimate of total cost for the projects. Includes all cost from project inception to completion.
- (3) The voters of Candler County approved the imposition of a 1% sales tax to fund the above projects and retire associated debt. Amounts expended for these projects may include sales tax proceeds, state, local property taxes and/or other funds over the life of the projects.
- (4) These capital outlay projects are contingent upon SPLOST proceeds in excess of amounts required to satisfy previously incurred debt payments and are unfunded at June 30, 2019.

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## SECTION II

### COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS



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

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of Georgia  
Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia  
Members of the State Board of Education  
and  
Superintendent and Members of the  
Candler County Board of Education

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Candler County Board of Education (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 22, 2020.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

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## Compliance and Other Matters

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

## Purpose of this Report

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

May 22, 2020

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

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of Georgia  
Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia  
Members of the State Board of Education  
and  
Superintendent and Members of the  
Candler County Board of Education

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

We have audited the Candler County Board of Education (School District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2019. The School District's major federal programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*.

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

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

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

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

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

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### ***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, the School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2019.

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg S. Griffin".

Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

May 22, 2020



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### SECTION III

#### AUDITEE'S RESPONSE TO PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AUDITEE'S RESPONSE  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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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CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

**I SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issued:

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

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness identified?
- Significant deficiency identified?

No  
None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted:

No

**Federal Awards**

Internal Control over major programs:

- Material weakness identified?
- Significant deficiency identified?

No  
None Reported

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

All major programs

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in  
accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

No

Identification of major programs:

CFDA Numbers

Name of Federal Program or Cluster

10.553, 10.555, 10.559

Child Nutrition Cluster

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:

\$750,000.00

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

No

**II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

No matters were reported.

**III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

No matters were reported.