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March 6, 2014

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

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

## Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information (Exhibits A through H) of the Coweta County Board of Education, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

## Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of

expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously 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 Coweta County Board of Education, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Emphasis of Matter**

As described in Note 2 to the financial statements, in 2013, the Coweta County Board of Education adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## Other Matters

## Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual, as presented on pages i through x and page 29 respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

## Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Coweta County Board of Education's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, consisting of Schedules 2 through 5, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U. S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations,* and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

## Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 6, 2014, on our consideration of the Coweta County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 Coweta County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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

Respectfully,

Greg S. Griffin State Auditor

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The discussion and analysis of Coweta County Board of Education's financial performance provides an overall review of the Board's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Board's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Board's financial performance.

## Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2013 are as follows:

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	In total, net position increased \$9.2 million which represents a 2.8 percent increase from 2012. This total increase was due to governmental activities since the Board has no business-type activities.
	General revenues accounted for \$92.3 million in revenue or 44.9 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$113.1 million or 55.1 percent of total revenues of \$205.4 million.
	The Board had \$196.2 million in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$113.1 million of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues (primarily taxes) of \$92.3 million were adequate to provide for these programs.
	Among major funds, the general fund had \$185.0 million in revenues and \$188.3 million in expenditures. The general fund's fund balance decreased to \$30.8 million from \$34.2 million.
	Due to the financial condition of the State of Georgia, the State again reduced the Board's funding. The current reduction is \$26.4 million, which follows a \$15.3 million reduction in 2012, a \$14.8 million reduction in 2011, a \$19.1 million reduction in 2010, a \$7.0 million reduction for 2009, a \$1.8 million reduction for 2008, \$2.1 million reduction for 2007, a \$3.9 million reduction for 2006, a \$3.9 million reduction for 2007.

## Using the Basic Financial Statements

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the Coweta County Board of Education as a financial whole, or as an entire operating entity.

and a \$1.6 million reduction for 2003. The reduction will be \$13.9 million for 2014.

The *Statement of Net Position* and *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole Board, presenting both an aggregate view of the Board's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. *Fund financial statements* provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. In the case of the Coweta County Board of Education, the general fund is by far the most significant fund.

## Reporting the Board as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the Board to provide programs and activities, the view of the Board as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2013?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answers this question. These statements include *all assets* and *liabilities* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. The accrual 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 Board's *net position* and changes in those assets. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Board as a whole, the *financial position* of the Board has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Nonfinancial factors include the Board's property tax base, facility conditions, required educational programs and other factors.

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

Governmental Activities - All of the Board's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, food service, after school program, principal's accounts and various others.

## Reporting the Board's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the Board's major funds. The Board uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the Board's most significant funds. The Board's major governmental funds are the general fund, the capital projects fund and the debt service fund.

Governmental Funds Most of the Board'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 an accounting method called modified accrual 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 Board's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

**Fiduciary Funds** The board is the trustee, or *fiduciary*, for assets that belong to others, such as the dependent care spending account fund, the medical spending account fund and school clubs and organizations within the principals' accounts. The board 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 Board excludes these activities from the District-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

## The Board as a Whole

The perspective of the statement of net position is of the Board as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the Board's net position for fiscal year 2013 compared to fiscal year 2012.

Table 1
Net Position
(In Thousands)

		Governmental Activities				
		Fiscal		Fiscal		
	_	Year 2013	Year 2012			
Assets						
Current and Other Assets	\$	110,181	\$	124,601		
Capital Assets, Net	_	260,016		255,048		
Total Assets	\$	370,197	\$_	379,649		
Liabilities						
Current and Other Liabilities	\$	29,053	\$	30,795		
Long-Term Liabilities	_	867		17,823		
Total Liabilities	\$	29,920	\$_	48,618		
Net Position						
Net Invested in Capital Assets	\$	260,016	\$	238,434		
Restricted		34,932		44,519		
Unrestricted	_	45,329		48,078		
Total Net Position	\$	340,277	\$_	331,031		

Total net position increased \$9.2 million in fiscal year 2013.

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal year 2013 compared to the changes in net position for fiscal year 2012.

Table 2 Change in Net Position (In Thousands)

	Governmental Activities					
		Fiscal Year		Fiscal Year		
		2013		2012		
Revenues						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services and Sales	\$	4,706	\$	4,938		
Operating Grants and Contributions		105,528		102,680		
Capital Grants and Contributions		2,869	_	3,052		
Total Program Revenues	\$	113,103	\$	110,670		
General Revenues:						
Taxes						
Property Taxes						
For Maintenance and Operations	\$	67,008	\$	70,290		
Railroad Cars		54		53		
Sales Taxes						
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax						
For Debt Services		17,429		9,720		
For Capital Projects		2,611		10,846		
Other Sales Taxes		1,768		1,319		
Grants and Contributions not						
Restricted to Specific Programs		121		4,729		
Investment Earnings		140		122		
Miscellaneous		3,294	_	3,683		
Total General Revenues	\$	92,425	\$	100,762		
Special Items:						
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	\$	-92	\$	0		
Total Revenues	\$	205,436	\$	211,432		
Program Expenses:						
Instruction	\$	123,953	\$	122,287		
Support Services						
Pupil Services		9,579		9,328		
Improvement of Instructional Services		2,909		3,346		
Educational Media Services		2,849		2,731		
General Administration		897		828		
School Administration		13,489		13,465		
Business Administration		1,336		1,790		
Maintenance and Operation of Plant		15,874		15,766		
Student Transportation Services		10,303		10,058		
Central Support Services		1,027		1,007		
Other Support Services		1,298		1,229		
Operations of Non-Instructional Services						
Enterprise Operations		994		1,009		
Community Services		1,204		1,148		
Food Services		10,262		9,796		
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt		216	_	613		
		196,190	\$	194,401		
Total Expenses	\$	190,190	<b>–</b>	154,401		

## Governmental Activities

Governmental program expenses are comprised of the following: Instruction 63.2 percent, Support Services 30.7 percent, Operations of Non-Instructional Services 6.3 percent and Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt 0.1 percent. Interest expense was attributable to the outstanding bonds for capital projects.

The Statement of Position shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table 3 shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services comparing fiscal year 2013 with fiscal year 2012. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

Table 3
Governmental Activities
(In Thousands)

		Total Cost of Services				Net Cost of Services		
	_	Fiscal		Fiscal	_	Fiscal		Fiscal
	_	Year 2013	_	Year 2012	_	Year 2013	_	Year 2012
Instruction	\$	123,953	\$	122,287	\$	48,777	\$	47,784
Support Services:								
Pupil Services		9,579		9,328		7,428		6,897
Improvement of Instructional Services		2,909		3,346		666		733
Educational Media Services		2,849		2,731		312		486
General Administration		897		828		-1,717		-1,391
School Administration		13,489		13,465		7,901		8,308
<b>Business Administration</b>		1,336		1,790		1,242		1,650
Maintenance and Operation of Plant		15,874		15,766		9,459		8,934
Student Transportation Services		10,303		10,058		5,803		7,027
Central Support Services		1,027		1,007		956		920
Other Support Services		1,298		1,229		1,079		1,119
Operations of Non-Instructional Services:								
Enterprise Operations		994		1,009		448		266
Community Services		1,204		1,148		-20		-18
Food Services		10,262		9,796		537		403
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	_	216	_	613	_	216	_	613
Total Expenses	\$_	196,190	\$_	194,401	\$_	83,087	\$_	83,731

Although program revenues make up a majority of the revenues, the Board is still dependent upon tax revenues for governmental activities. Taxes and other general revenues support 39.4 percent of instructional activities; for all governmental activities general revenue support is 42.4 percent.

## The Board's Funds

The Board's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Total governmental funds had revenues, other financing sources, and special items of \$205.5 million and expenditures and other financing uses of \$219.0 million. There was a decrease of \$10.2 million in the capital projects fund due to the ongoing construction and renovation program. The general fund had a decrease of \$3.3 million. The decrease in the general fund for the year is due to reduced state and local funds. The decrease in general fund revenue results in the continuation of the spending restrictions implemented by the administration.

## General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The Board's budget is prepared according to Georgia law. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

During the course of fiscal 2013, the Board amended its general fund budget as needed. The Board uses site-based budgeting. The budgeting systems are designed to tightly control total site budgets but provide flexibility for site management.

For the General Fund, the final budgeted revenues and other financing sources of \$190.8 million exceeded the original budgeted amount of \$180.4 million by \$10.4 million. This difference was due to an increase in miscellaneous revenues of \$7.0 million, an increase in state revenues of \$1.8 million (for on-behalf payments), and an increase in Federal revenues of \$1.6 million. The miscellaneous revenues budgeted increased due to the inclusion of the principals' accounts in our financial statements, the state revenues increased due to the inclusion of the on-behalf payments, and the Federal revenues increased due to an increase in the Federal grants. The final budgeted revenues and other financing sources of \$190.8 million exceeded the actual revenues and other financing sources by \$5.8 million.

The final budgeted expenditures and other financing uses of \$201.3 million exceeded the original budgeted amount of \$190.9 million by \$10.4 million. The majority of this difference was due to an increase in instruction of \$8.3 million (\$1.4 million of this increase was for on-behalf payments and \$5.5 million was due to the inclusion of the principals' accounts) and an increase in enterprise activities of \$1.5 million due to the inclusion of the principals' accounts in our financial statements. The budgeted ending fund balance decreased \$10.5 million. The actual expenditures and other financing uses of \$188.3 million was \$13.0 million less than budgeted.

General Fund revenues and other financing sources exceeded expenditures and other financing uses by \$7.1 million.

## Capital Assets and Debt Administration

## Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal 2013 the Board had \$260.0 million invested in capital assets, all in governmental activities. Table 4 shows fiscal year 2013 balances compared with fiscal year 2012 balances.

Table 4
Capital Assets
(Net of Depreciation, in Thousands)

	_	Governmental Activities								
	-	Fiscal Fiscal								
		Year 2013	Year 2012							
Land	\$	10,567	\$	10,567						
Construction In Progress		6,759		19,737						
Buildings and Building Improvements		206,702		194,298						
Equipment		16,598		14,372						
Land Improvements	_	19,390		16,074						
Total	\$	260,016	\$_	255,048						

Construction in progress decreased due to the completion of certain construction projects during the fiscal year. The decrease in construction in progress results in increases in buildings and building improvements and land improvements. Equipment increased primarily due to the purchase of buses in fiscal year 2013.

## Debt

In fiscal year 2013, the School District made the final payments on the general obligation bonds. Therefore, at June 30, 2013, the Board did not have any general obligation bonds outstanding. The School District's long-term liabilities at June 30, 2013, consist of compensated absences outstanding.

Table 5 summarizes the general operations bonds, compensated absences outstanding, and unamortized bond premium balances in fiscal year 2013 compared with fiscal year 2012.

Table 5
Debt at June 30
(in Thousands)

		Governmental Activities							
		Fiscal Fiscal							
	_	Year 2013 Year 201							
General Obligation Bonds	\$	0	\$	16,600					
Compensated Absences		867		958					
Unamortized Bond Premium		0	_	265					
Total	\$ <u>_</u>	867	\$_	17,823					

The Georgia constitution provides school districts a standard debt limitation of 10% of the property tax digest. For the Coweta County School System, the standard debt limitation is \$381,525,214. The constitutional amendment that created the Coweta County School System provided for an additional debt limitation of 7% of the property tax digest, which provides an additional \$267,067,650 to the standard debt limitation. Therefore, at June 30, 2013, the Coweta County School System's overall legal bonding authority was \$648,592,864. The School District maintains a Moody's bond rating of Aa2 and a Standard and Poor's bond rating of AA+.

## **Current Issues**

Coweta County's population growth and economic development continued to grow slowly in 2012 and into the summer of 2013. Trends in school system enrollment and in the local tax digest growth showed that Coweta County continued to be affected by national trends in terms of unemployment and growth rates slower than the decade preceding the recession and recovery.

U.S. Census estimates placed Coweta County's population at 130,929 residents in June 2013, up from estimates of 129,629 in 2011 (1% population growth) and 127,317 in 2010 (1.8% growth). Coweta's growth, while slower than pre-recession years, has remained consistent during recent years. Coweta County School System enrollment reflected these trends. The school system showed enrollment of 22,674 during the last quarter of 2013, up from 22,498 students during the same time the year before (less than 1% enrollment growth). The average rate of enrollment for the system

in the period 1991-2006 was approximately 4% or higher, with increases of 500 to 1,200 students each year during that period. The current rate of student enrollment growth in Coweta County of 1% or less has remained relatively consistent since the beginning of the national recession and the economy's relevant effect on Coweta County's housing permits, tax digest growth, and unemployment figures. Though the figures reflect overall school enrollment growth in grades Kindergarten through 12, a greater share of school enrollment growth is seen in middle and high schools (grades 6-12), with lesser rates or nominal shrinkage in elementary grades (K-12).

In 2007, some 645 housing permits valued at \$160.7 million were issued in Coweta County. By 2008, only 263 housing permits valued at \$74.7 million were issued in Coweta County, and new housing growth appeared to remain steady at that lower rate through 2012.

By mid-2013, economic indicators began to show significant uptrends. From January to August of 2013, for example, 343 single-family housing permits were issued in that six-month period in Coweta County compared to the 182 which were issued during the entirety of 2012. 248 multi-family units were also permitted during that same six-month period in 2013.

Similarly, according to the Center for Business and Economic Research and the Department of Economics at the Richards College of Business, Coweta's employment grew at 4.5 percent from the first quarter of 2012 to the first quarter of 2013. The growth rate was double the 2.2 percent rate of the previous year. Job growth came particularly through administrative support, health care, professional/technical, and accommodation and food service jobs.

In June of 2013, Coweta County's unemployment rate was estimated by the Georgia Department of Labor at 8.0%, compared to 9.1% during the same month in 2012. This improved 2013 jobless rate of 8.0% compared to rates of 10.4% in nearby Carroll County, 8.2% in Fayette County, and 10.2% in Troup County. Coweta County's unemployment rate, though higher than most pre-recession years, led the Three Rivers Regional rate of 10.0% for June 2013, and the state of Georgia's rate of 9.2%, as well.

The drop in Coweta's unemployment rate of 1.1 percent followed a number of encouraging developments in the county, including the opening in 2012 of the \$180 million Piedmont-Newnan Hospital on Poplar Road, and a \$150 million Southeastern Regional Cancer treatment Centers of America hospital in Newnan's Ashley Park. Two other regional medical services also announced planned investments in Coweta County, HealthSouth and Healthvest. HealthSouth and Healthvest are in varying stages of achieving Certificates of Need from the state throughout 2013. Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) opened its Newnan campus in August 2012, with projections of 500 jobs at the facility within five years, and considerations of expansions following that period if service response merited additional space. By the summer of 2013, CTCA's patient response has exceeded projections. The hospital had exceeded 500 jobs at the center and announced expansion plans to begin in late 2013. By the summer of 2013, health care services employed approximately one out of every nine workers in Coweta County.

Coweta County's inventory of available (developed but vacant) industrial space declined significantly following new business locations and expansions. In the Coweta Industrial Park, located off Highway 154 between Interstate 85 and U.S. Highway 29 in north Coweta, all available industrial space was fully leased in 2013, following a move by WDS, Inc., from a 25,000-square-foot space into a 46,000-square-foot space in the park's multi-tenant building, and a move by Cintas Document Management into the space formerly occupied by WDS, Inc.

In addition to the Coweta Industrial Park, leases for another 44,000 square feet of industrial space were signed in Coweta County in 2013. Coweta County's vacancy rate for industrial space was reduced to 3.8 percent, and the Coweta County Development Authority reported continued interest in industrial locations to the community. These trends followed a 2012 expansion by Yamaha Motor Manufacturing Corporation, already one of Coweta's largest employers, of its ATV production line at its Newnan campus.

Work was also completed in mid-2013 on a new West Georgia Technical College Campus near Turkey Creek Road near Newnan, and the State University of West Georgia broke ground in mid-2013 on the conversion of the former Newnan Hospital location on Jackson Street into a larger satellite campus for the University, following financial negotiations with the city of Newnan for the project.

Economists from the Center for Business and Economic Research at West Georgia noted Coweta County has had the highest job growth in the Three Rivers Region 2012 to 2013, principally in service sector jobs and new manufacturing jobs. Despite declines in government jobs, the Center reported that that manufacturing jobs in the Three Rivers region reached a peak in 2007, when there were 24,000 manufacturing workers.

There were 20,200 such jobs in mid-2013, and the Center issued predictions in mid-2013 of a continued rise to 20,500 manufacturing jobs by the end of year, with half recession related manufacturing jobs losses to be regained by the end of 2014 and all of them by 2015 or 2016.

Increased employment was also having a delayed effect on population growth. In Coweta's region, population growth has remained flat, even as Coweta County has posted moderate population growth. Housing inventory dropped significantly in Coweta throughout 2013, and foreclosures declined significantly.

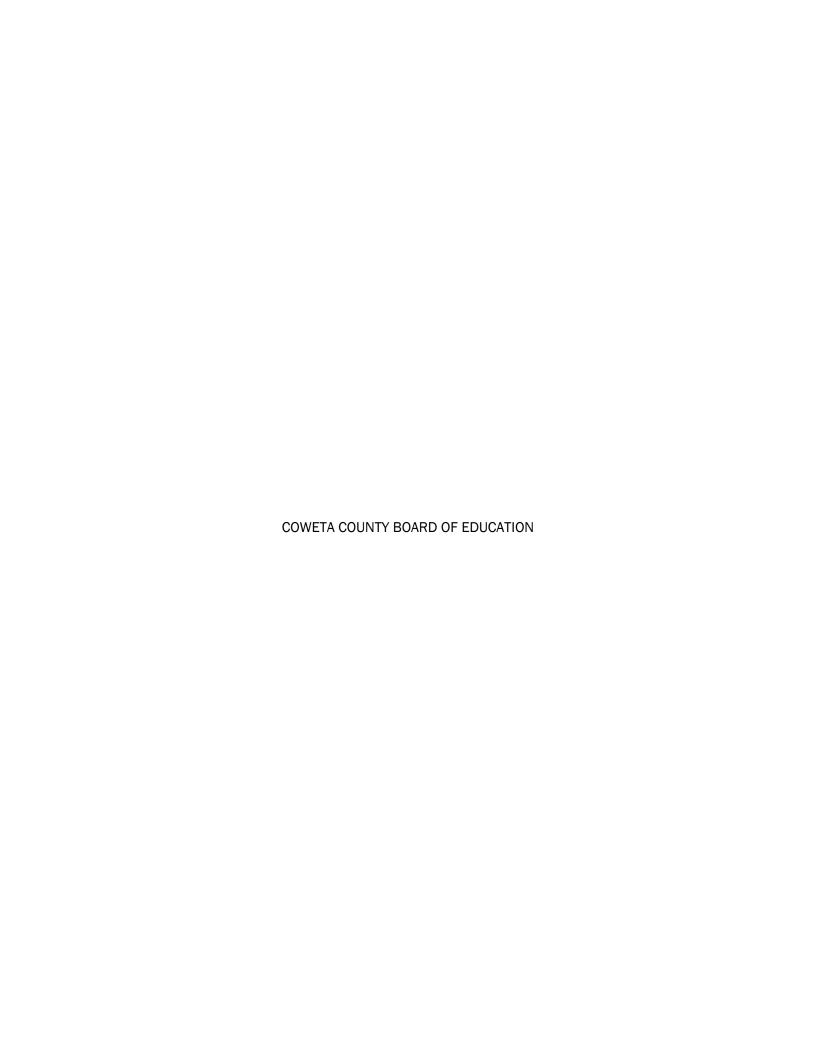
For its fiscal year 2014 budget, adopted in June 2013, the Coweta County Board of Education approved a General Fund Budget of \$168,026,000, down slightly from a fiscal year 2013 budget of \$168,516,698. The new fiscal year 2014 budget was a decrease of \$7.9 million over the School District's General Fund Budget of \$175,931,581 adopted in June 2009. This decrease reflects overall declines in state funding, in terms of continued austerity reductions, as well as a decrease in funding to the School District following a readjustment of state equalization funding, and recent decreases in the local property tax digest.

Coweta County School System Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax cash basis revenue collections for fiscal year 2013 were \$20,171,797, which reflects a slight decrease of 2.08% when compared to fiscal year 2012 and an increase of 6.48% when compared to fiscal year 2011. The Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax cash basis revenue collections for fiscal year 2012 and fiscal year 2011 were \$20,599,681 and \$18,943,641 respectively.

While the Coweta County School System still faced a continuation of difficult trends during 2013, improving manufacturing investment, unemployment rates, home sales and construction bode well for Coweta County's tax base. The announced closure of the coal fed generators at Georgia Power's Plant Yates facility in Coweta County is being offset by a new investment in two gas powered plants at the same site, and the total impact to the county's tax base is expected to be significantly less than previously feared.

## Contacting the Board's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Board's finances and to show the Board's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, you may contact W. Keith Chapman, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services at the Coweta County Board of Education, 237 Jackson Street, Newnan, Georgia 30263. You may also email your questions to keith.chapman@cowetaschools.net.



## COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2013

	-	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	47,547,399.56
Investments		39,198,523.12
Accounts Receivable, Net		
Taxes		7,915,145.12
State Government		13,993,516.50
Federal Government		1,068,371.63
Other		226,990.21
Inventories		231,281.65
Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable		17,325,867.00
Capital Assets, Depreciable (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	-	242,689,734.00
Total Assets	\$_	370,196,828.79
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$	8,784,384.47
Salaries Payable		16,717,425.82
Claims Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR)		628,015.00
Contracts Payable		2,420,286.87
Retainages Payable		487,139.25
Deferred Revenue		15,748.55
Long-Term Liabilities		
Due Within One Year	-	867,285.24
Total Liabilities	\$_	29,920,285.20
NET POSITION		
Investment in Capital Assets	\$	260,015,601.00
Restricted for		
Continuation of Federal Programs		684,509.73
Capital Projects		34,247,318.47
Unrestricted	_	45,329,114.39
Total Net Position	\$	340,276,543.59

## COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	-	
	 EXPENSES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		
Instruction	\$ 123,951,454.08 \$	49,975.00
Support Services		
Pupil Services	9,579,458.73	
Improvement of Instructional Services	2,909,226.71	
Educational Media Services	2,849,356.54	
General Administration	897,218.84	
School Administration	13,488,818.07	
Business Administration	1,336,373.36	
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	15,873,573.82	
Student Transportation Services	10,303,002.34	
Central Support Services	1,026,824.98	
Other Support Services	1,298,286.70	
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Enterprise Operations	993,884.35	541,738.77
Community Services	1,204,383.45	1,111,754.00
Food Services	10,262,485.93	3,002,564.85
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	 216,221.67	
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 196,190,569.57 \$	4,706,032.62

**General Revenues** 

Taxes

**Property Taxes** 

For Maintenance and Operations

Railroad Cars

Sales Taxes

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax

For Debt Services

For Capital Projects

Other Sales Tax

Grants and Contributions not Restricted to Specific Programs

**Investment Earnings** 

Miscellaneous

Special Items

Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets

Total General Revenues and Special Items

Change in Net Position

Net Position - Beginning of Year

Net Position - End of Year

F	PROGRAM REVENUES				NET (EXPENSES)
	OPERATING		CAPITAL		REVENUES
	<b>GRANTS AND</b>		<b>GRANTS AND</b>		AND CHANGES IN
_	CONTRIBUTIONS	_	CONTRIBUTIONS	_	NET POSITION
		-		_	
\$	74,239,766.86	\$	884,954.67	\$	-48,776,757.55
	2,151,723.03				-7,427,735.70
	2,240,574.15		2,979.88		-665,672.68
	2,514,277.44		23,057.92		-312,021.18
	2,613,125.50		1,258.76		1,717,165.42
	5,577,098.35		10,745.25		-7,900,974.47
	78,581.81		16,418.73		-1,241,372.82
	6,060,312.58		354,500.22		-9,458,761.02
	3,045,074.23		1,454,856.00		-5,803,072.11
	67,842.51		2,586.69		-956,395.78
	218,806.83				-1,079,479.87
			3,650.18		-448,495.40
	80,623.60		31,581.14		19,575.29
	6,640,661.85		82,043.96		-537,215.27
_		_		_	-216,221.67
\$	105,528,468.74	\$	2,868,633.40	\$	-83,087,434.81
				\$	67,008,278.38 53,525.98
					17,428,675.00
					2,610,604.53
					1,767,536.81
					121,107.00
					140,414.83
					3,293,675.17
				_	-91,800.00
				\$_	92,332,017.70
				\$	9,244,582.89
				_	331,031,960.70

340,276,543.59

## COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2013

		GENERAL FUND	-	DISTRICT- WIDE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	_	DEBT SERVICE FUND		TOTAL
<u>ASSETS</u>								
Cash and Cash Equivalents Investments Accounts Receivable, Net	\$	36,556,977.75 2,467,184.53	\$	10,990,421.81 36,731,338.59	\$	0.00 \$		47,547,399.56 39,198,523.12
Taxes State Government Federal Government Other		6,373,219.82 12,943,518.90 1,068,371.63 226,990.21		1,541,925.30 1,049,997.60				7,915,145.12 13,993,516.50 1,068,371.63 226,990.21
Inventories		231,281.65	-		_			231,281.65
Total Assets	\$	59,867,544.49	\$	50,313,683.30	\$ <u>_</u>	0.00 \$	6 <u>1</u>	10,181,227.79
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES  LIABILITIES								
Accounts Payable	\$	8,051,840.22	\$	732,544.25		\$	:	8,784,384.47
Salaries Payable	Ψ	16,717,425.82	Ψ	102,011.20		*		16,717,425.82
Contracts Payable				2,420,286.87				2,420,286.87
Retainages Payable				487,139.25				487,139.25
Deferred Revenue		4,258,595.00	-	1,049,997.60				5,308,592.60
Total Liabilities	\$	29,027,861.04	\$	4,689,967.97		\$	S	33,717,829.01
FUND BALANCES								
Nonspendable	\$	231,281.65			\$	0.00 \$	3	231,281.65
Restricted		453,228.08	\$	34,247,318.47				34,700,546.55
Committed		8,424,477.11						8,424,477.11
Assigned		720,216.62		11,376,396.86				12,096,613.48
Unassigned		21,010,479.99	-		_			21,010,479.99
Total Fund Balances	\$	30,839,683.45	\$	45,623,715.33	\$_	0.00 \$	S	76,463,398.78
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	59,867,544.49	\$	50,313,683.30	\$	0.00 \$	S 1	10,181,227.79

## COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2013

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit "C")

\$ 76,463,398.78

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

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

Land	\$	10,566,613.00
Construction in Progress		6,759,254.00
Land Improvements		26,243,736.00
Buildings and Improvements		259,283,802.00
Equipment		27,277,842.00
Accumulated Depreciation	_	-70,115,646.00

Taxes that are not available to pay for current period

**Total Capital Assets** 

expenditures are deferred in the funds.

Property Taxes 4,242,846.45

Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission grants that are not available to pay current period expenditures are deferred in the funds.

1,049,997.60

260,015,601.00

Long-Term Liabilities, including Bonds Payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.

Long-Term Liabilities at year-end consist of:

Compensated Absences \$ -867,285.24
Claims Incurred but not Reported (IBNR) -628,015.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities

-1,495,300.24

Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit "A")

\$ 340,276,543.59

## COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	_	GENERAL FUND	_	DISTRICT- WIDE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	_	DEBT SERVICE FUND	_	TOTAL
REVENUES								
Property Taxes Sales Taxes State Funds Federal Funds Charges for Services Investment Earnings Miscellaneous	\$	67,836,160.43 1,767,536.81 91,243,510.82 15,860,920.92 4,706,032.62 58,796.37	\$	2,610,604.53 363,779.80 81,580.25	\$	17,428,675.00 38.21	\$	67,836,160.43 21,806,816.34 91,607,290.62 15,860,920.92 4,706,032.62 140,414.83
Total Revenues	- \$	3,477,757.17	<b>-</b>	95,845.00	\$	17 /100 712 01	<u>-</u>	3,573,602.17 205,531,237.93
	Ψ_	164,950,715.14	Ψ_	3,151,809.58	Φ_	17,428,713.21	Ψ_	205,551,257.95
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>								
Current Instruction Support Services Pupil Services Improvement of Instructional Services Educational Media Services General Administration	\$	118,162,427.75 9,604,338.79 2,907,607.33 2,736,405.42 883,004.67	\$	1,464,410.22 7,500.00			\$	119,626,837.97 9,604,338.79 2,907,607.33 2,736,405.42 890,504.67
School Administration Business Administration Maintenance and Operation of Plant Student Transportation Services Central Support Services Other Support Services Enterprise Operations Community Services Food Services Operation Capital Outlay Debt Services		13,494,816.52 1,231,584.63 14,052,491.01 10,755,034.81 1,022,114.24 1,513,021.64 976,003.00 1,043,751.87 9,910,418.14		20,359.54 94,646.26 1,511,973.00 10,221,450.61	\$	4,745.00		13,494,816.52 1,256,689.17 14,147,137.27 12,267,007.81 1,022,114.24 1,513,021.64 976,003.00 1,043,751.87 9,910,418.14 10,221,450.61
Principal Interest	_		_		_	16,600,000.00 825,500.00	_	16,600,000.00 825,500.00
Total Expenditures	\$_	188,293,019.82	\$_	13,320,339.63	\$_	17,430,245.00	\$_	219,043,604.45
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	\$_	-3,342,304.68	\$_	-10,168,530.05	\$_	-1,531.79	\$_	-13,512,366.52
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers In Transfers Out	\$ _	0.01			\$_	-0.01	\$_	0.01 -0.01
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$_	0.01			\$_	-0.01	\$_	0.00
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$	-3,342,304.67	\$	-10,168,530.05	\$	-1,531.80	\$	-13,512,366.52
Fund Balances - Beginning	_	34,181,988.12	-	55,792,245.38	-	1,531.80	_	89,975,765.30
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ _	30,839,683.45	\$_	45,623,715.33	\$ <u></u>	0.00	\$_	76,463,398.78

# COWETA 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, 2013

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit "E")

\$ -13,512,366.52

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Position are different because:

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

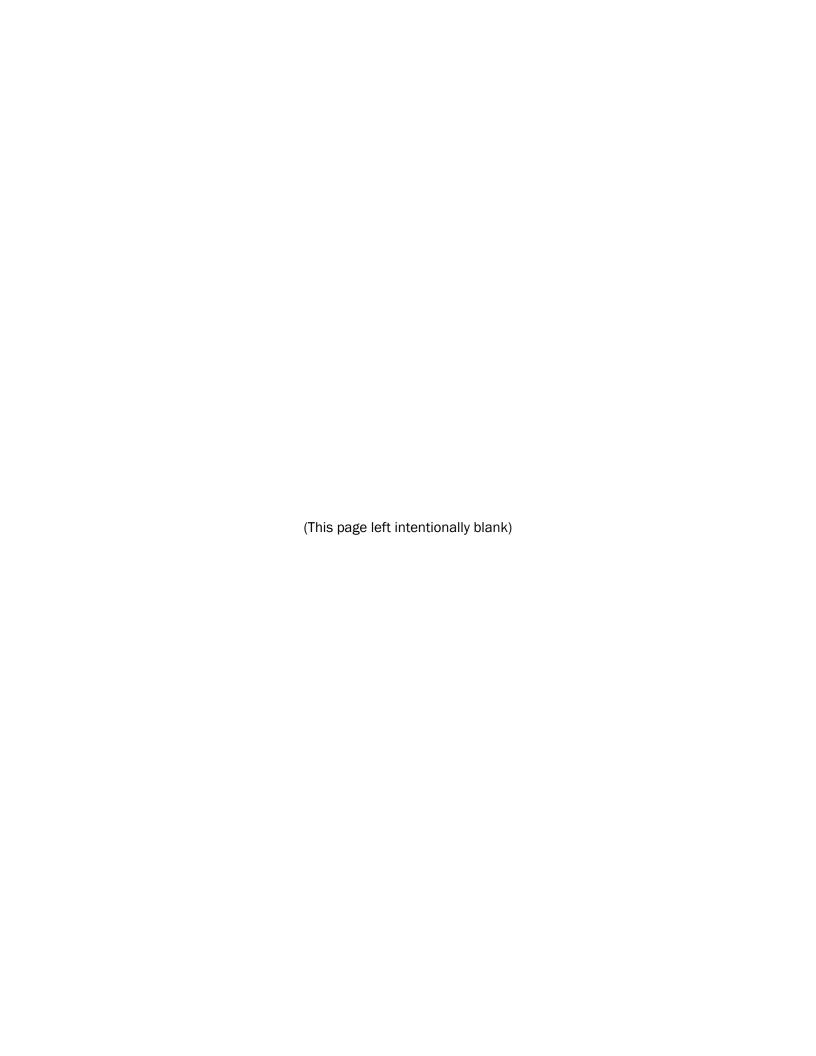
these amounts are:			
Capital Outlay  Depreciation Expense	\$	11,531,646.00 -6,192,389.00	
Excess of Capital Outlay over Depreciation Expense	-		5,339,257.00
Taxes reported in the Statement of Position that do not provide current			
financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.			-774,356.07
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets			
(i.e., sales, trade-ins, donations, and disposals) is to decrease net position.			-371,727.00
Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission grants that do not provide current			
financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.			1,049,997.60
Repayment of Long-Term Debt is reported as an expenditure in Governmental Funds, but the repayment reduces Long-Term Liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. In the current year, these amounts consist of:			
Bond Principal Retirements	\$	16,600,000.00	
Amortized Bond Premium		265,320.00	
Total Long-Term Debt Repayments	-	_	16,865,320.00
Some items reported in the Statement of Position do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in Governmental Funds. These activities consist of:			
Decrease in Compensated Absences	\$	89,966.55	
Decrease in Claims Incurred but Not Reported (IBNR)		214,533.00	
Decrease in Interest Payable	_	343,958.33	

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit "B")

**Total Additional Expenditures** 

9,244,582.89

648,457.88



## EXHIBIT "G"

## COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2013

	_	AGENCY FUNDS
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents Investments	\$	729,520.57
Certificate of Deposit		255,830.48
Total Assets	\$	985,351.05
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Funds Held for Others	\$	985,351.05

## Note 1: DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

## REPORTING ENTITY

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

## **BLENDED COMPONENT UNIT**

The Central Education Center (Charter School) is responsible for the public education of all students attending its school. The Charter School was created through a contract between the School District and the Charter School whereby all State funding associated with the students attending the Charter School and certain specified local funds are turned over to the Charter School to cover the cost of its operations. The financial statements of the Charter School have been blended with the School District's general fund.

## Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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

## District-wide Statements:

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

- Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses (expenses of the School District related to the administration and support of the School District's programs, such as office and maintenance personnel and accounting) are not allocated to programs.
- Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the
  programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or
  capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program
  revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

### Fund Financial Statements:

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

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

- General Fund is the School District's primary operating fund. It accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.
- District-wide Capital Projects Fund accounts for and reports financial resources including Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), Bond Proceeds and grants from Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission that are restricted, committed or assigned to the expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.
- 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 type:

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

## BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The basis of accounting determines when transactions are reported on the financial statements. The District-wide governmental 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 and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from sales taxes is recognized in the fiscal year in which the underlying transaction (sale) takes place. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

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

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

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

## **NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In fiscal year 2013, the School District adopted the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 60, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Service Concession Arrangements*. The provisions of this Statement establish accounting and financial reporting standards for governments who enter into Service Concession Arrangements (SCA) with other governmental or nongovernmental entities. As of June 30, 2013, the School District has not entered into any arrangements that meet the qualifications to be reported as a SCA in accordance with this standard.

In fiscal year 2013, the School District adopted the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements.* The provisions of this Statement incorporate certain accounting and financial reporting guidance into authoritative GASB literature.

In fiscal year 2013, the School District adopted the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position.* The provisions of this Statement establish financial reporting standards for the presentation of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources and their effects on a government's net position. The School District changed its presentation of net assets to net position for fiscal year 2013. There were no other applicable reporting changes for the School District.

## CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

## Composition of Deposits

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition in authorized financial institutions. Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 45-8-14 authorizes the School District to deposit its funds in one or more solvent banks, insured Federal savings and loan associations or insured chartered building and loan associations.

## **INVESTMENTS**

## **Composition of Investments**

Investments made by the School District in nonparticipating interest-earning contracts (such as certificates of deposit) and repurchase agreements are reported at cost. Participating interest-earning contracts and money market investments with a maturity at purchase of one year or less are reported at amortized cost. Both participating interest-earning contracts and money market investments with a maturity at purchase greater than one year are reported at fair value. The Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 36-83-4 authorizes the School District to invest its funds. In selecting among options for investment or among institutional bids for deposits, the highest rate of return shall be the objective, given equivalent conditions of safety and liquidity. Funds may be invested in the following:

(1) Obligations issued by the State of Georgia or by other states,

- (2) Obligations issued by the United States government,
- (3) Obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the United States government or a United States government agency,
- (4) Obligations of any corporation of the United States government,
- (5) Prime banker's acceptances,
- (6) The Georgia Fund 1 administered by the State of Georgia, Office of the State Treasurer,
- (7) Repurchase agreements, and
- (8) Obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia.

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

## **RECEIVABLES**

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

## PROPERTY TAXES

The Coweta County Board of Commissioners fixed the property tax levy for the 2012 tax digest year (calendar year) on August 12, 2012 (levy date) based on property values as of January 1, 2012. Taxes were due on December 3, 2012 (lien date). Motor Vehicle taxes were due on the tax payer's birthday (lien date). Taxes collected within the current fiscal year or within 60 days after year-end on the 2012 tax digest are reported as revenue in the governmental funds for fiscal year 2013. The Coweta County Tax Commissioner bills and collects the property taxes for the School District, withholds 2.5% of taxes collected as a fee for tax collection and remits the balance of taxes collected to the School District. Property tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, for maintenance and operations amounted to \$60,946,377.02. Motor Vehicle tax revenue amounted to \$5,899,183.51.

The tax millage rate levied for the 2012 tax year (calendar year) for the Coweta County Board of Education was as follows (a mill equals \$1 per thousand dollars of assessed value):

School Operations 18.59 mills

Additionally, Title Ad Valorem Tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, amounted to \$937,073.92 during fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

## SALES TAXES

Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, at the fund reporting level, during the year amounted to \$20,039,279.53 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.

## **INVENTORIES**

## **Food Inventories**

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

## CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets purchased, including capital outlay costs, are recorded as expenditures in the fund financial statements at the time of purchase (including ancillary charges). On the District-wide financial statements, all purchased capital assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value on the date donated. Disposals are deleted at depreciated recorded cost. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend the useful lives of the assets is not capitalized. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. The School District does not capitalize book collections or works of art. During the fiscal year under review, no events or changes in circumstances affecting a capital asset that may indicate impairment were known to the School District.

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

	_	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Land		All	N/A
Land Improvements	\$	10,000.00	20 to 80 years
Buildings and Improvements	\$	10,000.00	25 to 80 years
Equipment	\$	10,000.00	10 to 50 years
Intangible Assets	\$	500,000.00	5 to 80 years

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

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

## **COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

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

At June 30, 2013, the School District's compensated absences liability is composed of an overtime compensation liability of \$183,763.14 and a vacation leave liability of \$683,522.10.

The overtime compensation liability is calculated in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act and applies to all non-exempt employees of the School District as defined in the Fair Labor Standards Act. Applicable employees may accrue up to no more than 240 hours of compensatory leave.

Twelve month employees earn vacation leave. Twelve month hourly employees earn 10 days of vacation leave for the first year of service, with an additional vacation day for each additional year of service completed through the 10th year. Twelve month hourly employees earn a maximum of 20 days of vacation leave at 10 years of service, and any unused vacation leave days must be used within a 24 month period to avoid forfeiture.

Changes in the compensation absence liability during the last three fiscal years are as follows:

		Beginning of Year					End of Year		
	_	Liability	Increases	Decreases			Liability		
	· <u>-</u>					,	_		
2011	\$	1,095,001.00	\$ 646,632.96	\$	730,248.43	\$	1,011,385.53		
2012	\$	1,011,385.53	\$ 653,341.92	\$	707,475.66	\$	957,251.79		
2013	\$	957,251.79	\$ 606,420.50	\$	696,387.05	\$	867,285.24		

## **GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

The School District issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. In the District-wide financial statements, bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the debt.

In the fund financial statements, the School District recognizes bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs during the fiscal year bonds are issued. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the government. The outstanding amount of these bonds is recorded in the Statement of Net Position.

## **NET POSITION**

The School District's net position in the District-wide Statements are classified as follows:

**Investment in capital assets** - This represents the School District's total investment in capital assets, net of 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.

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

**Unrestricted net position** - Unrestricted net position represents resources derived from property taxes, sales taxes, grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs, charges for services, and miscellaneous revenues. These resources are used for transactions relating to the educational and general operations of the School District, and may be used at the discretion of the Board to meet current expenses for those purposes.

## **FUND BALANCES**

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

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

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

**Committed** – Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Education. The Board of Education 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** – Amounts that are constrained by the School District's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The intent should be expressed by (1) the Board of Education or (2) the budget or finance committee, or the Superintendent, or designee, to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

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

Fund Balances of the Governmental Funds at June 30, 2013, are as follows:

Nonspendable				
Inventories			\$	231,281.65
Restricted				
Continuation of Federal Programs	\$	453,228.08		
Capital Projects		34,247,318.47		34,700,546.55
Committed	_			
Self-Insurance	\$	7,247,205.99		
School Activity Accounts		1,177,271.12		8,424,477.11
Assigned	_			
After School Program	\$	720,216.62		
Local Capital Outlay Projects		11,376,396.86		12,096,613.48
Unassigned	-		_	21,010,479.99
Fund Balance, June 30, 2013			\$_	76,463,398.78

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

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

## **USE OF ESTIMATES**

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

## Note 3: BUDGETARY DATA

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

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

as the School District's website. At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board after advertisement, the Board receives comments on the tentative budget, makes revisions as necessary and adopts a final budget. The approved budget is then submitted, in accordance with provisions of Official Code of Georgia Annotated section 20-2-167(c), to the Georgia Department of Education. The Board may increase or decrease the budget at any time during the year. All unexpended budget authority lapses at fiscal year-end.

See Schedule 1 – General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget to Actual for a detail of any over/under expenditures during the fiscal year under review.

## Note 4: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

## **COLLATERALIZATION OF DEPOSITS**

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

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

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

#### CATEGORIZATION OF DEPOSITS

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. The School District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2013, the bank balances were \$51,683,061.86. The bank balances were covered by Federal depository insurance or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution in the School District's name.

## CATEGORIZATION OF INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2013, the carrying value of the School District's total investments was \$39,198,523.12, which is materially the same as fair value. This investment consisted entirely of funds invested in the Georgia Fund 1, formerly referred to as LGIP, administered by the State of Georgia, Office of the State Treasurer which is not required to be categorized since the School District did not own any specific identifiable securities in the pool. The investment policy of the State of Georgia, Office of the State Treasurer for the Georgia Fund 1 (Primary Liquidity Portfolio) does not provide for investment in derivatives or similar investments. Additional information on the Georgia Fund 1 is disclosed in the *State of Georgia* Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This audit can be obtained from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts at <a href="http://www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/cafr.html">http://www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/cafr.html</a>.

The Primary Liquidity Portfolio consists of Georgia Fund 1 which is not registered with the SEC as an investment company but does operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The investment is valued at the pool's share price, \$1.00 per share. The pool is an AAAm 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, 2013, was 43 days.

# Note 5: NON-MONETARY TRANSACTIONS

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

# Note 6: CAPITAL ASSETS

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

		July 1, 2012		Increases		Decreases		June 30, 2013
Governmental Activities	_		_		•		_	
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:								
Land	\$	10,566,613.00					\$	10,566,613.00
Construction Work In Progress	_	19,736,715.00	\$_	8,601,700.00	\$	21,579,161.00	_	6,759,254.00
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	\$_	30,303,328.00	\$_	8,601,700.00	\$	21,579,161.00	. \$_	17,325,867.00
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:								
Buildings and Improvements	\$	242,735,302.00	\$	16,818,500.00	\$	270,000.00	\$	259,283,802.00
Equipment		24,126,333.00		3,392,761.00		241,252.00		27,277,842.00
Land Improvements		22,433,178.00		4,297,846.00		487,288.00		26,243,736.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation:								
Buildings and Improvements		48,436,916.00		4,323,539.00		178,200.00		52,582,255.00
Equipment		9,754,180.00		1,069,486.00		143,647.00		10,680,019.00
Land Improvements	_	6,358,974.00		799,364.00	_	304,966.00	_	6,853,372.00
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Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	\$_	224,744,743.00	\$	18,316,718.00	\$	371,727.00	\$_	242,689,734.00
Governmental Activity Capital Assets - Net	\$	255,048,071.00	\$	26,918,418.00	\$	21,950,888.00	\$	260,015,601.00
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# Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:

Instruction		\$ 3,376,906.26
Support Services		
Improvements of Instructional Services	\$ 11,370.95	
Educational Media Services	87,986.92	
General Administration	4,803.33	
School Administration	41,002.89	
Business Administration	62,652.36	
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,352,740.47	
Student Transportation Services	797,543.47	
Central Support Services	9,870.60	
Enterprise Operations	13,928.73	
Community Services	120,510.76	2,502,410.48
Food Services		 313,072.26
		\$ 6,192,389.00

# Note 7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2013, consisted of the following:

		Transfers
		From
	•	Debt Service
Transfer to		Fund
General Fund	\$	0.01

The remaining funds from Debt Service were transferred to the General Fund due to the completion of the bond principal and interest payments on the 2005 Series General Obligation Bonds.

# Note 8: RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors or omissions; job related illness or injuries to employees; acts of God and unemployment compensation.

The School District has obtained commercial insurance for risk of loss associated with torts, assets, errors or omissions, and acts of God. The School District has neither significantly reduced coverage for these risks nor incurred losses (settlements) which exceeded the School District's insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

The School District has established a limited risk management program for workers' compensation claims. In connection with this program, a self-insurance reserve has been established within the General Fund by the School District. The School District accounts for claims within the General Fund with expenses/expenditures and liability being reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. An excess coverage insurance policy covers individual claims in excess of \$400,000.00 loss per occurrence, up to the statutory limit.

For purposes of estimating the claims incurred but not reported (IBNR) liability as of June 30, 2013, the School District computed the liability based on the estimated cost of each outstanding claim from claims experience of similar claims.

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

				Claims and		
		Beginning of Year		Changes in	Claims	End of Year
		Liability		Estimates	Paid	Liability
	•		-			
2012	\$	613,481.00	\$	791,694.60	\$ 562,627.60	\$ 842,548.00
2013	\$	842,548.00	\$	839,638.68	\$ 1,054,171.68	\$ 628,015.00

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

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

		Claims and		
	Beginning of Year	Changes in	Claims	End of Year
	Liability	Estimates	Paid	Liability
2012	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,125.92	\$ 16,125.92	\$ 0.00
2013	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,906.74	\$ 6,906.74	\$ 0.00

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

Position Covered	_	Amount
Superintendent	\$	20,000.00
Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services	\$	10,000.00
Board Treasurer	\$	10,000.00
All Employees	\$	250,000.00

# Note 9: LONG-TERM DEBT

#### **COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

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

# GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT OUTSTANDING

Voters have authorized \$60,000,000.00 in general obligation debt for completion of SPLOST IV projects which was not issued as of June 30, 2013.

The changes in Long-Term Debt during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, were as follows:

		Governmental Funds										
	Balance				Balance		Due Within					
	July 1, 2012	Additions	Dedu	ıctions	June 30, 2013		One Year					
G. O. Bonds Compensated Absences (1)	\$ 16,600,000.00 957,251.79		. ,	0,000.00 \$ 6,387.05	0.00 867,285.24	¢	867,285.24					
Bond Premiums Amortized	265,320.00	,		5,320.00	0.00	Ψ _	001,203.24					
	\$ 17,822,571.79	\$ 606,420	0.50 \$ 17,56	1,707.05 \$	867,285.24	\$_	867,285.24					

<sup>(1)</sup> The portion of Compensated Absences due within one year has been determined to be immaterial to the basic financial statements.

# Note 10: ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

The School District has recognized revenues and costs in the amount of \$11,509,192.00 for health insurance and retirement contributions paid on the School District's behalf by the following State Agencies.

Georgia Department of Education
Paid to the Georgia Department of Community Health
For Health Insurance of Certified Personnel
In the amount of \$11,093,532.00

Office of State Treasurer
Paid to the Public School Employees' Retirement System
For Public School Employees Retirement (PSERS) Employer's Cost
In the amount of \$415,660.00

# Note 11: OTHER ITEMS

In fiscal year 2013, the School District disposed of certain capital assets with a carrying value of \$91,800.00. The net loss of \$91,800.00 resulting from the disposal of the capital assets is reported as a special item on the Statement of Activities.

## Note 12: SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS

The following is an analysis of significant outstanding construction or renovation contracts executed by the School District as of June 30, 2013, together with funding available:

During	Unearned Executed		Funding Available
Project Project	 Contracts	_	From State
Evans Middle School Renovations	\$ 750,000.00		
East Coweta High School Renovations	2,588,002.04		
Elm Street Elementary School Renovations	1,032,023.80	\$	65,368.80
Atkinson Elementary School Renovations	1,041,209.32		51,297.60
East Coweta Middle School Paving	 31,175.97	_	
	\$ 5,442,411.13	\$_	116,666.40

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

#### Note 13: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

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

# Note 14: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

# Georgia School Personnel Post-employment Health Benefit Fund

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

Funding Policy. The contribution requirements of plan members and participating employers are established by the Board in accordance with the current Appropriations Act and may be amended by the Board. Contributions of plan members or beneficiaries receiving benefits vary based on plan election, dependent coverage, and Medicare eligibility and election. For members with fewer than five years of service as of January 1, 2013, contributions also vary based on years of service. On average, members with five years or more of service as of January 1, 2013, pay approximately 25 percent of the cost of the health insurance coverage. In accordance with the Board resolution dated December 8, 2011, for members with fewer than five years of service as of January 1, 2013, the State provides a premium subsidy in retirement that ranges from 0% for fewer than 10 years of service to 75% (but no greater than the subsidy percentage offered to active employees) for 30 or more years of service. The subsidy for eligible dependents ranges from 0% to 55% (but no greater than the subsidy percentage offered to dependents of active employees minus 20%). No subsidy is available to Medicare eligible members not enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Option. The Board of Community Health sets all member premiums by resolution and in accordance with the law and applicable revenue and expense projections. Any subsidy policy adopted by the Board may be changed at any time by Board resolution and does not constitute a contract or promise of any amount of subsidy.

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

The combined active and retiree contribution rates established by the Board for employers participating in the School OPEB Fund were as follows for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013:

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

July 2012 - February 2013 \$912.34 per member per month March 2013 - June 2013 \$937.34 per member per month

## For non-certificated school personnel:

July 2012 - June 2013 \$446.20 per member per month

No additional contribution was required by the Board for fiscal year 2013 nor contributed to the School OPEB Fund to prefund retiree benefits. Such additional contribution amounts are determined annually by the Board in accordance with the School plan for other post-employment benefits and are subject to appropriation.

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

	Percentage	Required	
 Fiscal Year	Contributed	 Contribution	
2013	100%	\$ 17,779,719.55	
2012	100%	\$ 19,476,929.41	
2011	100%	\$ 17,570,310.20	
2013 2012	100% 100%	\$ 17,779,719.5 19,476,929.4	1

# Note 15: RETIREMENT PLANS

# TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TRS)

Plan Description. The TRS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan created in 1943 by an act of the Georgia General Assembly to provide retirement benefits for qualifying employees in educational service. A Board of Trustees comprised of active and retired members and ex-officio State employees is ultimately responsible for the administration of TRS. The Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia issues a separate stand alone financial audit report and a copy can be obtained from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts.

On October 25, 1996, the Board created the Supplemental Retirement Benefits Plan of the Georgia Teachers' Retirement System (SRBP-TRS). SRBP-TRS was established as a qualified excess benefit plan in accordance with Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as a portion of TRS. The purpose of SRBP-TRS is to provide retirement benefits to employees covered by TRS whose benefits are otherwise limited by IRC Section 415. Beginning July 1, 1997, all members and retired former members in TRS are eligible to participate in the SRBP-TRS whenever their benefits under TRS exceed the IRC Section 415 imposed limitation on benefits.

TRS provides service retirement, disability retirement, and survivor's benefits. The benefit structure of TRS is defined and may be amended by State statute. A member 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. A member is eligible for early retirement after 25 years of creditable service.

Normal retirement (pension) benefits paid to members are equal to 2% of the average of the member's two highest paid consecutive years of service, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service up to 40 years. Early retirement benefits are reduced by the lesser of one-twelfth of 7% for each month the member is below age 60 or by 7% for each year or fraction thereof by which the member has less than 30 years of service. It is also assumed that certain cost-of-living adjustments, based on the Consumer Price Index, will be made in future years. Retirement benefits are payable monthly for life. A member may elect to receive a partial lump-sum distribution in addition to a reduced monthly retirement benefit. Death, disability and spousal benefits are also available.

Funding Policy. TRS is funded by member and employer contributions as adopted and amended by the Board of Trustees. Members become fully vested after 10 years of service. If a member terminates with less than 10 years of service, no vesting of employer contributions occurs, but the member's contributions may be refunded with interest. Member contributions are limited by State law to not less than 5% or more than 6% of a member's earnable compensation. Member contributions as adopted by the Board of Trustees for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, were 6.00% of annual salary. Employer contributions required for fiscal year 2013 were 11.41% of annual salary as required by the June 30, 2010, actuarial valuation. The employer contribution rate will increase to 12.28% effective July 1, 2013.

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

	Percentage	Required
Fiscal Year	Contributed	Contribution
_		
2013	100%	\$ 12,194,307.23
2012	100%	\$ 11,019,167.20
2011	100%	\$ 11,151,923.30

# PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSERS)

Bus drivers, lunchroom personnel, and maintenance and custodial personnel are members of the Public School Employees' Retirement System of Georgia. The System is funded by contributions by the employees and by the State of Georgia. The School District makes no contribution to this plan.

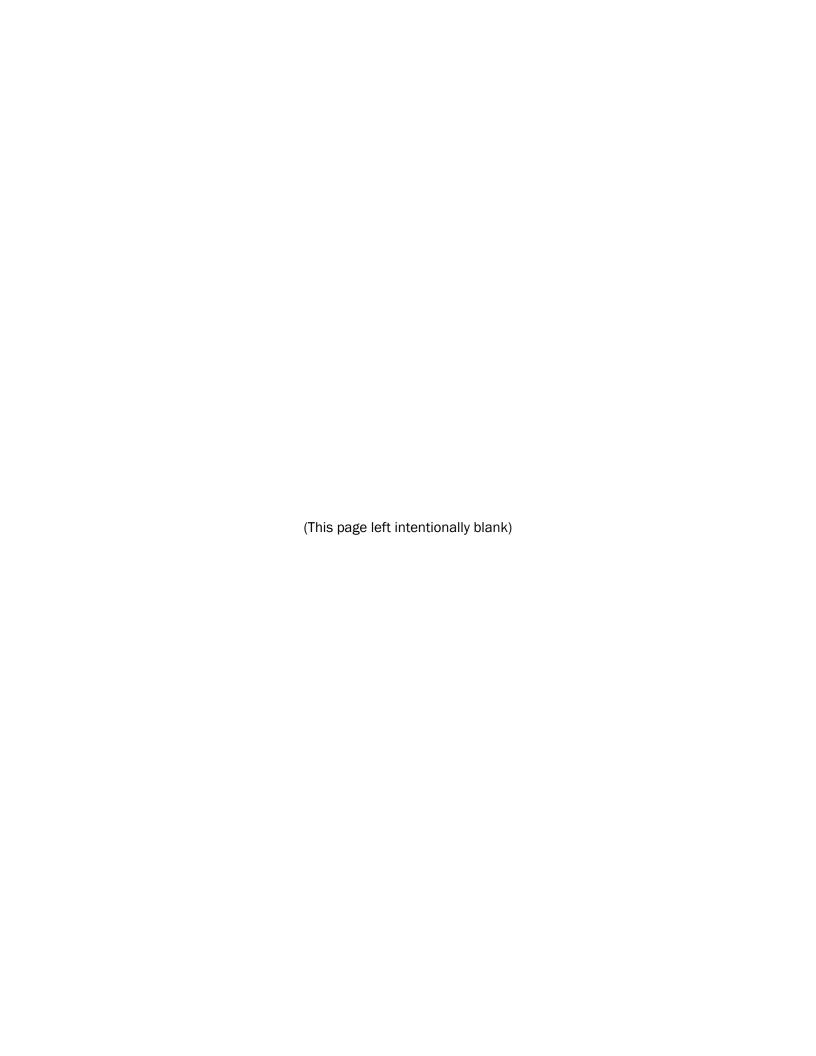
# **DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN**

Employees of the School District may elect to contribute to a qualifying 403(b) and/or 457 plan by selecting a vendor that has been approved by the School District. The School District does not provide matching funds to supplement the employee contributions. The employee contributions, disbursements, and loans are governed by the Internal Revenue Service rules and regulations and the plan document approved by the School District. The School District selected a third party administrator to assist in the administration of the 403(b) plan and common remitting services for the 457 plan. Contributions to the plan become property of the employee without a vesting period.

The School District also provides a supplemental 403(b) plan option for employees who are not members of the Teacher Retirement System. Employees who are not members of the Teacher Retirement System may elect to contribute to a supplemental 403(b) plan by choosing a vendor that has been approved by the School District. The School District provides matching funds of 50% of the employee's contribution up to a maximum School District contribution of 3% of the employee's

contribution. The employee and employer contributions, disbursements, and loans are governed by the Internal Revenue Service rules and regulations and the plan document approved by the School District. The School District selected a third party administrator to assist in the administration of the supplemental 403(b) plan. Employee and employer contributions become property of the employee without a vesting period.

	Percentage	Required	
Fiscal Year	Contributed	_	Contribution
			_
2013	100%	\$	72,367.62
2012	100%	\$	74,890.43
2011	100%	\$	96,616.23



# COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL FUND

# SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES BUDGET TO ACTUAL

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	NONAPPROPRIATED BUDGETS		ED BUDGETS		ACTUAL		VARIANCE	
	ORIGINAL (1) FINAL		FINAL		AMOUNTS		OVER/UNDER	
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REVENUES								
Property Taxes	\$	67,334,746.00	\$	67,334,746.00	\$	67,836,160.43	\$	501,414.43
Sales Taxes		1,200,000.00		1,200,000.00		1,767,536.81		567,536.81
State Funds		89,108,193.00		90,901,988.00		91,243,510.82		341,522.82
Federal Funds		16,298,411.00		17,960,153.00		15,860,920.92		-2,099,232.08
Charges for Services		5,559,940.00		5,559,940.00		4,706,032.62		-853,907.38
Investment Earnings		58,000.00		58,000.00		58,796.37		796.37
Miscellaneous	_	441,949.00		7,434,325.00	_	3,477,757.17	_	-3,956,567.83
Total Revenues	\$	180,001,239.00	\$	190,449,152.00	\$	184,950,715.14	\$_	-5,498,436.86
EXPENDITURES								
Current								
Instruction	\$	119,553,264.00	\$	127,837,778.00	\$	118,162,427.75	\$	9,675,350.25
Support Services								
Pupil Services		10,196,345.00		10,733,525.00		9,604,338.79		1,129,186.21
Improvement of Instructional Services		3,639,054.00		3,610,094.00		2,907,607.33		702,486.67
Educational Media Services		2,762,148.00		2,801,325.00		2,736,405.42		64,919.58
General Administration		2,441,023.00		985,240.00		883,004.67		102,235.33
School Administration		13,572,967.00		13,722,840.00		13,494,816.52		228,023.48
Business Administration		1,241,053.00		1,253,908.00		1,231,584.63		22,323.37
Maintenance and Operation of Plant		14,726,262.00		14,844,935.00		14,052,491.01		792,443.99
Student Transportation Services		9,575,499.00		11,094,025.00		10,755,034.81		338,990.19
Central Support Services		1,401,843.00		1,420,342.00		1,022,114.24		398,227.76
Other Support Services		548,427.00		318,607.00		1,513,021.64		-1,194,414.64
Enterprise Operations				1,500,000.00		976,003.00		523,997.00
Community Services		1,465,123.00		1,479,889.00		1,043,751.87		436,137.13
Food Services Operation	_	9,338,796.00		9,338,796.00	_	9,910,418.14	_	-571,622.14
Total Expenditures	\$_	190,461,804.00	\$	200,941,304.00	\$_	188,293,019.82	\$_	12,648,284.18
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	\$	-10,460,565.00	\$	-10,492,152.00	\$	-3,342,304.68	\$_	7,149,847.32
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	\$	375,000.00	\$	375,000.00	\$	0.01	\$	-374,999.99
Operating Transfers to Other Funds	Ψ	-375,000.00	Ψ	-375,000.00	Ψ	0.01	Ψ	375,000.00
operating transfers to other runas	-	373,000.00	•	370,000.00	-		-	373,000.00
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$_	0.00	\$	0.00	\$_	0.01	\$_	0.01
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$	-10,460,565.00	\$	-10,492,152.00	\$	-3,342,304.67	\$	7,149,847.33
Fund Balances - Beginning		34,124,492.12		34,124,492.12		34,181,988.12		57,496.00
Adjustments	-			86,382.24	-		_	-86,382.24
	4						_	<b>-</b>
Fund Balances - Ending	\$	23,663,927.12	\$	23,718,722.36	\$	30,839,683.45	\$ =	7,120,961.09

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

(1) Original Budget amounts do not include budgeted revenues or expenditures of the various principal accounts or revenues or expenditures for health insurance and retirement contributions paid on the School District's behalf.

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

See notes to the basic financial statements.

# COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

FUNDING AGENCY PROGRAM/GRANT	CFDA NUMBER	PASS- THROUGH ENTITY ID NUMBER	EXPENDITURES IN PERIOD		
Agriculture II C Department of					
Agriculture, U. S. Department of Child Nutrition Cluster					
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education					
Food Services					
School Breakfast Program	10.553	N/A	(2)		
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	\$ 9,719,639.07 (1)		
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture	\$ 9,719,639.07				
Education, U. S. Department of					
Education of Homeless Children and Youth Cluster					
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education					
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196	N/A	\$ 25,521.65		
Special Education Cluster					
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education					
Special Education					
Grants to States	* 84.027	N/A	\$ 3,737,794.96		
Preschool Grants	* 84.173	N/A	169,503.08		
Total Special Education Cluster			\$ 3,907,298.04		
Title I, Part A Cluster					
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education					
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	* 84.010	N/A	\$ 3,407,794.25		
Other Programs					
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education					
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	N/A	\$ 121,757.92		
Education Jobs Fund	84.410	N/A	8,482.00		
English Language Acquisition Grants	84.365	N/A	82,223.35		
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	* 84.367	N/A	645,479.42		
Mathematics and Science Partnerships	84.366	N/A	241,052.48		
Migrant Education - State Grant Program	84.011	N/A	1,981.60		
Total Other Programs			\$ 1,100,976.77		
Total U. S. Department of Education			\$ 8,441,590.71		
Health and Human Services, U. S. Department of					
Child Care and Development Block Grant Cluster					
Pass-Through From Bright From the Start:					
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning					
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	N/A	\$ 12,500.00		
Transportation, U. S. Department of					
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster					
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Natural Resources					
Highway Planning and Construction	* 20.205	N/A	\$ 845,100.00		

# COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

FUNDING AGENCY PROGRAM/GRANT	CFDA NUMBER	PASS- THROUGH ENTITY ID NUMBER	EXPENDITURES IN PERIOD
Defense, U. S. Department of			
Direct			
Department of the Air Force			
R.O.T.C. Program \$			
Department of the Marine Corps			
R.O.T.C. Program			95,391.24
Total U. S. Department of Defense		:	\$ 195,410.36
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards		:	\$ 19,214,240.14

N/A = Not Available

# Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

- (1) Includes the Federally assigned value of donated commodities for the Food Donation Program in the amount of \$273,283.18.
- (2) Expenditures for the funds earned on the School Breakfast Program (\$1,165,285.38) were not maintained separately and are included in the 2013 National School Lunch Program.

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

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

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

# COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	GOVERNMENTAL		
NCY/FUNDING	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL
RANTS			
Bright From the Start:			
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning Pre-Kindergarten Program	\$ 1,941,408.70		\$ 1,941,408
rie-Mildergalten riogram	Ψ 1,941,408.70		Ψ 1,941,408
Education, Georgia Department of			
Quality Basic Education (1)			
Direct Instructional Cost			
Kindergarten Program	7,219,582.00		7,219,582
Kindergarten Program - Early Intervention Program	376,007.00		376,007
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	15,582,589.00		15,582,589
Primary Grades - Early Intervention (1-3) Program	1,432,913.00		1,432,913
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	7,490,432.00		7,490,432
Upper Elementary Grades - Early Intervention (4-5) Program	719,254.00		719,254
Middle School (6-8) Program	13,279,964.00		13,279,964
High School General Education (9-12) Program	13,625,220.00		13,625,220
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	2,720,047.00		2,720,047
Students with Disabilities	15,595,151.00		15,595,151
Gifted Student - Category VI	4,484,907.00		4,484,907
Remedial Education Program	451,659.00		451,659
Alternative Education Program	1,106,590.00		1,106,590
English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	511,173.00		511,173
Media Center Program	2,320,182.00		2,320,182
20 Days Additional Instruction	716,750.00		716,750
Staff and Professional Development	442,559.00		442,559
Indirect Cost			
Central Administration	2,380,245.00		2,380,245
School Administration	4,543,856.00		4,543,856
Facility Maintenance and Operations	5,480,996.00		5,480,996
Categorical Grants			
Pupil Transportation			
Regular	1,683,745.00		1,683,745
Nursing Services	365,639.00		365,639
Vocational Supervisors	28,123.00		28,123
DCH Direct Payment	11,093,532.00		11,093,532
Education Equalization Funding Grant	121,107.00		121,107
Food Services	274,342.00		274,342
Vocational Education	61,682.00		61,682
Amended Formula Adjustment	-26,394,203.00		-26,394,203
Other State Programs			_0,00 .,_00
Math and Science Supplements	161,151.94		161,151
Move on When Ready	400.00		400
Preschool Handicapped Program	289,833.18		289,833
Pupil Transportation - State Bonds	609,756.00		609,756
Tuition for the Multi-Handicapped	101,269.00		101,269
Georgia General Assembly			
Lieutenant Governor			
State Appropriations			
State General Funds	9,989.00		9,989
Georgia State Financing and Investment			
Commission			
Reimbursement on Construction Projects	\$	363,779.80	363,779
Office of State Treasurer			
Public School Employees' Retirement	415,660.00		415,660
	\$ 91,243,510.82 \$	363,779.80	\$ 91,607,290
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<sup>(1)</sup> Payments to the Georgia Department of Community Health by the Georgia Department of Education on behalf of the School District are reported separately in the schedule above; however, the payments are part of the Quality Basic Education revenue allotments for the School District.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

# COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

<u>PROJECT</u>	_	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1)	CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3) (5)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3) (5)	TOTAL COMPLETION COST	EXCESS PROCEEDS NOT EXPENDED	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
SPLOST III	\$	130,000,000.00 \$	187,800,000.00					
i) The payment of principal and interest on the School District's 2005 General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$58,000,000.	l		\$	5 17,425,500.00 \$	53,950,867.52 \$	71,376,367.52		Completed
<ul> <li>ii) The acquiring, constructing and equipping of three ninth grade academies, one middle school and an addition to Eastside Elementary School;</li> </ul>					32,025,879.00			8/2015
iii) the retirement of any public purpose master lease executed for renovating, adding to and improving any existing school buildings and facilities;					4,585,075.00	4,585,075.00		Completed
<ul><li>iv) renovating, adding to and improving existing school buildings and facilities;</li></ul>				8,195,204.97	24,098,117.73			8/2015
v) providing additional technology;				679,238.25	1,408,668.36			8/2015
vi) providing additional buses;				1,499,033.00	888,216.00			8/2015
vii) acquisition, construction and equipping all facilities and additions thereto system-wide;				309,680.63	20,125,803.11			8/2015
viii) and acquiring land for future school projects;					3,058,411.90			8/2015
ix) capitalizing interest on bonds through July 1, 2007.					1,986,994.00	1,986,994.00		Completed
Total SPLOST III	\$	130,000,000.00 \$	187,800,000.00 \$	28,108,656.85 \$	142,128,032.62 \$	77,948,436.52	0.00	
SPLOST IV	\$	130,000,000.00 \$	158,000,000.00					
i) The acquisition, construction and equipping of one or more new high schools, one or more new middle schools, one or more new elementary schools and a new transportation facility,								7/2018
ii) additions throughout the School System, including, but not limited to, additions at Newnan High School and Evans Middle School,								7/2018
iii) the acquisition of buses,								7/2018
iv) the acquisition of technology,				221,540.05				7/2018
v) the acquisition of text books, and digital media,				791,353.22				7/2018
vi) the acquisition of land,								7/2018
vii) and renovations and improvements throughout the School System, including, but not limited to, renovations and improvements at East Coweta High School, Canongate Elementary School, Newnan Crossing Elementary School, Thomas Crossroads Elementary School, Jefferson Parkway Elementary								
School, and Northgate High School,	1			1,017,437.55				7/2018
viii) issuance of general obligation debt of the Coweta County School System in the maximum principal amount of \$60,000,000 for the above purposes.	l -							7/2018 (4)
Total SPLOST IV	\$	130,000,000.00 \$	158,000,000.00	5 2,030,330.82 \$	0.00 \$	0.00_\$	0.00	
Total All Projects	\$	260,000,000.00 \$	345,800,000.00	s <u>30,138,987.67</u> \$	142,128,032.62	77,948,436.52	0.00	

# COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

- (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 Coweta 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) Issuance of general obligation debt has not occurred as of the date of publication.
- (5) SPLOST II was completed in the in the prior year. Therefore, the "Amount Expended in Prior Years" has been adjusted accordingly.

Amount expended in prior years, previously reported

Amount expended in current year, previously reported

Less amount expended in prior years, previously reported

for SPLOST II

\$ 218,614,958.60 26,943,399.85

-103,430,325.83

Amount Expended in Prior Years, Adjusted

\$ 142,128,032.62

# COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL FUND - QUALITY BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS (QBE) ALLOTMENTS AND EXPENDITURES - BY PROGRAM YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

ALLOTMENTS
FROM GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF

	DEPARTMENT OF			ELIG	ELIGIBLE QBE PROGRAM COSTS				
DESCRIPTION		EDUCATION (1) (2) (3)		SALARIES		OPERATIONS		TOTAL	
Direct Instructional Programs									
Kindergarten Program	\$	8,691,437.00	\$	8,285,348.89	\$	41,071.97	\$	8,326,420.86	
Kindergarten Program-Early Intervention Program		466,652.00		123,976.91		991.41		124,968.32	
Primary Grades (1-3) Program		18,896,725.00		17,984,874.27		116,370.10		18,101,244.37	
Primary Grades-Early Intervention (1-3) Program		1,722,992.00		1,503,756.29		1,929.31		1,505,685.60	
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program		9,099,534.00		9,320,447.31		153,265.87		9,473,713.18	
Upper Elementary Grades-Early Intervention (4-5)									
Program		875,524.00		915,639.93		705.34		916,345.27	
Middle School (6-8) Program		16,088,635.00		15,713,320.51		226,380.23		15,939,700.74	
High School General Education (9-12) Program		16,459,615.00		19,688,301.84		290,624.84		19,978,926.68	
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program		3,283,231.00		1,608,169.20		25,143.27		1,633,312.47	
Students with Disabilities		18,932,162.00							
Category I				164,640.23		4,814.43		169,454.66	
Category II				995,720.51		508.58		996,229.09	
Category III				14,457,637.91		50,809.78		14,508,447.69	
Category IV				410,019.59		5,210.96		415,230.55	
Category V				640,722.46		692.00		641,414.46	
Gifted Student - Category VI		5,387,911.00		3,118,311.06		17,532.73		3,135,843.79	
Remedial Education Program		575,269.00		24,319.75				24,319.75	
Alternative Education Program		1,337,454.00		546,667.69				546,667.69	
English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	_	618,433.00	_	690,783.79	_	4,038.63	_	694,822.42	
TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	\$	102,435,574.00	\$	96,192,658.14	\$	940,089.45	\$	97,132,747.59	
Media Center Program		2,803,180.00		2,657,093.73		72,301.84		2,729,395.57	
Staff and Professional Development	_	536,265.00	_	191,407.99	_		_	191,407.99	
TOTAL QBE FORMULA FUNDS	\$_	105,775,019.00	\$_	99,041,159.86	\$_	1,012,391.29	\$_	100,053,551.15	

<sup>(1)</sup> Comprised of State Funds plus Local Five Mill Share.

<sup>(2)</sup> Allotments do not include the impact of the State amended formula adjustment.

<sup>(3)</sup> Allotments do not include the State Health payments made by GDOE to the Department of Community Health for the certified employees.

# SECTION II COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS



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Greg S. Griffin STATE AUDITOR (404) 656-2174

March 6, 2014

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

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

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have audited, in accordance with 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 Coweta County Board of Education as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Coweta County Board of Education's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 6, 2014.

# Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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 over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

# **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

# 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, not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Coweta County Board of Education'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 Coweta County Board of Education's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully,

Greg S. Griffin State Auditor

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March 6, 2014

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

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

# Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Coweta County Board of Education's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major Federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2013. Coweta County Board of Education's major Federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

## Management's Responsibility

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

## **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Coweta County Board of Education's major Federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major Federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Coweta County Board of Education'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 Coweta County Board of Education's compliance.

# Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Coweta County Board of Education complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major Federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2013.

## Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of Coweta County Board of Education is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Coweta County Board of Education's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major Federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major Federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Coweta County Board of Education's internal control over compliance.

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully,

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Greg S. Griffin State Auditor

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# SECTION III

AUDITEE'S RESPONSE TO PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

# COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITEE'S RESPONSE SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

# PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

# PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

# SECTION IV FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

# COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

## I SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

#### **Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issue:

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

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness identified?Significant deficiency identified?

No None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted:

No

#### **Federal Awards**

Internal Control over major programs:

Material weakness identified?

No

Significant deficiency identified?

None Reported

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

All major programs

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, Section 510(a)?

No

Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
20.205	Highway Planning and Construction Cluster
84.010	Title I, Part A Cluster
84.027, 84.173	Special Education Cluster
84.367	Improving Teacher Quality State Grants

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$576,427.20

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

Yes

## II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

# III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.