



WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2016
(Including Independent Auditor's Reports)**



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March 23, 2017

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Members of the State Board of Education
and
Superintendent and Members of the
Ware County Board of Education

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ware County Board of Education (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the School District, as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows 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 2016, the School District adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, GASB Statement No. 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets that are not within the Scope of GASB Statement No. 68*, and *Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements No. 67 and 68*, and GASB Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Schedules of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedules of Contributions to Retirement Systems, Notes to the Required Supplementary Information and the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual as presented on pages i through vii, and pages 35 through 41 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 School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, consisting of Schedules 8 through 10, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of

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Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U. S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 23, 2017, on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg S. Griffin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Introduction

The discussion and analysis of Ware County Board of Education's financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the transmittal letter, notes to the basic financial statements and the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2016 are as follows:

- ❑ The School District's financial status increased during fiscal year 2016. In total, net position increased \$5.6 million from fiscal year 2015. This total increase is mainly due to long-term debt liability decreasing from last year and capital assets balance increasing.
- ❑ On the government-wide financial statements, the assets and deferred outflows of resources of the School District exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$43.1 million.
- ❑ The School District had \$63.4 million in expenses relating to governmental activities; only \$44.0 million of these expenses are offset by program specific revenues such as charges for services and grants and contributions. General revenues (primarily property and sales taxes) of \$25.0 million were adequate to provide for these programs.
- ❑ As stated above, general revenues accounted for \$25.0 million or 36.3% of all revenues totaling \$69.1 million. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for the rest.
- ❑ Among major funds, the General Fund has \$61.8 million in revenues and \$61.6 million in expenditures. The General Fund's fund balance increased to \$9.0 million from \$7.9 million in 2015.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

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

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

Government-wide Statements

Since Ware County School District has no operations that have been classified as Business Activities, the government-wide financial statements are basically a consolidation of all the School District's operating funds into one column called governmental activities. In reviewing the government-wide financial statements, a reader might ask the question, are we in a better financial position than last year? The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provides the basis for answering this question. These financial statements include all School District's assets and liabilities and uses the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. The basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

Governmental Funds - Most of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the modified accrual method of accounting which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The difference 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 School District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others, such as school clubs and organizations within the principals' accounts. The School District is responsible for ensuring the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The School District excludes these activities from the government-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Recall that the Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the School District as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position for fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015.

**Table 1
Net Position**

| | Governmental Activities | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| | Fiscal Year 2016 | Fiscal Year 2015 |
| Assets | | |
| Current and Other Assets | \$ 25,823,258 | \$ 26,538,668 |
| Capital Assets, Net | 77,311,096 | 72,938,765 |
| Total Assets | 103,134,354 | 99,477,433 |
| Deferred Outflows of Resources | | |
| Pensions | 4,791,156 | 4,227,999 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current and Other Liabilities | 55,684,486 | 46,221,259 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | 4,114,166 | 6,083,750 |
| Total Liabilities | 59,798,652 | 52,305,009 |
| Deferred Inflows of Resources | | |
| Pensions | 5,020,772 | 13,920,248 |
| Net Position | | |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets | 78,755,302 | 72,413,388 |
| Restricted | 6,796,380 | 10,618,547 |
| Unrestricted (Deficit) | (42,445,596) | (45,551,760) |
| Total Net Position | \$ 43,106,086 | \$ 37,480,175 |

Total net position increased \$5.6 million dollars.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Table 2 shows the change in net position for fiscal year 2016 compared to the change in net position for fiscal year 2015.

Table 2
Change in Net Position

| | Governmental Activities | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | Fiscal Year 2016 | Fiscal Year 2015 |
| Revenues | | |
| Program Revenues: | | |
| Charges for Service | \$ 884,748.00 | \$ 958,645.00 |
| Operating Grants and Contributions | 41,231,355.00 | 39,405,761.00 |
| Capital Grants and Contributions | 1,892,252.00 | 156,275.00 |
| Total Program Revenues | 44,008,355.00 | 40,520,681.00 |
| General Revenues: | | |
| Taxes | | |
| Property Taxes | | |
| For Maintenance and Operations | 12,319,785.00 | 12,229,664.00 |
| Railroad Cars | 186,682.00 | 183,557.00 |
| Sales Taxes | | |
| Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax | | |
| For Capital Projects and Debt Services | 6,311,557.00 | 6,650,957.00 |
| Other Taxes | 85,096.00 | 91,660.00 |
| Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to | | |
| Specific Programs (Equalization) | 5,347,074.00 | 4,540,954.00 |
| Investment Earnings | 8,077.00 | 9,509.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,318,114.00 | 1,124,376.00 |
| Special Item | | |
| Loss on Building Impairment | (527,633.00) | - |
| Total General Revenues and Special Item | 25,048,752.00 | 24,830,677.00 |
| Total Revenues | 69,057,107.00 | 65,351,358.00 |
| Program Expenses | | |
| Instruction | 41,061,329.00 | 38,760,597.00 |
| Support Services | | |
| Pupil Services | 2,784,068.00 | 2,717,901.00 |
| Improvement of Instructional Services | 2,299,344.00 | 1,831,702.00 |
| Educational Media Services | 1,006,704.00 | 939,487.00 |
| General Administration | 441,795.00 | 457,027.00 |
| School Administration | 3,534,185.00 | 3,316,673.00 |
| Business Administration | 415,336.00 | 425,601.00 |
| Maintenance and Operation of Plant | 4,639,927.00 | 4,481,726.00 |
| Student Transportation Services | 2,916,661.00 | 2,884,825.00 |
| Central Support Services | 384,772.00 | 379,236.00 |
| Other Support Services | 141,838.00 | 137,165.00 |
| Operations of Non-Instructional Services | | |
| Enterprise Operations | 6,042.00 | 3,255.00 |
| Food Services | 3,750,456.00 | 3,592,502.00 |
| Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt | 48,740.00 | 103,288.00 |
| Total Expenses | 63,431,197.00 | 60,030,985.00 |
| Increase in Net Position | \$ 5,625,910.00 | \$ 5,320,373.00 |

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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Governmental Activities

Instruction comprised 64.7 percent of governmental program expenses in fiscal year 2016. Ware County incurred \$48.7 thousand in interest expense during fiscal year 2016.

The Statement of Activities 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 2016 with fiscal year 2015. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

Table 3
Governmental Activities

| | Total Cost of Services | | Net Cost of Services | |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Fiscal Year 2016 | Fiscal Year 2015 | Fiscal Year 2016 | Fiscal Year 2015 |
| Instruction | \$ 41,061,329 | \$ 38,760,597 | \$ 8,925,583 | \$ 9,354,226 |
| Support Services: | | | | |
| Pupil Services | 2,784,068 | 2,717,901 | 2,337,138 | 2,310,525 |
| Improvement of Instructional Services | 2,299,344 | 1,831,702 | 555,120 | 527,679 |
| Educational Media Services | 1,006,704 | 939,487 | 324,585 | 270,031 |
| General Administration | 441,795 | 457,027 | (500,780) | (457,477) |
| School Administration | 3,534,185 | 3,316,673 | 2,065,898 | 1,892,605 |
| Business Administration | 415,336 | 425,601 | 411,126 | 420,823 |
| Maintenance and Operation of Plant | 4,639,927 | 4,481,726 | 3,030,101 | 2,912,492 |
| Student Transportation Services | 2,916,661 | 2,884,825 | 1,985,446 | 1,857,756 |
| Central Support Services | 384,772 | 379,236 | 377,028 | 378,474 |
| Other Support Services | 141,838 | 137,165 | (4,954) | (5,355) |
| Operations of Non-Instructional Services: | | | | |
| Enterprise Operations | 6,042 | 3,255 | 6,042 | 3,255 |
| Food Services | 3,750,456 | 3,592,502 | (138,231) | (58,018) |
| Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt | 48,740 | 103,288 | 48,740 | 103,288 |
| Total Expenses | \$ <u>63,431,197</u> | \$ <u>60,030,985</u> | \$ <u>19,422,842</u> | \$ <u>19,510,304</u> |

Although program revenues make up a majority of the revenues, the School District is still dependent upon tax revenues for governmental activities. Approximately 30.3 percent of governmental activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The School District's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The governmental funds had total revenues of \$69.0 million and total expenditures of \$71.9 million.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The School District's budget is prepared according to Georgia law. The most significant budgeted fund is the general fund. During the course of fiscal year 2016, the State of Georgia increased funding to School Districts due to increase in student FTE and a reduction in austerity. The School District amended its general fund budget as needed.

For the general fund, the final revenues of \$61.8 million did exceed the original budgeted amount of \$60.7 million by \$1.1 million. This difference was primarily due to the increase in state funds and charges for services revenues over original budget of \$1.4 million.

Final expenditures of \$61.6 million were more than the original budgeted amount of \$61.5 million by \$97.4 thousand. This difference was primarily due to decreased instructional payroll costs associated with new hires versus experienced staff.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At fiscal year end June 30, 2016 the School District had \$77.3 million invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation all in governmental activities. Table 4 shows fiscal year 2016 balances compared with fiscal year 2015 balances.

Table 4
Capital Assets
(Net of Depreciation)

| | Governmental Activities | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| | Fiscal Year 2016 | Fiscal Year 2015 |
| Land | \$ 867,913 | \$ 867,913 |
| Construction In Progress | 5,183,441 | 3,793,328 |
| Building and Improvements | 62,822,214 | 60,998,824 |
| Equipment | 4,261,317 | 3,997,133 |
| Land Improvements | 4,176,211 | 3,281,567 |
| Total | \$ <u>77,311,096</u> | \$ <u>72,938,765</u> |

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Debt

At fiscal year end June 30, 2016, the School District had a \$4.1 million obligation for debt.

Table 5
Debt at June 30

| | Governmental Activities | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | Fiscal Year 2016 | Fiscal Year 2015 |
| General Obligation Bonds | \$ 3,875,000 | \$ 5,725,000 |
| Unamortized Bond Premiums | 239,166 | 358,750 |
| Total | <u>\$ 4,114,166</u> | <u>\$ 6,083,750</u> |

Current Issues

The State of Georgia continues to under fund QBE due to less than expected state revenues. In fiscal year 2016, 62.6% of the School District's operational budget was funded by state revenues. In 2016, the property tax assessment for education is at 17.060 mills.

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 School District's finances and show the School District's accountability for the money received. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Mary Ann Chaney, Director of Finance at the Ware County Board of Education, 1301 Bailey Street, Waycross, GA 31501. You may email your questions to mchaney@ware.k12.ga.us.

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WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2016

EXHIBIT "A"

| | GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES |
|---|----------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 17,713,960.63 |
| Investments | 3,021,52 |
| Accounts Receivable, Net | |
| Interest | 8.56 |
| Taxes | 1,754,414.86 |
| State Government | 5,462,491.89 |
| Federal Government | 547,933.92 |
| Local | 166,256.50 |
| Other | 5,573.01 |
| Notes Receivable | 36,650.24 |
| Inventories | 132,946.00 |
| Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable | 6,051,353.75 |
| Capital Assets, Depreciable (Net of Accumulated Depreciation) | <u>71,259,742.71</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>103,134,353.59</u> |
| <u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u> | |
| Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans | <u>4,791,156.18</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | |
| Accounts Payable | 709,013.11 |
| Salaries and Benefits Payable | 7,082,457.72 |
| Interest Payable | 56,354.17 |
| Contracts Payable | 1,781,371.79 |
| Retainages Payable | 326,272.98 |
| Net Pension Liability | 45,729,016.00 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | |
| Due Within One Year | 2,019,583.23 |
| Due in More Than One Year | <u>2,094,583.23</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>59,798,652.23</u> |
| <u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u> | |
| Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans | <u>5,020,772.00</u> |
| <u>NET POSITION</u> | |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets | 78,755,302.16 |
| Restricted for | |
| Continuation of Federal Programs | 848,156.51 |
| Debt Service | 4,642,370.25 |
| Capital Projects | 1,302,852.37 |
| Permanent Funds | 3,000.00 |
| Unrestricted (Deficit) | <u>(42,445,595.75)</u> |
| Total Net Position | <u>\$ 43,106,085.54</u> |

WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

| | EXPENSES | CHARGES FOR SERVICES |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u> | | |
| Instruction | \$ 41,061,329.37 | \$ 695,203.77 |
| Support Services | | |
| Pupil Services | 2,784,067.40 | - |
| Improvement of Instructional Services | 2,299,344.05 | - |
| Educational Media Services | 1,006,704.46 | - |
| General Administration | 441,795.05 | - |
| School Administration | 3,534,185.47 | - |
| Business Administration | 415,335.87 | - |
| Maintenance and Operation of Plant | 4,639,926.84 | 9,220.00 |
| Student Transportation Services | 2,916,660.64 | 80,734.49 |
| Central Support Services | 384,772.04 | - |
| Other Support Services | 141,838.17 | - |
| Operations of Non-Instructional Services | | |
| Enterprise Operations | 6,042.00 | - |
| Food Services | 3,750,455.60 | 99,589.46 |
| Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt | 48,740.49 | - |
| | <u>\$ 63,431,197.45</u> | <u>\$ 884,747.72</u> |
| Total Governmental Activities | | |
| General Revenues | | |
| Taxes | | |
| Property Taxes | | |
| For Maintenance and Operations | | |
| Railroad Cars | | |
| Sales Taxes | | |
| Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax | | |
| For Capital Projects | | |
| Other Sales Tax | | |
| Grants and Contributions not Restricted to Specific Programs | | |
| Investment Earnings | | |
| Miscellaneous | | |
| Special Item | | |
| Loss on Building Impairment | | |
| | | |
| Total General Revenues and Special Item | | |
| | | |
| Change in Net Position | | |
| | | |
| Net Position - Beginning of Year | | |
| | | |
| Net Position - End of Year | | |

EXHIBIT "B"

| PROGRAM REVENUES | | NET (EXPENSES) |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| OPERATING | CAPITAL | REVENUES |
| GRANTS AND | GRANTS AND | AND CHANGES IN |
| CONTRIBUTIONS | CONTRIBUTIONS | NET POSITION |
| | | |
| \$ 29,798,762.91 | \$ 1,641,779.79 | \$ (8,925,582.90) |
| 408,761.55 | 38,167.30 | (2,337,138.55) |
| 1,736,504.89 | 7,719.21 | (555,119.95) |
| 672,337.88 | 9,782.07 | (324,584.51) |
| 938,090.49 | 4,484.33 | 500,779.77 |
| 1,435,323.23 | 32,964.64 | (2,065,897.60) |
| - | 4,210.13 | (411,125.74) |
| 1,547,481.02 | 53,124.27 | (3,030,101.55) |
| 773,259.68 | 77,220.00 | (1,985,446.47) |
| - | 7,744.44 | (377,027.60) |
| 146,792.13 | - | 4,953.96 |
| - | - | (6,042.00) |
| 3,774,041.34 | 15,056.01 | 138,231.21 |
| - | - | (48,740.49) |
| <u>\$ 41,231,355.12</u> | <u>\$ 1,892,252.19</u> | <u>(19,422,842.42)</u> |
| | | |
| | | 12,319,785.12 |
| | | 186,682.14 |
| | | |
| | | 6,311,557.80 |
| | | 85,095.95 |
| | | 5,347,074.29 |
| | | 8,077.15 |
| | | 1,318,113.50 |
| | | <u>(527,633.41)</u> |
| | | |
| | | <u>25,048,752.54</u> |
| | | |
| | | 5,625,910.12 |
| | | <u>37,480,175.42</u> |
| | | |
| | | <u>\$ 43,106,085.54</u> |

WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2016

| | GENERAL FUND | CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 9,915,677.69 | \$ 3,097,648.77 |
| Investments | - | - |
| Accounts Receivable, Net | | |
| Interest | - | - |
| Taxes | 1,207,175.82 | 547,239.04 |
| State Government | 4,577,512.89 | 884,979.00 |
| Federal Government | 547,933.92 | - |
| Local | 166,256.50 | - |
| Other | 5,573.01 | - |
| Notes Receivable | 36,650.24 | - |
| Due from Other Funds | 888,773.12 | - |
| Inventories | 132,946.00 | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Assets | \$ 17,478,499.19 | \$ 4,529,866.81 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 478,416.56 | \$ 230,596.55 |
| Salaries and Benefits Payable | 7,082,457.72 | - |
| Due to Other Funds | - | 888,773.12 |
| Contracts Payable | - | 1,781,371.79 |
| Retainages Payable | - | 326,272.98 |
| Deposits and Unearned Revenue | 36,650.24 | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Liabilities | 7,597,524.52 | 3,227,014.44 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| <u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u> | | |
| Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes | 839,157.87 | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| <u>FUND BALANCES</u> | | |
| Nonspendable | 132,946.00 | - |
| Restricted | 715,210.51 | 1,302,852.37 |
| Committed | 669,023.94 | - |
| Unassigned | 7,524,636.35 | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Fund Balances | 9,041,816.80 | 1,302,852.37 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances | \$ 17,478,499.19 | \$ 4,529,866.81 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

EXHIBIT "C"

| DEBT SERVICE FUND | NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND | TOTAL |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| \$ 4,698,724.42 | \$ 1,909.75 | \$ 17,713,960.63 |
| - | 3,021.52 | 3,021.52 |
| - | 8.56 | 8.56 |
| - | - | 1,754,414.86 |
| - | - | 5,462,491.89 |
| - | - | 547,933.92 |
| - | - | 166,256.50 |
| - | - | 5,573.01 |
| - | - | 36,650.24 |
| - | - | 888,773.12 |
| - | - | 132,946.00 |
| <u>\$ 4,698,724.42</u> | <u>\$ 4,939.83</u> | <u>\$ 26,712,030.25</u> |
| \$ - | \$ - | \$ 709,013.11 |
| - | - | 7,082,457.72 |
| - | - | 888,773.12 |
| - | - | 1,781,371.79 |
| - | - | 326,272.98 |
| - | - | 36,650.24 |
| <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>10,824,538.96</u> |
| - | - | 839,157.87 |
| - | - | 132,946.00 |
| 4,698,724.42 | 3,000.00 | 6,719,787.30 |
| - | - | 669,023.94 |
| - | 1,939.83 | 7,526,576.18 |
| <u>4,698,724.42</u> | <u>4,939.83</u> | <u>15,048,333.42</u> |
| <u>\$ 4,698,724.42</u> | <u>\$ 4,939.83</u> | <u>\$ 26,712,030.25</u> |

WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2016

EXHIBIT "D"

| | | |
|--|----|---------------|
| Total fund balances - governmental funds (Exhibit "C") | \$ | 15,048,333.42 |
|--|----|---------------|

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

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

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----|------------------------|---------------|
| Land | \$ | 867,912.91 | |
| Construction in progress | | 5,183,440.84 | |
| Buildings and improvements | | 89,392,647.30 | |
| Equipment | | 14,206,866.67 | |
| Land improvements | | 9,299,444.21 | |
| Accumulated depreciation | | <u>(41,639,215.47)</u> | 77,311,096.46 |

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

| | | |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------|
| Net pension liability | | (45,729,016.00) |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------|

| | | |
|--|--|--------------|
| Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. | | (229,615.82) |
|--|--|--------------|

| | | |
|--|--|------------|
| Taxes that are not available to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in the funds. | | 839,157.87 |
|--|--|------------|

Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore, are deferred on the Statement of Net Position.

| | | |
|------------------|--|-----------|
| Lease receivable | | 36,650.24 |
|------------------|--|-----------|

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

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Bonds Payable | (3,875,000.00) | |
| Accrued interest payable | (56,354.17) | |
| Unamortized bond premiums | <u>(239,166.46)</u> | <u>(4,170,520.63)</u> |

| | | |
|---|----|-----------------------------|
| Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "A") | \$ | <u><u>43,106,085.54</u></u> |
|---|----|-----------------------------|

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WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

| | GENERAL FUND | CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>REVENUES</u> | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 12,228,577.27 | \$ - |
| Sales Taxes | 85,095.95 | 6,311,557.80 |
| State Funds | 38,674,423.92 | 934,722.00 |
| Federal Funds | 8,565,273.09 | - |
| Charges for Services | 884,747.72 | - |
| Investment Earnings | 4,349.37 | 1,135.38 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,307,648.13 | 16,971.75 |
| Total Revenues | <u>61,750,115.45</u> | <u>7,264,386.93</u> |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | | |
| Current | | |
| Instruction | 38,802,028.07 | 1,532,973.07 |
| Support Services | | |
| Pupil Services | 2,764,660.75 | - |
| Improvement of Instructional Services | 2,418,482.94 | - |
| Educational Media Services | 1,027,787.92 | - |
| General Administration | 451,981.30 | - |
| School Administration | 3,692,676.45 | - |
| Business Administration | 437,297.59 | - |
| Maintenance and Operation of Plant | 4,612,165.23 | - |
| Student Transportation Services | 3,152,339.73 | - |
| Central Support Services | 366,980.70 | - |
| Other Support Services | 145,406.22 | - |
| Enterprise Operations | 6,042.00 | - |
| Food Services Operation | 3,700,021.90 | - |
| Capital Outlay | - | 6,752,571.35 |
| Debt Services | | |
| Principal | - | - |
| Dues and Fees | - | - |
| Interest | - | - |
| Total Expenditures | <u>61,577,870.80</u> | <u>8,285,544.42</u> |
| Revenues over (under) Expenditures | <u>172,244.65</u> | <u>(1,021,157.49)</u> |
| <u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u> | | |
| Transfers In | 997,820.94 | 681,597.75 |
| Transfers Out | - | (997,820.94) |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | <u>997,820.94</u> | <u>(316,223.19)</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balances | 1,170,065.59 | (1,337,380.68) |
| Fund Balances - Beginning | <u>7,871,751.21</u> | <u>2,640,233.05</u> |
| Fund Balances - Ending | <u><u>\$ 9,041,816.80</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 1,302,852.37</u></u> |

EXHIBIT "E"

| DEBT SERVICE FUND | NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND | TOTAL |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| \$ - | \$ - | \$ 12,228,577.27 |
| - | - | 6,396,653.75 |
| - | - | 39,609,145.92 |
| - | - | 8,565,273.09 |
| - | - | 884,747.72 |
| 2,588.48 | 3.92 | 8,077.15 |
| - | - | 1,324,619.88 |
| <u>2,588.48</u> | <u>3.92</u> | <u>69,017,094.78</u> |
| - | - | 40,335,001.14 |
| - | - | 2,764,660.75 |
| - | - | 2,418,482.94 |
| - | - | 1,027,787.92 |
| - | - | 451,981.30 |
| - | - | 3,692,676.45 |
| - | - | 437,297.59 |
| - | - | 4,612,165.23 |
| - | - | 3,152,339.73 |
| - | - | 366,980.70 |
| - | - | 145,406.22 |
| - | - | 6,042.00 |
| - | - | 3,700,021.90 |
| - | - | 6,752,571.35 |
| 1,850,000.00 | - | 1,850,000.00 |
| 698.75 | - | 698.75 |
| 190,750.00 | - | 190,750.00 |
| <u>2,041,448.75</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>71,904,863.97</u> |
| <u>(2,038,860.27)</u> | <u>3.92</u> | <u>(2,887,769.19)</u> |
| - | - | 1,679,418.69 |
| <u>(681,597.75)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(1,679,418.69)</u> |
| <u>(681,597.75)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| (2,720,458.02) | 3.92 | (2,887,769.19) |
| <u>7,419,182.44</u> | <u>4,935.91</u> | <u>17,936,102.61</u> |
| <u>\$ 4,698,724.42</u> | <u>\$ 4,939.83</u> | <u>\$ 15,048,333.42</u> |

WARE 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, 2016

EXHIBIT "F"

Net change in fund balances total governmental funds (Exhibit "E") \$ (2,887,769.19)

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

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

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Capital outlay | \$ 7,568,187.86 | |
| Depreciation expense | (2,668,223.38) | 4,899,964.48 |

The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e. sales, trade-ins, donations, and disposals) is to decrease net position. (527,633.41)

Taxes reported in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. 277,889.99

Lease Receivables reported in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. (6,506.38)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and the acquisition cost of refunded debt when debt is first issued. These amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Bond principal retirements | \$ 1,850,000.00 | |
| Amortization of bond premium | 119,583.23 | 1,969,583.23 |

District pension contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds when made. However, they are reported as deferred outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position because the reported net pension liability is measured a year before the District's report date. Pension expense, which is the change in the net pension liability adjusted for changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, is reported in the Statement of Activities.

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Pension expense | 1,877,256.37 |
|-----------------|--------------|

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

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Accrued interest on issuance of bonds | 23,125.03 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|

Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "B") \$ 5,625,910.12

WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2016

EXHIBIT "G"

| | AGENCY FUNDS |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | <hr/> |
| <u>ASSETS</u> | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 779,460.25 |
| Accounts Receivable, Net | |
| State | 11,875.00 |
| Other | <hr/> 2,062.59 |
| | |
| Total Assets | \$ <hr/> <hr/> 793,397.84 |
| | |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | |
| Accounts Payable | 68,473.78 |
| Funds Held for Others | <hr/> 724,924.06 |
| | |
| Total Liabilities | \$ <hr/> <hr/> 793,397.84 |

NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

REPORTING ENTITY

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

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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

GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The School District reports the following fiduciary fund type:

- Agency funds are used to report resources held by the School District in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The basis of accounting determines when transactions are reported on the financial statements. The government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the School District gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, sales taxes, 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. The School District considers all intergovernmental revenues to be available if they are collected within 120 days after year-end. Property taxes, sales taxes and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general

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

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

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In fiscal year 2016, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. This statement addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements. The definition of fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. This statement provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for financial reporting purposes. This statement also provides guidance for applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements. The School District did not have any items that required a reassessment of value for reporting purposes as a result of adoption of this statement.

In fiscal year 2016, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets that are not within the Scope of GASB Statement No. 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements No. 67 and 68*. This statement establishes requirements for defined benefit pensions that are not within the scope of Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, as well as for the assets accumulated for purposes of providing those pensions. In addition, it establishes requirements for defined contribution pensions that are not within the scope of Statement No. 68. It also amends certain provisions of Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, and Statement No. 68 for pension plans and pensions that are within their respective scopes. The adoption of this statement does not have a significant impact on the School District's financial statements.

In fiscal year 2016, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. This statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain external investment pools and pool participants. If an external investment pool meets the criteria in this statement and measures all of its investments at amortized cost, the pool's participants also should measure their investments in that external investment pool at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. Therefore, the investment in this pool is measured at fair value as provided in paragraph 11 of GASB No. 31, as amended. The adoption of this statement does not have an impact on the School District's financial statements.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

RECEIVABLES

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

Due to other funds and due from other funds consist of activities between funds that are representative at the end of the fiscal year.

INVENTORIES

Food Inventories

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

CAPITAL ASSETS

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

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

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

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

| | Capitalization Policy | Estimated Useful Life |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Land | Any Amount | N/A |
| Land Improvements | \$ 5,000.00 | 15 years |
| Buildings and Improvements | \$ 5,000.00 | 10 to 80 years |
| Equipment | \$ 5,000.00 | 5 to 15 years |
| Intangible Assets | \$ 20,000.00 | 10 to 15 years |
| Infrastructure | \$ 20,000.00 | 10 to 30 years |

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

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

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

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES AND BOND DISCOUNTS/PREMIUMS

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

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

PENSIONS

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

FUND BALANCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

USE OF ESTIMATES

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

PROPERTY TAXES

The Ware County Board of Commissioners adopted the property tax levy for the 2015 tax digest year (calendar year) on August 18, 2015 (levy date) based on property values as of January 1, 2015. Taxes were due on November 15, 2015 (lien date). Taxes collected within the current fiscal year or within 60 days after year-end on the 2015 tax digest are reported as revenue in the governmental funds for fiscal year 2016. The Ware 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, 2016, for maintenance and operations amounted to \$11,324,340.08.

The tax millage rate levied for the 2015 tax year (calendar year) for the School District was as follows (a mill equals \$1 per thousand dollars of assessed value):

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| School Operations | <u>17.060</u> mills |
|-------------------|---------------------|

Additionally, Title Ad Valorem Tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, amounted to \$717,555.05 during fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

SALES TAXES

Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), at the fund reporting level, during the year amounted to \$6,311,557.80 and is to be used for capital outlay for educational purposes or debt service. This sales tax was authorized by local referendum and the sales tax must be re-authorized at least every five years.

NOTE 3: BUDGETARY DATA

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

The budgetary process begins with the School District's administration presenting an initial budget for the Board's review. The administration makes revisions as necessary based on the Board's guidelines, and a tentative budget is approved. After approval of this tentative budget by the Board, such budget is advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality, as well as the School District's website. At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board after advertisement, the Board receives comments on the tentative budget, makes revisions as necessary and adopts a final budget. The approved budget is then submitted, in accordance with provisions of O.C.G.A. §20-2-167(c), to the Georgia Department of Education. The Board may increase or decrease the budget at any time during the year. All unexpended budget authority lapses at fiscal year-end.

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

NOTE 4: DEPOSITS

COLLATERALIZATION OF DEPOSITS

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

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

- (1) Surety bond signed by a surety company duly qualified and authorized to transact business within the State of Georgia,
- (2) Insurance on accounts provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,
- (3) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness or other direct obligations of the United States or of the State of Georgia,
- (4) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness or other obligations of the counties or municipalities of the State of Georgia,
- (5) Bonds of any public authority created by the laws of the State of Georgia, providing that the statute that created the authority authorized the use of the bonds for this purpose,
- (6) Industrial revenue bonds and bonds of development authorities created by the laws of the State of Georgia, and

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- (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, 2016, the School District had deposits with a carrying amount of \$18,496,442.40, which includes \$3,021.52 in Certificates of Deposits that are recorded as investments, and a bank balance of \$20,629,643.38. The bank balances insured by Federal depository insurance were \$4,951,752.04.

At June 30, 2016, \$15,677,891.34 of the School District's bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

| | |
|--|-------------------------|
| Uninsured with collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the School District's name | \$ <u>15,677,891.34</u> |
|--|-------------------------|

NOTE 5: LEASE RECEIVABLE

On February 1, 2011 the Ware County School District entered into an Installment Sales Contract with St. Johns Missionary Baptist Association, whereby the School District agreed to sell the property located at 701 Morton Avenue, Waycross, Georgia 31501, known as the Daffodil School Site. The agreement commenced on December 1, 2011, with a maturity date of December 1, 2020.

| Fiscal Year Ending June 30: | Minimum Lease Payment Receivable | Less Unearned Income | Net Investment in Sales Type Lease |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 2017 | \$ 8,232.64 | \$ 1,466.01 | \$ 6,766.63 |
| 2018 | 8,232.64 | 1,195.34 | 7,037.30 |
| 2019 | 8,232.64 | 913.85 | 7,318.79 |
| 2020 | 8,232.64 | 621.10 | 7,611.54 |
| 2021 | <u>8,232.64</u> | <u>316.66</u> | <u>7,915.98</u> |
| Total | \$ <u>41,163.20</u> | \$ <u>4,512.96</u> | \$ <u>36,650.24</u> |

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NOTE 6: CAPITAL ASSETS

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

| | Balances July 1, 2015 | Adjustments | Increases | Decreases | Balances June 30, 2016 |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Governmental Activities | | | | | |
| Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated: | | | | | |
| Land | \$ 867,912.91 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 867,912.91 |
| Construction in Progress | 3,793,327.92 | - | 6,563,996.99 | 5,173,884.07 | 5,183,440.84 |
| Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated | 4,661,240.83 | - | 6,563,996.99 | 5,173,884.07 | 6,051,353.75 |
| Capital Assets Being Depreciated | | | | | |
| Buildings and Improvements | 87,273,489.64 | - | 3,407,624.08 | 1,288,466.42 | 89,392,647.30 |
| Equipment | 12,872,800.25 | - | 1,417,411.81 | 83,345.39 | 14,206,866.67 |
| Land Improvements | 8,282,572.93 | - | 1,353,039.05 | 336,167.77 | 9,299,444.21 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation for: | | | | | |
| Buildings and Improvements | 26,274,665.13 | (198,443.09) | 1,309,753.66 | 815,542.60 | 26,570,433.10 |
| Equipment | 8,875,667.19 | - | 1,153,227.15 | 83,345.39 | 9,945,548.95 |
| Land Improvements | 5,001,005.94 | - | 403,685.66 | 281,458.18 | 5,123,233.42 |
| Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net | 68,277,524.56 | 198,443.09 | 3,311,408.47 | 527,633.41 | 71,259,742.71 |
| Governmental Activity Capital Assets - Net | \$ 72,938,765.39 | \$ 198,443.09 | \$ 9,875,405.46 | \$ 5,701,517.48 | \$ 77,311,096.46 |

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Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:

| | | |
|--|------------------|------------------------|
| Instruction | | \$ 2,239,780.36 |
| Support Services | | |
| Pupil Services | \$ 90,298.21 | |
| Improvements of Instructional Services | 1,278.83 | |
| Educational Media Services | 2,937.10 | |
| General Administration | 2,453.75 | |
| School Administration | 376.37 | |
| Business Administration | 1,637.61 | |
| Maintenance and Operation of Plant | 67,894.12 | |
| Student Transportation Services | 346,477.91 | |
| Central Support Services | <u>26,248.83</u> | 539,602.73 |
| Food Services | | <u>87,283.38</u> |
| | | <u>\$ 2,866,666.47</u> |

NOTE 7: INTERFUND ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND TRANSFERS

INTERFUND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Due to and due from other funds are recorded for interfund receivables and payables which arise from interfund transactions. Interfund balances at June 30, 2016, consisted of the following:

| | <u>Due From Other Funds</u> | <u>Due To Other Funds</u> |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| General Fund | \$ 888,773.12 | \$ - |
| Capital Projects | <u>-</u> | <u>888,773.12</u> |
| | <u>\$ 888,773.12</u> | <u>\$ 888,773.12</u> |

Funds are due to the general fund for reimbursement for ESPLOST expenditures paid out of the general fund.

INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2016, consisted of the following:

| | <u>Transfers From</u> | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Transfers to</u> | <u>Capital Projects Fund</u> | <u>Debt Service Fund</u> |
| General Fund | \$ 997,820.94 | \$ - |
| Capital Projects Fund | <u>-</u> | <u>681,597.75</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 997,820.94</u> | <u>\$ 681,597.75</u> |

Transfers are used to move Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax revenues collected by capital projects fund to the general fund as reimbursement for capital outlay expenditures approved in the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax referendum and debt service fund to pay principal and interest payments.

NOTE 8: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

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

| | Governmental Activities | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | Balance July 1, 2015 | Additions | Deductions | Balance June 30, 2016 | Due Within One Year |
| General Obligation Bonds | \$ 5,725,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,850,000.00 | \$ 3,875,000.00 | \$ 1,900,000.00 |
| Bond Premiums Amortized | 358,749.69 | - | 119,583.23 | 239,166.46 | 119,583.23 |
| | <u>\$ 6,083,749.69</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 1,969,583.23</u> | <u>\$ 4,114,166.46</u> | <u>\$ 2,019,583.23</u> |

GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT OUTSTANDING

The School District's bonded debt consists of general obligation bonds that are generally noncallable with interest payable semiannually. Bond proceeds primarily pay for acquiring or constructing capital facilities. The School District repays general obligation bonds from voter-approved sales taxes. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the School District.

General obligation bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

| Description | Interest Rates | Issue Date | Maturity Date | Amount Issued | Amount Outstanding |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| General Government - Series 2012 | 2% - 4% | 8/31/2012 | 2/1/2018 | <u>\$ 9,280,000.00</u> | <u>\$ 3,875,000.00</u> |

The following schedule details debt service requirements to maturity for the School District's total general obligation bonds payable:

| Fiscal Year Ended June 30: | General Obligation Debt | | Unamortized Bond Premium |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Principal | Interest | |
| 2017 | \$ 1,900,000.00 | \$ 135,250.00 | \$ 119,583.23 |
| 2018 | <u>1,975,000.00</u> | <u>59,250.00</u> | <u>119,583.23</u> |
| Total Principal and Interest | <u>\$ 3,875,000.00</u> | <u>\$ 194,500.00</u> | <u>\$ 239,166.46</u> |

NOTE 9: RISK MANAGEMENT

INSURANCE

Commercial Insurance

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

Georgia School Boards Association Risk and Insurance Management System

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

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Georgia Education Workers' Compensation Trust

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

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

The School District is self-insured with regard to unemployment compensation claims. The School District accounts for claims within the general fund with expenses/expenditures and liability being reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. The School District had no unemployment compensation claims in the past two years.

SURETY BOND

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

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

NOTE 10: FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

The School District's financial statements include the following amounts presented in the aggregate at June 30, 2016:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Nonspendable | | |
| Inventories | | \$ 132,946.00 |
| Restricted | | |
| Continuation of Federal Programs | \$ 715,210.51 | |
| Capital Projects | 1,302,852.37 | |
| Debt Service | 4,698,724.42 | |
| Permanent Funds | <u>3,000.00</u> | 6,719,787.30 |
| Committed | | |
| School Activity Accounts | | 669,023.94 |
| Unassigned | | <u>7,526,576.18</u> |
| Fund Balance, June 30, 2016 | | <u>\$ 15,048,333.42</u> |

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

NOTE 11: SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS

COMMITMENTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

The following is an analysis of significant outstanding construction or renovation contracts executed by the School District as of June 30, 2016, together with funding available:

| Project | Unearned Executed Contracts (1) | Payments through June 30, 2016 (2) | Funding Available From State (1) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ware High Roofing Project | \$ 2,332,364.27 | \$ 1,514,532.60 | \$ 753,871.00 |
| Ware High Camera and Security Project | 16,426.88 | 468,713.00 | - |
| Waycross Middle HVAC | 202,978.90 | 329,261.95 | - |
| Ware Middle HVAC | 288,225.10 | 372,182.46 | - |
| William Heights Classroom Project | <u>436,153.56</u> | <u>2,001,445.76</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | <u>\$ 3,276,148.71</u> | <u>\$ 4,686,135.77</u> | <u>\$ 753,871.00</u> |

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

(2) Payments include Contracts and Retainages Payable at year end.

NOTE 12: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

FEDERAL GRANTS

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

LITIGATION

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

NOTE 13: 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). Additional information about the School OPEB Fund is disclosed in the *State of Georgia* Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This report can be obtained from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts at www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/CAFR.html.

Funding Policy. The contribution requirements of plan members and participating employers are established by the Board in accordance with the current Appropriations Act and may be amended by the Board. Contributions of plan members or beneficiaries receiving benefits vary based on plan election, dependent coverage, and Medicare eligibility and election. For members with fewer than five years of service as of January 1, 2012, contributions also vary based on years of service. On average, members with five years or more of service as of January 1, 2012 pay approximately 25% of the cost of the health insurance coverage. In accordance with the Board resolution dated December 8, 2011, for members with fewer than five years of service as of January 1, 2012, the State provides a premium subsidy in retirement that ranges from 0% for fewer than 10 years of service to 75% (but no greater than the subsidy percentage offered to active employees) for 30 or more years of service. The subsidy for eligible dependents ranges from 0% to 55% (but no greater than the subsidy 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, 2016:

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

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 \$945.00 per member per month

For non-certificated school personnel:

July 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015 \$596.20 per member per month

January 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016 \$746.20 per member per month

No additional contribution was required by the Board for fiscal year 2016 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:

| Fiscal Year | Percentage Contributed | Required Contribution |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2016 | 100% | \$ 6,535,238.00 |
| 2015 | 100% | \$ 6,058,755.00 |
| 2014 | 100% | \$ 5,966,376.40 |

NOTE 14: RETIREMENT PLANS

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

TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TRS)

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

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

Contributions: Per Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., contribution requirements of active employees and participating employers, as actuarially determined, are established and may be amended by the TRS Board. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §47-3-63, the employer contributions for certain full-time public school

support personnel are funded on behalf of the employer by the State of Georgia. Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Employees were required to contribute 6% of their annual pay during fiscal year 2016. The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2016 was 14.27% of annual School District payroll of which 14.09% of payroll was required from the School District and 0.18% of payroll was required from the State. For the current fiscal year, employer contributions to the pension plan were \$4,681,748.00 and \$49,483.72 from the School District and the State, respectively.

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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

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

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

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

Contributions: Member contributions under the old plan are 4% of annual compensation, up to \$4,200.00, plus 6% of annual compensation in excess of \$4,200.00. Under the old plan, the state pays member contributions in excess of 1.25% of annual compensation. Under the old plan, these state contributions are included in the members' accounts for refund purposes and are used in the computation of the members' earnable compensation for the purpose of computing retirement benefits. Member contributions under the new plan and GSEPS are 1.25% of annual compensation. The School District's contractually required contribution rate, actuarially determined annually, for the year ended June 30, 2016 was 24.72% of annual covered payroll for old and new plan members and 21.69% for GSEPS members. Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Employer contributions to the pension plan were \$33,471.18 for the current fiscal year.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSERS)

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

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

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

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

Individuals who became members prior to July 1, 2012 contribute \$4 per month for nine months each fiscal year. Individuals who became members on or after July 1, 2012 contribute \$10 per month for nine months each fiscal year. The State of Georgia, although not the employer of PSERS members, is required by statute to make employer contributions actuarially determined and approved and certified by the PSERS Board of Trustees. The current fiscal year contribution was \$126,985.00.

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

At June 30, 2016, the School District reported a liability of \$45,729,016.00 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for TRS (\$45,530,133.00) and ERS (\$198,883.00).

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

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability | \$ 45,530,133.00 |
| State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District | <u>476,359.00</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 46,006,492.00</u> |

The net pension liability for TRS and ERS was measured as of June 30, 2015. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of

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June 30, 2014. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2015 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on contributions to TRS and ERS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

At June 30, 2015, the School District's TRS proportion was 0.299068%, which was a decrease of 0.001991% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014. At June 30, 2015, the School District's ERS proportion was 0.004909%, which was an increase of 0.002008% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

At June 30, 2016, the School District did not have a PSERS liability for a proportionate share of the net pension liability because of a Special Funding Situation with the State of Georgia, which is responsible for the net pension liability of the plan. The amount of the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District is \$568,696.00.

The PSERS net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2014. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2015 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The State's proportion of the net pension liability associated with the School District was based on actuarially determined contributions paid by the State during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the School District recognized pension expense of \$2,773,786.00 for TRS, \$80,758.00 for ERS and \$33,914.00 for PSERS and revenue of \$16,108.00 for TRS and \$33,914.00 for PSERS. The revenue is support provided by the State of Georgia. For TRS the State of Georgia support is provided only for certain support personnel.

At June 30, 2016, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

| | TRS | | ERS | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Deferred Outflows of Resources | Deferred Inflows of Resources | Deferred Outflows of Resources | Deferred Inflows of Resources |
| Differences between expected and actual experience | \$ - | \$ 400,461.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,589.00 |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments | - | 3,840,515.00 | - | 14,350.00 |
| Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions | - | 763,857.00 | 75,937.00 | - |
| School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date | <u>4,681,748.00</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>33,471.18</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 4,681,748.00</u> | <u>\$ 5,004,833.00</u> | <u>\$ 109,408.18</u> | <u>\$ 15,939.00</u> |

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The School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$4,681,748.00 for TRS and \$33,471.18 for ERS are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

| Year Ended June 30: | TRS | ERS |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 2017 | \$ (2,088,044.00) | \$ 49,744.00 |
| 2018 | \$ (2,088,044.00) | \$ 11,812.00 |
| 2019 | \$ (2,088,047.00) | \$ (6,396.00) |
| 2020 | \$ 1,291,417.00 | \$ 4,838.00 |
| 2021 | \$ (32,115.00) | \$ - |

Actuarial assumptions: The total pension liability as of June 30, 2015 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2014, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Teachers Retirement System:

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

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2009.

Employees' Retirement System:

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Inflation | 3.00% |
| Salary increases | 5.45% – 9.25%, average, including inflation |
| Investment rate of return | 7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation |

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2009.

Public School Employees Retirement System:

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

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2009.

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

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

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

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

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

| Teachers Retirement System: | 1% Decrease (6.50%) | Current Discount Rate (7.50%) | 1% Increase (8.50%) |
|--|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| School District's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability | \$ 78,240,092.00 | \$ 45,530,133.00 | \$ 18,569,344.00 |

| Employees' Retirement System: | 1% Decrease (6.50%) | Current Discount Rate (7.50%) | 1% Increase (8.50%) |
|--|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| School District's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability | \$ 281,924.00 | \$ 198,883.00 | \$ 128,088.00 |

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

DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

On May 9, 2000, the Ware County Board of Education approved an employee retirement/insurance proposal for a certain group of employees covered under the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS). Recognizing that PSERS was a was a limited defined contribution and defined benefit plan which did not provide for an adequate retirement for this group of employees, it was the Board's desire to supplement the retirement of this group. The group of employees that this plan was offered to was the 12-month system-wide classified employees who work 40 hours per week and not less than 230 days per year and who are not eligible to enroll in the Teacher's Retirement System of Georgia.

The Board selected New York Life Insurance Company as the provider of this plan originally. For each employee who elected to participate, the Board began contributing to the plan at a maximum of \$60 per month for each participant.

Subsequently, many of the participants dropped their individual insurance plans, but for those who wanted to, could contribute to any 403b offered through the School District. The Board agreed to continue the \$60/month match. On September 10, 2013, Board agreed to increase the limit of their contribution on behalf of the participants to 12.28% of their gross salary per month and to increase annually with increases to TRS contributions. As of the current year, there is only one employee who is currently participating in this plan and the Board contributed 14.27% of their salary to Valic.

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

| Fiscal Year | Percentage Contributed | Required Contribution |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2016 | 100% | \$ 4,551.12 |
| 2015 | 100% | \$ 4,125.96 |
| 2014 | 100% | \$ 2,667.52 |

NOTE 15: IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS

The School District incurred a loss on the impairment of the Ware Magnet School building. The building was removed from the School District's Capital Asset Listing at its carrying value net the amount the asset was sold for in subsequent period. The building was approved for surplus prior to June 30, 2016 but was not sold until fiscal year 2017.

| Asset Qualifying As Impaired | Historical Cost | Less Accumulated Depreciation | Carrying Value | Less Sale Price in Subsequent Period | Loss |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|--|------------|
| Ware Magnet School | 1,731,634.19 | (1,097,000.78) | 634,633.41 | (107,000.00) | 527,633.41 |

This impairment loss is reported on the financial statements as a special item.

NOTE 16: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On March 21, 2017, the voters of Ware County approved the following SPLOST question:

"Shall a one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes be imposed in Ware County for a period of time not to exceed five years (20 consecutive calendar quarters), beginning upon the expiration of the existing sales and use tax for educational purposes presently in effect, in order to raise not more than \$44,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and equipping capital outlay projects at all schools and facilities in the County, including Center Elementary, Memorial Drive Elementary, Ruskin Elementary, Wacona Elementary, Williams Heights Elementary, Ware Middle, Waycross Middle, Ware County High, DAFFODIL Pre-School Center, Ware County Learning Center, Memorial Stadium, Transportation Facility, Rifle Range, and Livestock Arena; system-wide equipment and systems including HVAC, security, and furnishings and equipment; instructional and administrative technology, infrastructure, hardware, equipment, software systems, and technology licenses; acquisition of school buses, vehicles and related equipment; any necessary demolition, new construction or improvements to facilities including parking, paving, fencing and other land improvements; system-wide security upgrades and equipment; system-wide textbooks (including e-books); and other real and personal property including the acquisition of land, and construction of needed facilities and appurtenances of the Ware County School District?

If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the Ware County School District in a principal amount not to exceed \$9,000,000 for the above capital outlay purposes."

None of these bonds were issued as of the date of this report.

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

SCHEDULE "1"

| Year Ended | School District's proportion of the net pension liability | School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability | State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District | Total | School District's covered-employee payroll | School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll | Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability |
|------------|--|---|---|------------------|--|---|--|
| 2016 | 0.299068% | \$ 45,530,133.00 | \$ 476,359.00 | \$ 46,006,492.00 | \$ 31,898,611.80 | 142.73% | 81.44% |
| 2015 | 0.301059% | \$ 38,034,834.00 | \$ 409,205.00 | \$ 38,444,039.00 | \$ 31,045,368.80 | 122.51% | 84.03% |

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

| <u>Year Ended</u> | <u>School District's proportion of the net pension liability</u> | <u>School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability</u> | <u>School District's covered-employee payroll</u> | <u>School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll</u> | <u>Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total net pension liability</u> |
|-------------------|--|---|---|--|---|
| 2016 | 0.004909% \$ | 198,883.00 \$ | 110,074.43 | 180.68% | 76.20% |
| 2015 | 0.002901% \$ | 108,805.00 \$ | 69,339.05 | 156.92% | 77.99% |

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

SCHEDULE "3"

| Year Ended | School District's proportion of the net pension liability | School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability | State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District | Total | School District's covered-employee payroll | School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll | Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability |
|------------|---|--|--|---------------|--|--|--|
| 2016 | 0.00% \$ | - \$ | 568,696.00 \$ | 568,696.00 \$ | 2,303,557.28 | N/A | 87.00% |
| 2015 | 0.00% \$ | - \$ | 479,253.00 \$ | 479,253.00 \$ | 2,345,509.75 | N/A | 88.29% |

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

SCHEDULE "4"

| Year Ended | Contractually required contribution | Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution | Contribution deficiency (excess) | School District's covered-employee payroll | Contribution as a percentage of covered-employee payroll |
|------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
| 2016 | \$ 4,681,748.00 | \$ 4,681,748.00 | - | \$ 33,220,018.43 | 14.09% |
| 2015 | \$ 4,151,238.45 | \$ 4,151,238.45 | - | \$ 31,898,611.80 | 13.01% |

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

SCHEDULE "5"

| Year Ended | | Contractually required contribution | Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution | Contribution deficiency (excess) | | School District's covered-employee payroll | Contribution as a percentage of covered- employee payroll |
|------------|----|--|--|-------------------------------------|----|--|---|
| 2016 | \$ | 33,471.18 | \$ 33,471.18 | - | \$ | 135,401.22 | 24.72% |
| 2015 | \$ | 24,172.36 | \$ 24,172.36 | - | \$ | 110,074.43 | 21.96% |

Teachers Retirement System

Changes of assumptions: In 2010 and later, the expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP 2000 Mortality Tables rather than the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2010. In 2010, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability and mortality were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience. In 2010, assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience.

Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions: The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of contributions are calculated as of June 30, three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the contractually required contributions for year ended June 30, 2016 reported in that schedule:

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Valuation date | June 30, 2013 |
| Actuarial cost method | Entry age |
| Amortization method | Level percentage of payroll, closed |
| Remaining amortization period | 30 years |
| Asset valuation method | Five-year smoothed market |
| Inflation rate | 3.00% |
| Salary increases | 3.75 – 7.00%, including inflation |
| Investment rate of return | 7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation |

Employees' Retirement System

Changes of assumptions: There were no changes in assumptions or benefits that affect the measurement of the total pension liability since the prior measurement date.

Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions: The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of contributions are calculated as of June 30, three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the contractually required contributions for year ended June 30, 2016 reported in that schedule:

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Valuation date | June 30, 2013 |
| Actuarial cost method | Entry age |
| Amortization method | Level dollar, closed |
| Remaining amortization period | 25 years |
| Asset valuation method | Five-year smoothed market |
| Inflation rate | 3.00% |
| Salary increases | 5.45% - 9.25% |
| Investment rate of return | 7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation |

Public School Employees Retirement System

Changes of assumptions: The last experience investigation was prepared for the five-year period ending June 30, 2009, and based on the results of the investigation various assumptions and methods were revised and adopted by the board on December 16, 2010. The next experience investigation will be prepared for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014.

Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions: The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of contributions are calculated as of June 30, three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the contractually required contributions for year ended June 30, 2016 reported in that schedule:

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Valuation date | June 30, 2013 |
| Actuarial cost method | Entry age |
| Amortization method | Level dollar, closed |
| Remaining amortization period | 25 years |
| Asset valuation method | Five-year smoothed market |
| Inflation rate | 3.00% |
| Salary increases | N/A |
| Investment rate of return | 7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation |
| Cost-of living adjustments | 1.50% semi-annually |

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GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

SCHEDULE "7"

| | NONAPPROPRIATED BUDGETS | | ACTUAL | VARIANCE |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | ORIGINAL | FINAL | AMOUNTS | OVER/UNDER |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 12,660,000.00 | \$ 12,660,000.00 | \$ 12,228,577.27 | \$ (431,422.73) |
| Sales Taxes | 110,000.00 | 110,000.00 | 85,095.95 | (24,904.05) |
| State Funds | 37,768,443.00 | 38,572,477.70 | 38,674,423.92 | 101,946.22 |
| Federal Funds | 8,277,900.00 | 9,052,535.00 | 8,565,273.09 | (487,261.91) |
| Charges for Services | 353,900.00 | 353,900.00 | 884,747.72 | 530,847.72 |
| Investment Earnings | 3,700.00 | 3,700.00 | 4,349.37 | 649.37 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,481,288.00 | 1,481,288.00 | 1,307,648.13 | (173,639.87) |
| Total Revenues | 60,655,231.00 | 62,233,900.70 | 61,750,115.45 | (483,785.25) |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current | | | | |
| Instruction | 39,310,807.00 | 39,464,904.70 | 38,802,028.07 | 662,876.63 |
| Support Services | | | | |
| Pupil Services | 2,905,240.00 | 2,851,583.00 | 2,764,660.75 | 86,922.25 |
| Improvement of Instructional Services | 1,869,274.00 | 2,513,194.00 | 2,418,482.94 | 94,711.06 |
| Educational Media Services | 1,077,952.00 | 1,084,673.18 | 1,027,787.92 | 56,885.26 |
| General Administration | 472,025.00 | 513,754.17 | 451,981.30 | 61,772.87 |
| School Administration | 3,462,883.00 | 3,625,039.00 | 3,692,676.45 | (67,637.45) |
| Business Administration | 454,850.00 | 491,507.40 | 437,297.59 | 54,209.81 |
| Maintenance and Operation of Plant | 4,517,476.00 | 4,630,743.32 | 4,612,165.23 | 18,578.09 |
| Student Transportation Services | 2,993,373.00 | 3,257,776.36 | 3,152,339.73 | 105,436.63 |
| Central Support Services | 413,572.00 | 429,215.09 | 366,980.70 | 62,234.39 |
| Other Support Services | 3,000.00 | 161,665.00 | 145,406.22 | 16,258.78 |
| Enterprise Operations | 4,000,000.00 | 3,898,432.38 | 6,042.00 | 3,892,390.38 |
| Food Services Operation | - | - | 3,700,021.90 | (3,700,021.90) |
| Total Expenditures | 61,480,452.00 | 62,922,487.60 | 61,577,870.80 | 1,344,616.80 |
| Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures | (825,221.00) | (688,586.90) | 172,244.65 | 860,831.55 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | |
| Operating Transfers From Other Funds | 905,785.00 | 905,785.00 | 997,820.94 | 92,035.94 |
| Operating Transfers To Other Funds | (275,000.00) | (275,000.00) | - | 275,000.00 |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | 630,785.00 | 630,785.00 | 997,820.94 | 367,035.94 |
| Net Change in Fund Balances | (194,436.00) | (57,801.90) | 1,170,065.59 | 1,227,867.49 |
| Fund Balances - Beginning | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 7,871,751.21 | 7,856,751.21 |
| Fund Balances - Ending | \$ (179,436.00) | \$ (42,801.90) | \$ 9,041,816.80 | \$ 9,084,618.70 |

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

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.

WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

SCHEDULE "B"

| FUNDING AGENCY PROGRAM/GRANT | CFDA NUMBER | PASS- THROUGH ENTITY ID NUMBER | EXPENDITURES IN PERIOD |
|---|----------------|--|---------------------------|
| Agriculture, U. S. Department of | | | |
| Child Nutrition Cluster | | | |
| Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education | | | |
| Food Services | | | |
| School Breakfast Program | 10.553 | 16165GA324N1099 | \$ 902,249.29 |
| National School Lunch Program | 10.555 | 16165GA324N1099 | <u>2,584,620.86</u> |
| Total Child Nutrition Cluster | | | <u>3,486,870.15</u> |
| Other Programs | | | |
| Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education | | | |
| Food Services | | | |
| Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability | 10.579 | 15155GA350N8103 | 11,531.54 |
| Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program | 10.582 | 16145GA324L1603 | <u>101,364.44</u> |
| Total Other Programs | | | <u>112,895.98</u> |
| Total U. S. Department of Agriculture | | | <u>3,599,766.13</u> |
| Education, U. S. Department of | | | |
| Special Education Cluster | | | |
| Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education | | | |
| Special Education | | | |
| Grants to States | 84.027 | H027A150073 | 1,515,979.16 |
| Preschool Grants | 84.173 | H173A150081 | <u>116,004.55</u> |
| Total Special Education Cluster | | | <u>1,631,983.71</u> |
| Other Programs | | | |
| Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education | | | |
| Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States | 84.048 | V048A150010 | 87,076.00 |
| English Language Acquisition Grants | 84.365 | S365A150010 | 12,196.27 |
| Improving Teacher Quality State Grants | 84.367 | S367A150001 | 373,284.57 |
| Migrant Education - State Grant Program | 84.011 | S011A150011 | 87,773.24 |
| Rural Education | 84.358 | S358B150010 | 126,780.27 |
| Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies | 84.010 | S010A150010 | <u>2,291,139.40</u> |
| Total Other Programs | | | <u>2,978,249.75</u> |
| Total U. S. Department of Education | | | <u>4,610,233.46</u> |
| Defense, U. S. Department of | | | |
| Direct | | | |
| Department of the Defense | | | |
| R.O.T.C. Program | 12.357 | N/A | 56,359.62 |
| Interior, U. S. Department of | | | |
| Pass - Through for Ware County Commissioners | | | |
| Revenue Sharing Public Lands and Resources | | | |
| Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge | 15.227 | F09AC00487 | <u>124,681.29</u> |
| Total Expenditures of Federal Awards | | | <u>\$ 8,391,040.50</u> |

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the Ware County Board of Education (the "Board") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2016. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Board, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net assets of the Board.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments*, or the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. The Board has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

SCHEDULE "9"

| AGENCY/FUNDING | GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES | | TOTAL |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | GENERAL FUND | CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND | |
| GRANTS | | | |
| Bright From the Start: | | | |
| Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning | | | |
| Pre-Kindergarten Program | \$ 1,313,786.63 | \$ - | \$ 1,313,786.63 |
| Education, Georgia Department of | | | |
| Quality Basic Education | | | |
| Direct Instructional Cost | | | |
| Kindergarten Program | 1,548,243.00 | - | 1,548,243.00 |
| Kindergarten Program - Early Intervention Program | 966,140.00 | - | 966,140.00 |
| Primary Grades (1-3) Program | 3,811,400.00 | - | 3,811,400.00 |
| Primary Grades - Early Intervention (1-3) Program | 1,887,448.00 | - | 1,887,448.00 |
| Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program | 1,576,073.00 | - | 1,576,073.00 |
| Upper Elementary Grades - Early Intervention (4-5) Program | 1,182,863.00 | - | 1,182,863.00 |
| Middle School (6-8) Program | 3,144,843.00 | - | 3,144,843.00 |
| High School General Education (9-12) Program | 2,846,424.00 | - | 2,846,424.00 |
| Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program | 1,094,782.00 | - | 1,094,782.00 |
| Students with Disabilities | 6,600,890.00 | - | 6,600,890.00 |
| Gifted Student - Category VI | 1,850,866.00 | - | 1,850,866.00 |
| Remedial Education Program | 130,204.00 | - | 130,204.00 |
| Alternative Education Program | 236,162.00 | - | 236,162.00 |
| English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) | 150,404.00 | - | 150,404.00 |
| Media Center Program | 666,028.00 | - | 666,028.00 |
| 20 Days Additional Instruction | 189,502.00 | - | 189,502.00 |
| Staff and Professional Development | 128,265.00 | - | 128,265.00 |
| Principal Staff and Professional Development | 2,428.00 | - | 2,428.00 |
| Indirect Cost | | | |
| Central Administration | 931,081.00 | - | 931,081.00 |
| School Administration | 1,364,417.00 | - | 1,364,417.00 |
| Facility Maintenance and Operations | 1,563,516.00 | - | 1,563,516.00 |
| Vocational Supervisors | 27,167.00 | - | 27,167.00 |
| Amended Formula Adjustment | (1,689,861.00) | - | (1,689,861.00) |
| Categorical Grants | | | |
| Pupil Transportation | | | |
| Regular | 732,172.00 | - | 732,172.00 |
| Nursing Services | 112,517.00 | - | 112,517.00 |
| Education Equalization Funding Grant | 5,222,393.00 | - | 5,222,393.00 |
| Other State Programs | | | |
| Bus Replacement - State Bonds | 77,220.00 | - | 77,220.00 |
| Food Services | 91,394.00 | - | 91,394.00 |
| Math and Science Supplements | 37,812.69 | - | 37,812.69 |
| Preschool Handicapped Program | 147,224.00 | - | 147,224.00 |
| Teachers' Retirement | 49,483.72 | - | 49,483.72 |
| Vocational Education | 96,550.00 | - | 96,550.00 |
| Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission | | | |
| Reimbursement on Construction Projects | - | 934,722.00 | 934,722.00 |
| Office of the Governor | | | |
| Governor's Office of Student Achievement | 457,600.88 | - | 457,600.88 |
| Office of the State Treasurer | | | |
| Public School Employees Retirement | 126,985.00 | - | 126,985.00 |
| | <u>\$ 38,674,423.92</u> | <u>\$ 934,722.00</u> | <u>\$ 39,609,145.92</u> |

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WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

SCHEDULE "10"

| PROJECT | ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1) | CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2) | AMOUNT EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3) (4) | AMOUNT EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3) (4) | TOTAL COMPLETION COST | EXCESS PROCEEDS NOT EXPENDED | ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2012 SPLOST REFERENDUM | | | | | | | |
| (1) Acquiring, constructing, and equipping capital outlay projects at all schools and facilities in the County, including Ware County High, DAFFODIL Pre-School Center, Waycross Middle, Ware Middle, Center Elementary, Memorial Drive Elementary, Ruskin Elementary, Wacona Elementary, Waresboro Elementary, and Williams Heights Elementary; | \$ 7,890,400.00 | \$ 8,178,887.00 | \$ 5,188,550.00 | \$ 2,784,461.60 | - | \$ - | 12/31/2018 |
| (2) System-wide equipment and systems for renewable energy sources including energy efficient lighting, HVAC, and furnishings and equipment; | 10,235,950.00 | 4,831,302.00 | 1,005,398.00 | 3,698,743.49 | - | - | 12/31/2018 |
| (3) System-wide renovations and improvements to athletic facilities; | 3,040,500.00 | 1,910,951.28 | 53,850.00 | 1,857,101.28 | - | - | 12/31/2018 |
| (4) Instructional and administrative technology, infrastructure, hardware, equipment, software systems, and technology licenses; | 12,510,000.00 | 4,612,866.03 | 1,750,225.00 | 2,862,641.03 | - | - | 12/31/2018 |
| (5) Transportation vehicles and equipment including acquisition of school buses and any necessary demolition, new construction or improvements to facilities including parking, paving, fencing and other land improvements; | 1,550,000.00 | 2,418,174.00 | 743,735.00 | 1,514,486.00 | - | - | 12/31/2018 |
| (6) System-wide security upgrades and equipment; | 766,000.00 | 1,023,998.80 | 17,550.00 | 1,006,448.80 | - | - | 12/31/2018 |
| (7) System-wide textbooks; | 2,200,000.00 | 10,507,904.71 | 488,221.00 | 1,019,683.71 | - | - | 12/31/2018 |
| (8) Other real and personal property including the acquisition of land, and construction of needed facilities and appurtenances; | 3,557,150.00 | 279,793.00 | 30,835.00 | 199,203.19 | - | - | 12/31/2018 |
| (9) Other fees and professional services related to bonds | 250,000.00 | 189,755.00 | 5,699.00 | 9,835.00 | - | - | 2/1/2018 |
| | <u>\$ 42,000,000.00</u> | <u>\$ 33,953,631.82</u> | <u>\$ 9,284,063.00</u> | <u>\$ 14,952,604.10</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | |

(1) The School District's original cost estimate as specified in the resolution calling for the imposition of the Local Option Sales Tax.

(2) The School District's current estimate of total cost for the projects. Includes all cost from project inception to completion.

(3) The voters of Ware County approved the imposition of a 1% sales tax to fund the above projects and retire associated debt. Amounts expended for these projects may include sales tax proceeds, state, local property taxes and/or other funds over the life of the projects.

(4) In addition to the expenditures shown above, the School District has incurred interest to provide advance funding for the above projects as follows:

| | |
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| Prior Years | \$ 682,328.72 |
| Current Year | <u>190,750.00</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 873,078.72</u> |

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SECTION II

COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS

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DEPARTMENT OF AUDITS AND ACCOUNTS

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Greg S. Griffin
STATE AUDITOR
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March 23, 2017

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ware County Board of Education (School District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 23, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies

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may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item FS2016-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

School District's Response to Findings

The School District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The School District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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March 23, 2017

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

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited Ware County Board of Education's (School District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2016. The School District's major federal program is identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect of its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2016.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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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

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WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITEE'S RESPONSE
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

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SECTION IV

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

I SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

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

Internal control over financial reporting:

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

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted: No

Federal Awards

Internal Control over major programs:

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

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in
accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? No

Identification of major programs:

| <u>CFDA Numbers</u> | <u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u> |
|---------------------|---|
| 10.553, 10.555 | Child Nutrition Cluster |

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000.00

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes

WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FS 2016-001 Maintenance of Capital Assets

Control Category: Capital Assets
Internal Control Impact: Significant Deficiency
Compliance Impact: None
Repeat of Prior Year Finding: None

Description:

The School District did not maintain an adequate capital assets listing.

Criteria:

The School District's management is responsible for designing and maintaining internal controls that provide reasonable assurance that capital assets inventory records are properly maintained. Chapter 37 *Implementing a Capital Assets Management System* of the Financial Management for Georgia Local Units of Administration indicates that School Districts must establish capital asset policies, define system requirements, implement a capital asset system and maintain capital asset inventory reports.

Condition:

Our review of capital assets revealed the following items:

- Buildings and building improvements on the entity's capital asset listing were not depreciated according to the School District's useful life within its capitalization policies resulting in an overstatement of depreciation expense and an understatement of assets in the amount of \$1,182,676.59.
- Construction in progress was understated by \$517,705.07. The School District did not record current year activity of \$497,305.07 for a new capital project that included Erate expenditures, and the School District did not include current year architect fees of \$20,400.00 for an ongoing capital project.
- A building that was approved for surplus as of June 30, 2016 remained on the School District's asset listing. The impairment of this building resulted in a loss in the amount of \$527,633.41.
- Procedures were not in place to periodically reconcile capital outlay expenditures to capital asset additions. This procedure not being in place could result in assets being added that were not placed in the proper category. It also could result in assets meeting the capitalization threshold not being recorded.

Cause:

In discussing these deficiencies with School District management, they indicated that they failed to properly maintain capital assets records in accordance with the School District's approved capital assets policy and requirements set forth in Chapter 37 *Implementing a Capital Asset Management System* of Financial Management for Georgia Local Units of Administration.

Effect or Potential Effect:

The failure of the School District to maintain complete and accurate capital asset records can lead to inaccurate internal and external reporting, as well as noncompliance with generally accepted accounting principles.

WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Recommendation:

The School District's management should review the capital asset records and make appropriate adjustments to ensure that the capital asset records conform to the School District's approved capital asset policy.

Views of Responsible Officials:

We concur with this finding.

III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

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SECTION V

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR CURRENT YEAR FINDING

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WARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITEE'S RESPONSE
SCHEDULE OF MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

FS 2016-001 Maintenance of Capital Assets

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Control Category: | Capital Assets |
| Internal Control Impact: | Significant Deficiency |
| Compliance Impact: | None |
| Repeat of Prior Year Finding: | None |

The School District did not maintain an adequate capital assets listing.

Corrective Action Plans:

The Finance Department will begin using the Capital Asset system offered by their current software company, McAleer, and move away from using Excel. The plan is to implement the change before closing fiscal year 2017.

Estimated Completion Date: June 30, 2017

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS

No matters were reported.