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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Audited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015



STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Superintendent and School Board
Stone County School District

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 Stone County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Stone County 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 of material misstatement.

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to 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 Stone County School District, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, the schedule of the district's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and the schedule of district contributions on pages 7-14, 51-57, 59 and 61, 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 about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

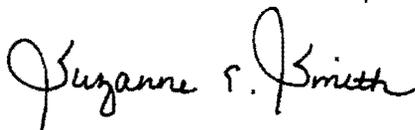
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Stone County School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations (Circular A-133), the Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for Governmental Funds, and the other information section, which includes the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—General Fund, Last Four Years and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—All Governmental Funds, Last Four Years are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations (Circular A-133) and the Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for Governmental Funds are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate 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 financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information mentioned above is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The other information section, which includes the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—General Fund, Last Four Years and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—All Governmental Funds, Last Four Years has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 29, 2016, on our consideration of the Stone County 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 Stone County School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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Brandon, Mississippi
January 29, 2016

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

The following discussion and analysis of Stone County School District's financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2015. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's performance as a whole. Readers are encouraged to review the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total net position for 2015 decreased \$26,428,285, including a prior period adjustment of (\$26,755,921), which represents a 256% decrease from fiscal year 2014. Total net position for 2014 decreased \$398,799, including a prior period adjustment of \$154,655, which represents a 4% decrease from fiscal year 2013.
- General revenues amounted to \$18,327,734 and \$17,395,774, or 80% and 81% of all revenues for fiscal years 2015 and 2014, respectively. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$4,625,262, or 20% of total revenues for 2015, and \$4,200,048, or 19% of total revenues for 2014.
- The District had \$22,625,360 and \$22,149,276 in expenses for fiscal years 2015 and 2014; only \$4,625,262 for 2015 and \$4,200,048 for 2014 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$18,327,734 for 2015 were adequate to provide for these programs. General revenues of \$17,395,774 for 2014 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$18,041,612 in revenues and \$17,829,313 in expenditures for 2015, and \$17,081,345 in revenues and \$17,495,001 in expenditures in 2014. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$998,266, including a prior period adjustment of (\$68,363) and a reclassification of fund type of \$1,214,088, from 2014 to 2015, and increased by \$91,630, including a prior period adjustment of \$154,655, from 2013 to 2014.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$269,794 for 2015 and decreased by \$292,518 for 2014. The decrease for 2015 was primarily due to the current year's increase in accumulated depreciation.
- Long-term debt, including the liability for compensated absences, decreased by \$140,842 for 2015 and increased by \$38,415 for 2014. This decrease for 2015 was due primarily to principal payments on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for compensated absences increased by \$69,060 for 2015 and increased by \$593 for 2014.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis serves as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements, which include government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. This report also contains required supplementary information, supplementary information, and other information.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the District's finances. These statements consist of the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, which are prepared using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual

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basis of accounting. The current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all the District's nonfiduciary assets and liabilities, with the differences between the two reported as "net position." Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating.

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

The government-wide financial statements outline functions of the District that are principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the District include instruction, support services, non-instructional, sixteenth section, pension expense and interest on long-term liabilities.

Fund Financial Statements

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

Governmental funds – Most of the District's general activities are reported in its governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The approach focuses on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as balances of spendable resources available at year end. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed view of the District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, the reader may gain a better understanding of the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. The governmental funds Balance Sheet is reconciled to the Statement of Net Position, and the governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances is reconciled to the Statement of Activities to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains individual governmental funds in accordance with the *Financial Accounting Manual for Mississippi Public School Districts*. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds Balance Sheet and in the governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for all major funds. All non-major funds are combined and presented in these reports as other governmental funds.

Fiduciary funds – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because resources of those funds are not available to support the District's own programs. These funds are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The school district is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purpose.

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Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The financial statements include two schedules that reconcile the amounts reported on the governmental funds financial statements (modified accrual basis of accounting) with government-wide financial statements (accrual basis of accounting). The following summarizes the major differences between the two statements:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported on governmental funds financial statements.

Capital outlay spending results in capital assets on government-wide financial statements, but is reported as expenditures on the governmental funds financial statements.

Bond and note proceeds result in liabilities on government-wide financial statements, but are recorded as other financing sources on the governmental funds financial statements.

Certain other outflows represent either increases or decreases in liabilities on the government-wide financial statements, but are reported as expenditures on the governmental funds financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found immediately following the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents budgetary comparison schedules as required supplementary information. The District adopts an annual operating budget for all governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General Fund and each additional major special revenue fund as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. This report presents a schedule of the district's proportionate share of the net pension liability and a schedule of district contribution as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Supplementary Information

Additionally, a Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by OMB Circular A-133 and a Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for governmental funds can be found in this report.

Other Information

Although not a required part of the basic financial statements, the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—General Fund, Last Four Years and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—All Governmental Funds, Last Four Years, is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Mississippi Department of Education.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. Liabilities and

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deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$16,096,950 as of June 30, 2015.

The District's financial position is a product of several financial transactions including the net result of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets and the depreciation of capital assets.

Table 1 presents a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014.

GASB 68 was implemented in fiscal year 2015. Prior year amounts were not restated to reflect the implementation of GASB 68.

Table 1
Condensed Statement of Net Position

	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014	Percentage Change
Current assets	\$ 4,839,873	\$ 4,644,693	4.20 %
Restricted assets	445,387	641,563	-30.58 %
Capital assets, net	6,546,784	6,816,578	-3.96 %
Total assets	11,832,044	12,102,834	-2.24 %
Deferred outflows of resources	2,512,639	6,908	36,272.89 %
Current liabilities	115,907	144,117	-19.57 %
Long-term debt outstanding	1,493,448	1,634,290	-8.62 %
Net pension liability	25,181,967	-	N/A %
Total liabilities	26,791,322	1,778,407	1,406.48 %
Deferred inflows of resources	3,650,311	-	N/A %
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	6,350,508	6,277,486	1.16 %
Restricted	766,093	1,015,782	-24.58 %
Unrestricted	(23,213,551)	3,038,067	-864.09 %
Total net position	\$ (16,096,950)	\$ 10,331,335	-255.81 %

Additional information on unrestricted net position:

In connection with the implantation of new standards on accounting and financial reporting for pensions, management presents the following additional information:

Total unrestricted net position (deficit)	\$ (23,213,551)
Less unrestricted deficit in net position resulting from recognition of the net pension liability	26,323,093
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability effect	<u>\$ 3,109,542</u>

The following are significant current year transactions that have had an impact on the Statement of Net Position.

- Decrease in net capital assets in the amount of \$269,794.

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- The principal retirement of \$918,080 of long-term debt.
- The issuance of \$500,000 limited tax notes payable and the issuance of \$208,178 shortfall notes payable.
- The recognition of a net pension liability of \$25,181,967 in accordance with new standards (GASB Statement No. 68).

Changes in net position

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 were \$22,952,996 and \$21,595,822, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$22,625,360 for 2015 and \$22,149,276 for 2014. Table 2 presents a summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014.

GASB 68 was implemented in fiscal year 2015. Prior year amounts were not restated to reflect the implementation of GASB 68.

**Table 2
Changes in Net Position**

	<u>Year Ended June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Year Ended June 30, 2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 870,125	\$ 858,155	1.39 %
Operating grants and contributions	3,755,137	3,341,893	12.37 %
General revenues:			
Property taxes	5,629,781	5,241,586	7.41 %
Grants and contributions not restricted	12,529,590	11,981,070	4.58 %
Unrestricted investment earnings	10,815	9,940	8.80 %
Sixteenth section	144,531	153,032	(5.56) %
Other	13,017	10,146	28.30 %
Total revenues	22,952,996	21,595,822	6.28 %
Expenses:			
Instruction	11,309,690	12,230,761	(7.53) %
Support services	8,083,202	8,373,076	(3.46) %
Non-instructional	1,437,070	1,486,864	(3.35) %
Sixteenth section	51,369	25,293	103.10 %
Pension expense	1,717,507	-	N/A %
Interest on long-term liabilities	26,522	33,282	(20.31) %
Total expenses	22,625,360	22,149,276	2.15 %
Increase (Decrease) in net position	327,636	(553,454)	159.20 %
Net Position, July 1, as previously reported	10,331,335	10,730,134	(3.72) %
Prior Period Adjustment	(26,755,921)	154,655	(17,400.39) %
Net Position, July 1, as restated	(16,424,586)	10,884,789	(250.89) %
Net Position, June 30	\$ (16,096,950)	\$ 10,331,335	(255.81) %

Governmental activities

The following table presents the cost of six major District functional activities: instruction, support services, non-instructional, sixteenth section, pension expense, and interest on long-term liabilities. The table also shows each functional activity's net cost (total cost less charges for services generated by the activities and

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intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs). The net cost presents the financial burden that was placed on the State and District's taxpayers by each of these functions.

GASB 68 was implemented in fiscal year 2015. Prior year amounts do not reflect the implementation of GASB 68.

Table 3
Net Cost of Governmental Activities

	Total Expenses		Percentage Change
	2015	2014	
Instruction	\$ 11,309,690	\$ 12,230,761	(7.53) %
Support services	8,083,202	8,373,076	(3.46) %
Non-instructional	1,437,070	1,486,864	(3.35) %
Sixteenth section	51,369	25,293	103.10 %
Pension Expense	1,717,507	-	N/A %
Interest on long-term liabilities	26,522	33,282	(20.31) %
Total expenses	\$ 22,625,360	\$ 22,149,276	2.15 %
	Net (Expense) Revenue		Percentage Change
	2015	2014	
Instruction	\$ (9,551,318)	\$ (10,476,526)	(8.83) %
Support services	(6,765,582)	(7,474,477)	(9.48) %
Non-instructional	93,786	60,350	55.40 %
Sixteenth section	(32,955)	(25,293)	30.29 %
Pension Expense	(1,717,507)	-	N/A %
Interest on long-term liabilities	(26,522)	(33,282)	20.31 %
Total net (expense) revenue	\$ (18,000,098)	\$ (17,949,228)	(0.28) %

- Net cost of governmental activities [(\$18,000,098) for 2015 and (\$17,949,228) for 2014] was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$5,629,781 for 2015 and \$5,241,586 for 2014) and state and federal revenues (\$12,529,590 for 2015 and \$11,981,070 for 2014).
- Investment earnings amounted to \$10,815 for 2015 and \$9,940 for 2014.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on current inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the District's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

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The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$5,176,664, an increase of \$15,774, which includes a prior period adjustment of (\$68,358) and an increase in inventory of \$8,867. \$3,166,154 or 62% of the fund balance is unassigned, which represents the residual classification for the General Fund's fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The remaining fund balance of \$2,010,510 or 38% is either nonspendable, restricted, committed or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending except only for the purposes to which it is restricted, committed or assigned.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the District. The increase in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$998,266, including a prior period adjustment of (\$68,363) and a reclassification of fund type of \$1,214,088. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed a decrease in the amount of \$982,710, which includes a prior period adjustment of \$5, an increase in inventory of \$8,867, and a reclassification of fund type of (\$1,214,088). The increase (decrease) in the fund balances for the other major funds were as follows:

<u>Major Fund</u>	\$	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Title I-A Basic Fund	\$	218
Special Education EHA Part B Fund		no increase or decrease
21st Century Learning Grant		no increase or decrease

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the year, the District revised the annual operating budget. Budget revisions were made to address and correct the original budgets to reflect more accurately the sources and uses of funding for the School District.

A schedule showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the District's actual financial activity for the General Fund and major special revenue funds is provided in this report as required supplementary information.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets. As of June 30, 2015, the District's total capital assets were \$15,601,520, including land, school buildings, building improvements, buses, other school vehicles, furniture and equipment, and any intangible assets. This amount represents a decrease of \$10,984 from 2014. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2015, was \$9,054,736, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$283,620, resulting in total net capital assets of \$6,546,784.

Table 4
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation

	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>		
Land	\$ 353,110	\$ 353,110	0.00	%
Buildings	5,352,448	5,501,350	(2.71)	%
Building improvements	491,543	527,677	(6.85)	%
Mobile equipment	240,362	305,595	(21.35)	%
Furniture and equipment	109,321	125,256	(12.72)	%
Leased property under capital lease	-	3,590	(100.00)	%
Total	\$ 6,546,784	\$ 6,816,578	(3.96)	%

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Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 5 included in this report.

Debt Administration. At June 30, 2015, the District had \$1,493,448 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$580,891 is due within one year. The liability for compensated absences increased \$69,060 from the prior year. Principal payments of \$918,080 were made during the year.

**Table 5
Outstanding Long-Term Debt**

	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
General obligation refunding bonds payable	\$ 195,000	\$ 546,000	(64.29) %
Limited tax notes payable	500,000	-	N/A %
Shortfall notes payable	595,920	954,822	(37.59) %
Compensated absences payable	202,528	133,468	51.74 %
Total	\$ 1,493,448	\$ 1,634,290	(8.62) %

Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in Note 6 included in this report.

CURRENT ISSUES

The Stone County School District is financially stable. The District is proud of its community support of the public schools.

The District has committed itself to financial excellence for many years. The District's system of financial planning, budgeting and internal controls is well regarded. The District plans to continue its sound fiscal management to meet the challenges of the future.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Superintendent's Office of the Stone County School District, 214 Critz Street, Wiggins, MS 39777.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2015**

Exhibit A

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,899,446
Investments	597,054
Due from other governments	1,256,350
Inventories	34,153
Other assets	52,870
Restricted assets	445,387
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	6,546,784
Total Assets	<u>11,832,044</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Amounts on refunding	3,454
Pensions	2,509,185
	<u>2,512,639</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	108,595
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	7,312
Long-term liabilities, due within one year:	
Capital related liabilities	269,750
Non-capital related liabilities	311,141
Long-term liabilities, due beyond one year:	
Capital related liabilities	250,250
Non-capital related liabilities	662,307
Net Pension Liability	25,181,967
Total Liabilities	<u>26,791,322</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Pensions	3,650,311
	<u>3,650,311</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	6,350,508
Restricted for:	
Expendable:	
School-based activities	207,957
Debt service	317,564
Forestry improvements	89,295
Unemployment benefits	26,160
Non-expendable:	
Sixteenth section	125,117
Unrestricted	(23,213,551)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (16,096,950)</u>

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

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Exhibit B

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
				Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:				
Instruction	\$ 11,309,690	424,696	1,333,676	(9,551,318)
Support services	8,083,202		1,317,620	(6,765,582)
Non-instructional	1,437,070	427,015	1,103,841	93,786
Sixteenth section	51,369	18,414		(32,955)
Pension expense	1,717,507			(1,717,507)
Interest on long-term liabilities	26,522			(26,522)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 22,625,360	870,125	3,755,137	0
General Revenues:				
Taxes:				
				5,166,877
				462,904
Unrestricted grants and contributions:				
				12,337,847
				191,743
				10,815
				144,531
				13,017
				<u>18,327,734</u>
				<u>327,636</u>
				10,331,335
				<u>(26,755,921)</u>
				<u>(16,424,586)</u>
				<u>\$ (16,096,950)</u>

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Governmental Funds

Balance Sheet
June 30, 2015

Exhibit C

	Major Funds					Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Title I-A Basic Fund	Special Education EHA Part B Fund	21st Century Learning Grant	Other Governmental Funds	
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,327,996				893,326	3,221,322
Investments	597,054				123,511	720,565
Due from other governments	789,667	88,340	51,367	51,562	275,414	1,256,350
Other receivables	49,580					49,580
Due from other funds	243,982				154	244,136
Inventories					34,153	34,153
Total assets	4,008,279	88,340	51,367	51,562	1,326,558	5,526,106
Liabilities and Fund Balances						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	97,588				11,008	108,596
Due to other funds	154	88,122	51,367	51,562	49,641	240,846
Total Liabilities	97,742	88,122	51,367	51,562	60,649	349,442
Fund Balances:						
Nonspendable:						
Inventory					34,153	34,153
Permanent fund principal					125,117	125,117
Restricted:						
Debt service					324,876	324,876
Forestry improvement purposes					89,295	89,295
Grant activities		218			97,266	97,484
Unemployment benefits					26,160	26,160
Purchase of Buses					325,000	325,000
Noncapital building improvements					167,722	167,722
Assigned:						
Instruction	48,114					48,114
Special projects	561,456					561,456
Student Activities	134,813					134,813
Unemployment benefits					76,320	76,320
Unassigned	3,166,154					3,166,154
Total Fund Balances	3,910,537	218	0	0	1,265,909	5,176,664
resources and Fund Balances	\$ 4,008,279	88,340	51,367	51,562	1,326,558	5,526,106

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Governmental Funds

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2015**

Exhibit C-1

Total fund balances for governmental funds \$ 5,176,664

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

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

Land	\$ 353,110	
Buildings	10,481,557	
Building improvements	1,043,345	
Mobile equipment	2,960,556	
Furniture and equipment	762,952	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(9,054,736)</u>	6,546,784

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

Net pension liability (25,181,967)

Deferred outflows and inflows related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	2,509,185	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(3,650,311)</u>	(26,323,093)

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

General obligation refunding bonds payable	(195,000)	
Deferred amounts on refunding bonds payable	3,454	
Limited tax notes payable	(500,000)	
Shortfall notes payable	(595,920)	
Compensated absences	(202,528)	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(7,312)</u>	(1,497,306)

4. Rounding 1

Net Position of governmental activities \$ (16,096,950)

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Governmental Funds

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

Exhibit D

	Major Funds					Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Title I-A Basic Fund	Special Education EHA Part B Fund	21st Century Learning Grant	Other Governmental Funds	
Revenues:						
Local sources	\$ 5,521,325				982,303	6,503,628
State sources	12,182,444				754,020	12,936,464
Federal sources	191,743	794,612	580,671	214,249	1,566,988	3,348,263
Sixteenth section sources	146,100				18,541	164,641
Total Revenues	18,041,612	794,612	580,671	214,249	3,321,852	22,952,996
Expenditures:						
Instruction	10,893,335	394,225	324,630		1,027,423	12,639,613
Support services	6,909,411	373,677	245,469	210,726	707,698	8,446,981
Noninstructional services		26,353			1,469,006	1,495,359
Sixteenth section	26,567				24,802	51,369
Debt service:						
Principal					918,080	918,080
Interest					34,507	34,507
Total Expenditures	17,829,313	794,255	570,099	210,726	4,181,516	23,585,909
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	212,299	357	10,572	3,523	(859,664)	(632,913)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Bonds and notes issued	208,178				500,000	708,178
Operating transfers in	57,667				625,603	683,270
Operating transfers out	(625,603)	(139)	(10,572)	(3,523)	(43,433)	(683,270)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(359,758)	(139)	(10,572)	(3,523)	1,082,170	708,178
Net Change in Fund Balances	(147,459)	218	0	0	222,506	75,265
Fund Balances:						
July 1, 2014, as previously reported	2,912,271	0	0	0	2,248,619	5,160,890
Prior period adjustments	(68,363)				5	(68,358)
Reclassify fund type	1,214,088				(1,214,088)	0
July 1, 2014, as restated	4,057,996	0	0	0	1,034,536	5,092,532
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory					8,867	8,867
June 30, 2015	\$ 3,910,537	218	0	0	1,265,909	5,176,664

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Governmental Funds

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

Exhibit D-1

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 75,265

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

1. Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, these amounts are:

Capital outlay	\$ 13,230	
Loss on disposal of assets	(335)	
Depreciation expense	<u>(283,620)</u>	(270,725)

2. 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:

Proceeds of loans	(708,178)	
Payments of debt principal	918,080	
Amortization of deferred amount of refunding	(3,454)	
Accrued interest payable	<u>11,439</u>	217,887

3. Some items relating to pensions and reported in the statement of activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in the governmental funds. These activities include:

Pension expense - current year	(1,717,507)	
Deferred outflows - pensions	<u>2,082,909</u>	365,402

3. Some items reported in the statement of activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in governmental funds. These activities include:

Change in compensated absences	(69,060)	
Change in inventory reserve	<u>8,867</u>	<u>(60,193)</u>

Change in Net Position of governmental activities **\$ 327,636**

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fiduciary Funds

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
June 30, 2015

Exhibit E

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 796,168
Total Assets	<u>\$ 796,168</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 783,282
Due to other funds	3,290
Due to student clubs	9,596
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 796,168</u>

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

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2015

Note 1 – 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.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

As defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the school district is considered a "primary government." The school district is governed by a five member board, to which each member is elected by the citizens of each defined county unit.

For financial reporting purposes, Stone County School District has included all funds and organizations. The District has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that exclusion would cause the District's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the District to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the District.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-wide Financial Statements – The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

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

1. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by outstanding balances of bonds, notes and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
2. Restricted net position results when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted net position consists of net position 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 demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function, or segment, are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property taxes and other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements - Separate financial statements are provided for governmental and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as other governmental funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2015

The school district reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - This is the school district's primary operating fund. The general fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Title I-A Basic Fund – This is a special revenue fund that accounts for the revenues and related expenditures of the Title I grants to local educational agencies.

Special Education EHA Part B Fund – This is a special revenue fund that accounts for the revenues and related expenditures of the Special education – grants to state federal grant.

21st Century Learning Grant– This is a special revenue fund that accounts for the revenues and related expenditures of the federal Twenty-first century community learning centers grant.

All other governmental funds not meeting the criteria established for major funds are presented in the other governmental column of the fund financial statements.

The school district also reports fiduciary funds which focus on net position.

The District's fiduciary funds include the following:

Student Club Funds – These various funds account for the monies raised through student club activities.

Payroll Clearing Fund – This fund is used to report the payroll resources held by the district in a purely custodial capacity (assets and liabilities) and does not involve the measurement of results of operations.

Accounts Payable Clearing Fund – This fund is used to report the resources of paid claims held by the district in a purely custodial capacity (assets and liabilities) and does not involve the measurement of results of operations.

Additionally, the school district reports the following fund types:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Capital Projects Funds - Capital Projects Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

Debt Service Funds - Debt Service Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the Fiduciary Fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred or economic asset used, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2015

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Federal grants and assistance awards made on the basis of entitlement periods are recorded as receivables and revenues when entitlement occurs. Federal reimbursement type grants are recorded as revenues when the related expenditures are recognized. Use of grant resources is conditioned upon compliance with terms of the grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, which include subjecting grants to financial and compliance audits.

Property taxes, intergovernmental revenues (shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments) and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual.

Ad valorem property taxes are levied by the governing authority of the county on behalf of the school district based upon an order adopted by the school board of the school district requesting an ad valorem tax effort in dollars. Since the taxes are not levied and collected by the school district, the revenues to be generated by the annual levies are not recognized until the taxes are actually collected by the tax levying authority.

Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there is both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the District's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs and then general revenues.

The effect of inter-fund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide statements.

Revenues from the Mississippi Adequate Education Program are appropriated on a fiscal year basis and are recorded at the time the revenues are received from the State of Mississippi.

The account classifications used in the financial statements conform to the broad classifications recommended in *Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting*, issued in 2012 by the Government Finance Officers Association and are consistent with the broad classifications recommended in *Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems, 2003*, issued by the U.S. Department of Education.

D. Encumbrances

An encumbrance system is maintained to account for commitments or assignments resulting from approved purchase orders, work orders and contracts. However, the school district attempts to liquidate all encumbrances at year-end. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are not reported within committed or assigned fund balances.

E. Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows, and net position/fund balances

1. Cash, Cash equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents

The district's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. The school district deposits excess funds in the financial institutions selected by the school board. State statutes specify how these depositories are to be selected.

STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2015

Investments

The school district can invest its excess funds, as permitted by Section 29-3-113, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), in interest-bearing deposits or other obligations of the types described in Section 27-105-33, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), or in any other type investment in which any other agency, instrumentality or subdivision of the State of Mississippi may invest, except that 100% of said funds are authorized to be so invested.

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

Investments for the district are reported at fair market value.

2. Receivables and payables

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of inter-fund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e. the non-current portion of inter-fund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds."

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

3. Due from Other Governments

Due from other governments represents amounts due from the State of Mississippi and various grants and reimbursements from other governments.

4. Inventories and Prepaid Items

Donated commodities are received from the USDA and are valued at USDA cost. Other inventories are valued at cost (calculated on the first-in, first-out basis). The costs of governmental fund type inventories are reported as expenditures when purchased.

Prepaid items, such as prepaid insurance, are not reported for governmental fund types since the costs of such items are accounted for as expenditures in the period of acquisition.

5. Restricted Assets

Certain resources set aside for repayment of debt are classified as restricted assets on the Statement of Net Position because their use is limited by applicable debt statutes, e.g. Qualified Zone Academy Bond sinking funds. Also, the nonexpendable portion of the Permanent Fund, if applicable, is classified as restricted assets because the 16th Section Principal fund is not available for use by the district except as provided for under state statute for loans from this fund.

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets include land, improvements to land, easements, water rights, timber rights, buildings, building improvements, vehicles, machinery, equipment, works of art and historical treasures, infrastructure, and all other tangible or intangible assets that are used in operations and that have initial useful lives extending beyond a single reporting period. Capital assets are reported in the applicable governmental or business type activities columns in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost in excess of the thresholds in the table below.

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Capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in the Governmental Fund statements and the related assets are reported as capital assets in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis for all assets, except land.

The following schedule details the capitalization thresholds:

	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Land	\$ 0	0
Buildings	50,000	40 years
Building improvements	25,000	20 years
Improvements other than buildings	25,000	20 years
Mobile equipment	5,000	5-10 years
Furniture and equipment	5,000	3-7 years
Leased property under capital leases	*	*

(*) The threshold amount will correspond with the amounts for the asset classifications, as listed. See Note 5 for details.

7. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

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

Deferred outflows – Pension Contributions

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

Deferred inflows – Pension Settlements to Plan Members

See Note 7 for further details.

8. Compensated Absences

Employees of the school district accumulate sick leave at a minimum amount as required by state law. A greater amount may be provided by school district policy provided that it does not exceed the provisions for leave as provided in Sections 25-3-93 and 25-3-95. Some employees are allowed personal leave and/or vacation leave in accordance with school district policy. The district pays for unused leave for employees as required by Section 37-7-307(5), Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

The liability for these compensated absences is recorded as a long-term liability in the government-wide statements. The current portion of this liability is estimated based on historical trends. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the liability for compensated absences from expendable available financial resources only if the payable has matured, for example, an employee retires.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2015

9. Long-term Liabilities and Bond Discounts/Premiums

In the government-wide financial statements outstanding debt is reported as liabilities. Bond discounts or premiums and the difference between reacquisition price and the net carrying value of refunded debt are capitalized and amortized over the terms of the respective bonds using a method that approximates the effective interest method.

The governmental fund financial statements recognize the proceeds of debt and premiums as other financing sources of the current period. Issuance costs are reported as expenditures. See Note 6 for details.

10. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and additions to/deductions from PERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. For this purpose, the 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.

11. 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.

Governmental fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. Following are descriptions of fund classifications used by the district:

Nonspendable fund balance includes items that cannot be spent. This includes activity that is not in a spendable form (inventories, prepaid amounts, long-term portion of loans/notes receivable, or property held for resale unless the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned) and activity that is legally or contractually required to remain intact, such as a principal balance in a permanent fund.

Restricted fund balance includes amounts that have constraints placed upon the use of the resources either by an external party or imposed by law through a constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal action of the School Board, the District's highest level of decision-making authority. This formal action is a resolution approved by the School Board. There are no committed fund balance amounts at June 30, 2015.

Assigned fund balance includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for a specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed. For governmental funds, other than the general fund, this is the residual amount within the fund that is not restricted or committed. Assignments of fund balance are created by the Superintendent and the Business Manager of the district pursuant to authorization established by the school district's approved fund balance policy.

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. 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.

When an expenditure/expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) resources are available, it is the District's general policy to use restricted resources first. When expenditures/expenses are incurred for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be

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used, it is the District's general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

It is the goal of the district to achieve and maintain an unassigned fund balance in the general fund at fiscal yearend of not less than 7% of total revenues for the general fund for the year just ended. If the unassigned fund balance at fiscal yearend falls below this 7% amount, the district will develop a restoration plan to achieve and maintain the minimum fund balance.

Note 2 – Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

The district follows the practice of aggregating the cash assets of various funds to maximize cash management efficiency and returns. Restrictions on deposits and investments are imposed by statutes as follows:

Deposits. The school board must advertise and accept bids for depositories no less than once every three years as required by Section 37-7-333, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The collateral pledged for the school district's deposits in financial institutions is held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Investments. Section 29-3-113 and 37-59-43, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), authorizes the school board to invest excess funds in the types of investments authorized by Section 27-105-33(d) and (e), Miss. Code Ann. (1972). This section permits the following types of investments: (a) certificates of deposit or interest bearing accounts with qualified state depositories; (b) direct United States Treasury obligations; (c) United States Government agency, United States Government instrumentality or United States Government sponsored enterprise obligations, not to exceed fifty percent of all monies invested with maturities of thirty days or longer; (d) direct security repurchase agreements and reverse direct security repurchase agreements of any federal book entry of only those securities enumerated in (b) and (c) above; (e) direct obligations issued by the United States of America that are deemed to include securities of, or other interests in, any open-end or closed-end management type investment company or investment trust approved by the State Treasurer and the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, not to exceed twenty percent of invested excess funds. Investment income on bond funds (Capital Projects), bond sinking funds (Debt Service Funds) and sixteenth section principal funds (Permanent Funds) must be credited to those funds. Investment income of \$100 or more of any fund must be credited to that fund. Investment income of less than \$100 can be credited to the General Fund.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds and fiduciary funds was \$3,221,322 and \$796,168, respectively.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the district will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The district does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasurer manages that risk on behalf of the district. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the district. As of June 30, 2015, none of the district's bank balance of \$5,342,294 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Investments

As of June 30, 2015, the district had the following investments:

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Investment Type	Rating	Maturities (in years)	Fair Value
U. S. Government Securities	AAA	1 to 5	\$ 20,480
Certificates of Deposit		1 to 5	700,085
	Total		<u>\$ 720,565</u>

Interest Rate Risk. The district does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk. State law limits investments to those prescribed in Sections 27-105-33(d) and 27-105-33(e), Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The district does not have a formal investment policy that would further limit its investment choices or one that addresses credit risk.

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments. Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the district will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The district does not have a formal investment policy that addresses custodial credit risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk. Disclosure of investments by amount and issuer for any issuer that represents five percent or more of total investments is required. This requirement does not apply to investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government, investments in mutual funds and external investment pools, and other pooled investments. As of June 30, 2015, the district had the following investments:

Issuer	Fair Value	% of Total Investments
U. S. Government Securities	\$ 20,480	3%
Certificates of Deposit	700,085	97%
	<u>\$ 720,565</u>	

Note 3 – Inter-fund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

The following is a summary of inter-fund transactions and balances:

A. Due From/To Other Funds

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Title I-A Basic Fund	\$ 88,122
	Special Education EHA Part B Fund	51,367
	21st Century Learning Grant	51,562
	Other governmental funds	49,641
	Fiduciary funds	3,290
Other governmental funds	General Fund	154
Total		<u>\$ 244,136</u>

The amounts primarily represent inter-fund balances created by loans from the General Fund to special revenue funds to provide adequate cash flow for those funds operating on an expenditure reimbursement basis. Cash is loaned to the funds for operational purposes, and the loans are repaid after reimbursement for grant expenditures is received.

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B. Inter-fund Transfers

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Other governmental funds	\$ 625,603
Title I-A Basic Fund	General Fund	139
EHA Part B Fund	General Fund	10,572
21st Century Learning Grants	General Fund	3,523
Other governmental funds	General Fund	43,433
Total		<u>\$ 683,270</u>

Transfers represent indirect costs from special revenue funds to the General Fund and operational transfers from the General Fund to other governmental funds.

Note 4 – Restricted Assets

The restricted assets represent the cash and cash equivalents and investment balances, totaling \$125,117, of the 16th Section Principal Fund (permanent fund), which is legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the district's programs and \$320,270 cash and cash equivalents balance of the unspent proceeds in the limited tax note fund that will be used for capital improvements.

Note 5 – Capital Assets

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for governmental activities:

	7/1/2014	Increases	Decreases	Adjustments	6/30/2015
Governmental Activities:					
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Land	\$ 353,110	-			353,110
Total non-depreciable capital assets	353,110	-	-		353,110
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Buildings	10,481,557				10,481,557
Building Improvements	1,043,345	-			1,043,345
Mobile equipment	2,962,006	-	10,750	9,300	2,960,556
Furniture and equipment	413,511	13,230	22,764	358,975	762,952
Leased property under capital lease	358,975	-	-	(358,975)	-
Total depreciable capital assets	15,259,394	13,230	33,514	9,300	15,248,410
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>					
Buildings	4,980,207	148,902			5,129,109
Building Improvements	515,668	36,134			551,802
Mobile equipment	2,656,411	65,362	10,643	9,064	2,720,194
Furniture and equipment	288,255	33,222	22,536	354,690	653,631
Leased property under capital lease	355,385	-	-	(355,385)	-
Total accumulated depreciation	8,795,926	283,620	33,179	8,369	9,054,736
Total depreciable capital assets, net	6,463,468	(270,390)	335	931	6,193,674
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 6,816,578	(270,390)	335	931	6,546,784

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Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	<u>Amount</u>
Governmental activities:	
Support services	\$ 16,600
Support services	253,113
Non-instructional	13,907
Total depreciation expense - Governmental activities	<u>\$ 283,620</u>

Note 6 – Long-term Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and other obligations for governmental activities:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/1/2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2015</u>	<u>Amounts due</u> <u>within one</u> <u>year</u>
A. General obligation refunding bonds payable	\$ 546,000		351,000	195,000	195,000
B. Limited tax notes payable		500,000		500,000	115,000
C. Shortfall notes payable	954,822	208,178	567,080	595,920	260,765
C. Compensated absences payable	133,468	69,060		202,528	10,126
Subtotal	<u>\$ 1,634,290</u>	<u>777,238</u>	<u>918,080</u>	<u>1,493,448</u>	<u>\$ 580,891</u>

A. General obligation refunding bonds payable.

General obligation refunding bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the school district.

General obligation refunding bonds outstanding are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Outstanding</u>
General obligation refunding bonds, Series 2012	1.34%	1-Oct-12	1-Jun-16	<u>\$ 1,247,000</u>	<u>\$ 195,000</u>

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on this debt:

<u>June 30</u>		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	\$	<u>195,000</u>	<u>2,614</u>	<u>197,614</u>
Total	\$	<u>195,000</u>	<u>2,614</u>	<u>197,614</u>

This debt will be retired from the General Bond Issue Retirement Fund.

The amount of bonded indebtedness that can be incurred by the school district is limited by Section 37-59-5 and 37-59-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Total outstanding bonded indebtedness during a year can be no greater than 15% of the assessed value of the taxable property within such district, according to the then last completed assessment for taxation, unless certain conditions, as set forth in Section 37-9-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) have been met. As of June 30, 2015, the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness is less than 1% of property assessments as of October 1, 2014.

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B. Limited tax notes payable.

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Limited tax note, Series 2015	1.25-1.75%	10-Jun-15	10-Jun-18	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on the debt:

June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$ 115,000	7,463	122,463
2017	285,000	6,025	291,025
2018	100,000	1,750	101,750
Total	\$ 500,000	15,238	515,238

This debt will be retired from the Limited Tax Notes Debt Retirement Fund (debt service fund).

C. Shortfall notes payable.

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
1. Shortfall notes payable, Series 2012	1.50%	20-Jul-12	20-Jul-15	\$ 570,000	\$ 192,836
2. Shortfall notes payable, Series 2013	2.24%	19-Jul-13	19-Jul-16	572,000	194,906
3. Shortfall notes payable, Series 2014	2.14%	11-Aug-14	11-Aug-17	208,178	208,178
				\$ 1,350,178	\$ 595,920

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on the debt:

Shortfall notes payable, Series 2012:

Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
June 30			
2016	\$ 192,836	2,893	195,729
Total	\$ 192,836	2,893	195,729

This debt will be retired from the 2012 Shortfall Debt Service Fund (Debt Service Fund).

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Shortfall notes payable, Series 2013:

<u>Year Ending</u>		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>June 30</u>				
2017	\$	194,906	4,366	199,272
Total	\$	<u>194,906</u>	<u>4,366</u>	<u>199,272</u>

This debt will be retired from the 2013 Shortfall Debt Service Fund (Debt Service Fund).

Shortfall notes payable, Series 2014

<u>Year Ending</u>		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>June 30</u>				
2016	\$	67,929	4,455	72,384
2017		69,382	3,001	72,383
2018		70,867	1,517	72,384
Total	\$	<u>208,178</u>	<u>8,973</u>	<u>217,151</u>

This debt will be retired from the 2014 Shortfall Debt Service Fund (Debt Service Fund).

Total shortfall notes payable for all issues

<u>Year Ending</u>		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>June 30</u>				
2016	\$	260,765	7,348	268,113
2017		264,288	7,367	271,655
2018		70,867	1,517	72,384
Total	\$	<u>595,920</u>	<u>16,232</u>	<u>612,152</u>

D. Compensated absences payable.

As more fully explained in Note 1(E)(8), compensated absences payable is adjusted on an annual basis as required by Section 37-7-307(5), Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries were paid.

Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description. The school district contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Miss. Code Ann. Section 25-11-1 et seq., (1972, as amended) and may be amended only by the Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

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Benefits provided. Membership in PERS is a condition of employment granted upon hiring for qualifying employees and officials of the State of Mississippi, state universities, community and junior colleges, and teachers and employees of the public school districts. For those persons employed by political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the State of Mississippi, membership is contingent upon approval of the entity's participation in PERS by the PERS' Board of Trustees. If approved, membership for the entity's employees is a condition of employment and eligibility is granted to those who qualify upon hiring. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.0 percent of their average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.0 percent of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement up to the year in which the retired member reaches age 60 (55 for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), with 3.0 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter. Plan provisions are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature.

Contributions. PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary, and the school district is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer's rate as of June 30, 2015 was 15.75% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members and employers are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The school district's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$2,082,909, \$1,996,621 and \$1,804,339, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year.

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

At June 30, 2015, the school district reported a liability of \$25,181,967 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the school district's long-term share of contribution to the pension plan relative to projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2014, the school district's proportion was 0.207461 percent.

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the District recognized pension expense of \$1,717,507. At June 30, 2015 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual Experience	\$ 392,831	\$
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		3,650,311
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of Contributions	33,445	
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,082,909	
Total	\$ <u>2,509,185</u>	\$ <u>3,650,311</u>

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\$2,082,909 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from school district contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction to the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2016	\$ (759,241)
2017	(759,241)
2018	(792,976)
2019	(912,577)

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

Inflation	3.5 percent
Salary increases	4.25 – 19.50 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	8.00 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table Projected with Scale AA to 2025, set forward two years for males.

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, 2008 to June 30, 2012. The experience report is dated June 12, 2013. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>		<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>	
U.S. Broad	34	%	5.20	%
International Equity	19		5.00	
Emerging Markets Equity	8		5.45	
Fixed Income	20		0.25	
Real Assets	10		4.00	
Private Equity	8		6.15	
Cash	1		(0.50)	
Total	100	%		

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.00 percent. 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 contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan. 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 District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8 percent, as well as what the 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 (7 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (9 percent) than the current rate:

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	1% Decrease (7.00%)	Current Discount Rate (8.00%)	1% Increase (9.00%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 34,330,530	\$ 25,181,967	\$ 17,550,705

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial report.

Note 8 – Prior Period Adjustments

A summary of significant Net Position/Fund Balance adjustments is as follows:

Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

Explanation	Amount
1. Implementation of GASB 68 and 71:	
Net pension liability (measurement date)	\$ (28,685,115)
Deferred outflows - contributions made during fiscal year 2014	1,996,621
Total prior period adjustment related to GASB 68 and 71	(26,688,494)
2. Restatement of a prior period capital asset depreciation expenditure	931
3. Restatement of a prior period liability	(68,358)
Total	<u>\$ (26,755,921)</u>

Exhibit D – Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Fund	Explanations	Amount
General Fund	Restatement of a prior period liability	\$ (68,363)
Other governmental funds	Restatement of a prior period asset	5
	Total	<u>\$ (68,358)</u>

Note 9 – Sixteenth Section Lands

Sixteenth section school lands, or lands granted in lieu thereof, constitute property held in trust for the benefit of the public schools. The school board, under the general supervision of the Office of the Secretary of State, has control and jurisdiction of said school trust lands and of all funds arising from any disposition thereof. It is the duty of the school board to manage the school trust lands and all funds arising therefrom as trust property. Accordingly, the board shall assure that adequate compensation is received for all uses of trust lands, except for uses by the public schools. The following are the future rental payments to be made to the school district for the use of school trust lands. These future rental payments are from existing leases and do not anticipate renewals or new leases.

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Year Ending June 30	Amount
2016 \$	41,821
2017	4,988
2018	4,788
2019	4,504
2020	4,504
2021-2025	12,544
2026-2030	2,470
Thereafter	3,475
	<u>\$ 79,094</u>

Note 10 – Contingencies

Federal Grants – The school district has received federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Entitlements to these resources are generally conditional upon compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, including the expenditure of resources for allowable purposes. Any disallowances resulting from the grantor audit may become a liability of the school district.

Note 11 – Risk Management

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

Participation in Public Entity Risk Pool

The school district is a member of the Mississippi School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Trust (MSBAWCT). The trust is a risk-sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool. The trust consists of approximately 77 school districts and covers risks of loss arising from injuries to the members' employees. The Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission requires that an indemnity agreement be executed by each member in a workers' compensation self-insurance pool for the purpose of jointly and severally binding the pool and each of the employers comprising the group to meet the workers' compensation obligations of each member. Each member of MSBAWCT contributes quarterly to a fund held in trust by Wells Fargo in Portland, Oregon. The funds in the trust account are used to pay any claim up to \$750,000. For a claim exceeding \$750,000, MSBAWCT has insurance which will pay the excess to the statutory amount required by the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission Act. If total claims during a year were to deplete the trust account, then the member school districts would be required to pay for the deficiencies. The district has not had an additional assessment for excess losses incurred by the pool.

Note 12 - Subsequent Events

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the Stone County School District evaluated the activity of the district through January 29, 2016, and determined the following events requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

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A shortfall note was issued on July 15, 2015, for revenue shortfalls that occurred for the year ended June 30, 2015. The amount of the note was \$268,815. The note was issued to be repaid in three equal installments, beginning July 15, 2016. A special ad valorem tax levy will be added to service the debt service payments on this note.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances	
				Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues:					
Local sources	\$ 5,341,620	5,520,657	5,521,325	179,037	668
State sources	12,104,606	12,182,444	12,182,444	77,838	0
Federal sources	149,500	191,743	191,743	42,243	0
Sixteenth section sources	0	146,100	146,100	146,100	0
Total Revenues	17,595,726	18,040,944	18,041,612	445,218	668
Expenditures:					
Instruction	11,440,503	10,893,335	10,893,335	547,168	0
Support services	7,173,865	6,909,411	6,909,411	264,454	0
Sixteenth section	0	3,773	26,567	(3,773)	(22,794)
Total Expenditures	18,614,368	17,806,519	17,829,313	807,849	(22,794)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	(1,018,642)	234,425	212,299	1,253,067	(22,126)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Proceeds of loans	208,178	208,178	208,178	0	0
Operating transfers in	1,499,400	537,635	57,667	(961,765)	(479,968)
Operating transfers out	(880,277)	(1,226,947)	(625,603)	(346,670)	601,344
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	827,301	(481,134)	(359,758)	(1,308,435)	121,376
Net Change in Fund Balances	(191,341)	(246,709)	(147,459)	(55,368)	99,250
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2014, as previously reported	2,011,415	2,358,109	2,912,271	346,694	554,162
Prior period adjustments	0	554,162	(68,363)	554,162	(622,525)
Reclassify fund type	0	1,214,088	1,214,088	1,214,088	0
July 1, 2014, as restated	2,011,415	4,126,359	4,057,996	2,114,944	(68,363)
June 30, 2015	\$ 1,820,074	3,879,650	3,910,537	2,059,576	30,887

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

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**Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Title I-A Basic Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues:					
Federal sources	\$ 812,261	941,204	794,612	128,943	(146,592)
Total Revenues	812,261	941,204	794,612	128,943	(146,592)
Expenditures:					
Instruction	416,797	453,650	394,225	(36,853)	59,425
Support services	329,015	451,198	373,677	(122,183)	77,521
Noninstructional services	39,537	36,356	26,353	3,181	10,003
Total Expenditures	785,349	941,204	794,255	(155,855)	146,949
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	26,912	0	357	(26,912)	357
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating transfers out	(26,912)	0	(139)	26,912	(139)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(26,912)	0	(139)	26,912	(139)
Net Change in Fund Balances	0	0	218	0	218
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2014, as originally presented	0	0	0	0	0
Prior period adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
July 1, 2014, as restated	0	0	0	0	0
June 30, 2015	\$ 0	0	218	0	218

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Special Education EHA Part B Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues:					
Federal sources	\$ 620,016	620,016	580,671	0	(39,345)
Total Revenues	620,016	620,016	580,671	0	(39,345)
Expenditures:					
Instruction	402,395	422,365	324,630	(19,970)	97,735
Support services	205,121	185,746	245,469	19,375	(59,723)
Noninstructional services	0	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000
Total Expenditures	607,516	609,111	570,099	(1,595)	39,012
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	12,500	10,905	10,572	(1,595)	(333)
Other financing sources/uses:					
Operating transfers out	(12,500)	(10,905)	(10,572)	1,595	333
Total other financing sources/uses	(12,500)	(10,905)	(10,572)	1,595	333
Net Change in Fund Balances	0	0	0	0	0
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2014	0	0	0	0	0
June 30, 2015	\$ 0	0	0	0	0

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule
21st Century Learning Grant
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
	Revenues:				
Federal sources	\$ 230,247	303,286	214,249	73,039	(89,037)
Total Revenues	230,247	303,286	214,249	73,039	(89,037)
Expenditures:					
Support services	225,754	294,809	210,726	(69,055)	84,083
Total Expenditures	225,754	294,809	210,726	(69,055)	84,083
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	4,493	8,477	3,523	3,984	(4,954)
Other financing sources/uses:					
Operating transfers out	(4,493)	(8,477)	(3,523)	(3,984)	4,954
Total other financing sources/uses	(4,493)	(8,477)	(3,523)	(3,984)	4,954
Net Change in Fund Balances	0	0	0	0	0
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2014	0	0	0	0	0
June 30, 2015	\$ 0	0	0	0	0

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Required Supplementary Information

SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

PERS

Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	<u>2015</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.207461%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 25,181,967
District's covered-employee payroll	12,676,959
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	198.64%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	67%

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of 6/30 of the year prior to the fiscal year presented.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB 68 was implemented in FYE 6/30/15, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Required Supplementary Information

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS

PERS

Last 10 Fiscal Years

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Contractually required contribution	2,082,909									
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ 2,082,909									
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
District's covered-employee payroll	13,224,819									
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	15.75%									

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

(1) Basis of Presentation

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule presents the original legally adopted budget, the final legally adopted budget, the actual data on the GAAP basis, variances between the original budget and the final budget, and variances between the final budget and the actual data.

(2) Budget Amendments and Revisions

The budget is adopted by the school board and filed with the taxing authority. Amendments can be made on the approval of the school board. By statute, final budget revisions must be approved on or before October 15. A budgetary comparison is presented for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Supplementary Information

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.	Federal Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Child nutrition cluster:		
School breakfast program	10.553	\$ 232,800
National school lunch program	10.555	852,118
National school lunch program - donated commodities	10.555	118,829
Summer feeding program	10.559	6,565
Total child nutrition cluster		1,210,312
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		1,210,312
Passed through Jasper County, Mississippi:		
Urban and Community Forestry Program	10.675	34,018
Total passed-through Stone County, Mississippi		34,018
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		1,244,330
<u>Federal Communications Commission</u>		
Administered through the Universal Service Administrative Company:		
The schools and libraries program of the universal service fund	32.xxx	66,680
Total Federal Communications Commission		66,680
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Title I grants to local educational agencies	84.010	794,612
Career and technical education - basic grants to states	84.048	22,003
Twenty-first century community learning centers	84.287	162,956
Rural education	84.358	24,045
Improving teacher quality-State Grants	84.367	285,862
Subtotal		1,289,478
Special education cluster:		
Special education - grants to states	84.027	580,671
Special education - preschool grants	84.173	23,766
Total special education cluster		604,437
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		1,893,915
Total U.S. Department of Education		1,893,915
<u>U. S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>		
Administered through the Mississippi Department of Education		
Medical assistance program	93.778	48,670
Total U. S. Department of Health and Human Services		48,670
Total for All Federal Awards		\$ 3,253,595

NOTES TO SCHEDULE

1. This schedule was prepared using the same basis of accounting and the same significant accounting policies as applicable, used for the financial statements.
2. The expenditure amounts include transfers out.
3. The pass-through entities did not assign identifying numbers to the school district.

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Supplementary Information

Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures</u>	<u>General Administration</u>	<u>School Administration</u>	<u>Other</u>
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 18,042,716	13,690,372	848,486	1,279,612	2,224,246
Other	5,543,193	1,765,483	266,506	67,429	3,443,775
Total	\$ 23,585,909	15,455,855	1,114,992	1,347,041	5,668,021
Total number of students *	2,605				
Cost per student	\$ 9,054	5,933	428	517	2,176

For purposes of this schedule, the following columnar descriptions are applicable:

Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures - includes the activities dealing directly with the interaction between teachers and students. Included here are the activities of teachers, teachers aides or classroom assistants of any type.

General Administration - includes expenditures for the following functions: Support Services - General Administration and Support Services - Business.

School Administration - includes expenditures for the following function: Support Services - School Administration.

Other - includes all expenditure functions not included in Instruction or Administration Categories.

* includes the number of students reported on the ADA report submission for month 9, which is the final submission for the fiscal year

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OTHER INFORMATION

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Other Information

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

General Fund

Last Four Years

UNAUDITED

	2015	* 2014	* 2013	* 2012
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 5,521,325	5,195,736	4,636,874	5,134,563
State sources	12,182,444	11,705,980	11,850,752	11,843,930
Federal sources	191,743	179,629	168,007	220,738
Sixteenth section sources	146,100			
Total Revenues	18,041,612	17,081,345	16,655,633	17,199,231
Expenditures:				
Instruction	10,893,335	10,547,883	10,803,131	10,601,132
Support services	6,909,411	6,940,168	6,449,658	6,231,101
Noninstructional services				923
Sixteenth section	26,567	6,950		
Total Expenditures	17,829,313	17,495,001	17,252,789	16,833,156
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	212,299	(413,656)	(597,156)	366,075
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Bonds and notes issued	208,178	572,000	570,000	
Operating transfers in	57,667	306,661	185,303	311,013
Operating transfers out	(625,603)	(528,030)	(264,450)	(63,193)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(359,758)	350,631	490,853	247,820
Net Change in Fund Balances	(147,459)	(63,025)	(106,303)	613,895
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	2,912,271	2,820,641	2,926,944	2,203,519
Prior period adjustments	(68,363)	154,655		109,530
Reclassify fund type	1,214,088			
Beginning of period, as restated	4,057,996	2,975,296	2,926,944	2,313,049
End of Period	\$ 3,910,537	2,912,271	2,820,641	2,926,944

*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

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STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Other Information

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

All Governmental Funds

Last Four Years

UNAUDITED

	2015	* 2014	* 2013	* 2012
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 6,503,628	6,107,101	5,681,451	6,174,738
State sources	12,936,464	12,343,064	12,476,523	12,746,934
Federal sources	3,348,263	2,979,900	2,871,867	3,646,406
Sixteenth section sources	164,641	165,757	332,183	268,885
Total Revenues	22,952,996	21,595,822	21,362,024	22,836,963
Expenditures:				
Instruction	12,639,613	12,179,942	12,269,581	12,866,503
Support services	8,446,981	8,104,521	7,606,784	7,448,236
Noninstructional services	1,495,359	1,511,645	1,486,489	1,452,538
Sixteenth section	51,369	25,293	39,829	45,934
Debt service:				
Principal	918,080	534,178	354,000	315,000
Interest	34,507	20,108	11,140	58,267
Other			18,182	2,000
Total Expenditures	23,585,909	22,375,687	21,786,005	22,188,478
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	(632,913)	(779,865)	(423,981)	648,485
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Bonds and notes issued	708,178	572,000	570,000	
Proceeds of refunding loans			1,247,000	
Payment to refunded bond escrow agent			(1,228,818)	
Operating transfers in	683,270	1,258,512	454,807	378,106
Operating transfers out	(683,270)	(1,258,512)	(454,807)	(378,106)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	708,178	572,000	588,182	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	75,265	(207,865)	164,201	648,485
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	5,160,890	5,215,582	5,058,474	4,282,529
Prior period adjustments	(68,358)	154,655	0	121,471
Beginning of period, as restated	5,092,532	5,370,237	5,058,474	4,404,000
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	8,867	(1,482)	(7,093)	5,989
End of Period	\$ 5,176,664	5,160,890	5,215,582	5,058,474

*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

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REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE

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**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards***

Superintendent and School Board
Stone County School District

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Stone County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Stone County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 29, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Stone County 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 Stone County School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Stone County 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

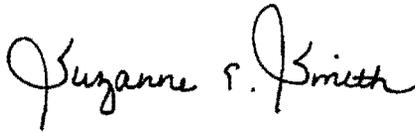
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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



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January 29, 2016

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance For Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by OMB Circular A-133

Superintendent and School Board
Stone County School District

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Stone County School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Stone County School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. Stone County School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Stone County School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Stone County School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Stone County School District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Stone County School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning

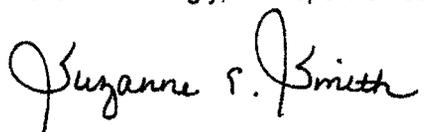
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and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Stone County School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing 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 OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Stone County 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 OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



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January 29, 2016

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Superintendent and School Board
Stone County School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Stone County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, which collectively comprise Stone County School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 29, 2016. 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.

Section 37-9-18(3)(a), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), states in part, "the auditor shall test to insure that the school district is complying with the requirements of Section 37-61-33(3)(a)(iii), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), relating to classroom supply funds." As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with all state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our procedures performed to test compliance with the requirements of Section 37-61-33(3)(a)(iii), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), disclosed no instances of noncompliance. The district reported no classroom supply funds carried over from previous years.

Section 37-9-18(3)(b), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), states in part, "the auditor shall test to insure correct and appropriate coding at the function level. The audit must include a report showing the correct and appropriate functional level expenditure codes in expenditures by the school district."

The results of our procedures performed to test compliance with the requirements of Section 37-9-18(3)(b), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), disclosed no instances of noncompliance related to incorrect or inappropriate functional level expenditure coding.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with all state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of procedures performed to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations and our audit of the financial statements disclosed the following immaterial instance of noncompliance with other state laws and regulations.

Finding SL-A. Sharing of sixteenth section revenues with other districts. Finding: The district is required by Section 29-3-119, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), to share revenues earned on sixteenth section lands with neighboring school districts when a township is occupied by two or more school districts. The revenues should be divided according to the applicable percentages derived from the appropriate lists of children residing in the shared townships. While the district attempted to share revenues with two neighboring districts during the 2014-2015 year, the amounts shared were not correctly computed. The district failed to share a total of \$22,794.13 to the two neighboring districts affected by this requirement.

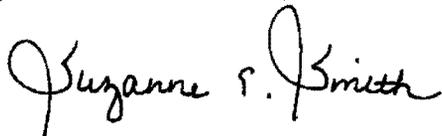
Recommendation: We recommend that the district remit the amounts of shared revenues due to the other two districts. We further recommend that the district begin sharing such revenues in direct proportion to the number of students of each district residing in the shared townships.

District Response: We will remit the monies owed to the other districts and begin sharing such revenues according to state law.

The Office of the State Auditor or a public accounting firm will review, on the subsequent year's audit engagement, the finding in this report to insure that corrective action has been taken.

The Stone County School District's response to the finding included in this report was not audited and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the school board and management, entities with accreditation overview, and federal awarding agencies, the Office of the State Auditor and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



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January 29, 2016

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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**STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

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|----|---|---------------|
| 1. | Type of auditor's report issued: | Unmodified |
| 2. | Internal control over financial reporting: | |
| | a. Material weaknesses identified? | No |
| | b. Significant deficiencies identified? | None reported |
| 3. | Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? | No |

Federal Awards:

- | | | |
|----|---|---------------|
| 4. | Internal control over major programs: | |
| | a. Material weaknesses identified? | No |
| | b. Significant deficiencies identified? | None reported |

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| 5. | Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: | Unmodified |
| 6. | Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133? | No |

7. Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.553; 10.555; 10.559	Child Nutrition Cluster
84.027; 84.173	Special Education Cluster

- | | | |
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| 8. | Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: | \$300,000 |
| 9. | Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? | Yes |

Section II: Financial Statement Findings

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings and questioned costs related to the federal awards.

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