Management's Discussion and Analysis,
Financial Statements
and Supplementary Information
June 30, 2016

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

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The Board of Education
Evans-Brant Central School District:

# Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the fiduciary funds of the Evans-Brant Central School District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District'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 District'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 Evans-Brant Central School District as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 16 and the additional information on pages 52 through 56 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 District's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information as listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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 basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated October 5, 2016, on our consideration of the 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

EFPR Group, CPAS, PLLC

Williamsville, New York October 5, 2016

Management's Discussion and Analysis
June 30, 2016

Our discussion and analysis of the Evans-Brant Central School District's (commonly called "Lake Shore Central Schools") financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements, which begin on page 17.

# **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The Evans-Brant Central School District (the District) is a public school district formed under New York State Public Education Law. The District provides education to the children who reside in the towns of Brant, Eden and Evans in Erie County, New York and was formed through the consolidation of the Lake Shore Central and Farnham Union Free school districts in the early 1960's. The District has a land area of approximately 75 square miles and a current estimated population of approximately 20,000. The District is located on the shore of Lake Erie, with the City of Buffalo, New York located approximately 15 miles to the northeast. The villages of Angola, Brant, Derby, Farnham and North Evans lie wholly within the District. Additionally, the District has a contract with the State of New York to provide education to children from the neighboring Seneca Nation of Indians Cattaraugus Territory. The District educated 269 students from the territory during the 2015-16 school year and 250 students during the 2014-15 school year.

In accordance with New York State Public Education Law, the District maintains a Fund Balance within its General Fund. By law, the District could not retain more than 4% of the ensuing year's General Fund Budget in its Unassigned Fund Balance at June 30, 2015 and 2016. The District did not exceed the appropriate amounts at either year end. Additionally, NYS Public Education Law and NYS General Municipal Law allow for the creation of various reserves, which may be maintained in addition to the Unassigned Fund Balance. The District does maintain a number of these reserves including a Reserve for Encumbrances, a Tax Certiorari Reserve, a Reserve for Debt, a Retirement Reserve and an Employee Benefit/Accrued Liability Reserve. These reserves are designed to allocate or "reserve" District funds for liabilities that will materialize at some point in the District's future. Proper use of Fund Balance Reserves can serve to protect the District from large changes in its tax rates.

The District issued its first series of Serial Bonds for its most recent capital construction projects totaling \$4,935,000 on June 28, 2012. Moody's Investor Service reviewed and assigned a rating of A1 to these bonds on June 15, 2012. The District advance refunded serial bonds from 2002 and 2005 during the 2012-13 year. On February 11, 2013 Moody's Investors Services assigned a rating of A1 to the District's refunding bonds that were issued. Moody's Investors Services maintained this bond rating when the District issued \$11,010,000 in serial bonds to fund the remaining portions of its most recent set of capital projects in June of 2014. For this bond issue, the District received an interest rate of 2.5808% and a premium on the bond issue of \$807,700. A portion of the bond premium was used to pay the expiring Bond Anticipation Note that temporarily financed the construction costs.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS, Continued

A discussion of financial highlights of the District for the 7/1/14 to 6/30/15 and 7/1/15 to 6/30/16 fiscal years has to include the effects of the economy in New York State and Erie County, and their relative effect on the District's finances. As a New York State public school, the District does not invest in the stock market, but invests idle funds in money market accounts and certificates of deposit in an effort to maximize earnings on excess cash balances.

While the State of New York's financial condition has improved greatly, the State's practice of balancing its own budget through the reduction of State Aid to public school districts by use of its "Gap Elimination Adjustment" (GEA) caused the school district to continue taking a very cautious approach with regards to its budget and finances. Expenditures were monitored closely throughout both years, as was the projected Fund Balance for June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2016. Careful planning and ordering helped the District to make maximum use of the budget to provide for programs again in the 2015-16 year, while maintaining its inventory of supplies which can be used to provide programs in the subsequent year. The District also sought outside revenue sources in an effort to realize as much revenue from alternate sources as possible during both years. The District received over \$480,000 in Aid for Federally Impacted School Districts during the 2015-16 school year. The District allocated \$3,500,000 of unassigned fund balance to reduce the District's 2014-15 school tax levy at June 30, 2014. The District utilized its State Aid increase that was driven by a reduction in the State's Gap Elimination Adjustment (G.E.A.) to reduce the allocation of unassigned fund balance for the 2015-16 fiscal year to \$2,500,000. The District believes the proper use of fund balance reserves in both years was a necessary and prudent use of public funds to maintain the level of its educational programs for students. The District will seek to reduce the allocation of fund balance in future years if the levels of State Aid funding permit. The District reduced its appropriation of unassigned fund balance to \$1,750,000 for the ensuing 2016-17 fiscal year. This was done to continue to reduce the District's use of its fund balance in future budgets while minimizing the effect on the District's tax levy.

The District was awarded Federal Aid during the 2015-16 school year for Federally Affected Schools. This Federal Aid is commonly referred to as "Impact Aid". The aid is meant to compensate school districts for the loss of school tax revenues for property that has been designated as "Federal Lands". These properties may include military bases, Federal hospitals, Federal prisons, and Native American Reservation Lands. The District received an allocation of Federal funding for the Native American students that it educated from the Seneca Nation of Indians Cattaraugus Territory. The application process for the aid is prospective, so the District has already applied for corresponding aid for these students for the 2016-17 school year. The award for this aid is generally made in the Fall of the year, so the District has not received notification of its application for 2016-17 Impact Aid as of the date of the financial statements, but it does expect to receive a similar allocation of Impact Aid for the 2016-17 school year.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS, Continued

District long-term debt includes a three-part serial bond issue for \$23,770,000 dated June 27, 2002. These bonds were issued to defease, or pay off before their stated maturity date, five separate serial bond issues which the District had previously issued in conjunction with capital building projects for the District's facilities. Due to changes in the State Building Aid formula, the District "advance refunded" the old bonds and replaced them with the new bonds, which have maturity dates designed to match the District's receipt of Building Aid on the debt payments. This served to minimize the effect of the State Building Aid change on the District's tax rate.

While the old bonds still existed, the funds from the issuance of the new bonds were placed with a third party paying agent that in turn made the payments to the holders of the old bonds. In this way, the District did not actually increase its borrowing because the paying agent already held the funds for payment of the old bonds. The District budgets the current year payment of the new bonds in its annual budget, and utilizes the Reserve for Debt to cover the local portion of the payment not covered by State Aid. The District once again advance refunded these bonds along with bonds issued in 2005 during the 2012-13 fiscal year to replace them with bonds bearing a lower rate of interest, much in the same way a homeowner might refinance their home mortgage for savings from a lower interest rate. The 2012-13 year was the first year the outstanding bonds qualified for advance refunding. The District realized net present value savings from the two refinancing bond issues of over \$635,000.

On February 18, 2009 the District issued \$5,600,000 in Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) for the purpose of capital construction projects. During the 2012-13 year the District completed the construction work on projects totaling \$21.25 million, which included funding from New York State's Expanding Our Children's Education and Learning (EXCEL) program and Native American Building Aid. The District issued bond anticipation notes throughout the construction phases of the projects, and subsequently issued serial bonds for the portion not funded by the above sources once that construction work was completed. The District issued the first series of these bonds totaling \$4,935,000 bearing interest rates between 2-4%. The District issued bonds totaling \$4,935,000 for a portion of the project financing during the 2012-13 year. The District had \$12,190,000 in outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes for the remaining portion of the project financing outstanding as of June 30, 2013. The District made a principal payment on the notes during the 2013-14 year and issued serial bonds to replace the notes on June 26, 2014. The District kept the financing in notes for as long as possible to take advantage of short term interest rate savings. The bonds issued on June 26, 2014 total \$11,010,000 and have an average interest rate of 2.5808%.

The District also issues Bond Anticipation Notes each year for the purchase of school buses. These notes are paid off over 5 years, with current interest and approximately 20% of the principal being paid each year. The District sold the school bus BANs issued during the 2014-15 years on the open market. The District loaned itself the funds for the buses purchased in the 2015-16 school year, through an inter-fund receivable/payable. The latest BANs will mature in April 2017.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS, Continued

The only other long-term debt which the District had incurred as of June 30, 2016 is the portion of benefits afforded to retirees under the District's collective bargaining agreements and employment policies which are payable after more than one year, and are not funded under the Employee Benefit/Accrued Liability Reserve. Additionally, the District pays retiree health insurance benefits for instructional and administrative employees for a number of years after retirement, in accordance with collective bargaining agreements. These benefits are not recorded either in the District's compensated absences account in the long-term debt accounts, or in the Employee Benefit/Accrued Liability Reserve as they do not fit the legal definition of costs includable in these accounts. As of June 30, 2016, the District's long-term liability for compensated absences for all current employees who were eligible to retire from the District was not fully funded. The liability for the previous year was likewise not fully funded.

The District has a practice of systematically updating its facilities, through capital construction projects financed through serial bond issues. The District has a high school building, a middle school building, four elementary school buildings, two bus garages and a few small storage buildings. Being a consolidated school district, the District realizes approximately 83% State funding on newly approved capital construction projects. Since the District serves a number of Native American students from the nearby Cattaraugus Indian Reservation, the District also qualifies for Native American Building Aid on its school building construction projects. The District includes a \$50,000 appropriation in its annual budget for emergency capital projects. At the end of the 2010-11 year, the District moved its elementary students and staff out of its William T. Hoag Elementary School, located in the Village of Angola. The District consolidated classes in its remaining three elementary school buildings, and reduced a building administrator and clerical employee position (both through attrition), and a small number of instructional staff positions. The District retained ownership of the building, to provide it with additional available program space if the population of the District begins to increase. To make appropriate use of the building and to receive a proper return on its investment in the building for the time period until that need ever arises, the District has signed leases for renting out space within the building beginning July 1, 2011 to Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), Buffalo Hearing and Speech and the Boys and Girls Club of Lake Shore. The District has also moved its Central Printing and Mailing, District Technology, Special Education offices and Community Education Program offices to the building. As of the date of the financial statements, the building is fully occupied.

During the ensuing 2015-16 year, the District completed a thorough assessment of its facilities and its estimated capital needs for the next five years. This process was completed by a licensed architectural firm, using the services of engineering consultants and a firm specializing in technology systems. Based upon the results of this study, the District has determined that sufficient need exists to warrant another capital construction project in the near future. Planning for the proposed project is currently underway.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

# OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to Evans-Brant Central School District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

# Reporting on the District as a Whole: Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to that of a private-sector business. The two government-wide statements are the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as "net position." Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District 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 result in cash flows in prior or future fiscal periods (e.g., earned but unused vacation leave and depreciation expense on fixed assets).

Both of the government-wide financial statements, found on pages 17 - 19, classify the functions of the District as governmental activities. These are activities that are principally supported by taxes, state aid, and intergovernmental revenues. The governmental activities of the District include general support, instruction, pupil transportation, employee benefits, debt service - interest, and school lunch.

# Reporting on the District's Most Significant Funds: 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, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds (described in the following section).

Governmental Funds: Most of the District's basic services are reported in governmental funds which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds, and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. These funds are reported under the modified accrual method of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted into cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general

Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

# **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information reports whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds are detailed in a reconciliation of the fund financial statements to the government-wide financial statements on pages 21 and 23.

# Reporting on the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities: The District as a Trustee

The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for other assets that, because of a trust arrangement, can be used only for the trust beneficiaries. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported on pages 24 - 25. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operation. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purpose.

# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

# **Governmental Activities**

For the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, net position changed as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Beginning net position	\$ 14,306,457	8,320,808
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	-	3,775,494
Change in net position	4,170,194	2,210,155
Ending net position	\$ 18,476,651	14,306,457

The changes in net position are the result of equipment purchases, bond issue principal payments paid in the two fiscal years, depreciation recorded on fixed assets and recognition of other postemployment benefits. The District recorded \$2,950,779 in depreciation expense in the 2015-16 year and \$3,485,009 in the 2014-15 year, which in turn reduced net position shown above. The District increased its liabilities for other postemployment benefits by \$352,013 in 2015-16 and by \$146,039 in 2014-15. The District made payments to retire serial bonds totaling \$3,230,000 in 2015-16 and \$3,175,000 in the 2014-15 year. The difference between the values of depreciation recorded, the amount of serial bonds issued, payments of serial bonds, and recognition of other postemployment benefits and the change in net position represents the cost of new assets purchased less the amounts relative to the disposal of assets during the years.

To aid in understanding the Statement of Activities, some additional explanation is given. First of all, the format is significantly different than that of a typical Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance. Expenses are listed in the first column with revenues from each

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# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE, Continued

particular program listed to the right. The result is the Net (Expense)/Revenue, shown in the last column. The reason for this kind of format is to show the relative financial burden of each of the District's functions. It also identifies how much each function draws from the general revenues or if it is self-financing through fees and grants. All governmental revenues besides line item revenues are reported as general.

# **Condensed Statement of Net Position (in thousands of dollars)**

			tal activities	
		and total school dis		Percentage
	<u>June 30, 2016</u> <u>June 30, 2015</u>		<u>change</u>	
Current and other assets	\$	12,326	13,416	-8.12%
Net pension asset		13,391	14,539	-7.90%
Capital assets		35,278	37,415	<u>-5.71%</u>
Total assets	\$	60,995	65,370	<u>-7.17%</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	\$	6,527	3,996	<u>38.78%</u>
Long-term debt outstanding		39,261	38,960	0.77%
Other liabilities		4,218	5,555	<u>-24.07%</u>
Total liabilities	\$	43,479	44,515	<u>-2.38%</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	\$	5,566	10,545	<u>-89.45%</u>
Net investment in capital assets	4,966	10,971	13.85%	
Restricted		5,001	-0.70%	
Unrestricted (deficit)		1,021	(1,666)	<u>161.28%</u>
Total net position	\$	18,477	14,306	<u>22.57%</u>

# EVANS-BRANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE, Continued

The following schedules present a summary of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the percentage of increases and decreases from 6/30/15 to 6/30/16.

# Changes in Net Position from Operating Results (in thousands of dollars)

		Governmen	tal activities	
		and total sc	hool district	
		Ended	Ended	Percentage
	<u>6</u> ,	/30/2016	6/30/2015	change
Revenue:				
Program revenues:				
Charges for services	\$	2,370	3,094	-23.40%
Operating grants		2,622	3,192	-17.86%
Capital grants	284 -	100.00%		
General revenue:				
Real property taxes		13,756	13,322	3.26%
Real property tax items		3,374	3,368	0.18%
Nonproperty taxes		2,626	2,635	-0.34%
Use of money and property		141	136	3.68%
Sale of property and compensation				
for loss		183	48	281.25%
Miscellaneous		405	404	0.25%
State sources		29,357	27,255	7.71%
Federal sources		594	157	<u>278.34%</u>
Total revenue		55,712	53,611	3.92%
Expenses:				
General support		9,698	9,935	-2.39%
Instruction		35,398	35,621	-0.63%
Pupil transportation		4,596	3,896	17.97%
Debt service - interest		796	853	-6.68%
School food program		1,054	1,096	<u>-3.83%</u>
Total expenses		51,542	51,401	0.27%
Change in net position	\$	4,170	2,210	<u>47.00%</u>

Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The District's Board of Education approved the creation of a Fund Balance Reserve for Employee Benefits/Accrued Liabilities at its regular meeting on May 21, 2003. This reserve allows the District to reserve funds for the payment of obligations to retirement-eligible employees who have accumulated benefits due to them at the point of retirement. These benefits would include payment for unused vacation, sick and personal days. If New York State approves legislation to allow school districts to utilize this reserve for the purposes of funding other postemployment benefits as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 45 (GASB-45), the District intended to utilize the reserve to account for and fund these obligations of the District in the future.

The District's Board of Education also approved the creation of a Fund Balance Reserve for Retirement System Contributions at its regular meeting on June 16, 2009. Anticipated increases in the District's contribution rate for employees who are members of the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System (ERS) prompted the Board of Education to take proactive steps to safeguard the District taxpayers from the impending spike in retirement costs. The Board authorized a \$1.2 million reserve be created. A portion of the funds were used to offset the rising costs in the 2014-15 fiscal year.

# General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The District's General Fund budget contains a minimal amount of budget amendments every year. The District has made it a practice to amend the annual operating budget only for the inclusion of purchase orders that have been carried over from the previous year. The budget is allowed to be amended up for this purpose, since the funds were allocated under the previous year's budget, and the District has appropriately reserved an equal amount of fund balance at year end for this purpose.

The District also approves a number of budget transfers annually. This is because it is not always easy for the District to adequately foresee where student population shifts and District contract changes along with the related supply and equipment needs for educational programs, will ultimately occur. It is anticipated that while the District will continue to control the number of budget transfers necessary to operate its programs, there will always be the need to transfer funds within budget lines within instructional programs. The Board of Education permits the superintendent or his designee to approve normal budgetary transfers under \$100,000. This practice has not, and is not anticipated to have an effect on the operations of the District.

More detailed information about the District's General Fund budget is presented in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance on pages 52 - 53.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

# CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

# **Capital Assets**

At the end of June 2016, the District had \$35,277,605 million invested in a broad range of capital assets, including school and administration buildings, land, vehicles and instructional machinery and furniture, net of depreciation. This amount represents a net decrease (including additions and dispositions, and depreciation) of \$2,137,833 or a 5.7% decrease over the last year.

Capital assets at year end			
(net of depreciation)		<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Land	\$	170,000	170,000
Buildings and improvements		31,961,491	34,305,931
Machinery, furniture and equipment	-	3,146,114	2,939,507
Total	\$ :	35.277.605	37,415,438

More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in note 5 to the financial statements.

# Long-term Debt and Other Obligations

At year-end, the District had outstanding serial bonds, bond anticipation notes and other obligations. Serial Bonds outstanding include nine separate bond issues from 1991, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2005, 2012, 2013 and 2014. Together, these issues had serial bonds outstanding of \$21,365,000 as of 6/30/16 and \$24,595,000 as of 6/30/15. The 1991, 1994, 1995, 1997 and 1999 bond issues were defused, or advance refunded by the District on June 27, 2002. To accomplish this, the District borrowed \$23,770,000 on a new bond issue dated 6/27/02. The proceeds from the new bond issue were placed with a third-party paying agent (The Bank of New York) for the eventual payment of each of the old bond issues. The paying agent invested the proceeds, so that the income earned on the invested funds could be utilized to pay the annual interest charges on the old bonds. A number of the original bonds were called during the 2008-09 fiscal year, and paid off with funds that had been held in escrow. The District includes the annual payments on the new bond issue in its annual General Fund operating budget, since the funds for the payment of the old bonds are already held on account by the paying agent. This was done to match the District's debt service payments with the new borrowing amortization schedules that the State of New York has enacted. Without completing the advance refunding of the old bonds, the District would have made debt service payments on the old bonds several years before it would have received the associated State Aid on those payments. This would have created both a cash flow problem for the District, as well as an inflation of the District's school tax rates for each of its townships. The District refinanced this bond issue again in the same manner during the 2012-13 year to take advantage of lower interest rates. The 2005 serial bond issue was also advance refunded during the 2012-13 year to reduce interest costs. As described earlier, the District issued serial bonds totaling \$11,010,000 on June 26, 2014 for the remaining portion of its 2007 construction projects that serial bonds had not previously financed.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

# CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION, Continued

# Long-term Debt and Other Obligations, Continued

The District also had one Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) outstanding as of June 30, 2015 and 2016. These notes are utilized for the purchase of school buses. The District had a practice of borrowing for its annual school bus replacement program, and paying the balance of the BAN off over five years, as allowed under General Municipal Law. Consequently, approximately 20% of the original BAN amount and 100% of the annual interest charge for each BAN outstanding as of July 1<sup>st</sup> is included in the annual General Fund operating budget of the District. BANs outstanding as of June 30, 2015 totaled \$1,158,942 and as of June 30, 2016 BANs totaled \$848,078.

The remaining long-term obligation of the District is the vested benefits due to retirement-eligible employees under the District's various collective bargaining agreements and contracts. At its regular meeting on May 21, 2003, the District's Board of Education approved the creation of a Employee Benefit/Accrued Liability Reserve to begin the process of funding for these obligations of the District.

**Constitutional debt limit**: Per the last Official Statement issued by the Evans-Brant Central School District on August 17, 2016, the limit was \$103,850,726. As of that date, the District's net indebtedness totaled \$22,213,078 which is 21.39% of the debt allowed. The District's net indebtedness at the close of the previous year was \$27,706,267 which was 28.91% of the total debt allowed.

# ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The District's student enrollment has declined slightly each year over the past several years. This is due in part to the trend of population shift from the northeastern states to the "sunbelt" areas of the south. The District reduced instructional staff for the 2014-15 school year, due to the reduced enrollment projected.

The factors that will most likely have the largest impact on the District's subsequent budget(s) and tax rates are the financial condition of Erie County, the State of New York and the Federal Government, the government-imposed tax cap on NYS municipalities, and the overall performance of the stock market. If the financial position of the State of New York continues to improve over the next 1-2 years, the District could expect to realize additional increases in State Aid funding. With restrictions on spending levels, the District can contain the need for increased property taxes in order to maintain its instructional programs, but will be required to stay within the tax cap limit as prescribed by legislation. Possible tax increases would have a negative impact upon the School District, since school taxes are the only tax the New York State residents may vote upon in order to have a tax levy increase approved. The District's voters did approve both the 2016-17 and 2015-16 year spending plans. Additionally, the District's voters likewise approved the purchase of school buses for 2015-16 and 2016-17.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

# ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES (continued)

The State of New York reduced school district State Aid amounts substantially from the 2010-11 year to the 2011-12 year, in an effort to address its budgetary shortfalls in the current and future years. School district Foundation Aid increases scheduled for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 years were pushed off to the 2012-13 year or later. The District has lost over \$25,000,000 in State Aid through the State's "Gap Elimination Adjustment" since its inception. The "Gap Elimination Adjustment" is a tool to balance the State's budget by reducing State Aid to school districts across the State. The provision for balancing the State's budget on the backs of its school districts is contained within the legislation. Although it was reduced in the 2015-16 years, it was totally eliminated in the NYS budget for 2016-17.

During the 2014-15 fiscal year, the District completed the application process for Federal Impact Aid. Impact Aid is a Federal funding source that compensates school districts for the loss of school district tax revenues due to loss of taxable property for Federal purposes. The District completed a prospective application for the 2015-16 year, based upon the number of "Federally Connected" students that it served for the 2014-15 school year. The 250 students from the Seneca Nation of Indians Cattaraugus Territory qualify for this purpose. The District subsequently received \$483,128 in Federal Impact Aid for the 2015-16 year. The District did not include an estimate of the Impact Aid funds in its 2015-16 revenue budget. The District included an estimate of \$500,000 in Impact Aid in its 2016-17 budget, and will include a projection of Federal Impact Aid in future budgets.

Rising health insurance rates, and increasing personnel costs as outlined in the District's collective bargaining agreements and various employment policies will continue to increase program costs. The District participates in insurance groups and consortia in an effort to help to control costs and annual increases. The District also continues to evaluate the various instructional programs that it provides for students, adding programs when it is appropriate and discontinuing others if they are no longer needed and/or cost effective to offer.

Another factor which could impact the District's finances is the local economy of the District. The District is located in Erie County, NY covering approximately 75 square miles. The District contains suburban areas, towns and small villages, as well as rural areas. The overall District economy is depressed due in part to the National economic status. It is also depressed due to the decline of industry in the American Northeast, and to the departure of local industry to other areas under a global economy. During the 2013-14 fiscal year, the Governor of the State of New York announced an initiative to attract industry to New York State. The tax-free zone program is titled "Start-Up NY", and offers a ten year exemption from property, sales and State income taxes for new industries locating in close proximity to State University of New York (SUNY) campuses throughout the State. Since the program is relatively new, it is not yet apparent if it will have a positive effect on the status of industry in the Western New York region.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued

# **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES (Continued)**

Being located on Lake Erie, the District still enjoys a large tourism industry. Marinas and cottages along the Lake Erie shorelines continue to bring visitors and vacationers to the area each year. It is expected that the tourism rates and the student population rates will remain relatively steady in the next fiscal year. Light industry including manufacturing is present in the District, providing both jobs to residents as well as contributions to the District's overall tax base. In June 2013 the District was notified of the application for a major subdivision within the District, by a local developer. If completed, the subdivision will contain 57 lots for single family homes and encompass an area of approximately 30 acres. The District estimates that any possible enrollment increase in its schools could be addressed within the existing capacity of its various school buildings, negating the need for any additional building space.

Lastly, retirement system contribution rates for the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) and the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) have been increasing throughout recent years. As a result of the positive performance in the stock markets, both retirement systems decreased employer contribution rates for the 2015-16 and the 2016-17 ensuing year. The TRS rate is decreasing to 11.72% of member payroll for the 2016-17 year, from 13.26% for the 2015-16 year. The 2016-17 estimated ERS contribution rate is 16.2% of member payroll, a decrease from the 18.2% rate for the 2015-16 year. This rate includes a provision for Group Term Life Insurance.

# CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the funding it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Mr. Daniel W. Pacos, CPA - Assistant Superintendent for Administration & Finance.

# Statement of Net Position Governmental Activities June 30, 2016

Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,126,296
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted		4,453,689
Receivables:		
Internal balances		97,919
State and Federal aid		5,360,192
Due from other governments		906,844
Other receivables		338,082
Inventories		15,756
Deposits		26,834
Capital assets not being depreciated - land		170,000
Capital assets net of accumulated depreciation:		
Building and improvements		31,961,491
Machinery, furniture and equipment		3,146,114
Net pension asset-proportionate share - TRS		13,391,456
Total assets		60,994,673
Deferred outflows of resources - pensions		6,527,060
Liabilities:		
Payables:		
Accounts payable		57,401
Accrued liabilities		276,297
Due to other governments		490
Bond anticipation notes payable		848,078
Due to teachers' retirement system		2,642,062
Due to employees' retirement system		275,701
Accrued interest		118,371
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# Statement of Net Position Governmental Activities, Continued

Liabilities, Continued:	
Long-term liabilities:	
Due and payable within one year:	
Bonds payable	\$ 3,421,776
Due and payable after one year:	
Bonds payable	18,517,372
Compensated absences	1,692,393
Other postemployment benefits	11,710,499
Net pension liability-proportionate share - ERS	3,918,760
Total liabilities	43,479,200
Deferred inflows of resources:	
Deferred revenue and gain on advance refunding	471,543
Pensions	5,094,339
Total deferred inflows of resources	5,565,882
Net position:	
Net investment in capital assets	12,490,379
Restricted for:	
Employee benefits and accrued liabilities	760,564
Retirement contributions	706,316
Tax certiorari	140,662
Debt service	3,358,038
Unrestricted	1,020,692
Total net position	\$ 18,476,651

Statement of Activities Governmental Activities Year ended June 30, 2016

		Pro	Program Revenues	S	Net (expense) revenue and
		Charges for	Operating	Capital	changes in
	Expenses	services	grants	grants	net position
Functions/programs:					
General support	\$ 9,698,070		1	ı	(9,698,070)
Instruction	35,397,889	2,063,762	1,905,779	284,484	(31,143,864)
Pupil transportation	4,595,755	ı	1	1	(4,595,755)
Debt service - interest	796,372	1	1	1	(796,372)
School lunch program	1,054,408	306,624	715,862	1	(31,922)
Total functions and programs	\$ 51,542,494	2,370,386	2,621,641	284,484	(46,265,983)
General revenue:					
Real property taxes					13,756,532
Real property tax items					3,373,948
Non property taxes					2,625,908
Use of money and property					140,799
Sale of property and compensation for loss					182,624
State sources					29,357,801
Federal sources					593,939
Miscellaneous					404,626
Total general revenue					50,436,177
Change in net position					4,170,194

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Net position at beginning of year

Net position at end of year

14,306,457

\$ 18,476,651

# EVANS-BRANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds June 30, 2016

		Special	School	Capital	Total governmental	
	General	aid	service	projects	<u>spunj</u>	
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 379,163	73,873	294,227	379,033	1,126,296	
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted Receivables:	4,453,689	Γ	1	1	4,453,689	
Due from other funds	6.945.072	4.933.988	562.247	ı	12,441,307	
Interfund note receivable	420.942	1	. '	,	420 942	
State and Federal aid	4.281.372	1.036.985	41.835	1	5 360 192	
Due from other governments	906,844	1		r	906.844	
Other receivables	53,170	ı	428	284,484	338,082	
Inventories		ı	15,756		15,756	
Deposits	26,834	1	'	•	26,834	
Total assets	\$ 17,467,086	6,044,846	914,493	663,517	25,089,942	
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balance						
Payables:						
Accounts payable	47,113	1	10,288	1	57,401	
Accrued liabilities	268,641	7,236	420	1	276,297	
Due to other funds	5,526,225	6,037,610	779,553	Ī	12,343,388	
Due to other governments	•	1	490	1	490	
Bond anticipation notes payable	ı	1	ı	848,078	848,078	
Due to teachers' retirement system	2,642,062	,	t	ī	2,642,062	
Due to employees' retirement system	270,153	ı	5,548	i	275,701	
Interfund note payable		1	*	420,942	420,942	
Total liabilities	8,754,194	6,044,846	796,299	1,269,020	16,864,359	
Deferred inflows - unearned revenue	54,668	1	1	1	54,668	
Fund Balance						
Non-spendable	26,834	1	15,756	1	42,590	
Restricted	4,965,580	1		1	4,965,580	
Assigned	1,915,983	•	102,438	t	2,018,421	
Unassigned	1,749,827	t	-	(605,503)	1,144,324	
Total fund balance	8,658,224		118,194	(605,503)	8,170,915	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balance	\$ 17,467,086	6,044,846	914,493	663,517	25,089,942	
See accompanying notes to financial statements.						
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# Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2016

Total fund balances - governmental funds		\$ 8,170,915
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The assets consist of:		
Land	\$ 170,000	
Buildings and improvements	86,843,291	
Machinery, furniture and equipment	12,730,466	
Accumulated depreciation	(64,466,152)	
Total capital assets		35,277,605
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. These liabilities consist of the following:		
Compensated absences		(1,692,393)
Other postemployment benefits		(11,710,499)
Accrued interest		(118,371)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable and premium on bonds are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.		(21,939,148)
Some deferred costs are not reported in the funds. These consist of the following		
Deferred outflows - pensions		6,527,060
Deferred inflows - pensions		(5,094,339)
Deferred inflows - gain on advance refunding		(416,875)
(Increases) decreases in proportionate share of net pension asset/liability reported in the Statement of Activities do not provide for or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues or expenditures in the governmental funds.		
Teachers' Retirement System		13,391,456
Employees' Retirement System		(3,918,760)
Total net position - end of year		\$ 18,476,651

# EVANS-BRANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds Year ended June 30, 2016

Total

School

	Ceneral	Special	food	Capital	governmental
Revenue:		2	221	STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE P	S Talida
Real property taxes	\$ 13,756,532	ı	1	ı	13,756,532
Real property tax items	3,373,948	1	ľ	ı	3,373,948
Non property taxes	2,625,908	1	ı	t	2,625,908
Charges for services	2,063,762	ı	1	ı	2,063,762
Use of money and property	140,558	1	1 -	241	140,799
Sale of property and compensation for loss	182,624	•	1	1	182,624
State sources	29,357,801	579,787	25,091	284,484	30,247,163
Federal sources	593,939	1,325,992	690,771	ı	2,610,702
School lunch sales	1	•	306,624	ı	306,624
Miscellaneous	287,536	1	314	t	287,850
Total revenue	52,382,608	1,905,779	1,022,800	284,725	55,595,912
Expenditures:					
General support	5,887,903	44,629	1	162,749	6,095,281
Instruction	25,488,539	1,799,645	1	290,836	27,579,020
Pupil transportation	2,740,294	132,059	•	349,142	3,221,495
Employee benefits	13,322,226	1	r	1	13,322,226
Debt service - principal	3,540,863	1	•	•	3.540,863
Debt service - interest	901,602	r	ı	1	901,602
Cost of sales	į	1	999,814	1	999,814
Capital outlay	1	r	9,155	•	9,155
Total expenditures	51,881,427	1,976,333	1,008,969	802,727	55,669,456
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	501,181	(70,554)	13,831	(518,002)	(73,544)
Other financing sources and (uses):					
BANs redeemed from appropriations	1	r	•	310,864	310,864
Operating transfers in	1	70,554	1	123,685	194,239
Operating transfers (out)	(194,239)	1	1	1	(194,239)
Total other financing sources and (uses)	(194,239)	70,554	1	434,549	310,864
Excess (deficiency) of revenue and other financing sources					
over expenditures and other financing (uses)	306,942	•	13,831	(83,453)	237,320
Fund balance at beginning of year	8,351,282	1	104,363	(522,050)	7,933,595
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 8,658,224		118,194	(605,503)	8,170,915
See accompanying notes to financial statements.	į				

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities Year ended June, 30 2016

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$ 237,320
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current period:  Additions of assets  Depreciation  Disposition of capital assets	\$ 829,150 (2,950,779) (16,204)	(2,137,833)
Repayment of bond and installment purchase debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Also, the governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. Principal paid on bonds  Amortization of deferred inflows	3,230,000 89,375	3,319,375
Bond proceeds and premium on bonds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.		116,776
Compensated absences represent the value of the earned and unused portion of the liability for the vacation and compensatory time. They are reported in the statement of activities but do not require the use of the current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. This is the net change of compensated absences.		(241,562)
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, interest expenditure is reported when due.		15,855
Other postemployment benefits represent the value of the unfunded portion of the cost of benefits for current employees upon retirement. They are reported in the statement of activities but do not require the use of the current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		(352,013)
Some items reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. In the current period, these amounts are the following:  Deferred outflows - pensions  Deferred inflows - pensions		2,530,789 4,882,971
(Increases) decreases in proportionate share of net pension asset/liability reported in the statement of activities do not provide for or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues or expenditures in the governmental funds.  Employees' Retirement System		(3,053,670)
Teachers' Retirement System  Change in net position of governmental activities		(1,147,814) \$ 4,170,194

# Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Funds June 30, 2016

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Funds</u>	Agency <u>Funds</u>	Total Fiduciary <u>Funds</u>
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 133,637	956,235	1,089,872
Accounts receivable	-	440	440
Due from other funds	3,086		3,086
Total assets	136,723	956,675	1,093,398
Liabilities:			
Due to other funds	3,545	97,460	101,005
Due to retirement	-	12,061	12,061
Extraclassroom activity balance	-	130,713	130,713
Agency liabilities	<b>pa</b>	716,441	716,441
Total liabilities	3,545	956,675	960,220
Net position - reserved for scholarships and family support	<u>\$ 133,178</u>		133,178

# Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Funds Year ended June 30, 2016

	Private
	Purpose
	<u>Trust Funds</u>
Additions:	
Gifts and donations	\$ 9,777
Use of money and property	540
Total additions	10,317
Deductions - scholarships awarded	10,820
Change in net position	(503)
Net position at beginning of year	133,681
Net position at end of year	\$ 133,178

Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2016

# (1) Summary of Accounting Policies

The financial statements of Evans-Brant Central School District (the District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. Those principles are prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Significant accounting principles and policies used by the District are described below:

# (a) Reporting Entity

The District is governed by the laws of New York State. The District is an independent entity governed by an elected Board of Education consisting of 7 members. The President of the Board serves as the chief fiscal officer and the Superintendent is the chief executive officer. The Board is responsible for and controls all activities related to public school education within the District. Board members have authority to make decisions, power to appoint management and primary accountability for all fiscal matters.

The reporting entity of the District is based upon criteria set forth by GASB Statement 14 - "The Financial Reporting Entity," as amended by GASB Statement 39 - "Component Units." The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the District. The District is not a component unit of another reporting entity. The decision to include a potential component unit in the District's reporting entity is based on several criteria, including legal standing, fiscal dependency, and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, the following is a brief description of certain entities included in the District's reporting entity.

# (i) Extraclassroom Activity Funds

The Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the District represent funds of the students of the District. The Board of Education exercises general oversight of these funds. The Extraclassroom Activity Funds are independent of the District with respect to its financial transactions and the designation of student management. Separate audited financial statements (cash basis) of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds can be obtained from the District's business office. The District accounts for assets held as an agent for various student organizations in an agency fund.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

# (1) Summary of Accounting Policies, Continued

# (b) Joint Venture

The District is one of twenty-seven participating school districts in the Erie 2 - Chautauqua - Cattaraugus Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES). A Board of Cooperative Educational Services is a voluntary, cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that shares planning, services and programs that provide educational and support activities. There is no authority or process by which a school district can terminate its status as a BOCES component.

BOCES are organized under §1950 of the New York State Education Law. A BOCES Board is considered a corporate body. Members of a BOCES Board are nominated and elected by their component member boards in accordance with provisions of §1950 of the New York State Education Law. All BOCES property is held by the BOCES Board as a corporation (§1950(6)). In addition, BOCES Boards also are considered municipal corporations to permit them to contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under §119-n (a) of the New York State General Municipal Law.

A BOCES' budget is comprised of separate budgets for administrative, program and capital costs. Each component district's share of administrative and capital cost is determined by resident public school district enrollment, as defined in the New York State Education Law, §1950(4)(b)(7). In addition, component districts pay tuition or a service fee for programs in which its students participate.

During the year, the District was billed \$3,307,100 for BOCES administrative and program costs and recognized \$1,500,392 in revenue as the District's share of BOCES aid. The District also recognized \$102,778 as a refund from prior years' expenditures paid to BOCES.

Participating school districts can issue debt on behalf of BOCES. At year-end, there was no debt issued by the District on behalf of BOCES.

Financial statements for the BOCES are available from the Erie 2 - Chautauqua - Cattaraugus BOCES administrative office.

# (c) Basis of Presentation

# (i) District-Wide Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities present financial information about the District's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety, except those that are fiduciary in nature. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, State aid, intergovernmental revenues and other exchange and non-exchange transactions. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

# (1) Summary of Accounting Policies, Continued

# (c) Basis of Presentation, Continued

# (i) District-Wide Statements, Continued

The statement of activities presents a comparison between program expenses and revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses, principally employee benefits, are allocated to functional areas in proportion to the payroll expended for those areas. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

# (ii) Funds Statements

The funds statements provide information about the District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category (governmental and fiduciary) are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund: This is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial transactions that are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds: These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources, such as Federal and State grants, that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes, child nutrition and school store operations or other activities whose funds are restricted as to use. These legal restrictions may be imposed either by governments that provide the funds or by outside parties. The District reports the special aid fund and the school food service fund as major special revenue funds.

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>: These funds are used to account for the financial resources used for acquisition, construction or major repair of capital facilities. For these funds, each capital project is assessed to determine whether it is a major or non-major fund. Those capital projects that are determined to be major are reported in separate columns in the financial statements. Those that are determined to be non-major are reported in the supplemental schedules either separately or in the aggregate.

<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>: Fiduciary activities are those in which the District acts as trustee or agent for resources that belong to others. These activities are not included in the District-wide financial statements because their resources do not belong to the District and are not available to be used. There are two classes of fiduciary funds:

<u>Private Purpose Trust Funds</u>: These funds are used to account for trust arrangements in which principal and income benefit annual third party awards and scholarships for students. Established criteria govern the use of the funds and members of the District or representatives of the donors may serve on committees to determine who benefits.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

# (1) Summary of Accounting Policies, Continued

# (c) Basis of Presentation, Continued

# (ii) Funds Statements, Continued

Agency Funds: These funds are strictly custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. Assets are held by the District as agent for various student groups or extraclassroom activity funds and for payroll or employee withholdings.

# (d) Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

The fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. Sales tax related to the current fiscal year, received after the revenue recognition period are not considered available and have been excluded from the financial statements.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General 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.

# (e) Property Taxes

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education. Uncollected real property taxes are subsequently enforced by the County of Erie. The County pays an amount representing uncollected real property taxes transmitted to the County for enforcement to the District no later than the following April 1.

# (f) Restricted Resources

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, the District's policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and with associated legal requirements, many of which are described elsewhere in these notes.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

# (1) Summary of Accounting Policies, Continued

# (g) Interfund Transactions

The operations of the District include transactions between funds. These transactions may be temporary in nature, such as with interfund borrowings. The District typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of providing cash flow. These interfund receivables and payables are expected to be repaid within one year. Permanent transfers of funds include the transfer of expenditures and revenues to provide financing or other services.

In the District-wide statements, the amounts reported on the statement of net position for interfund receivables and payables represent amounts due between different fund types (governmental activities and fiduciary funds). Eliminations have been made for all interfund receivables and payables between the funds, with the exception of those due from or to the fiduciary funds.

The governmental funds report all interfund transactions as originally recorded. Interfund receivables and payables may be netted on the accompanying governmental funds balance sheet when it is the District's practice to settle these amounts at a net balance based upon the right of legal offset.

Refer to note 9 for a detailed disclosure by individual fund for interfund receivables, payables, expenditures and revenue activity.

# (h) Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates and assumptions are made in a variety of areas, including computation of encumbrances, compensated absences, potential contingent liabilities and useful lives of long-lived assets.

# (i) Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District's cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from date of acquisition. New York State law governs the District's investment policies. Resources must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. Permissible investments include obligations of the United States Treasury, United States Agencies, repurchase agreements and obligations of New York State or its localities. Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by FDIC insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and Districts.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

# (1) Summary of Accounting Policies, Continued

# (i) Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are shown gross, with uncollectible amounts recognized under the direct write-off method. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided since it is believed that such an allowance would not be material.

# (k) Inventories and Deposits

Inventories of food in the school food service fund are recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis, or in the case of surplus food, at stated value which approximates fair value. Purchases of inventorial items in other funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase and are considered immaterial in amount.

Deposits represent amounts on deposit with School and Municipal Energy Cooperative of Western New York (municipality electric and natural gas organization) which helps to lower the costs for the groups involved by purchasing power and natural gas in larger quantities.

A reserve for these non-liquid assets (inventories and deposits) has been recognized to signify that a portion of fund balance is not available for other subsequent expenditures.

# (l) Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported in the District-wide financials at actual cost or estimated historical cost. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the time received. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as construction in progress until the projects are completed.

Capitalization thresholds (the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts), depreciation methods and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the District-wide statements are as follows:

	Capitalization <u>Threshold</u>	Depreciation <u>Method</u>	Estimated <u>Useful Life</u>
Land	\$ 1	N/A	N/A
Construction in progress	1	N/A	N/A
Land improvements	25,000	Straight-line	20
Buildings and improvements	50,000	Straight-line	20 - 40
Machinery and equipment	5,000	Straight-line	10
Vehicles	5,000	Straight-line	10

# (m) Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section of 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 and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The government has two items that qualify for reporting in this category. The

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

# (1) Summary of Accounting Policies, Continued

# (m) Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources, Continued

first item is related to pensions reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability and difference during the measurement period between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The second item is the District contributions to the pension systems (TRS and ERS Systems) subsequent to the measurement date.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net 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. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. First is the deferred charge on refunding reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. Second arises under a modified accrual basis of accounting and is reported as unavailable revenue - property taxes. The third item is related to pensions reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension liability (ERS System) and difference during the measurement periods between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions to the pension system not included in pension expense.

The District reported deferred inflows of \$685,000 for a gain on the advance refunding of serial bonds in 2013, which is being amortized over the remaining life of the new debt. The amortized balance at June 30, 2016 is \$416,875. The general fund recognized \$54,668 of deferred inflows for drivers education and day camp at June 30, 2016. The total deferred inflows on the statement of net position at June 30, 2016 was \$471,543. Such amounts have been deemed to measurable but not "available" pursuant to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# (n) Vested Employee Benefits

# Compensated Absences

Compensated absences consist of unpaid accumulated annual sick leave and vacation.

Sick leave eligibility and its accumulation is specified in negotiated labor contracts and in individual employment contracts. Upon retirement, resignation or death, employees may contractually receive a payment based on unused accumulated sick leave.

District employees are granted vacation in varying amounts, based primarily on length of service and service position. Some earned benefits may be forfeited if not taken within varying time periods.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

# (1) Summary of Accounting Policies, Continued

# (n) Vested Employee Benefits, Continued

# Compensated Absences, Continued

Consistent with GASB Statement No. 16 - "Accounting for Compensated Absences," the liability has been calculated using the vesting/termination method and an accrual for that liability is included in the District-wide financial statements. The compensated absences liability is calculated based on the pay rates in effect at year-end.

In the governmental fund statements only the amount of matured liabilities is accrued within the General Fund based upon expendable and available financial resources. These amounts are expensed on a pay-as-you go basis.

# (o) Other Benefits

District employees participate in the New York State Employees' Retirement System and the New York State Teachers' Retirement System.

In addition to providing pension benefits, the District provides postemployment health insurance coverage and survivor benefits to retired employees and their survivors in accordance with the provision of various employment contracts in effect at the time of retirement. A portion of the District's employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the District, however the District is in the process of phasing out this benefit among the various contracts over time. Health care benefits are provided through plans whose premiums are based on the benefits paid during the year.

The District recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums as an expenditure.

# (p) Short-Term Debt

The District may issue Revenue Anticipation Notes (RAN) and Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN) in anticipation of the receipt of revenues. These notes are recorded as a liability of the fund that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of the notes. The RAN's and TAN's represent a liability that will be extinguished by the use of expendable, available resources of the fund.

The District may issue budget notes up to an amount not to exceed 5% of the amount of the annual budget during any fiscal year for expenditures for which there is an insufficient or no provision made in the annual budget. The budget note must be repaid no later than the close of the second fiscal year succeeding the year in which the note was issued.

The District may issue Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) in anticipation of proceeds from the subsequent sale of bonds. These notes are recorded as current liabilities of the funds that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of bonds. State law requires that BAN's issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term financing within five years after the original issue date.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

#### (1) Summary of Accounting Policies, Continued

#### (q) Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

Payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the District-wide financial statements. In the governmental funds, payables and accrued liabilities are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources. Claims and judgments, other postemployment benefits payable and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the funds financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

Long-term obligations represent the District's future obligations or future economic outflows. The liabilities are reported as due within one year or due after one year in the statement of net position.

#### (r) Equity Classifications

#### **District-Wide Statements**

In the District-wide statements there are three classes of net position:

Net investment in capital assets - consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction or improvements to those assets.

Restricted net position - reports net position when constraints placed on the assets are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position - reports all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above two classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the District.

#### **Funds Statements**

In the fund basis statements there are five classifications of fund balance:

Non-spendable fund balance - Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Non-spendable fund balance includes the inventory recorded in the School Food Service Fund of \$15,756 and the deposits with a municipal electric organization of \$26,834 recorded in the General Fund.

Restricted - Includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. All encumbrances of funds other than the General Fund and School Food Service Fund are classified as restricted fund balance. The School District has established the following restricted fund balances:

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

#### (1) Summary of Accounting Policies, Continued

#### (r) Equity Classifications, Continued

#### Funds Statements, Continued

#### **Debt Service**

According to General Municipal Law §6-1, the Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service must be established for the purpose of retiring the outstanding obligations upon the sale of District property or capital improvement that was financed by obligations that remain outstanding at the time of sale. The funding of the reserve is from the proceeds of the sale of School District property or capital improvement.

#### Employee Benefits and Accrued Liabilities

According to General Municipal Law §6-p, must be used for the payment of accrued employee benefits due an employee upon termination of the employee's service. This reserve may be established by a majority vote of the Board and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated.

#### **Retirement Contributions**

According to General Municipal Law §6-r, must be used for New York State Employees' Retirement System (NYSERS) financing retirement contributions. The reserve must be accounted for separate and apart from all other funds and a detailed report of the operation and condition of the fund must be provided to the Board.

#### Tax Certiorari

According to Education Law §3651.1-a, must be used to establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari proceedings and may be expended from the fund without voter approval. The monies held in the reserve shall not exceed the amount that might reasonably be deemed necessary to meet anticipated judgments and claims arising out of tax certiorari proceedings. Any resources deposited to the reserve which are not expended for tax certiorari proceedings in the year such monies are deposited must be returned to the General Fund on or before the first day of the fourth fiscal year after deposit of these monies.

#### Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments of expenditures are recorded for budgetary control purposes in order to reserve applicable appropriations, is employed as a control in preventing over-expenditure of established appropriations. Open encumbrances are reported as restricted fund balance in all funds other than the General Fund and School Food Service Fund, since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities and will be honored through budget appropriations in the subsequent year.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

#### (1) Summary of Accounting Policies, Continued

#### (r) Equity Classifications, Continued

Funds Statements, Continued

Restricted fund balance includes the following:

#### General Fund:

Debt service	\$ 3,358,038
Employee benefits and accrued liabilities	760,564
Retirement contributions	706,316
Tax certiorari	<u>140,662</u>
Total restricted funds	\$ <u>4,965,580</u>

Committed - Includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the School District's highest level of decision making authority, i.e., the Board of Education. The School District has no committed fund balances as of June 30, 2016.

Assigned - Includes amounts that are constrained by the School District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. All encumbrances of the General Fund and the fund balance of the School Food Service Fund are classified as assigned fund balance. Encumbrances reported in the General Fund amounted to \$165,983 and the School Food Service Fund was \$88,609, along with the remaining fund balance of \$13,829 in the school food service. Additionally, the District assigned \$1,750,000 of fund balance to reduce the tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year budget.

Unassigned - Includes all other General Fund net position that does not meet the definition of the above four classifications and is deemed to be available for general use by the School District. Also, the deficit in Capital Projects Fund is considered unassigned under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NYS Real Property Tax Law §1318 limits the amount of unexpended surplus funds a school district can retain to no more than 4% of the School District's budget for the General Fund for the ensuing fiscal year. Nonspendable and restricted fund balance of the General Fund are excluded from the 4% limitation. Amounts appropriated for the subsequent year and encumbrances are also excluded from the 4% limitation.

#### Order of Use of Fund Balance:

The District's policy is to apply expenditures against non-spendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. For all funds, non-spendable fund balances are determined first and then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined. Any remaining fund balance amounts for funds other than the General Fund and School Food Service Fund are classified as restricted fund balance. In the General Fund, committed fund balance is determined next and then assigned. The remaining amounts are reported as unassigned. Assignments of fund balance cannot cause a negative unassigned fund balance.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

#### (2) Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

#### (a) Budgets

The District administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the General Fund for which a legal (appropriated) budget is adopted.

The voters of the District approved the proposed appropriation budget for the General Fund.

Appropriations are adopted at the program line item level.

Appropriations established by the adoption of the budget constitute a limitation on expenditures (and encumbrances) that may be incurred. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year unless expended or encumbered. Encumbrances will lapse if not expended in the subsequent year. Appropriations authorized for the current year are increased by the planned use of specific reserves, and budget amendments approved by the Board of Education as a result of selected new revenue sources not included in the original budget (when permitted by law). These supplemental appropriations may occur subject to legal restrictions, if the Board approves them because of a need that exists which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted. No supplemental appropriations occurred during the year ended June 30, 2016.

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with GAAP. Appropriations authorized for the year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year.

Budgets are established and used for individual Capital Project Funds expenditures as approved by a special referendum of the District's voters. The maximum project amount authorized is based primarily upon the cost of the project plus any requirements for external borrowings, not annual appropriations. These budgets do not lapse and are carried over to subsequent fiscal years until the completion of the projects.

#### (b) Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is used for budget control and monitoring purposes and is reported as a part of the governmental funds. Under this method, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded to reserve applicable appropriations. Outstanding encumbrances as of year-end are presented as assignments of fund balance and do not represent expenditures or liabilities. These commitments will be honored in the subsequent period. Related expenditures are recognized at that time as the liability is incurred or the commitment is paid.

The District's unreserved unassigned fund balance was within the New York State Real Property Tax Law §1318 limit, which restricts it to an amount not greater than 4% of the District's budget for the upcoming school year.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

# (3) Cash and Cash Equivalents - Custodial Credit, Concentration of Credit, Interest Rate and Foreign Currency Risks

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. While the District does not have a specific policy for custodial credit risk, New York State statutes govern the District's investment policies, as discussed previously in these notes.

The District's aggregate bank balances were fully collateralized as of June 30, 2016.

Restricted cash represents cash and cash equivalents where use is limited by legal requirements. These assets represent amounts required by statute to be reserved for various purposes. Restricted cash as of year-end includes \$1,089,868 within the fiduciary funds and \$4,453,689 in the general fund.

#### (4) Receivables

Major revenue accrued by the District at June 30, 2016 consisted of the following:

(a) Due from State, Federal and Other Governments - Represents amounts due from other units of government, such as New York State and other local governments. Amounts due to the District at June 30, 2016 are listed below:

#### General Fund:

State and Federal aid receivable:	
State aid - Native America tuition	\$ 2,559,607
State aid - Excess Cost Aid	783,641
State aid - BOCES	938,124
	4,281,372
Due from other governments - Erie County - sales tax	906,844
School Food Service Fund - State - breakfast and lunch program	41,835
Special Aid Fund:	
State - summer handicapped	713,244
Federal - Title I	82,735
Federal - Title IIA	36,544
Federal - Universal Pre-K	20,980
Federal - IDEA	69,457
Federal - Title, VII	57
Federal - Native American	90,000
Federal - Mentor	<u>23,968</u>
	1,036,985
Total governmental funds	\$ <u>6,267,036</u>

(b) Other Receivables - Represents amounts due for out-of-district tuition billings in the General Fund and Smart School Bond in the Capital Projects Fund.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

# (5) Capital Assets

Capital asset balances and activity were as follows:

Governmental activities:	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements/ Reclassifications	Ending Balance
Capital assets that are not Depreciated - land	\$ 170,000			170,000
Capital assets that are depreciated: Building and improvements Machinery, furniture and	86,843,291	-	-	86,843,291
equipment	12,050,183	829,150	( <u>148,867</u> )	12,730,466
Total depreciable historical cost	98,893,474	829,150	( <u>148,867</u> )	99,573,757
Less accumulated depreciation: Building and improvements Machinery, furniture and	52,537,360	2,344,440	-	54,881,800
equipment	9,110,676	606,339	( <u>132,663</u> )	9,584,352
Total accumulated depreciation	61,648,036	2,950,779	( <u>132,663</u> )	64,466,152
Total historical cost, net	37,245,438	(2,121,629)	(16,204)	35,107,605
Governmental activities - capital assets, net	\$ <u>37,415,438</u>	(2,121,629)	(16,204)	35,277,605

The current year depreciation expense was allocated in the statement of activities to functions and programs of the District as follows:

Governmental activities:

General support	\$ 2,555,748
Instruction	175,221
Pupil transportation	205,768
School food service	14,042
Total depreciation expense, governmental activities	\$ 2,950,779

## (6) Short-Term Debt

Transactions in short-term debt for the year are summarized below:

Description	Maturity <u>date</u>	Interest <u>rate</u>	Outstanding July 1, 2015	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Paid</u>	Outstanding June 30, 2016
Capital projects - 2015	4/14/2016	1.00%	\$ 1,158,942	-	1,158,942	-
Capital projects - 2016	4/12/2017	1.01%	-	848,078	_	848,078
Tax anticipation note - 2015	10/28/2015	1.18%	<u> </u>	995,000	995,000	
			\$ <u>1,158,942</u>	1,843,078	2,153,942	848,078

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

## (7) Long-Term Debt Obligations

Transactions in long-term debt for the year are summarized below:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance	Due Within
Government activities:	Balance	Additions	Defetions	Dalatice	One Year
Bonds payable	\$ 24,595,000	-	(3,230,000)	21,365,000	3,305,000
Premium on bond issues	690,924	-	(116,776)	574,148	116,776
Other liabilities:					
Other postemployment benefits	11,358,486	1,121,338	(769,325)	11,710,499	_
Compensated absences (net activi	ty) 1,450,831	241,562	-	1,692,393	-
Net pension liability -					
proportionate share - ERS	865,090	3,053,670		3,918,760	
Total	\$ <u>38,960,331</u>	4,416,570	( <u>4,116,101</u> )	39,260,800	<u>3,421,776</u>

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The General Fund has typically been used to liquidate long-term liabilities such as compensated absences and other postemployment benefits as they become due.

General Obligation Bonds - The District issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for construction renovations and improvements of major capital facilities. The following is a summary of transactions for the year ended June 30, 2016:

Year of issue/ maturity	Interest rate	Beginning balance	<u>Additions</u>	Refundings/ Reductions	Ending balance
2012/2025	2.00-4.00%	\$ 3,885,000	-	(355,000)	3,530,000
2013/2021	2.00-5.00%	7,895,000	-	(1,210,000)	6,685,000
2013/2017	1.00-4.00%	2,625,000	_	(845,000)	1,780,000
2014/2027	1.00-5.00%	10,190,000		(820,000)	9,370,000
		\$ 24,595,000		(3,230,000)	21,365,000

The following is a maturity schedule of bonded debt:

Fiscal year ending <u>June 30.</u>	<u>Principa</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2017	\$ 3,305,00	782,962	4,087,962
2018	3,380,00	00 678,712	4,058,712
2019	2,555,00	572,981	3,127,981
2020	2,625,00	0 476,875	3,101,875
2021	2,725,00	0 354,175	3,079,175
2022 - 2026	6,395,00	638,875	7,033,875
2027	380,00	<u>11,400</u>	391,400
	\$ <u>21,365,00</u>	<u>0</u> <u>3,515,980</u>	<u>24,880,980</u>

In 2016, the District did not issue any additional general obligation bonds.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

#### (8) Pension Obligations

#### (a) Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided

Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

The District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits as well as, death and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York. The System is governed by a 10 member Board of Trustees. System benefits are established under New York State Law. Membership is mandatory and automatic for all full-time teachers, teaching assistants, guidance counselors and administrators employed in New York Public Schools and BOCES who elected to participate in TRS. Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. Additional information regarding the System, may be obtained by writing to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, New York 12211-2395 or by referring to the NYSTRS Comprehensive Annual Financial report which can be found on the System's website at www.nystrs.org.

#### Employees' Retirement System (ERS)

The District participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. The net position of the System is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), which was established to hold all net assets and record changes in plan net position allocated to the System. The Comptroller of the State of New York serves as the trustee of the Fund and is the administrative head of the System. System benefits are established under the provision of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (RSSL). Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The District also participates in the Public Employees; Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. The System is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. That report, including information with regard to benefits provided, may be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/inex.php or obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

#### (8) Pension Obligations, Continued

#### (a) Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided, Continued

The Systems are noncontributory except for employees who joined after July 27, 1976, who contribute 3 percent of their salary for the first ten years of membership, and employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010 who generally contribute 3.0 to 3.5 percent of their salary for their entire length of service. In addition, employee contribution rates under ERS tier VI vary based on a sliding salary scale. For ERS, the Comptroller annual certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions based on salaries paid during the Systems; fiscal year ending March 31. For TRS, contribution rates are established annually by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board pursuant to Article 11 of the Education law.

Contributions for the current year and two preceding years were equal to 100 percent of the contributions required, and were as follows:

	ERS	<u>TRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	\$ 1,141,232	2,508,414	3,649,646
2015	1,437,591	3,394,975	4,832,566
2014	1,405,366	3,133,007	4,538,373

# (b) Pension Liabilities. Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2016, the District reported the following asset/(liability) for its proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) for each of the Systems. The net pension asset/(liability) was measured as of March 31, 2016 for ERS and June 30, 2015 for TRS. The total net pension asset/(liability) used to calculate the net pension asset/(liability) was determined by an actuarial valuation. The District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the Systems relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. This information was provided by the ERS and TRS Systems in reports provided to the District.

	EKS	<u>1K5</u>
Actuarial valuation date	3/31/2016	6/30/2015
Net pension asset/(liability)	\$ (3,918,760)	13,391,456
District's proportion of the Plan's net		
pension asset/(liability)	0.0244155%	0.128927%

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the District's recognized pension expense of \$1,434,994 for ERS and \$(997,624) for TRS. At June 30, 2016 the District's reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

## (8) Pension Obligations, Continued

# (b) Pension Liabilities. Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, Continued

		Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
		ERS	TRS	ERS	TRS
Differences between expected					
and actual experience	\$	19,802	-	464,504	371,134
Changes of assumptions		1,045,015	-	-	4,233,109
Net difference between projected and actua	ıl				
earnings on pension plan investments		2,324,823	56,959	-	-
Changes in proportion and differences					
between the District's contributions and					
proportionate share of contributions		229,832	-	25,592	-
District's contributions subsequent to					
the measurement date	-	<u>275,701</u>	<u>2,574,928</u>		
Total	\$	3,895,173	2,631,887	<u>490,096</u>	<u>4,604,243</u>

District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
2017	\$ 802,181	(1,700,756)
2018	802,181	(1,700,756)
2019	802,181	(1,700,756)
2020	722,833	710,608
2021	-	(39,636)
Thereafter	-	(115,988)

#### (c) Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

Significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuations were as follows:

	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
Measurement date	March 31, 2016	June 30, 2015
Actuarial valuation date	April 1, 2015	June 30, 2014
Interest rate	7%	8%
Salary scale	3.8% - 4.5%	4.01% - 10.91%

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

#### (8) Pension Obligations, Continued

#### (c) Actuarial Assumptions, Continued

	<u>ERS</u>	TRS
Decrement tables	April 1, 2010 -	July 1, 2005 -
	March 31, 2015	June 30, 2010
	System's Experience	System's Experience
Inflation rate	2.5%	3.0%

For ERS, annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2011 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on MP-2014. For TRS, annuitant mortality rates are based on July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2010 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries Scale AA.

For ERS, the actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2011 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2010. For TRS, the actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2013 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2005- June 30, 2010.

The long term rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by each the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of the arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation are summarized below:

	<u>ERS</u>	TRS
Measurement date	March 31, 2016	June 30, 2015
Asset type:		
Domestic equity	7.30%	7.30%
International equity	8.55%	8.50%
Real estate	8.25%	5.00%
Domestic fixed income securities	-	1.50%
Global fixed income securities	-	1.40%
Mortgages	-	3.40%
Short-term	· -	0.80%
Private equity	11.00%	-
Absolute return strategies	6.75%	-
Opportunities portfolio	8.60%	~
Real assets	8.65%	-
Bonds and mortgages	4.00%	-
Cash	2.25%	-
Inflation - indexed bonds	4.00%	-

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

#### (8) Pension Obligations, Continued

#### (d) Discount Rate

The discount rate used to calculate the total pension liability was 7.0% for ERS and 8.0% for TRS. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially. Based upon the assumptions, the Systems' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

# (e) Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to the Discount Rate Assumption

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.0% for ERS and 8.0% for TRS, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.0% for ERS and 7.0% for TRS) or 1-percentage point higher (8.0% for ERS and 9.0% for TRS) than the current rate:

ERS:	1%	Current	1%
	Decrease	Assumption	Increase
	(6.0%)	(7.0%)	(8.0%)
Employer's proportionate share of			
the net pension asset/(liability)	\$ ( <u>8,836,519</u> )	<u>(3,918,760</u> )	<u>236,536</u>
TRS:	1%	Current	1%
	Decrease	Assumption	Increase
	(7.0%)	(8.0%)	(9.0%)
Employer's proportionate share of			
the net pension asset/(liability)	\$ <u>913,470</u>	<u>13,391,456</u>	<u>25,590,555</u>
TRS:  Employer's proportionate share of	1% Decrease	Current Assumption (8.0%)	1% Increase (9.0%)

#### (f) Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

The components of the current-year net pension asset/(liability) of the employers as of the respective valuation dates, were as follows:

	(Dollars ir	n Millions)
	<u>ERS</u>	TRS
Measurement date	3/31/2016	6/30/2015
Employers' total pension liability	\$ (172,303)	(99,332)
Plan net position	<u>156,253</u>	109,719
Employers' net pension asset/(liability)	\$ <u>(16,050</u> )	10,387
Ratio of plan net position to the	00.70/	110 460/
Employers' total pension asset/(liability)	90.7%	110.46%

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

#### (8) Pension Obligations, Continued

#### (g) Payables to the Pension Plan

For ERS, employer contributions are paid annually based on the System's fiscal year which ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2016 represent the projected employer contribution for the period of April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 based on paid ERS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2016 amounted to \$275,701. This amount has been recorded as an expenditure in the governmental fund statements and a deferred cost in the government-wide financial statements.

For TRS, employer and employee contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 are paid to the System in September, October and November 2015 through a state aid intercept. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2016 represent employee and employer contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 based on paid TRS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier and employee contributions for the fiscal year as reported to the TRS System. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2016 amounted to \$2,642,062. This amount has been recorded as an expenditure in the governmental fund statements and a deferred cost in the government-wide financial statements.

#### (9) Interfund Transactions - Governmental Funds

Interfund receivables and payables are short-term in nature and exist because of temporary advances or payments made on behalf of other funds. Interfund receivables, payables and transfers of the District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016 consisted of the following:

	Inter	fund	<u>Interfund</u>		
<u>Fund</u>	Receivable	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<b>Expenditures</b>	
Governmental funds:					
General Fund	\$ 6,945,072	5,526,225	-	194,239	
School Food Service Fund	562,247	779,553	-	-	
Special Aid Fund	4,933,988	6,037,610	70,554	-	
Capital Projects Fund		-	123,685	<u> </u>	
Total funds	12,441,307	12,343,388	194,239	194,239	
Fiduciary funds:					
Private Purpose Trust Fund	3,086	3,545	_	-	
Agency Fund		97,460			
Total fiduciary funds	3,086	101,005			
Total	\$ <u>12,444,393</u>	12,444,393	<u>194,239</u>	<u>194,239</u>	

Interfund loan - Consists of a \$420,942 loan made by the District through authorization of a short-term borrowing between the General Fund and the Capital Projects Fund. The borrowing, which occurred in April 2016, carries an interest rate of 1.0% and matures in April 2017. The loan will be repaid through the issuance of long-term debt.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

#### (10) Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

The District pays for a portion of eligible retirees' health insurance, depending on eligibility. Eligibility for postretirement benefits is based on age of retiree and years of service and depends upon associated group or union as follows: (1) Teamsters Local #264, (2) Administrators and Supervisors Association, (3) Teachers' Association, and (4) Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Finance and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction.

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 45 - "Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions," in the school year ended June 30, 2009. This required the District to calculate and record a net other postemployment benefit obligation at year-end. The net other postemployment benefit obligation is basically the cumulative difference between the actuarially required contribution and the actual contributions made.

Authorization for the District to pay a portion of retiree health insurance premiums was enacted through various contracts, which were ratified by the District's Board of Education. Upon retirement, the District generally pays between 50-100% of the cost of the medical plan in effect at the time of retirement for a maximum of ten years.

The District recognizes the cost of providing health insurance annually as expenditures in the General Fund of the funds financial statements as payments are made. For the year ended June 30, 2016, the District recognized \$769,325 for its share of insurance premiums for currently enrolled retirees.

The District has obtained an actuarial valuation report as of June 30, 2016 which indicates that the total liability for other postemployment benefits is \$11,710,499 which is reflected in the statement of net position.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation: The District's annual other postemployment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution (ARC) of the employer, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years. The following table shows the components of the District's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the District's net OPEB obligation are as follows:

Annual OPEB cost and net OPEB obligation:

Annual required contribution	\$ 1,705,974
Interest on net OPEB obligation	454,339
Adjustment to annual required contribution	(1,038,975)
Annual OPEB cost (expense)	1,121,338
Contributions made	(769,325)
Increase in net OPEB obligation	352,013
Net OPEB obligation at beginning of year	11,358,486
Net OPEB obligation at end of year	\$ <u>11,710,499</u>

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

#### (10) Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB), Continued

The District's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for 2016 and the two preceding years were as follows:

				Percentage	
Fiscal	Annual	Annual		of Annual	Net
Year	Required	OPEB	OPEB	<b>OPEB</b> Cost	OPEB
<b>Ending</b>	<u>Contribution</u>	<u>Cost</u>	Contributions	<b>Contributed</b>	<b>Obligation</b>
6/30/2016	\$ 1,705,974	1,121,338	769,325	68.6%	11,710,499
6/30/2015	1,613,619	1,036,501	890,462	85.9%	11,358,486
6/30/2014	1,572,072	981,125	1,249,782	127.4%	11,212,447

Funded Status and Funding Progress. As of June 30, 2016, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was 0% funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$14,261,654 and the actuarial value of assets was \$0 in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of \$14,261,654. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

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

In the June 30, 2016 interim actuarial valuation, the entry age normal method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a valuation date and measurement date of November 1, 2015. The expected investment rate of return on employer's assets is 4.0%. The 2006 New York State Teachers' Retirement System rates were used for mortality rates. The remaining amortization period at June 30, 2016 was 10 years.

Summary of Plan Changes from the Prior Valuation. Changes reflected in the June 30, 2016 interim valuation include:

- Updated premiums information.
- Royal Alliance and Independent Health Encompass 65 medical plans are longer available.
- POS 226 medical plan for actives and pre-Medicare retirees was introduced.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

#### (10) Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB), Continued

- Actives and pre-Medicare retirees enrolled in Royal Alliance medical plan were moved into the POS 226 medical plan.
- Medicare eligible retirees enrolled in IH Encompass 65 were moved into Blue Cross Forever Blue Medicare PPO 799.
- Employees previously enrolled in Royal Alliance are assumed to have elected coverage under POS 226 or Forever Blue Medicare PPO 799 (if eligible).
- Upon reaching age 65, participants in the POS 226 medical plan are assumed to elect Blue Cross Forever Blue Medicare PPO 799.

#### (11) Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage, injuries, errors and omissions, natural disasters and other risks. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past two years.

#### (12) Commitments and Contingencies

The District has received grants which are subject to audit by agencies of the State and Federal governments. Such audits may result in disallowances and a request for a return of funds. Based on prior years' experience, the District's administration believes disallowances, if any, will be immaterial.

Various legal actions are pending against the District. The outcome of these matters is not presently determinable but, in the opinion of management, the ultimate liability will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operation of the District.

#### (13) Accounting Standards Issued But Not Yet Implemented

GASB Statement No. 74 - "Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans". This Statement, issued in June 2015, replaces existing standards of accounting and financial reporting for postemployment benefit plans other than pension plans and also replaces existing requirements for defined contribution OPEB plans. The provisions of this Statement are effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016, which is the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 for the District. This Statement is not expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the District.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

#### (13) Accounting Standards Issued But Not Yet Implemented, Continued

- GASB Statement No. 75 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions". This Statement, issued in June 2015, establishes new accounting and financial reporting requirements for governments whose employees are provided with OPEB, as well as for certain non-employer governments that have a legal obligation to provide financial support for OPEB provided to the employees of other entities. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017, which is the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 for the District. Management is in the process of evaluating the potential impact due to the implementation of this Statement on the financial statements of the District.
- GASB Statement No. 77 "Tax Abatement Disclosures". This Statement, issued in August 2015, requires governments that enter into tax abatement agreements to disclose taxes abated, the gross amount of such taxes abated during the period and any other commitments made by the government other than to abate taxes, as a part of the abatement agreement. The requirements for this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2015, which is the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 for the District. This Statement is not expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the District.
- GASB Statement No. 78 "Pensions Provided Through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans." This Statement, issued in December 2015 amends GASB Statement No. 68 to exclude pensions provided to employees of state or local governmental employers through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that (1) is not a state or local governmental pension plan, (2) is used to provide defined benefit pensions both to employees of state or local governmental employers, and (3) has no predominant state or local governmental employer (either individually or collectively with other state or local governmental employers that provide pensions through the pension plan). This Statement establishes requirements for recognition and measurement of pension expense, expenditures, and liabilities; note disclosures; and required supplementary information for pensions that have the characteristics described above. The provisions of this Statement are effective for financial statements for years beginning after December 15, 2015, which is the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 for the District. Management is in the process of evaluating the potential impact due to the implementation of this Statement on the financial statements of the District.
- GASB Statement No. 79 "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." This Statement, issued in December 2015, addresses the accounting and financial reporting for certain external investment pools and pool participants. It establishes the criteria for an external investment pool to qualify for making the election to measure all of its investments at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. The provisions of this Statement are effective for financial statements for years beginning after June 15, 2015, except for certain provisions on portfolio quality, custodial credit risk, and shadow pricing, which are effective December 15, 2015. For the District, this Statement becomes effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016. Management is in the process of evaluating the potential impact due to the implementation of this Statement on the financial statements of the District.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

#### (13) Accounting Standards Issued But Not Yet Implemented, Continued

- GASB Statement No. 80 "Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 14." This Statement, issued in January 2016, amends the blending requirements for the financial statement presentation of component units of all state and local governments. It requires blending of a component unit incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The provisions of this Statement are effective for financial statements for years beginning after June 15, 2016, which is the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 for the District. This Statement is not expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the District.
- GASB Statement No. 81 "Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements." This Statement, issued in March 2016, establishes accounting and reporting standards for irrevocable split-interest agreements with characteristics that are equivalent to irrevocable split-interest agreements in which a donor irrevocably transfers resources to an intermediary who administers these resources for the unconditional benefit of a government and at least one other beneficiary. The provisions of this Statement are effective for financial statements for years beginning after December 15, 2016. For the District, this Statement becomes effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017. Management is in the process of evaluating the potential impact due to the implementation of this Statement on the financial statements of the District.
- GASB Statement No. 82 "Pension Issues an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73." This Statement, issued in March 2016, addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2016, which is the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 for the District, except for the requirements of this Statement for the selection of assumptions in a circumstance in which an employer's pension liability is measured as of a date other than the employer's most recent fiscal year-end. In that circumstance, the requirements for the selection of assumptions are effective for that employer in the first reporting period in which the measurement date of the pension liability is on or after June 15, 2017, which is the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 for the District. Management is in the process of evaluating the potential impact due to the implementation of this Statement on the financial statements of the District.

#### (14) Subsequent Events

The District has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the report which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.



# Schedule 1

# EVANS-BRANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual - General Fund Year ended June 30, 2016

	Original <u>Budget</u>	Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual (Budgetary <u>Basis)</u>	Final Budget Variance with Budgetary Actual
Revenues:				
Local sources:				
Real property taxes	\$ 16,989,888	16,989,888	13,756,532	(3,233,356)
Other tax items	158,000	158,000	3,373,948	3,215,948
Non property taxes	2,700,000	2,700,000	2,625,908	(74,092)
Charges for services	3,326,345	3,326,345	2,063,762	(1,262,583)
Use of money and property	179,000	179,000	140,558	(38,442)
Sale of property and compensation				
for loss	22,000	22,000	182,624	160,624
Miscellaneous	235,000	235,000	287,536	52,536
State sources:				
Basic formula	26,889,578	26,889,578	18,219,023	(8,670,555)
Excess cost aid	689,236	689,236	5,039,149	4,349,913
Lottery aid	_	<u></u>	4,192,538	4,192,538
BOCES aid	1,458,756	1,458,756	1,500,392	41,636
Student with Disabilities Aid	-	-	158,593	158,593
Textbook aid	-	- -	121,906	121,906
Computer software and hardware aid	44,500	44,500	81,876	37,376
Library A/V loan program aid	209,311	209,311	15,593	(193,718)
Other state aid	-	-	28,731	28,731
Federal sources	275,000	275,000	593,939	318,939
Total revenues and other sources	53,176,614	53,176,614	52,382,608	(794,006)
Prior year encumbrances		135,966		
Appropriated fund balance	2,500,000	2,500,000		
Total resources and appropriated	<b>.</b>			
fund balances	\$ 55,676,614	55,812,580		
				(Continued)

# Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual - General Fund Year ended June 30, 2016

	Original <u>Budget</u>	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Year-End Encumbrances	Final Budget Variance with Budgetary Actual and Encumbrances
Expenditures:	Buager	Buager	<u> </u>	Liteamoranees	Encamorances
General support:					
Board of Education	\$ 38,650	36,140	16,464	-	19,676
Central administration	469,735	469,735	441,655	-	28,080
Finance	531,297	530,689	512,336	_	18,353
Staff	244,900	265,226	202,604	13,912	48,710
Central services	4,464,633	4,290,725	4,096,288	84,403	110,034
Special items	689,173	682,223	618,556	₩	63,667
Instruction:					
Instruction, administration					
and improvement	1,861,021	1,880,653	1,597,930	995	281,728
Teaching - regular school	21,774,267	21,972,848	20,818,555	38,487	1,115,806
Instructional media	1,187,285	1,265,728	1,165,775	6,492	93,461
Pupil services	2,170,924	2,168,924	1,906,279	3,496	259,149
Pupil transportation	2,878,244	2,883,053	2,740,294	18,198	124,561
Employee benefits	14,536,449	14,536,449	13,322,226	-	1,214,223
Debt service:					
Principal	3,658,198	3,584,559	3,540,863	-	43,696
Interest	1,051,838	1,051,238	901,602	-	149,636
Total expenditures	55,556,614	55,618,190	51,881,427	165,983	3,570,780
Other financing uses - transfers to other funds	120,000	194,239	194,239		
	120,000	194,239	174,237	<u>-</u> _	<u>-</u> _
Total expenditures and					
other financing uses	\$ 55,676,614	55,812,429	52,075,666	165,983	3,570,780
Net change in fund balance			306,942		
Fund balance at beginning of year			8,351,282		
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 8,658,224		

#### **Budget Basis of Accounting**

Budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in auditors' report.

# Schedule 2

## EVANS-BRANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Funding Progress
Other Postemployment Benefits Plan
Year ended June 30, 2016

						UAAL as a
Actuarial	Actuarial	Actuarial				percentage
valuation	value of	accrued	Unfunded	Funded	Covered	of covered
<u>date</u>	<u>assets</u>	<u>liability (AAL)</u>	AAL (UAAL)	<u>ratio</u>	payroll	payroll
June 30, 2016	\$ -	14,261,654	14,261,654	0.0%	N/A	N/A
June 30, 2015	-	13,425,279	13,425,279	0.0%	N/A	N/A
June 30, 2014	-	12,364,334	12,364,334	0.0%	N/A	N/A

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in auditors' report.

# Schedule 3

# EVANS-BRANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Schedule of District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Asset/Liability Year ended June 30, 2016

TRS System - Asset		<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
The District's proportion of the net pension asset		0.128927%	0.131898%
The District's proportionate share of the net pension asset	\$	13,391,456	\$ 14,539,270
The District's covered employee payroll	\$	19,418,763	\$ 19,366,657
The District's proportionate share of the net pension			
asset as a percentage of covered employee payroll		68.96%	75.07%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension asset		110.46%	111.48%
ERS System - Liability	•	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
The District's proportion of the net pension liability		0.0244155%	0.0256077%
The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	3,918,760	\$ 865,090
The District's covered employee payroll	\$	6,967,177	\$ 7,282,629
The District's proportionate share of the net pension			
liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll		56.25%	11.88%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		90.70%	97.90%

EVANS-BRANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Schedule of Employer's Pension Contributions Year ended June 30, 2016

200 <u>8</u> 200 <u>7</u> 1,667,873 1,573,348	1,667,873 1,573,348	¢ .	8.73% 8.60%	<u>2008</u>	603,574 N/A	603,574 N/A	- N/A	N/A N/A
200 <u>9</u> 1,799,875	1,799,875	1	7.63%	2009	564,816	564,816	1	N/A
2010 1,166,043	1,166,043		6.19%	2010	515,200	515,200	F	6.97%
2011 1,832,928	1,832,928	1	8.62%	2011	811,603	811,603		N/A
$\frac{2012}{2,140,554}$	2,140,554	8	11.11%	2012	1,410,586	1,410,586	1	N/A
$\frac{2013}{2,287,515}$	2,287,515	1	N/A	2013	1,548,591	1,548,591	1	N/A
$\frac{2014}{3,133,007}$	3,133,007	1	16.25%	2014	1,405,366	1,405,366	3	19.28%
201 <u>5</u> 3,394,975	3,394,975	1	17.53%	2015	1,437,591	1,437,591	1	19.74%
2016 \$ 2,508,414	2,508,414	\$	12.92%	2016	\$ 1,141,232	1,141,232	\$	16.38%
TRS System Contractually required contribution	Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	Contribution as a percentage of covered employee payroll	ERS System	Contractually required contribution Contribution in relation to the	contractually required contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	Contribution as a percentage of covered employee payroll



Supplementary Information
Schedule of Change from Adopted Budget to Final Budget
and the Real Property Tax
Limit Calculation
Year ended June 30, 2016

Change from adopted budget to final budget: Adopted budget		\$ 55,676,614
Add prior year's encumbrances		135,815
Final budget		\$ 55,812,429
Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law Limit Calculation:		
2017 voter approved expenditure budget		\$ 56,507,761
Maximum allowed 4% of 2017 budget		\$ 2,260,310
General fund fund balance subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law*:		
Unrestricted fund balance: Assigned fund balance Unassigned fund balance	\$ 1,915,983 1,749,827	
Total unrestricted fund balance		3,665,810
Less:		
Appropriated fund balance	(1,750,000)	
Encumbrances included in committed and assigned fund balance	(165,983)	
Total adjustments		(1,915,983)
General fund fund balance subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law		\$ 1,749,827
Actual percentage		3.10%

<sup>\*</sup> Per Office of the State Comptroller's "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions," updated April 2011 (originally issued November 2010), the portion of [general fund] fund balance subject to Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law is: unrestricted fund balance (i.e., the total of the committed, assigned, and unassigned classifications), minus appropriated fund balance, amounts reserved for insurance recovery, amounts reserved for tax reduction, and encumbrances included in committed and assigned fund balance.

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in auditors' report.

EVANS-BRANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Supplementary Information Schedule of Project Expenditures - Capital Projects Fund Year ended June 30, 2016

Expenditures	Prior Current Unexpended	years year Total Revenues balance		$\sim$ 802,727 802,727 719,274 (83,453)		736,192 - 736,192 214,142 (522,050)	736.192 802 727 1 538 919 933 416 (605 503)
Exp	Revised Prior	<u>budget</u> years		901,796		736,192 736,1	1.637.988 736.1
				•		736,192	1.637.988
		Budget		\$ 361,654		736,192	\$ 1.097.846
		Project Title	Equipment, classroom	technology and vehicles	Vehicles financed through	issuance of loans	Total

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in auditors' report.

Supplementary Information
Net Investment in Capital Assets
Year ended June 30, 2016

Capital assets, net		\$ 35,277,605
Deduct:		
Bond anticipation notes	\$ 848,078	
Short-term portion of bonds payable	3,421,776	
Long-term portion of bonds payable	18,517,372	22,787,226
Net investment in capital assets		\$ 12,490,379

# EVANS-BRANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Federal Grant Compliance Audit June 30, 2016

# EVANS-BRANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year ended June 30, 2016

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor Program Title	CFDA <u>Number</u>	Agency or pass-through number	Expenditures	Expenditures to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Education:				
Direct Program - Indian Education - Grants to Local				
Education Agencies	84.060	N/A	\$ 236,329	-
Passed-through NYS Education Department: Special Education Cluster:				
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	0032-14-0226	553,816	_
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	0033-14-0226	22,080	
Total Special Education Cluster			575,896	-
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021-14-0790	364,436	_
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	0147-14-0790	149,332	-
Impact Aid	84.041	N/A	483,128	N-
Total U.S. Department of Education			1,809,121	
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
Passed-through NYS Education Department:				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	N/A	144,124	-
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	468,837	
Total New York State Education				
Department			612,961	-
Commodity Supplemental Food Program	10.555	N/A	77,810	
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			690,771	-
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 2,499,892	••

See accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
June 30, 2016

#### (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards presents the activity of federal award programs administered by the District, which is described in note 1 to the District's accompanying financial statements, using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Federal awards that are included in the schedule may be received directly from federal agencies, as well as federal awards that are passed through from other government agencies. The information is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance).

The District's practice is not to charge federal programs with indirect costs.

Matching costs (the District's share of certain program costs) are not included in the reported expenditures.

The amounts reported as federal expenditures were obtained from the federal financial reports for the applicable program and period. The amounts reported in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are prepared from records maintained for each program, which are reconciled with the District's financial reporting system.

#### (2) Subrecipients

No amounts were provided to subrecipients.

#### (3) Nonmonetary Federal Program

The District is the recipient of a federal award program (CFDA No. 10.555) that does not result in cash receipts or disbursements and as such is termed a "nonmonetary program." During the year ended June 30, 2016, the District used \$77,810 worth of food commodities as reported in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.



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

The Board of Education
Evans-Brant Central 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, 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 Evans-Brant Central School District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the District's basic financial statements which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 5, 2016.

## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

#### Purpose of this Report

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

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Williamsville, New York October 5, 2016



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

The Board of Education
Evans-Brant Central School District:

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

We have audited Evans-Brant Central School District's (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2016. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

#### Management's Responsibility

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the 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, 2016.

#### Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

#### Purpose of this Report

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

EFPR Group, CPAS, PLLC

Williamsville, New York October 5, 2016

# Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year ended June 30, 2016

# Part I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

No reportable finding and questioned costs.

<u>Financ</u>	cial Statements:			
Ту	pe of auditors' report issued:	Unmodified		
Int	ternal control over financial reporting:			
1.	Material weakness(es) identified?	Yes <u>x</u> No		
2.	Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weakness(es)?	Yes x None reported		
3.	Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes <u>x</u> No		
<u>Federa</u>	al Awards:			
Int	ernal control over major programs:			
4.	Material weakness(es) identified?	Yes <u>x</u> No		
5.	Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weakness(es)?	Yes <u>x</u> None reported		
Ту	pe of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified		
6.	Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a) (Uniform Guidance)?	Yes <u>x</u> No		
7.	The District's major programs audited were:			
	Name of Federal Programs	CFDA <u>Number</u>		
	Child Nutrition Cluster Impact Aid	10.553/10.555 84.041		
8.	Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs?	\$750,000		
9.	Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	_x_YesNo		
Part II - F	NANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS SECTION			
No rep	oortable findings.			
Part III - F	EDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS	SECTION		

# Status of Prior Year Audit Findings Year ended June 30, 2016

There were no audit findings in the prior year financial statements (June 30, 2015).