

STEWART COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
LUMPKIN, GEORGIA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2013
(Including Independent Auditor's Reports)

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FINANCIAL

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Report on the Financial Statements

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

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Stewart County Board of Education, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

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

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual, as presented on page 23, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Stewart County Board of Education's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, consisting of Schedules 2 through 5, is presented for the

purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U. S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations,* and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 18, 2014, on our consideration of the Stewart County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Stewart County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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STEWART COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

STEWART COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2013

EXHIBIT "A"

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 851,380.77
Investments	606,880.70
Accounts Receivable, Net	
Interest	729.30
Taxes	210,259.60
State Government	275,001.28
Federal Government	172,478.59
Other	493.66
Inventories	13,686.17
Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable	63,916.00
Capital Assets, Depreciable (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	6,239,092.00
Total Assets	$ 8,433,918.07
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	$ 108,486.07
Salaries and Benefits Payable	554,020.08
Payroll Withholdings Payable	30,415.76
Deposits and Deferred Revenues	688.47
Total Liabilities	$ 693,610.38
NET POSITION	
Investment in Capital Assets	$ 6,303,008.00
Restricted for	
Continuation of Federal Programs	32,917.04
Capital Projects	809,762.42
Bus Replacement	91,044.00
Unrestricted	503,576.23
Total Net Position	$ 7,740,307.69

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

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

EXHIBIT "B"

	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES: CHARGES FOR SERVICES	PROGRAM REVENUES: OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	NET (EXPENSES) REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES				
Instruction	$ 3,811,724.12	$ 31,874.03	$ 2,414,175.82	$ -1,365,674.27
Support Services				
Pupil Services	288,545.20		155,731.53	-132,813.67
Improvement of Instructional Services	401,201.03		353,942.26	-47,258.77
Educational Media Services	115,581.42		75,990.01	-39,591.41
General Administration	335,531.10		376,070.62	40,539.52
School Administration	417,045.30		373,850.29	-43,195.01
Business Administration	127,850.67		11,109.14	-116,741.53
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	445,863.28		188,502.87	-257,360.41
Student Transportation Services	634,074.23		270,388.04	-363,686.19
Central Support Services	4,625.00		120.34	-4,504.66
Other Support Services	120,628.04		96,384.39	-24,243.65
Operations of Non-Instructional Services				
Food Services	483,057.35	25,134.90	391,411.35	-66,511.10
Total Governmental Activities	$ 7,185,726.74	$ 57,008.93	$ 4,707,676.66	$ -2,421,041.15
General Revenues				
Taxes				
Property Taxes				
For Maintenance and Operations				$ 2,045,391.33
Sales Taxes				
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax				
For Capital Projects				318,607.35
Other Sales Tax				30,522.64
Investment Earnings				4,786.21
Miscellaneous				106,170.27
Total General Revenues				$ 2,505,477.80
Change in Net Position				$ 84,436.65
Net Position - Beginning of Year				7,655,871.04
Net Position - End of Year				$ 7,740,307.69

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

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

EXHIBIT "C"

	GENERAL FUND	DISTRICT-WIDE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 657,305.92	$ 194,074.85	$ 851,380.77
Investments		606,880.70	606,880.70
Accounts Receivable, Net			
Interest		729.30	729.30
Taxes	186,193.18	24,066.42	210,259.60
State Government	275,001.28		275,001.28
Federal Government	172,478.59		172,478.59
Other	493.66		493.66
Inventories	13,686.17		13,686.17
Total Assets	$ 1,305,158.80	$ 825,751.27	$ 2,130,910.07
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	$ 92,497.22	$ 15,988.85	$ 108,486.07
Salaries and Benefits Payable	554,020.08		554,020.08
Payroll Withholdings Payable	30,415.76		30,415.76
Deposits and Deferred Revenue	141,417.73		141,417.73
Total Liabilities	$ 818,350.79	$ 15,988.85	$ 834,339.64
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	$ 13,686.17		$ 13,686.17
Restricted	123,961.04	$ 809,762.42	933,723.46
Assigned	6,739.26		6,739.26
Unassigned	342,421.54		342,421.54
Total Fund Balances	$ 486,808.01	$ 809,762.42	$ 1,296,570.43
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	$ 1,305,158.80	$ 825,751.27	$ 2,130,910.07

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

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

EXHIBIT "D"

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit "C")		$ 1,296,570.43
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 as assets in governmental funds. These assets consist of:		
Land	$ 63,916.00	
Land Improvements	561,093.00	
Accumulated Depreciation- Land Improvements	-469,868.00	
Buildings	10,593,472.00	
Accumulated Depreciation- Buildings	-5,156,384.00	
Machinery and Equipment	2,183,658.00	
Accumulated Depreciation- Machinery and Equipment	-1,472,879.00	
Total Capital Assets		6,303,008.00
Some of the School Districts tax revenues will be collected after year-end but are not available soon enough to pay for the current periods expenditures.		
Property Taxes		140,729.26
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit "A")		$ 7,740,307.69

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

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

EXHIBIT "E"

	GENERAL FUND	DISTRICT-WIDE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	$ 2,181,485.86		$ 2,181,485.86
Sales Taxes	30,522.64	$ 318,607.35	349,129.99
State Funds	2,914,743.73		2,914,743.73
Federal Funds	1,792,932.93		1,792,932.93
Charges for Services	57,008.93		57,008.93
Investment Earnings	174.48	4,611.73	4,786.21
Miscellaneous	45,420.27	60,750.00	106,170.27
Total Revenues	$ 7,022,288.84	$ 383,969.08	$ 7,406,257.92
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Instruction	$ 3,559,834.11	$ 65,435.01	$ 3,625,269.12
Support Services			
Pupil Services	287,872.67	672.53	288,545.20
Improvement of Instructional Services	401,201.03		401,201.03
Educational Media Services	102,766.42	4,322.00	107,088.42
General Administration	332,166.18	3,364.92	335,531.10
School Administration	407,495.49	4,902.81	412,398.30
Business Administration	125,776.67	974.00	126,750.67
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	373,640.18	63,464.10	437,104.28
Student Transportation Services	542,892.23	21,451.00	564,343.23
Central Support Services	4,625.00		4,625.00
Other Support Services	120,628.04		120,628.04
Food Services Operation	429,861.72	25,924.63	455,786.35
Capital Outlay		62,200.00	62,200.00
Total Expenditures	$ 6,688,759.74	$ 252,711.00	$ 6,941,470.74
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	$ 333,529.10	$ 131,258.08	$ 464,787.18
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers In	$ 328,036.22		$ 328,036.22
Transfers Out		$ -328,036.22	-328,036.22
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	$ 328,036.22	$ -328,036.22	$ 0.00
Net Change in Fund Balances	$ 661,565.32	$ -196,778.14	$ 464,787.18
Fund Balances - Beginning	-174,757.31	1,006,540.56	831,783.25
Fund Balances - Ending	$ 486,808.01	$ 809,762.42	$ 1,296,570.43

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

STEWART COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2013

EXHIBIT "F"

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit "E")		$ 464,787.18
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Capital Outlays are reported as expenditures in Governmental Funds. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of Capital Assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, these amounts are:		
Capital Outlay	$ 93,379.00	
Depreciation Expense - Land Improvements	-15,479.00	
Depreciation Expense - Buildings	-177,857.00	
Depreciation Expense - Machinery and Equipment	-144,299.00	
Excess of Capital Outlay over Depreciation Expense		-244,256.00
Because some taxes will not be collected for several months after the School District's fiscal year ends, they are not considered "available" revenues.		
Deferred Property Taxes		
June 30, 2012	$ -276,823.79	
June 30, 2013	140,729.26	-136,094.53
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit "B")		$ 84,436.65

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

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

EXHIBIT "G"

	AGENCY FUNDS
ASSETS	
Accounts Receivable, Net	
State	$ 24,703.04
LIABILITIES	
Cash Overdraft	$ 19,295.84
Accounts Payable	2,051.25
Funds Held for Others	3,355.95
Total Liabilities	$ 24,703.04

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

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NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

REPORTING ENTITY

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

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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

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

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

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

Fund Financial Statements:
The fund financial statements provide information about the School District's funds. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Separate statements for each category (governmental and fiduciary) are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds. The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The School District reports the following fiduciary fund type:

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

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

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

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

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

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

RECEIVABLES

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

PROPERTY TAXES

The Stewart County Board of Commissioners adopted the property tax levy for the 2012 tax digest year (calendar year) on August 30, 2012 (levy date) based on property values as of January 1, 2012. Taxes were due on December 20, 2012 (lien date). Taxes collected within the current fiscal year or within 60 days after year-end on the 2012 tax digest are reported as revenue in the governmental funds for fiscal year 2013. The Stewart County Tax Commissioner bills and collects the property taxes for the School District, withholds 2.5% of taxes collected as a fee for tax collection and remits the balance of taxes collected to the School District. Property tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, for maintenance and operations amounted to $2,163,787.11.

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

School Operations	16.51 mills

Additionally, Title Ad Valorem Tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, amounted to $17,698.75 during fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

SALES TAXES

Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, at the fund reporting level, during the year amounted to $318,607.35 and is to be used for capital outlay for educational purposes or debt service. This sales tax was authorized by local referendum and the sales tax must be re-authorized at least every five years.

INVENTORIES

Food Inventories

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

CAPITAL ASSETS

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

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

		Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Land		All	N/A
Land Improvements	$	5,000.00	15 to 80 years
Buildings and Improvements	$	5,000.00	25 to 80 years
Equipment	$	5,000.00	5 to 30 years
Intangible Assets	$	100,000.00	individually determined

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

Amortization of intangible assets such as water, timber, and mineral rights, easements, patents, trademarks, copyrights and internally generated software is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally 10 to 20 years.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

The School District issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the government. At June 30, 2013, the District had no debt associated with general obligation bonds.

NET POSITION

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

Investment in capital assets - This represents the School District's total investment in capital assets.

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

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

FUND BALANCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nonspendable		
Inventories		$ 13,686.17
Restricted		
Bus Replacement	$ 91,044.00	
Continuation of Federal Programs	32,917.04	
Capital Projects	809,762.42	933,723.46
Assigned		
School Activity Accounts		6,739.26
Unassigned		342,421.54
Fund Balance, June 30, 2013		$ 1,296,570.43

It is the goal of the School District to achieve and maintain a committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the General Fund at fiscal year end of not less than 15% of total budget of the subsequent fiscal year, net of any committed reserve balance for capital expenditures and assigned fund balances, "to cover unanticipated deficiencies in revenue or unanticipated expenditures" in compliance with Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 20-2-167(a)5.

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

USE OF ESTIMATES

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

NOTE 3: BUDGETARY DATA

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

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

If the Superintendent deems adjustments to the budget are necessary, authorization will be sought by the Superintendent from the Board. The Superintendent shall report any such adjustment needs to the Board. If expenditure of funds in any budget function for any fund is anticipated to be more

than 10 percent of the budgeted amount, the Superintendent shall request Board approval for the budget amendment. Any position or expenditure not previously approved in the annual budget that exceeds $2,000.00 shall require Board approval unless the Superintendent deems the position or purchase an emergency. In such case, the expenditure shall be reported to the Board at its regularly scheduled meeting. Under no circumstance is the Superintendent or other staff person authorized to spend funds that exceed the total budget without approval by the Board.

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

NOTE 4: DEPOSITS

COLLATERALIZATION OF DEPOSITS

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

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

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

CATEGORIZATION OF DEPOSITS

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. The School District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2013, the bank balances were $1,549,502.85. The bank balances were entirely covered by Federal depository insurance or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution in the School District's name.

NOTE 5: NON-MONETARY TRANSACTIONS

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

NOTE 6: CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balances July 1, 2012	Increases	Decreases	Balances June 30, 2013
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	$ 63,916.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 63,916.00
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and Improvements	$ 10,593,472.00		$ 0.00	$ 10,593,472.00
Equipment	2,090,279.00	$ 93,379.00		2,183,658.00
Land Improvements	561,093.00			561,093.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings and Improvements	4,978,527.00	177,857.00		5,156,384.00
Equipment	1,328,580.00	144,299.00		1,472,879.00
Land Improvements	454,389.00	15,479.00		469,868.00
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	$ 6,483,348.00	$ -244,256.00	$ 0.00	$ 6,239,092.00
Governmental Activity Capital Assets - Net	$ 6,547,264.00	$ -244,256.00	$ 0.00	$ 6,303,008.00

Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:

Instruction		$ 186,455.00
Support Services		
Educational Media Services	$ 8,493.00	
School Administration	4,647.00	
Business Administration	1,100.00	
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	18,487.00	
Student Transportation Services	91,182.00	123,909.00
Food Services		27,271.00
		$ 337,635.00

NOTE 7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

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

Transfer to	Transfers From District-wide Capital Projects
General Fund	$ 328,036.22

Transfers were used to transfer excess SPLOST Funds collected by the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund pursuant to Article VIII, Section V. Paragraph IV (h) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia that defines situations where such transfers are permitted.

NOTE 8: RISK MANAGEMENT

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

The School District has obtained commercial insurance for risk of loss associated with assets (vehicles only) and job related illness or injuries to employees. The School District has neither significantly reduced coverage for these risks nor incurred losses (settlements) which exceeded the School District's insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

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

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

Position Covered	Amount
Superintendent	$ 50,000.00
Each Principal	$ 10,000.00
All Other Employees	$ 100,000.00

NOTE 9: SHORT-TERM DEBT

The School District obtains temporary loans in advance of property tax collections, depositing the proceeds in its General Fund. This short-term debt is to provide cash for operations until property tax collections are received by the School District. Article IX, Section V, Paragraph V of the Constitution of the State of Georgia limits the aggregate amount of short-term debt to 75 percent of the total gross income from taxes collected in the preceding year and requires all short-term debt to be repaid no later than December 31 of the calendar year in which the debt was incurred.

Short-term debt activity for the fiscal year is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Issued	Redeemed	Ending Balance
Temporary Loans	$ 200,000.00	$ 650,000.00	$ 850,000.00	$ 0.00

NOTE 10: LONG-TERM DEBT

Voters have authorized $900,000.00 in general obligation debt for capital outlay purposes which was not issued as of June 30, 2013. The School District is undecided on whether these bonds will be sold.

NOTE 11: ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

The School District has recognized revenues and costs in the amount of $294,603.00 for health insurance and retirement contributions paid on the School District's behalf by the following State Agencies.

Georgia Department of Education
Paid to the Georgia Department of Community Health
For Health Insurance of Certificated Personnel
In the amount of $275,964.00

Office of the State Treasurer
Paid to the Public School Employees' Retirement System
For Public School Employees' Retirement (PSERS) Employer's Cost
In the amount of $18,639.00

Funds paid to the Georgia Department of Community Health by the Georgia Department of Education on behalf of the School District are reported as part of the Quality Basic Education revenue allotments on Schedule 3 – Schedule of State Revenue.

NOTE 12: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

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

NOTE 13: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During fiscal year 2013, the School District made purchases of fuel and lubricants in the amount of $8,790.30 from Fort Oil Company, a company owned by Sib Fort, the brother of the School District Superintendent. There is no other business in Lumpkin, Georgia that sells fuel products and also offers open credit accounts. The School District has been doing business with Fort Oil Company for over 25 years, well before Mr. Fort became School Superintendent. It should be noted that these purchases were for light duty and maintenance vehicles. Purchases of bulk fuel for buses were made based on competitive bidding. Fort Oil Company did not offer a bid.

NOTE 14: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to fiscal year end, the School District borrowed $300,000.00 on a short-term letter of credit for cash flow purposes. This loan was repaid by the School District on December 20, 2013. The costs associated with this loan, including interest, were $3,034.41.

NOTE 15: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

GEORGIA SCHOOL PERSONNEL POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH BENEFIT FUND

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

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

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

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

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

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

For non-certificated school personnel:

July 2012 - June 2013	$446.20 per member per month

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

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

Fiscal Year	Percentage Contributed	Required Contribution
2013	100%	$ 671,159.84
2012	100%	$ 645,599.84
2011	100%	$ 536,151.07

NOTE 16: RETIREMENT PLANS

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TRS)

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

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

TRS provides service retirement, disability retirement, and survivor's benefits. The benefit structure of TRS is defined and may be amended by State statute. A member is eligible for normal service retirement after 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age, or after 10 years of service and attainment of age 60. A member is eligible for early retirement after 25 years of creditable service.

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

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

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

Fiscal Year	Percentage Contributed		Required Contribution
2013	100%	$	504,670.91
2012	100%	$	371,321.35
2011	100%	$	378,170.48

PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSERS)

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

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STEWART COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

SCHEDULE "1"

	NONAPPROPRIATED BUDGETS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL (1)	FINAL (1)	AMOUNTS	OVER/UNDER
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	$ 2,193,475.00	$ 2,193,475.00	$ 2,181,485.86	$ -11,989.14
Sales Taxes	10,000.00	10,000.00	30,522.64	20,522.64
State Funds	2,594,063.00	2,810,581.88	2,914,743.73	104,161.85
Federal Funds	441,456.00	2,021,186.00	1,792,932.93	-228,253.07
Charges for Services		22,100.00	57,008.93	34,908.93
Investment Earnings	20,000.00	20,000.00	174.48	-19,825.52
Miscellaneous	125,000.00	147,944.00	45,420.27	-102,523.73
Total Revenues	$ 5,383,994.00	$ 7,225,286.88	$ 7,022,288.84	$ -202,998.04
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Instruction	$ 3,010,748.00	$ 3,741,691.88	$ 3,559,834.11	$ 181,857.77
Support Services				
Pupil Services	253,685.00	337,532.20	287,872.67	49,659.53
Improvement of Instructional Services	9,018.00	332,636.00	401,201.03	-68,565.03
Educational Media Services	110,304.00	110,304.00	102,766.42	7,537.58
General Administration	331,313.00	368,392.00	332,166.18	36,225.82
School Administration	412,587.00	446,599.00	407,495.49	39,103.51
Business Administration	157,486.00	157,486.00	125,776.67	31,709.33
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	417,750.00	417,750.00	373,640.18	44,109.82
Student Transportation Services	419,647.00	484,352.00	542,892.23	-58,540.23
Central Support Services	20,000.00	20,000.00	4,625.00	15,375.00
Other Support Services	241,456.00	414,030.80	120,628.04	293,402.76
Food Services Operation		394,513.00	429,861.72	-35,348.72
Total Expenditures	$ 5,383,994.00	$ 7,225,286.88	$ 6,688,759.74	$ 536,527.14
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 333,529.10	$ 333,529.10
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfer In			328,036.22	328,036.22
Net Change in Fund Balances	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 661,565.32	$ 661,565.32
Fund Balances - Beginning	0.00	458.07	-174,757.31	-175,215.38
Adjustments		276,755.47		-276,755.47
Fund Balances - Ending	$ 0.00	$ 277,213.54	$ 486,808.01	$ 209,594.47

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

(1) Original and Final Budget amounts do not include the budgeted revenues expenditures of the various principal accounts. The actual revenues and expenditures of the various principal accounts are $48,976.96 and $56,088.01, respectively.

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

See notes to the basic financial statements.

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

FUNDING AGENCY PROGRAM/GRANT		CFDA NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH ENTITY ID NUMBER	EXPENDITURES IN PERIOD	
Agriculture, U. S. Department of					
Child Nutrition Cluster					
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education					
Food Services					
School Breakfast Program		10.553	N/A	(2)	
National School Lunch Program		10.555	N/A	$ 415,785.68	(1)
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				$ 415,785.68	
Education, U. S. Department of					
Educational Technology State Grants Cluster					
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education					
Education Technology State Grants		84.318	N/A	$ 1,488.17	
School Improvement Grants Cluster					
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education					
ARRA - School Improvement Grants	*	84.388	N/A	$ 369,607.48	
School Improvement Grants	*	84.377	N/A	403,424.87	
Total School Improvement Grants Cluster				$ 773,032.35	
Special Education Cluster					
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education					
Special Education					
Grants to States		84.027	N/A	$ 141,576.55	
Preschool Grants		84.173	N/A	6,634.63	
Total Special Education Cluster				$ 148,211.18	
Title I, Part A Cluster					
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education					
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	*	84.010	N/A	$ 374,614.13	
Other Programs					
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education					
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States		84.048	N/A	$ 7,746.68	
Education Jobs Fund		84.410	N/A	224.00	
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants		84.367	N/A	92,488.59	
Total Other Programs				$ 100,459.27	
Total U. S. Department of Education				$ 1,397,805.10	
Defense, U. S. Department of					
Direct					
Department of the Army					
R.O.T.C. Program				$ 34,240.58	
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards				$ 1,847,831.36	

N/A = Not Available

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

(1) Includes the Federally assigned value of donated commodities for the Food Donation Program in the amount of $36,950.72.
(2) Expenditures for the funds earned on the School Breakfast Program ($123,544.61) were not maintained separately and are included in the 2013 National School Lunch Program.

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

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

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

See notes to the basic financial statements.

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

SCHEDULE "3"

AGENCY/FUNDING	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE GENERAL FUND
GRANTS	
Bright From the Start:	
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning	
Pre-Kindergarten Program	$ 146,010.92
Education, Georgia Department of	
Quality Basic Education (1)	
Direct Instructional Cost	
Kindergarten Program	249,821.00
Kindergarten Program - Early Intervention Program	-1,868.00
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	429,716.00
Primary Grades - Early Intervention (1-3) Program	13,189.00
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	204,571.00
Upper Elementary Grades - Early Intervention (4-5) Program	20,940.00
Middle School (6-8) Program	285,133.00
High School General Education (9-12) Program	271,097.00
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	65,287.00
Students with Disabilities	450,743.00
Remedial Education Program	5,528.00
Alternative Education Program	20,323.00
Media Center Program	56,586.00
20 Days Additional Instruction	17,286.00
Staff and Professional Development	10,414.00
Indirect Cost	
Central Administration	267,275.00
School Administration	253,598.00
Facility Maintenance and Operations	128,856.00
Amended Formula Adjustment	-434,287.00
Categorical Grants	
Pupil Transportation	
Regular	214,559.00
Nursing Services	45,000.00
Sparsity	147,599.00
Vocational Supervisors	5,892.21
Other State Programs	
Food Services	12,166.00
Math and Science Supplements	5,992.88
Preschool Handicapped Program	4,676.72
Office of the State Treasurer	
Public School Employees' Retirement	18,639.00
	$ 2,914,743.73

(1) Payments to the Georgia Department of Community Health by the Georgia Department of Education on behalf of the School District in the amount of $275,964.00 are included as part of the Quality Basic Education revenue allotments above.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

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

SCHEDULE "4"

PROJECT	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1)	CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3)	TOTAL COMPLETION COST	EXCESS PROCEEDS NOT EXPENDED	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
SPLOST III							
Rehabilitating, repairing, renovating, extending and improving the Stewart County Elementary School to include without limitation, parking lot upgrade and expansion, mechanical system upgrade and replacements, landscape and drainage improvements and recreational facility upgrade, expansion and improvements; rehabilitating, repairing, renovating, extending and improving the Stewart-Quitman Middle/High School to include without limitation, parking lot upgrade and expansion, mechanical system upgrade and replacement, roof replacement and repairs, landscape improvements and recreational facility upgrade, expansion, and improvements; acquiring, constructing and equipping a community education center to share with the community, rehabilitating, repairing, renovating, equipping and extending the Central Office; acquiring, installing, improving and upgrading system-wide instructional and administrative technology, safety and security equipment, to include without limitation, school and bus surveillance equipment and cameras; acquiring school furnishings, signage, textbooks, music, educational and vocational equipment; acquiring new school buses, maintenance vehicles and equipment and improving transportation and maintenance facilities; acquiring any necessary property, both real and personal							
Total SPLOST III	$ 2,300,000.00	$ 2,300,000.00	$ 191,961.00	$ 591,899.08	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	3/30/2015
SPLOST IV							
(i) Rehabilitating, repairing, renovating, extending, expanding, upgrading, and improving the Stewart County Elementary, Middle, and High Schools;	$ 500,000.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	6/30/2016
(ii) Rehabilitating, repairing, renovating, equipping, extending, and improving the Central Office;	100,000.00						6/30/2016
(iii) Acquiring, installing, improving, and upgrading system-wide instructional and administrative technology, safety and security equipment, to include without limitation, school and bus surveillance equipment and cameras;	300,000.00						6/30/2016
(iv) Acquiring school furnishings, signage, textbooks, music, educational and vocational equipment;	90,000.00						6/30/2016
(v) Acquiring new school buses, maintenance and instructional vehicles and equipment and improving transportation and maintenance facilities;	200,000.00						6/30/2016
(vi) Acquiring any necessary property, both real and personal;	10,000.00						6/30/2016
(vii) Payment of capitalized interest through 2013 (if necessary)							
(viii) Paying costs incident to accomplishing the foregoing							
Totals SPLOST IV	$ 1,200,000.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	
	$ 3,500,000.00	$ 2,300,000.00	$ 191,961.00	$ 591,899.08	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	

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

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

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

See notes to the basic financial statements.

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

SCHEDULE "5"

DESCRIPTION	ALLOTMENTS FROM GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (1) (2) (3)	ELIGIBLE QBE PROGRAM COSTS SALARIES	OPERATIONS	TOTAL
Direct Instructional Programs				
Kindergarten Program	$ 295,224.00	$ 208,525.05	$ 268.47	$ 208,793.52
Kindergarten Program-Early Intervention Program		33,183.43		33,183.43
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	520,011.00	363,427.20		363,427.20
Primary Grades-Early Intervention (1-3) Program	19,335.00	56,904.56		56,904.56
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	244,808.00	207,163.58	268.47	207,432.05
Upper Elementary Grades-Early Intervention (4-5) Program	25,717.00	63,689.55		63,689.55
Middle School (6-8) Program	355,249.00	560,880.54		560,880.54
High School General Education (9-12) Program	327,815.00	537,202.15	19.05	537,221.20
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	84,181.00	125,747.44	13,943.56	139,691.00
Students with Disabilities	543,472.00			
Category I		9,049.64		9,049.64
Category II		175,224.61		175,224.61
Category III		197,716.25		197,716.25
Category IV		40,928.20		40,928.20
Remedial Education Program	8,977.00			
Alternative Education Program	25,786.00	9,258.66		9,258.66
TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	$ 2,450,575.00	$ 2,588,900.86	$ 14,499.55	$ 2,603,400.41
Media Center Program	68,743.00	102,344.80		102,344.80
Staff and Professional Development	12,740.00		1,584.22	1,584.22
TOTAL QBE FORMULA FUNDS	$ 2,532,058.00	$ 2,691,245.66	$ 16,083.77	$ 2,707,329.43

(1) Comprised of State Funds plus Local Five Mill Share.

(2) Allotments do not include the impact of the State amended formula adjustment.

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

See notes to the basic financial statements.

SECTION II

COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF AUDITS AND ACCOUNTS

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June 18, 2014

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

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Stewart County Board of Education as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Stewart County Board of Education's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 18, 2014.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item FS-7281-13-01, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Stewart County Board of Education's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item FS-7281-13-02.

We also noted certain matters that we have reported to management of Stewart County Board of Education in a separate letter dated June 18, 2014.

Stewart County Board of Education's Response to Findings

Stewart County Board of Education's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Stewart County Board of Education's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

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

Respectfully submitted,



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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

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

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major Federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Stewart County Board of Education's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item FA-7281-13-01, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Stewart County Board of Education's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Stewart County Board of Education's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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SECTION III

AUDITEE'S RESPONSE TO PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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

PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FINDING CONTROL NUMBER AND STATUS

FS-7281-04-03	Partially Resolved - See Corrective Action/Responses
FS-7281-05-03	Partially Resolved - See Corrective Action/Responses
FS-7281-07-02	Partially Resolved - See Corrective Action/Responses
FS-7281-11-02	Unresolved - See Corrective Action/Responses
FS-7281-12-01	Unresolved - See Corrective Action/Responses

CORRECTIVE ACTION/RESPONSES

EXPENDITURES/LIABILITIES/DISBURSEMENTS
Improper Expenditure
Amount: $16,246.00
Finding Control Number: FS-7281-04-03

The High School has made some effort to reimburse the system. However, procedures have been implemented and are in place to ensure that such expenditures do not occur in the future. The Board is working with the High School to ensure that a fund raiser is held to pay back the system funds that they owe.

EXPENDITURES/LIABILITIES/DISBURSEMENTS
Improper Expenditure
Amount: $10,753.00
Finding Control Number: FS-7281-05-03

The High School has made some effort to reimburse the system. However, procedures are in place to ensure that such expenditures do not occur in the future. The Board is working with the High School to ensure that a fund raiser is held to pay back the system funds that they owe.

EXPENDITURES/LIABILITIES/DISBURSEMENTS
Improper Expenditure
Amount: $16,115.79
Finding Control Number: FS-7281-07-02

The High School has made some effort to reimburse the system. However, procedures are in place to ensure that such expenditures do not occur in the future. The Board is working with the High School to ensure that a fund raiser is held to pay back the system funds that they owe.

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

PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

CORRECTIVE ACTION/RESPONSES

EXPENDITURES/LIABILITIES/DISBURSEMENTS
Improper Use of SPLOST Proceeds
Amount: $31,780.57
Finding Control Number: FS-7281-11-02

Procedures have been put in place to ensure this deficiency will not happen again. However, the Board has not reimbursed the SPLOST proceeds from the general fund.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS
REVENUES/RECEIVABLES/RECEIPTS
EXPENDITURES/LIABILITIES/DISBURSEMENTS
Inadequate Internal Controls over School Activity Accounts
Finding Control Number: FS-7281-12-01

The Board bookkeeper established and distributed clear procedures for deposit preparation and receipt documentation. The Board bookkeeper reviews and approves the high school bank account reconciliation on a monthly basis. A plan has been implemented for the High School to send a copy of the bank statement reconciliation with all account information to the Finance Director for review and to put information on a spreadsheet with the correct revenue and expenditure codes to support the entries input at the end of the year into the system.

PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

SECTION IV

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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

I SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

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

Internal control over financial reporting:
- Material weakness identified? — No
- Significant deficiency identified? — Yes

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted: — Yes

Federal Awards

Internal Control over major programs:
- Material weakness identified? — No
- Significant deficiency identified? — Yes

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

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

Identification of major programs:

CFDA Numbers	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.010	Title I, Part A Cluster
84.377, 84.388	School Improvement Grants Cluster

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: $300,000.00

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? — No

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FS-7281-13-01 Inadequate Internal Control Procedures over School Activity Accounts

Control Category: Cash and Cash Equivalents
Revenues/Receivables/Receipts
Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
Internal Control Impact: Significant Deficiency

Description:
This is a repeat finding (FS-7281-12-01, FS-7281-11-01, and FS-7281-10-01) from the years ended June 30, 2012, June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2010, respectively. The accounting procedures of the School District were insufficient to provide for adequate internal controls over the school activity accounts.

Criteria:
The School District's management is responsible for designing and maintaining internal controls that provide proper separation of duties and reasonable assurance that transactions are processed according to established procedures.

Condition:
The following errors were noted with the School District's school activity accounts:

Cash and Cash Equivalents

- The School District did not ensure that the bank reconciliation function was separate from the record keeping function.

Revenues/Receipts/Receivables

- The School District did not ensure proper separation of duties and proper documentation of receipts.
- During a test of twenty receipts, the following problems were noted.
  - Two receipts were not deposited timely.
  - Two gate receipts did not have reconciliations.
  - Three receipts were credited to the incorrect revenue account.

Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements

- The School District did not ensure that the check-writing function was separate from the record-keeping or processing of signed checks.
- During a test of twenty disbursements, the following problems were noted:
  - Three expenditures did not have an approved purchase order attached.
  - Nine expenditures did not have evidence of receipt of goods.
  - Two expenditures did not have adequate documentation.

Questioned Cost:
None

Cause:
In discussing this condition with Stewart County Board of Education officials, they stated that the schools do not have adequate personnel in order to be able to separate the duties adequately.

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Effect or Potential Effect:
Errors and/or irregularities may not be detected in a timely manner.

Recommendation:
The School District should implement necessary procedures to ensure that the key accounting functions of custody and record keeping are separated. In addition, the School District should implement procedures to ensure that disbursements and receipts of funds within the school activity accounts are adequately documented and recorded in the financial records. The School District should also establish a monitoring process to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are processed according to established procedures.

Views of Responsible Officials and Corrective Action Plans:

We concur with this finding. In FY14 we are working with the High School to ensure that a fundraiser is held to pay back the system funds that they owe. The bookkeeper has clear procedures in place for bank reconciliation and deposit preparation. In FY14 we have implemented a plan for the High School to send a copy of the bank statement reconciliation with all activity account information to the Finance Department for review and to put it on a spreadsheet with the correct revenue codes and expenditure codes to support the entries input at the end of the year into PC Genesis.

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FS-7281-13-02 Improper Use of SPLOST Proceeds

Control Category:	Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
Compliance Impact:	Material Noncompliance

Description:
The School District used Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds in the amount of $24,198.00 for expenditures not approved in the SPLOST referendum.

Criteria:
According to Paragraph IV, Section VI, Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, "the purpose or purposes for which the proceeds of the tax are to be used and may be expended include: (1) Capital outlay projects for educational purposes; (2) the retirement of previously incurred general obligation debt with respect only to capital projects of the school system..." Official Code of Georgia Annotated §48-8-121 states, "The proceeds received from the tax authorized by this part shall be used ... exclusively for the purpose or purposes specified in the resolution or ordinance calling for imposition of the tax".

The Attorney General's Official Opinion 97-7 for O.C.G.A. §20-2-260(b)(5), states, "capital outlay projects as used in the educational sales tax purposes amendment should be read as well to refer to major, permanent, or long-lived improvements or betterments, such as would be properly chargeable to a capital asset account and as distinguished from current expenditures and ordinary maintenance expenses".

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Condition:
During the year under review, the School District spent $24,198.00 for annual licensing agreements. Since these activities are not denoted in the SPLOST referendum approved by the voters, these expenditures are not an allowable use of SPLOST proceeds.

Questioned Cost:
$24,198.00

Cause:
In discussing these deficiencies with the School District, they believed these expenditures were covered by the SPLOST referendum.

Effect or Potential Effect:
Expenditures of SPLOST funds for annual licensing agreements appear to be in conflict with State laws regarding imposition and use of SPLOST funds.

Recommendation:
The School District should research this issue, consult with legal counsel and verify if expenditures of this nature are an appropriate use of SPLOST funds in accordance with State law and the SPLOST referendum as approved by the voters of Stewart County.

Views of Responsible Officials and Corrective Action Plans:
We concur with this finding. In FY14 we are putting in place procedures to make sure that no annual licensing agreements are paid from SPLOST funds. The amount of $24,198 will be presented to the Stewart County Board of Education for payment through our General Fund Account.

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III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FA-7281-13-01 Excessive Cash Balances

Compliance Requirements:	CASH MANAGEMENT
Internal Control Impact:	Significant Deficiency
Compliance Impact:	Non-material Noncompliance
Federal Awarding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Pass-Through Entity:	Georgia Department of Education
CFDA Number and Title:	CFDA 84.010 Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies
	CFDA 84.388 ARRA - School Improvement Grants
	CFDA 84.377 School Improvement Grants

Description:
A review of cash management procedures for Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies and School Improvement Grant programs disclosed that cash draws were made in advance of immediate cash needs, resulting in the accumulation of excessive cash balances.

Criteria:
In accordance with 34 CFR 80.21, when funds are advanced, School Districts must follow procedures to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from Georgia Department of Education and disbursement.

Condition:
Excessive cash balances were maintained for ten months resulting in noncompliance with grant requirements.

Questioned Cost:
N/A

Cause:
In discussing these conditions with management, they stated that funds were requested for expenditures that the School District thought were allowable but were deemed unallowable and the General Fund covered these expenditures causing excess cash balances in those months.

Effect:
Failure to monitor the cash needs of the programs resulted in noncompliance with requirements of the Federal grants.

Recommendation:
The School District should implement procedures to accurately forecast the cash needs of the programs. In addition, procedures should be implemented to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from the Georgia Department of Education and disbursement of such funds by the School District.

III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Views of Responsible Officials and Corrective Action Plans:

We concur with this finding. In FY14 we are putting procedures in place to minimize time between transfers and disbursement of Federal grant money.

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