

STEWART COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
LUMPKIN, GEORGIA

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

STEWART COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SECTION I

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, and each major fund of the Stewart County Board of Education (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements. We were engaged to audit the aggregate remaining fund information. These financial statements collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Because of the matter described in the "Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on Aggregate Remaining Fund Information" paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on the aggregate remaining fund information.

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

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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.

Except for the matter described in the "Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on Aggregate Remaining Fund Information" paragraph, we believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

Due to a lack of documentation supporting the school activity (principals) accounts maintained at the individual schools and recorded in the fiduciary fund, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to substantiate the balances recorded in the financial statements. As a result of these matters, we were unable to determine if the fiduciary fund was materially correct.

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the "Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on Aggregate Remaining Fund information" paragraph, we were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on the fiduciary fund. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the aggregate remaining fund information.

Unmodified Opinions

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

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedule of Contributions to Retirement Systems, Notes to the Required Supplementary Information and the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual as presented on pages i through vii, and pages 31 through 35 respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United

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States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, consisting of Schedules 6 through 8, 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 Title 2 U. S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards,* and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 19, 2018, on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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INTRODUCTION

The discussion and analysis of the Stewart County Board of Education's (the School District) financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the fiscal years 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

- The School District had $7,432,107.52 and $6,561,116.60 million in expenses relating to governmental activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, respectively. Only $5,235,632.36 and $4,328,734.59 of the above mentioned expenses for 2016 and 2015 were offset by program specific charges for services, and grants and contributions. General revenues (primarily property and sales taxes) of $2,850,461.37 and $2,785,545.89, respectively, for 2016 and 2015, along with fund balance were adequate to provide for these programs.

- Long-term debt increased by $4,712,781.10 for 2016. This increase for 2016 was due to the issuance of general obligations bonds.

- The general fund (the primary operating fund), presented on a current financial resource basis, ended the fiscal year with a fund balance of $1,440,000.53, an increase of $219,848.46 from the June 30, 2015 fund balance of $1,220,152.07.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

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

The fund financial statements reflect the School District's most significant funds. For the years ending June 30, 2016 and 2015, the general fund, and the capital projects fund represent the most significant funds.

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

Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the School District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Position includes all of the School District's assets and liabilities. All of the current fiscal year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the School District's net position and how it has changed. Net position, the difference between the School District's assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, are one way to measure the School District's overall financial health or position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position are an indication of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. Changes may be the result of many factors, including those not under the School District's control, such as the property tax base, facility conditions, required educational programs and other factors.

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

- Governmental Activities – All of the School District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, food service, student activity accounts and various others.

Fund Financial Statements

The School District's fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds, not the School District as a whole. Some funds are required by state law and some by bond requirements. The School District's major governmental funds are the general fund, and the capital projects fund.

Governmental Funds - Most of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on the determination of financial position and change in financial position, not on income determination. These funds are reported using the modified accrual method of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds are reconciled to the financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds - The School District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others, such as school clubs and organizations within the principals' accounts. The School District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The School District excludes these activities from the government-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

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

Table 1
Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2015
Assets		
Current and Other Assets	$ 8,066,539.65	$ 3,138,138.65
Capital Assets, Net	6,022,176.64	5,710,102.00
Total Assets	14,088,716.29	8,848,240.65
Deferred Outflows of Resources	491,704.54	427,038.00
Liabilities		
Current and Other Liabilities	5,375,062.40	4,456,365.53
Long-Term Liabilities	4,712,781.10	-
Total Liabilities	10,087,843.50	4,456,365.53
Deferred Inflows of Resources	672,566.00	1,652,888.00
Net Position		
Investment in Capital Assets	5,938,282.16	5,710,102.00
Restricted	1,391,621.98	1,259,866.02
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(3,509,892.81)	(3,803,942.90)
Total Net Position	$ 3,820,011.33	$ 3,166,025.12

Total assets and deferred outflows of resources increased by $5,305,142.18, which was primarily due to an increase in cash due to receiving bond proceeds from the sale of bonds and increase in capital assets relating to the Stewart K-12 renovations/additions.

Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources increased by $4,651,155.97. The combination of the increase in total assets and deferred outflows of resources and the increase in total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources yielded an increase in net position of $653,986.21.

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal years ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015.

Table 2
Change in Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2015
Revenues		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	$ 87,365.67	$ 67,543.44
Operating Grants and Contributions	4,760,839.27	4,261,191.15
Capital Grants and Contributions	387,427.42	-
Total Program Revenues	5,235,632.36	4,328,734.59
General Revenues:		
Taxes		
Property Taxes		
For Maintenance and Operations	2,415,561.50	2,414,011.41
Sales Taxes		
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax		
For Capital Projects	305,409.57	314,177.89
Other Taxes	8,021.31	14,684.86
Investment Earnings	16,377.66	(281.57)
Miscellaneous	105,091.33	42,953.30
Total General Revenues	2,850,461.37	2,785,545.89
Total Revenues	8,086,093.73	7,114,280.48
Program Expenses:		
Instruction	3,559,729.28	3,471,467.80
Support Services		
Pupil Services	506,810.02	215,116.75
Improvement of Instructional Services	328,408.62	213,444.77
Educational Media Services	118,300.34	115,267.94
General Administration	374,433.37	402,488.87
School Administration	597,537.77	428,799.59
Business Administration	360,989.84	157,952.35
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	468,367.39	555,566.84
Student Transportation Services	565,055.34	497,524.02
Other Support Services	1,773.44	30,305.02
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Food Services	550,702.11	473,182.65
Total Expenses	7,432,107.52	6,561,116.60
Increase in Net Position	653,986.21	553,163.88
Beginning Net Position	3,166,025.12	2,612,861.24
Ending Net Position	$ 3,820,011.33	$ 3,166,025.12

Program revenues, in the form of charges for services, operating grants and contributions and capital grants and contributions increased $906,897.77 for governmental activities. This increase is largely due to the School District being awarded a Twenty-first Century Community Learning Center Grant in fiscal year 2016 for $318,267.77 and capital grants of $387,427.42 received from the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) to offset certain construction projects.

Governmental Activities

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table 3 shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services. Net cost of services can be defined as the total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental revenue provided for specific programs. The net cost reflects the financial burden on the School District's taxpayers by each activity.

Table 3

Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2015
Instruction	$ 3,559,729.28	$ 3,471,467.80	$ 566,431.97	$ 935,746.58
Support Services:				
Pupil Services	506,810.02	215,116.75	403,319.40	147,779.63
Improvement of Instructional Services	328,408.62	213,444.77	68,327.63	(16,422.32)
Educational Media Services	118,300.34	115,267.94	39,467.72	53,047.94
General Administration	374,433.37	402,488.87	27,254.98	57,822.46
School Administration	597,537.77	428,799.59	275,314.75	109,534.69
Business Administration	360,989.84	157,952.35	357,619.02	153,603.27
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	468,367.39	555,566.84	298,253.51	403,167.24
Student Transportation Services	565,055.34	497,524.02	267,417.23	288,188.40
Other Support Services	1,773.44	30,305.02	(893.35)	28,801.39
Operations of Non-Instructional Services:				
Enterprise Operations	-	-	(63,969.27)	-
Food Services	550,702.11	473,182.65	(42,068.43)	71,112.73
Total Expenses	$ 7,432,107.52	$ 6,561,116.60	$ 2,196,475.16	$ 2,232,382.01

Although program revenues make up a majority of the funding, the School District is still dependent upon tax revenues for governmental activities. For 2016, 33% of instruction and support activities were supplemented by taxes and other general revenues compared to 36% in 2015.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The School District's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The governmental funds had total revenues and other financing sources of $12,902,399.53 and total expenses and other financing uses of $8,049,682.30. There was an increase in the fund balance totaling $4,852,717.23 for the governmental funds as a whole. The

increase was due to the School District receiving a Twenty-first Century Community Learning Centers grant in fiscal year 2016 that was not received in fiscal year 2015 and also issuing general obligation bonds in June of 2016.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The School District's budget is prepared according to Georgia Law. The most significant budgeted fund is the general fund, funded primarily through state revenue and local property tax revenue. During the course of fiscal years 2016 and 2015, the School District amended its general fund budget as needed.

During fiscal year 2016, the general fund had final actual revenues and other financing sources totaling $7,446,621.18 which represented an increase from the original budgeted amount of $5,746,167.00 by $1,700,454.18. This difference (final actual vs. original budget) was due in part to increased federal funding of $1,161,774.37 which was not included in the original budget.

Final actual expenditures during fiscal year 2016 totaling $7,189,585.12 represented an increase from the original budgeted amount of $6,174,680.33 by $1,014,904.79. The increase in actual expenditures versus original budget expenditures was due primarily to Federal funds expenditures and school activity account expenditures which were not included in the original budget.

CAPITAL ASSETS

At the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, the School District had $ 6,022,176.64 and $5,710,102.00, respectively, invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. These assets are made up of a broad range of capital assets, including land; buildings; transportation, food service and maintenance equipment. Table 4 reflects a summary of these balances, by class.

Table 4
Capital Assets
(Net of Depreciation)

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2015
Land	$ 168,769.24	$ 63,916.00
Construction In Progress	471,216.40	-
Building and Improvements	10,556,251.00	10,534,501.00
Equipment	2,117,725.00	2,245,995.00
Land Improvements	561,093.00	561,093.00
Accumulated Depreciation	(7,852,878.00)	(7,695,403.00)
Total	$ 6,022,176.64	$ 5,710,102.00

The overall capital assets increased in fiscal year 2016 by $312,074.64 due to the purchase of land and construction in progress for the Stewart K-12 renovation/addition project.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At June 30, 2016, the School District had $4,712,781.10 in total debt outstanding. Table 5 summarizes bond debt outstanding at June 30, 2016 and 2015.

Table 5
Debt at June 30

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2015
Bonds Payable	$ 4,380,000.00	$ -
Unamortized Bond Premiums	332,781.10	-
Total	$ 4,712,781.10	$ -

CURRENT ISSUES AND CONCERNS

In fiscal year 2017, the cost of the employer portion of health insurance contributions for non-certified employees will cost an additional $12,000.00. The School District plans to eliminate two of the five furlough days which is an estimated cost of $24,000.00. The concern of rising non certified state health cost is a serious concern. The millage rate for fiscal year 16 was 15.026. This rate has been held steady since 2014. The school District is taking every step to refrain from raising taxes, however, if the state continues to cut and underfund education an increase for the local taxpayer is inevitable.

The School District will be under construction in fiscal year 2017 to become a K-12 campus. We expect this change to be a positive impact on the School District's budget in the future and also a positive impact on our students and the community. The School District was able to do this project by qualifying for a capital outlay grant from the state and with the selling of bonds. Even with these resources the School District still has a portion to pay locally. We will be very careful with the budgeting of this project to keep the local expense down as much as we possibly can but there is always a concern of the unknown expenses of construction.

The most significant challenge facing the School District is the relative uncertainty regarding how School Districts will be funded moving forward. The General Assembly is in the process of exploring new funding formulas that would likely cement the austerity reductions received annually and change the way personnel salaries are calculated. It is uncertain at this point what type of financial impact these changes might have on the School District's finances.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Janet Walls at the Stewart County Board of Education. You may also email your questions to jwalls@stewart.k12.ga.us.

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STEWART COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

EXHIBIT "A"

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 6,267,634.09
Investments	621,460.97
Receivables, Net	
Taxes	247,167.65
State Government	707,894.42
Federal Government	198,456.73
Other	19,681.42
Inventories	4,244.37
Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable	639,985.64
Capital Assets, Depreciable (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	5,382,191.00
Total Assets	14,088,716.29
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plan	491,704.54
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	53,246.37
Salaries and Benefits Payable	562,368.97
Payroll Withholdings Payable	16,640.03
Contracts Payable	71,803.61
Deposits and Unearned Revenues	19,155.42
Net Pension Liability	4,651,848.00
Long-Term Liabilities	
Due in More Than One Year	4,712,781.10
Total Liabilities	10,087,843.50
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plan	672,566.00
NET POSITION	
Investment in Capital Assets	5,938,282.16
Restricted for	
Capital Projects	1,300,577.98
Other - Bus Replacement	91,044.00
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(3,509,892.81)
Total Net Position	$ 3,820,011.33

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, 2016

	EXPENSES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		
Instruction	$ 3,559,729.28	$ -
Support Services		
Pupil Services	506,810.02	-
Improvement of Instructional Services	328,408.62	-
Educational Media Services	118,300.34	-
General Administration	374,433.37	-
School Administration	597,537.77	-
Business Administration	360,989.84	-
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	468,367.39	-
Student Transportation Services	565,055.34	-
Other Support Services	1,773.44	-
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Enterprise Operations	-	63,969.27
Food Services	550,702.11	23,396.40
Total Governmental Activities	$ 7,432,107.52	$ 87,365.67
General Revenues		
Taxes		
Property Taxes		
For Maintenance and Operations		
Sales Taxes		
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax		
For Capital Projects		
Other Sales Tax		
Investment Earnings		
Miscellaneous		
Total General Revenues		
Change in Net Position		
Net Position - Beginning of Year		
Net Position - End of Year		

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

PROGRAM REVENUES		NET (EXPENSES)
OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
$ 2,698,460.43	$ 294,836.88	$ (566,431.97)
103,490.62	-	(403,319.40)
260,080.99	-	(68,327.63)
64,705.00	14,127.62	(39,467.72)
347,178.39	-	(27,254.98)
314,493.00	7,730.02	(275,314.75)
1,541.03	1,829.79	(357,619.02)
140,825.65	29,288.23	(298,253.51)
297,638.11	-	(267,417.23)
2,666.79	-	893.35
-	-	63,969.27
529,759.26	39,614.88	42,068.43
$ 4,760,839.27	$ 387,427.42	(2,196,475.16)
		2,415,561.50
		305,409.57
		8,021.31
		16,377.66
		105,091.33
		2,850,461.37
		653,986.21
		3,166,025.12
		$ 3,820,011.33

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

EXHIBIT "C"

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 1,426,321.51	$ 4,841,312.58	$ 6,267,634.09
Investments	-	621,460.97	621,460.97
Receivables, Net			
Taxes	223,322.39	23,845.26	247,167.65
State Government	320,467.00	387,427.42	707,894.42
Federal Government	198,456.73	-	198,456.73
Other	19,681.42	-	19,681.42
Inventories	4,244.37	-	4,244.37
Total Assets	$ 2,192,493.42	$ 5,874,046.23	$ 8,066,539.65
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	$ 47,397.37	$ 5,849.00	$ 53,246.37
Salaries and Benefits Payable	562,368.97	-	562,368.97
Payroll Withholdings Payable	16,640.03	-	16,640.03
Contracts Payable	-	71,803.61	71,803.61
Deposits and Unearned Revenue	19,155.42	-	19,155.42
Total Liabilities	645,561.79	77,652.61	723,214.40
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable Property Tax revenue	106,931.10	-	106,931.10
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	4,244.37	-	4,244.37
Restricted	91,044.00	5,796,393.62	5,887,437.62
Assigned	7,258.45	-	7,258.45
Unassigned	1,337,453.71	-	1,337,453.71
Total Fund Balances	1,440,000.53	5,796,393.62	7,236,394.15
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	$ 2,192,493.42	$ 5,874,046.23	$ 8,066,539.65

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

EXHIBIT "D"

Total fund balances - governmental funds (Exhibit "C")		$ 7,236,394.15
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Land	$ 168,769.24	
Construction in progress	471,216.40	
Buildings and improvements	10,556,251.00	
Equipment	2,117,725.00	
Land improvements	561,093.00	
Accumulated depreciation	(7,852,878.00)	6,022,176.64
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Net pension liability		(4,651,848.00)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		(180,861.46)
Taxes that are not available to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in the funds.		106,931.10
Long-term liabilities and related accrued interest, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Bonds payable	$ (4,380,000.00)	-
Unamortized bond premiums	(332,781.10)	(4,712,781.10)
Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "A")		$ 3,820,011.33

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, 2016

EXHIBIT "E"

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	$ 2,469,474.60	$ -	$ 2,469,474.60
Sales Taxes	8,021.31	305,409.57	313,430.88
State Funds	3,360,907.90	387,427.42	3,748,335.32
Federal Funds	1,412,355.37	-	1,412,355.37
Charges for Services	87,365.67	-	87,365.67
Investment Earnings	3,410.00	12,967.66	16,377.66
Miscellaneous	105,086.33	5.00	105,091.33
Total Revenues	7,446,621.18	705,809.65	8,152,430.83
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Instruction	3,543,782.48	86,648.02	3,630,430.50
Support Services			
Pupil Services	504,892.91	6,600.00	511,492.91
Improvement of Instructional Services	327,939.69	-	327,939.69
Educational Media Services	117,594.09	-	117,594.09
General Administration	394,590.57	1,228.98	395,819.55
School Administration	612,811.59	2,552.96	615,364.55
Business Administration	170,569.42	133,070.98	303,640.40
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	445,643.24	14,029.90	459,673.14
Student Transportation Services	508,865.88	2,403.60	511,269.48
Other Support Services	4,965.19	-	4,965.19
Food Services Operation	557,930.06	200.00	558,130.06
Capital Outlay	-	576,175.14	576,175.14
Total Expenditures	7,189,585.12	822,909.58	8,012,494.70
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	257,036.06	(117,099.93)	139,936.13
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Proceeds of Bonds	-	4,380,000.00	4,380,000.00
Premiums on Bonds Sold	-	332,781.10	332,781.10
Transfers In	-	37,187.60	37,187.60
Transfers Out	(37,187.60)	-	(37,187.60)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(37,187.60)	4,749,968.70	4,712,781.10
Net Change in Fund Balances	219,848.46	4,632,868.77	4,852,717.23
Fund Balances - Beginning	1,220,152.07	1,163,524.85	2,383,676.92
Fund Balances - Ending	$ 1,440,000.53	$ 5,796,393.62	$ 7,236,394.15

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, 2016

EXHIBIT "F"

Net change in fund balances total governmental funds (Exhibit "E")		$ 4,852,717.23
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.		
Capital outlay	$ 627,476.64	
Depreciation expense	(311,502.00)	315,974.64
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, donations, and disposals) is to decrease net position.		(3,900.00)
Taxes reported in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		(53,913.10)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and the acquisition cost of refunded debt when debt is first issued. These amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.		
General obligation bonds issued, including a premium of $332,781.10		(4,712,781.10)
District pension contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds when made. However, they are reported as deferred outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position because the reported net pension liability is measured a year before the District's report date. Pension expense, which is the change in the net pension liability adjusted for changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, is reported in the Statement of Activities.		
Pension expense		255,888.54
Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "B")		$ 653,986.21

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, 2016

EXHIBIT "G"

	AGENCY FUNDS
ASSETS	
Receivables, Net	
Other	$ 15,182.90
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	$ 424.90
Cash Overdraft	12,134.54
Funds Held for Others	2,623.46
Total Liabilities	$ 15,182.90

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 board elected by the voters and a Superintendent appointed by the Board. The School District is organized as a separate legal entity and has the power to levy taxes and issue bonds. Its budget is not subject to approval by any other entity. Accordingly, the School District is a primary government and consists of all the organizations that compose its legal entity.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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

GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The 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, clubs or individuals.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

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

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

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

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

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

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

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

In fiscal year 2016, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants.* This statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain external investment pools and pool participants. If an external investment pool meets the criteria in this statement and measures all of its investments at amortized cost, the pool's participants also should measure their investments in that external investment pool at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. The School District participates in an external investment pool, the State of Georgia local government investment pool (Georgia Fund 1), which does not meet the criteria of this statement. Therefore, the investment in this pool is measured at fair value as provided in paragraph 11 of GASB Statement No. 31, as amended.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

RECEIVABLES

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

INVENTORIES

Food Inventories

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

CAPITAL ASSETS

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

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

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

Capitalization thresholds and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the government-wide 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

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

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

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

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES AND BOND DISCOUNTS/PREMIUMS

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

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

PENSIONS

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

FUND BALANCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

USE OF ESTIMATES

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

PROPERTY TAXES

The Stewart County Board of Commissioners adopted the property tax levy for the 2015 tax digest year (calendar year) on July 31, 2015 (levy date) based on property values as of January 1, 2015. Taxes were due on December 20, 2015 (lien date). Taxes collected within the current fiscal year or within 60 days after year-end on the 2015 tax digest are reported as revenue in the governmental funds for fiscal year 2016. The 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, 2016, for maintenance and operations amounted to $2,401,169.41.

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

School Operations	15.026 mills

Additionally, Title Ad Valorem Tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, amounted to $68,305.19 during fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

SALES TAXES

Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), at the fund reporting level, during the year amounted to $305,409.57 and is to be used for capital outlay for educational purposes or debt service. This sales tax was authorized by local referendum and the sales tax must be re-authorized at least every five years.

NOTE 3: BUDGETARY DATA

The budget is a complete financial plan for the School District's fiscal year, and is based upon careful estimates of expenditures together with probable funding sources. The budget is legally adopted each year for the general 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 permitted by the State of Georgia, but not 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 §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.

The Superintendent is authorized by the Board to approve adjustments of no more than 10% of the amount budgeted for expenditures in any budget function for any fund. The Superintendent shall report any such adjustments to the Board. If expenditure of funds in any budget function for any fund is anticipated to be more than 10% 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 the General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget to Actual in the Supplementary Information Section for a detail of any over/under expenditures during the fiscal year under review.

BUDGETARY/GAAP BASIS RECONCILIATION

In the general fund, accounting principles used in developing budgets on a budgetary basis differ from those used in preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The primary differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are:

1. The activities for the School Activity Accounts and School Nutrition Fund were omitted from the School District's Budget.
2. Payments made by the State of Georgia for school district employee retirement benefits are recognized as revenues and expenditures under GAAP but are not included in the Board's Amended Budget.

Thus, there is an accounting basis difference between the budget and actual Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances in the general fund that is reconciled as follows:

Actual Revenues, GAAP Basis		$ 7,446,621.18
Various Fund Revenues omitted from Budget	$ (651,314.34)	
On-Behalf Benefit Contribution omitted from Budget	(17,594.00)	(668,908.34)
Actual Revenues, Budgetary Basis		$ 6,777,712.84
Actual Expenditures, GAAP Basis		$ 7,189,585.12
Various Fund Expenditures omitted from Budget	$ (632,404.06)	
On-Behalf Benefits Contribution omitted from Budget	(17,594.00)	(649,998.06)
Actual Expenditures, Budgetary Basis		$ 6,539,587.06
Revenues Over Expenditures, Budgetary Basis		$ 238,125.78
Revenues Over Expenditures, GAAP Basis		$ 257,036.06

NOTE 4: DEPOSITS AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

COLLATERALIZATION OF DEPOSITS

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% 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% 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, 2016, the School District had deposits with a carrying amount of $2,297,250.40 and a bank balance of $2,554,282.48. The bank balances insured by Federal depository insurance were $250,000.00 and the bank balances collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution in the School District's name were $2,304,282.48.

Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents balances to carrying value of deposits:

Statement of Net Position		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	6,267,634.09
Statement of Fidicuiary Net Position		
Cash and cash equivalents		(12,134.54)
Total cash and cash equivalents		6,255,499.55
Add:		
Deposits with original maturity of three months or more reported as investments		621,460.97
Less:		
Investment pools reported as cash and cash equivalents		
Georgia Fund 1		4,579,710.12
Total carrying value of deposits - June 30, 2016	$	2,297,250.40

CATEGORIZATION OF CASH EQUIVALENTS

The School District reported cash equivalents of $4,579,710.12 in Georgia Fund 1, a local government investment pool, which is included in the cash balances above. Georgia Fund 1 is not registered with the SEC as an investment company and does not operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The investment is valued at the pool's share price, $1.00 per share, which approximates fair value. The pool is an AAAf rated investment pool by Standard and Poor's. The weighted average maturity of Georgia Fund 1 may not exceed 60 days. The weighted average maturity for Georgia Fund 1 on June 30, 2016, was 42 days.

Georgia Fund 1, administered by the State of Georgia, Office of the State Treasurer, is not required to be categorized since the School District did not own any specific identifiable securities in the pool. The investment policy of the State of Georgia, Office of the State Treasurer for the Georgia Fund 1, does not provide for investment in derivatives or similar investments. Additional information on the Georgia Fund 1 is disclosed in the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This audit can be obtained from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts at www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/CAFR.html.

NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balances July 1, 2015	Increases	Decreases	Balances June 30, 2016
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	$ 63,916.00	$ 104,853.24	$ -	$ 168,769.24
Construction in Progress	-	471,216.40	-	471,216.40
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	63,916.00	576,069.64	-	639,985.64
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Buildings and Improvements	10,534,501.00	21,750.00	-	10,556,251.00
Equipment	2,245,995.00	29,657.00	157,927.00	2,117,725.00
Land Improvements	561,093.00	-	-	561,093.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Improvements	5,451,034.00	174,952.00	-	5,625,986.00
Equipment	1,744,576.00	124,515.00	154,027.00	1,715,064.00
Land Improvements	499,793.00	12,035.00	-	511,828.00
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	5,646,186.00	(260,095.00)	3,900.00	5,382,191.00
Governmental Activity Capital Assets - Net	$ 5,710,102.00	$ 315,974.64	$ 3,900.00	$ 6,022,176.64

Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:

Instruction		$ 177,245.00
Support Services		
Educational Media Services	$ 8,493.00	
School Administration	4,647.00	
Business Administration	1,100.00	
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	17,607.00	
Student Transportation Services	78,595.00	110,442.00
Food Services		23,815.00
		$ 311,502.00

NOTE 6: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

INTERFUND TRANSFERS

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

Transfers to	Transfers From General Fund
Capital Projects	$ 37,187.60

Transfers were made from the general fund to capital projects fund for reimbursement of expenditures paid in prior years from Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds that should have been paid from the general fund.

NOTE 7: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

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

	Governmental Activities				
	Balance July 1, 2015	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2016	Due Within One Year
General Obligation (G.O.) Bonds	$ -	$ 4,380,000.00	$ -	$ 4,380,000.00	$ -
Unamortized Bond Premiums	-	332,781.10	-	332,781.10	-
	$ -	$ 4,712,781.10	$ -	$ 4,712,781.10	$ -

GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT OUTSTANDING

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

During the current year, the School District issued general obligation bonds totaling $4,380,000.00 to pay all or a portion of capital improvements as specified in the referendum.

Of the total amount originally authorized, $120,000.00 remains unissued. General obligation bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

Description	Interest Rates	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
General Government - Series 2016	2.0% - 3.5%	6/23/2016	8/1/2036	$ 4,380,000.00	$ 4,380,000.00

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

	General Obligation Debt		Unamortized
Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	Principal	Interest	Bond Premium
2017	$ -	$ 83,990.56	$ -
2018	105,000.00	137,650.00	16,639.06
2019	170,000.00	134,900.00	16,639.06
2020	175,000.00	131,450.00	16,639.06
2021	175,000.00	127,075.00	16,639.06
2022 - 2026	960,000.00	552,200.00	83,195.28
2027 - 2031	1,140,000.00	389,562.50	83,195.28
2032 - 2036	1,355,000.00	174,212.50	83,195.28
2037	300,000.00	5,250.00	16,639.02
Total Principal and Interest	$ 4,380,000.00	$ 1,736,290.56	$ 332,781.10

NOTE 8: RISK MANAGEMENT

INSURANCE

Commercial Insurance

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

Georgia School Boards Association Risk and Insurance Management System

The School District participates in the Georgia School Boards Association Risk and Insurance Management System (the System), a public entity risk pool organized on July 1, 1994, to develop and administer a plan to reduce risk of loss on account of general liability, 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.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

The School District is self-insured with regard to unemployment compensation claims. The School District accounts for claims within the general fund with expenses/expenditures and liability being reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated.

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

	Beginning of Year Liability	Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claims Paid	End of Year Liability
2015	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
2016	$ -	$ 9,768.71	$ 9,768.71	$ -

SURETY BOND

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

Position Covered	Amount
Superintendent	$ 100,000.00

NOTE 9: FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

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

Nonspendable		
Inventories		$ 4,244.37
Restricted		
Bus Replacement	$ 91,044.00	
Capital Projects	5,796,393.62	5,887,437.62
Assigned		
School Activity Accounts		7,258.45
Unassigned		1,337,453.71
Fund Balance, June 30, 2016		$ 7,236,394.15

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.

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, not to exceed 15% of the total budget of the subsequent fiscal year, in compliance with O.C.G.A. §20-2-167(a)5. If the unassigned fund balance at fiscal year-end falls below the goal, the School District shall develop a restoration plan to achieve and maintain the minimum fund balance.

NOTE 10: SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS

COMMITMENTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

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

Project	Unearned Executed Contracts (1)	Payments through June 30, 2016 (2)	Funding Available From State (1)
Stewart County K-12	$ 11,792,310.78	$ 463,017.40	$ 7,056,282.58

(1) The amounts described are not reflected in the basic financial statements.
(2) Payments include Contracts and Retainages Payable at year end.

OPERATING LEASES

The School District leases copiers under the provisions of one or more long-term lease agreements classified as operating lease for accounting purposes. Rental expenditures under the terms of the operating leases totaled $19,513.76 for governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2016. The following future minimum lease payments were required under operating leases at June 30, 2016:

Year Ending	Governmental Funds
2017	$ 18,205.92
2018	18,205.92
2019	1,142.16
Total	$ 37,554.00

NOTE 11: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

FEDERAL GRANTS

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

NOTE 12: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

GEORGIA SCHOOL PERSONNEL POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH BENEFIT FUND

Plan Description. The Georgia School Personnel Post-Employment Health Benefit Fund (School OPEB Fund) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan that covers eligible former employees of public school systems, libraries and regional educational service agencies. The School OPEB Fund provides health insurance benefits to eligible former employees and their qualified beneficiaries through the State Employees Health Benefit Plan administered by the Department of Community Health. The Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.)

assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the group health plans, including benefits for retirees, to the Board of Community Health (Board). Additional information about the School OPEB Fund is disclosed in the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This report can be obtained from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts at www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/CAFR.html.

Funding Policy. The contribution requirements of plan members and participating employers are established by the Board in accordance with the current Appropriations Act and may be amended by the Board. Contributions of plan members or beneficiaries receiving benefits vary based on plan election, dependent coverage, and Medicare eligibility and election. For members with fewer than five years of service as of January 1, 2012, contributions also vary based on years of service. On average, members with five years or more of service as of January 1, 2012 pay approximately 25% of the cost of the health insurance coverage. In accordance with the Board resolution dated December 8, 2011, for members with fewer than five years of service as of January 1, 2012, the State provides a premium subsidy in retirement that ranges from 0% for fewer than 10 years of service to 75% (but no greater than the subsidy percentage offered to active employees) for 30 or more years of service. The subsidy for eligible dependents ranges from 0% to 55% (but no greater than the subsidy percentage offered to dependents of active employees minus 20%). No subsidy is available to Medicare eligible members not enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Option. The Board of Community Health sets all member premiums by resolution and in accordance with the law and applicable revenue and expense projections. Any subsidy policy adopted by the Board may be changed at any time by Board resolution and does not constitute a contract or promise of any amount of subsidy.

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

The combined active and retiree contribution rates established by the Board for employers participating in the School OPEB Fund were as follows for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016:

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

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

For non-certificated school personnel:

July 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015	$596.20 per member per month
January 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016	$746.20 per member per month

No additional contribution was required by the Board for fiscal year 2016 nor contributed to the School OPEB Fund to prefund retiree benefits. Such additional contribution amounts are determined annually by the Board in accordance with the School plan for other post-employment benefits and are subject to appropriation.

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

Fiscal Year	Percentage Contributed	Required Contribution
2016	100%	$ 736,905.02
2015	100%	$ 671,395.08
2014	100%	$ 651,810.02

NOTE 13: RETIREMENT PLANS

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

TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TRS)

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

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

Contributions: Per Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., contribution requirements of active employees and participating employers, as actuarially determined, are established and may be amended by the TRS Board. Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Employees were required to contribute 6% of their annual pay during fiscal year 2016. The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2016 was 14.27% of annual school district payroll. For the current fiscal year, employer contributions to the pension plan were $491,704.54 from the School District.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSERS)

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

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

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

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

Individuals who became members prior to July 1, 2012 contribute $4 per month for nine months each fiscal year. Individuals who became members on or after July 1, 2012 contribute $10 per month for nine months each fiscal year. The State of Georgia, although not the employer of PSERS members, is required by statute to make employer contributions actuarially determined and approved and certified by the PSERS Board of Trustees. The current fiscal year contribution was $17,594.00.

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

At June 30, 2016, the School District reported a liability of $4,651,848.00 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for TRS.

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

At June 30, 2015, the School District's TRS proportion was 0.030556%, which was an decrease of (0.000019%) from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

At June 30, 2016, the School District did not have a PSERS liability for a proportionate share of the net pension liability because of a Special Funding Situation with the State of Georgia, which is responsible for the net pension liability of the plan. The amount of the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District is $86,691.00.

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

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the School District recognized pension expense of $232,916.00 for TRS and $5,170.00 for PSERS and revenue of $5,170.00 for PSERS. The revenue is support provided by the State of Georgia.

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

	TRS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ -	$ 40,915.00
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	392,388.00
Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	239,263.00
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	491,704.54	-
Total	$ 491,704.54	$ 672,566.00

The School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date of $491,704.54 for TRS are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:	TRS
2017	$ (262,177.00)
2018	$ (262,177.00)
2019	$ (262,178.00)
2020	$ 116,035.00
2021	$ (2,069.00)

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

Teachers Retirement System:

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

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

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

Public School Employees Retirement System:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Teachers Retirement System:

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$ 7,993,848.00	$ 4,651,848.00	$ 1,897,244.00

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

NOTE 14: DEFICIT FUND BALANCE OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

The fund reporting a deficit fund balance at the fiscal year end, is as follows:

Fund Type/Fund Name	Deficit Balance
General Fund	
School Food Service	$ 15,777.46

The Board plans to cover the fund balance deficit in the school food service program using the unassigned fund balance in the General Fund and to cut expenditures where possible in the future.

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

SCHEDULE "1"

Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net pension liability	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	School District's covered-employee payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2016	0.030556%	$ 4,651,848.00	$ 3,248,559.05	143.20%	81.44%
2015	0.030575%	$ 3,862,748.00	$ 3,120,621.23	123.78%	84.03%

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

STEWART COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

SCHEDULE "2"

Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net pension liability	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	State of Georgia's proprotionate share of the net pension liaibility associated with the School District	Total	School District's covered-employee payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2016	0.00%	$ -	$ 86,691.00	$ 86,691.00	$ 266,408.12	N/A	87.00%
2015	0.00%	$ -	$ 71,888.00	$ 71,888.00	$ 209,555.15	N/A	88.29%

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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

Year Ended	Contractually required contribution	Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	School District's covered-employee payroll	Contribution as a percentage of covered-employee payroll
2016	$ 491,704.54	$ 491,704.54	$ -	$ 3,445,724.21	14.27%
2015	$ 427,038.04	$ 427,038.04	$ -	$ 3,248,559.05	13.15%
2014	$ 383,352.15	$ 383,352.15	$ -	$ 3,120,621.23	12.28%
2013	$ 384,670.91	$ 384,670.91	$ -	$ 3,371,348.91	11.41%
2012	$ 371,321.35	$ 371,321.35	$ -	$ 3,612,075.39	10.28%
2011	$ 378,170.48	$ 378,170.48	$ -	$ 3,678,701.17	10.28%
2010	$ 382,630.09	$ 382,630.09	$ -	$ 3,928,440.35	9.74%
2009	$ 380,873.80	$ 380,873.80	$ -	$ 4,104,235.97	9.28%

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Teachers Retirement System

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

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

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

Public School Employees Retirement System

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE "5 "

	NONAPPROPRIATED BUDGETS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL (1)	FINAL (1)	AMOUNTS	OVER/UNDER
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	$ 2,432,798.00	$ 2,432,798.00	$ 2,469,474.60	$ 36,676.60
Sales Taxes	25,000.00	25,000.00	8,021.31	(16,978.69)
State Funds	3,012,538.00	3,226,240.42	3,360,907.90	134,667.48
Federal Funds	250,581.00	1,029,459.39	1,412,355.37	382,895.98
Charges for Services	-	-	87,365.67	87,365.67
Investment Earnings	250.00	250.00	3,410.00	3,160.00
Miscellaneous	25,000.00	25,000.00	105,086.33	80,086.33
Total Revenues	5,746,167.00	6,738,747.81	7,446,621.18	707,873.37
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Instruction	3,661,451.81	4,149,462.20	3,543,782.48	605,679.72
Support Services				
Pupil Services	339,190.00	407,421.94	504,892.91	(97,470.97)
Improvement of Instructional Services	24,997.10	358,861.82	327,939.69	30,922.13
Educational Media Services	121,492.00	121,492.00	117,594.09	3,897.91
General Administration	369,364.54	379,552.00	394,590.57	(15,038.57)
School Administration	542,435.00	542,435.00	612,811.59	(70,376.59)
Business Administration	147,716.88	147,539.00	170,569.42	(23,030.42)
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	495,763.00	495,763.00	445,643.24	50,119.76
Student Transportation Services	472,270.00	548,145.76	508,865.88	39,279.88
Central Support Services	-	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
Other Support Services	-	65,350.56	4,965.19	60,385.37
Food Services Operation	-	-	557,930.06	(557,930.06)
Total Expenditures	6,174,680.33	7,220,023.28	7,189,585.12	30,438.16
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	(428,513.33)	(481,275.47)	257,036.06	738,311.53
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Other Sources	-	-	(37,187.60)	(37,187.60)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(428,513.33)	(481,275.47)	219,848.46	701,123.93
Fund Balances - Beginning	1,239,553.64	1,239,553.64	1,220,152.07	(19,401.57)
Adjustments	-	(38,240.40)	-	38,240.40
Fund Balances - Ending	$ 811,040.31	$ 720,037.77	$ 1,440,000.53	$ 719,962.76

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 or expenditures of the various programs reported as part of the General Fund. The actual revenues and expenditures of these programs were as follows:

	Revenues	Expenditures
School Principal Accounts	$ 86,967.57	$ 91,496.73
School Nutrition Funds	564,346.77	540,907.33
	$ 651,314.34	$ 632,404.06

The accompanying schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances budget and actual includes the Original and Final Budget that is presented on a basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as allowed by the State of Georgia. The primary differences between the budget basis and GAAP for fund financial statements include benefit revenues and expenditures paid on-behalf of hte School District and revenues and expenditures of the School Activity Accounts and School Food Service Funds.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

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

FUNDING AGENCY PROGRAM/GRANT	CFDA NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH ENTITY ID NUMBER	EXPENDITURES IN PERIOD
Agriculture, U. S. Department of			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Food Services			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	16165GA324N1099	$ 172,265.39
National School Lunch Program	10.555	16165GA324N1099	296,968.00
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			469,233.39
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Food Services			
Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	10.579	15155GA350N8103	21,307.01
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	16145GA324L1603	14,917.13
Total Other Programs			36,224.14
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			505,457.53
Education, U.S. Department of			
Special Education Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Special Education			
Grants to States	84.027	H027A150073	128,995.08
Preschool Grants	84.173	H173A150081	7,602.00
Total Special Education Cluster			136,597.08
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	V048A150010	5,156.54
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	S367A150001	58,427.69
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	S010A150010	318,346.43
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	S287C150010	318,267.77
Total Other Programs			700,198.43
Total U. S. Department of Education			836,795.51
Defense, U. S. Department of			
Direct			
Department of the Army			
R.O.T.C. Program			56,623.20
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			$ 1,398,876.24

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

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

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

AGENCY/FUNDING	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES: GENERAL FUND	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES: CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL
GRANTS			
Bright From the Start:			
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning			
Pre-Kindergarten Program	$ 160,693.91	$ -	$ 160,693.91
Education, Georgia Department of			
Quality Basic Education			
Direct Instructional Cost			
Kindergarten Program	105,511.00	-	105,511.00
Kindergarten Program - Early Intervention Program	96,813.00	-	96,813.00
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	224,846.00	-	224,846.00
Primary Grades - Early Intervention (1-3) Program	314,679.00	-	314,679.00
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	96,785.00	-	96,785.00
Upper Elementary Grades - Early Intervention (4-5) Program	147,673.00	-	147,673.00
Middle Grades (6-8) Program	278,512.00	-	278,512.00
High School General Education (9-12) Program	235,862.00	-	235,862.00
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	51,398.00	-	51,398.00
Students with Disabilities	444,774.00	-	444,774.00
Gifted Student - Category VI	25,083.00	-	25,083.00
Remedial Education Program	30,725.00	-	30,725.00
Alternative Education Program	19,492.00	-	19,492.00
Media Center Program	52,164.00	-	52,164.00
20 Days Additional Instruction	15,645.00	-	15,645.00
Staff and Professional Development	9,284.00	-	9,284.00
Principal Staff and Professional Development	730.00	-	730.00
Indirect Cost			
Central Administration	272,239.00	-	272,239.00
School Administration	254,071.00	-	254,071.00
Facility Maintenance and Operations	115,855.00	-	115,855.00
Amended Formula Adjustment	(141,520.00)	-	(141,520.00)
Categorical Grants			
Pupil Transportation			
Regular	194,411.00	-	194,411.00
Nursing Services	45,000.00	-	45,000.00
Sparsity	264,597.00	-	264,597.00
Other State Programs			
Food Services	8,708.00	-	8,708.00
Math and Science Supplements	5,277.99	-	5,277.99
Preschool Handicapped Program	7,213.00	-	7,213.00
Vocational Education	6,792.00	-	6,792.00
Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission			
Reimbursement on Construction Projects	-	387,427.42	387,427.42
Office of the State Treasurer			
Public School Employees Retirement	17,594.00	-	17,594.00
	$ 3,360,907.90	$ 387,427.42	$ 3,748,335.32

See notes to the basic financial statements.

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

SCHEDULE "8"

PROJECT	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1)	CURRENT EXTIMATED 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.	$ 2,300,000.00	$ 2,300,000.00	$ -	$ 903,076.36	$ -	$ -	6/30/2018
Totals SPLOST III							
SPLOST IV							
(i) Rehabilitating, repairing, renovating, extending, expanding, upgrading, and improving the Stewart County Elementary, Middle, and High Schools;	500,000.00	500,000.00	14,229.90	122,052.82	-	-	6/30/2018
(ii) Rehabilitating, repairing, renovating, equipping, extending, and improving the Central Office;	100,000.00	100,000.00	629.98	8,105.03	-	-	6/30/2018
(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	300,000.00	88,285.36	25,272.53	-	-	6/30/2018
(iv) Acquiring school furnishings, signage, textbooks, music, educational and vocational equipment;	90,000.00	90,000.00	6,574.62	34,907.14	-	-	6/30/2018
(v) Acquiring new school buses, maintenance and instructional vehicles and equipment and improving transportation and maintenance facilities;	200,000.00	200,000.00	3,943.60	1,505.00	-	-	6/30/2018
(vi) Acquiring any necessary property, both real and personal;	10,000.00	10,000.00	104,853.24	-	-	-	6/30/2018
(vii) Payment of capitalized interest through 2013 (if necessary);	-	-	-	-	-	-	6/30/2018
(viii) Paying costs incident to accomplishing the foregoing	-	-	-	-	-	-	6/30/2018
Totals SPLOST IV	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00	218,516.70	191,842.52	-	-	
SPLOST V							
(i) (a) acquiring, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new middle/high school on the current campus of Stewart County Elementary School, including a new gymnasium;	950,000.00	950,000.00	471,321.90	-	-	-	6/30/2018
(i)(b) modernizing, repairing, and renovating existing schools, support facilities, and athletic facilities within the School District, including Stewart Elementary School;	626,000.00	626,000.00	-	-	-	-	6/30/2018
(i) (c) acquiring, installing, improving, and upgrading system wide instructional and adminstrative technology, safety, and security equipment, to include without limitation, school and bus surveillance equipment and cameras;	-	-	-	-	-	-	6/30/2018
(ii) Capitalized interest on the Bonds;	90,000.00	90,000.00	-	-	-	-	6/30/2018
(iii) Issuing the Bonds	134,000.00	134,000.00	133,070.98	-	-	-	6/30/2018
Totals SPLOST V	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00	604,392.88	-	-	-	
	$ 5,300,000.00	$ 5,300,000.00	$ 822,909.58	$ 1,094,918.88	$ -	$ -	

(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 fund over the life of the projects.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

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SECTION II

COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS

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DEPARTMENT OF AUDITS AND ACCOUNTS

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January 19, 2018

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund, of Stewart County Board of Education (School District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements. We were engaged to audit the aggregate remaining fund information. These financial statements collectively comprise the School DIstrict's basic financial statements and we have issued our report thereon dated January 19, 2018. The report disclaims an opinion on the aggregate remaining fund information due to the lack of sufficient appropriate audit evidence to support the fiduciary fund, which comprises 100% of the aggregate fund information.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph 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. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items FS 2016-001 and FS 2016-002, to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed 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 2016-003.

School District's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Respectfully submitted,



Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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Honorable Nathan Deal, Governor
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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

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

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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SECTION III

AUDITEE'S RESPONSE TO PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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

PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FS-7281-04-03	Improper Expenditure
Control Category:	Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
Internal Control Impact:	Significant Deficiency
Compliance Impact:	None
Questioned Costs:	$16,246.00
Finding Status:	Previously Reported Corrective Action Implemented.

FS-7281-05-03	Improper Expenditure
Control Category:	Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
Internal Control Impact:	Significant Deficiency
Compliance Impact:	None
Questioned Costs:	$10,753.00
Finding Status:	Previously Reported Corrective Action Implemented.

FS-7281-07-02	Improper Expenditure
Control Category:	Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
Internal Control Impact:	Significant Deficiency
Compliance Impact:	None
Questioned Costs:	$16,115.79
Finding Status:	Previously Reported Corrective Action Implemented.

FS-7281-12-01	Inadequate Internal Controls over School Activity Accounts
Control Category:	Cash and Cash Equivalents Revenues/Receivables/Receipts Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
Internal Control Impact:	Significant Deficiency
Compliance Impact:	None
Finding Status:	Unresolved

We have implemented a separation of duties plan and made some changes in our bookkeeping staff. We have met with bookkeepers to ensure all voucher packets have complete and accurate documents.

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

PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FS-7281-13-01	Inadequate Internal Controls over School Activity Accounts
Control Category:	Cash and Cash Equivalents Revenues/Receivables/Receipts Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
Internal Control Impact:	Significant Deficiency
Compliance Impact:	None
Finding Status:	Unresolved

We have implemented a separation of duties plan and made some changes in our bookkeeping staff. We have met with bookkeepers to ensure all voucher packets have complete and accurate documents.

FS 2014-001	Inadequate Internal Controls over School Activity Accounts
Control Category:	Cash and Cash Equivalents Revenues/Receivables/Receipts Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
Internal Control Impact:	Significant Deficiency
Compliance Impact:	None
Finding Status:	Unresolved

We have implemented a separation of duties plan and made some changes in our bookkeeping staff. We have met with bookkeepers to ensure all voucher packets have complete and accurate documents.

FS 2014-002	Improper Use of SPLOST Proceeds
Control Category:	Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
Internal Control Impact:	None
Compliance Impact:	Material Noncompliance
Questioned Costs:	$37,187.60
Finding Status:	Partially Resolved

Procedures have been put in place to ensure this deficiency will not happen again. The Board repaid this money in March 2016.

FS 2015-001	Inadequate Internal Controls over School Activity Accounts
Control Category:	Cash and Cash Equivalents Revenues/Receivables/Receipts Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
Internal Control Impact:	Significant Deficiency
Compliance Impact:	None
Finding Status:	Unresolved

We have implemented a separation of duties plan and made some changes in our bookkeeping staff. We have met with bookkeepers to ensure all voucher packets have complete and accurate documents. The Finance Director will monitor and check the school activity regularly.

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

FS 2015-002	**Inadequate Internal Controls over Expenditures**
Control Category:	Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
Internal Control Impact:	Significant Deficiency
Compliance Impact:	None
Finding Status:	Further Action Not Warranted (1)

(1) Findings/internal control deficiencies of their nature, that are not deemed significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and do not require reporting in the audit report in accordance with *Statements on Auditing Standards* (SAS) 122 or *Governmental Auditing* Standards (Yellow Book), will be communicated in a management letter.

PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

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SECTION IV

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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

I SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issue:

Governmental Activities; General Fund; Capital Projects Fund;	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Disclaimer

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified? — Yes
- Significant deficiency identified? — None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted: — No

Federal Awards

Internal Control over major programs:

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

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

All major programs	Unmodified

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

Identification of major programs:

CFDA Numbers	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies
84.287	Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? — No

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FS-2016-001:	Internal Control Procedures over School Activity Accounts
Control Category:	Cash and Cash Equivalents Revenues/Receivables/Receipts Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements General Ledger
Internal Control Impact:	Material Weakness
Compliance Impact:	None
Repeat of Prior Year Finding:	FS-2015-00, FS-2014-001, FS-7281-13-01, FS-7281-12-01

Description:
The Stewart County Board of Education did not have adequate internal controls to prevent and detect errors in 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.
- The Middle School and High School bank accounts reflected invalid reconciling items for the month ending June 30, 2016 on the bank reconciliation.
- The Elementary School, Middle School and High School bank accounts included $5.00 savings, which was not recorded on the general ledger.
- The Athletic Account was not recorded on the general ledger.

Revenues/Receipts/Receivables

- The School District did not ensure proper separation of duties and proper documentation of receipts.
- During a test of four receipts, none of the receipts had adequate supporting documentation. Therefore, auditor could not determine if receipts were signed by the school bookkeeper, posted to the ledger correctly, or deposited for into the bank account in a timely manner.

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 six disbursements, the following problems were noted.
    - Two expenditures were not properly approved.
    - One expenditure did not have evidence of receipt of goods.
    - Six expenditures did not have adequate supporting documentation.

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

General Ledger

- Journal entries posted by the School District to record Student Activity Account agency activity on the financial statements were not adequately documented; therefore, the auditor could not determine if they were posted correctly. In addition, the amount posted to General Fund to transfer activity to agency fund did not agree to the amount posted to agency fund causing a variance in cash.

Cause:

In discussing the deficiency with the School District, they stated that the errors occurred due to improper recordkeeping.

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 activity 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:

We concur with this finding.

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FS 2016-002 Financial Reporting Process
Control Category: Financial Reporting
Internal Control Impact: Material Weakness
Compliance Impact: None

Description:
The School District did not have adequate internal controls in place over the financial statement reporting process.

Criteria:
The School District is required to maintain a system of controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The School District's internal controls over GAAP financial reporting should include adequately trained personnel with the knowledge, skills and experience to prepare GAAP based financial statements and include all disclosures as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments* (Statement), requires governments to present government-wide and fund financial statements as well as a summary reconciliation of the (a) total governmental funds balances to the net position of governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position, and (b) total change in governmental fund balances to the change in the net position of governmental activities in the Statement of Activities. In addition, the Statement requires information about the government's major and nonmajor funds in the aggregate, to be provided in the fund financial statements.

Chapter 22A, *Annual Financial Reporting* of the Financial Management for Georgia Local Units of Administration provides that School Districts must prepare their financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Condition:
The following errors and omissions were noted in the School District's financial statements presented for audit:

- A contract payable of $71,803.61 and an accounts payable of $5,849.00 was not accrued. These omissions resulted in a material misstatement within the capital projects fund. In addition, these omissions caused additions to construction-in-progress to be understated within the government wide financial statements.
- An account receivable taxes of $23,845.26 was not accrued. This omission resulted in a material misstatement within the capital projects fund.
- The School District did not correctly post pension entries causing net pension liability to be misstated by $383,046.00, deferred outflows of resources to be misstated by $455,549.00, deferred inflows of resources to be misstated by $69,603.00, revenues to be misstated by $4,730.49, and expenditures to be misstated by $7,630.49. A material audit adjustment was proposed by the auditor and accepted by the School District to correct pension entries.
- On the Statement of Activities, the allocation of Capital Grants and Contributions was incorrect. An entry was proposed and accepted for $100,465.44 to properly reclassify the allocation to the correct functions.
- On the Statement of Activities, Fund Balance Restricted for Capital Projects was understated by $4,495,815.64. An adjustment was proposed and accepted to correct this error.

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

- A review of the notes to the financial statements revealed the significant commitment was not disclosed. This omission resulted in a material misstatement within the notes to the financial statements.
- Numerous other audit adjustments and reclassification entries were proposed and accepted by management to properly present the School District's financial statements, notes to the financial statements and schedules to correctly reflect the financial statements in accordance with Chapter 22 *Annual Financial Reporting* of the Financial Management for Georgia Local Units of Administration.

Cause:

In discussing the deficiency with the School District, they stated that the errors occurred due to a combination of oversights by entity personnel and the independent accountant who compiles the financial statements.

Effect or Potential Effect:

Material and significant misstatement and misclassifications were included in the financial statements presented for audit. The lack of controls and monitoring could impact the reporting of the School District's financial position and results of operation.

Recommendation:

The School District should strengthen procedures over the preparation and review procedures over financial reporting to ensure that the financial statements, including disclosures, presented for audit are complete and accurate. These procedures should be performed by a properly trained individual possessing a thorough understanding of the applicable GAAP statements, GASB pronouncements, and the School District's operations. The School District should also consider implemented the use of a review checksheet to assist in the review process over the financial statements.

Views of Responsible Officials:

We concur with this finding.

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FS-2016-003:	Improper Use of SPLOST Proceeds
Control Category:	Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
Internal Control Impact:	None
Compliance Impact:	Nonmaterial Noncompliance
Questioned Costs:	$7,638.95

Description:
The School District expended Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) proceeds for expenditures not specifically identified 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 of purposes specified in the resolution or ordinance calling for imposition of the tax."

The Attorney General's Office Opinion 97-7 for O.C.G.A. §20-2-260(b)(5), states, "capital outlay projects as used in the education 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".

Condition:
During the year under review, the School District spent $1,038.95 for bus parts and $6,600.00 for instructional technology training for employees. Since these activities are not denoted in the School District approved SPLOST referendum, these expenditures are not an allowable use of SPLOST proceeds.

Questioned Cost:
$7,638.95

Cause:
In discussing this deficiency with management, they stated they believed these expenditures were allowable under the SPLOST referendum approved by the voters.

Effect or Potential Effect:
Expenditures of SPLOST funds for bus parts and technology training appear to be in conflict with the State laws regarding imposition and the use of SPLOST proceeds.

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 proceeds in accordance with State law, and the SPLOST referendum as approved by the voters of Stewart County.

Views of Responsible Officials:
We concur with this finding.

III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

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SECTION V

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION

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

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

FS 2016-001	Internal Control Procedures over School Activity Accounts
Control Categories	Cash and Cash Equivalents Revenues/Receivables/Receipts Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements General Ledger
Internal Control Impact:	Material Weakness
Compliance Impact:	None
Repeat of Prior Year Finding:	FS-2015-001, FS-2014-001, FS-7281-13-01, FS-7281-12-01

The accounting procedures of the School District were insufficient to provide for adequate internal controls over the school activity accounts.

Corrective Action Plans:
We have implemented a separation of duties plan and made some personnel changes to ensure we have better controls over the school activity accounts.

Estimated Completion Date: 6/30/2017

Contact Person: Janet Walls, Finance Director
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FS 2016-002	Financial Reporting Process
Control Category:	Financial Reporting
Internal Control Impact:	Material Weakness
Compliance Impact:	None

The School District did not have adequate internal controls in place over the financial statement reporting process.

Corrective Action Plans:
We contract the preparation of the financial statements out. We will meet with our contracted person to ensure financial statements are reported adequately.

Estimated Completion Date: 12/31/2017

Contact Person: Janet Walls, Finance Director
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STEWART COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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SCHEDULE OF MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

FS 2016-003	Improper Use of SPLOST Proceeds
Control Category:	Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
Internal Control Impact:	None
Compliance Impact:	Nonmaterial Noncompliance
Questioned Costs:	$7,638.95

The School District expended Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) proceeds for expenditures not specifically identified in the SPLOST referendum.

Corrective Action Plans:
The SPLOST proceeds will be paid back in FY18. We will review the SPLOST referendum to ensure cost are allowed.

Estimated Completion Date: 1/31/2018

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS

No matters were reported.