



LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2012

(Including Independent Auditor's Reports)



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July 2, 2013

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMBINED REPORT ON BASIC FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - SCHEDULE OF
EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information (Exhibits A through H) of the Lamar County Board of Education, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, which collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Lamar County Board of Education's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lamar County Board of Education, as of June 30, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 2, 2013, on our consideration of the Lamar County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual, as presented on pages i through ix and page 27 respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Lamar County Board of Education's financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information consists of Schedules 2 through 5, which includes the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by U. S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

INTRODUCTION

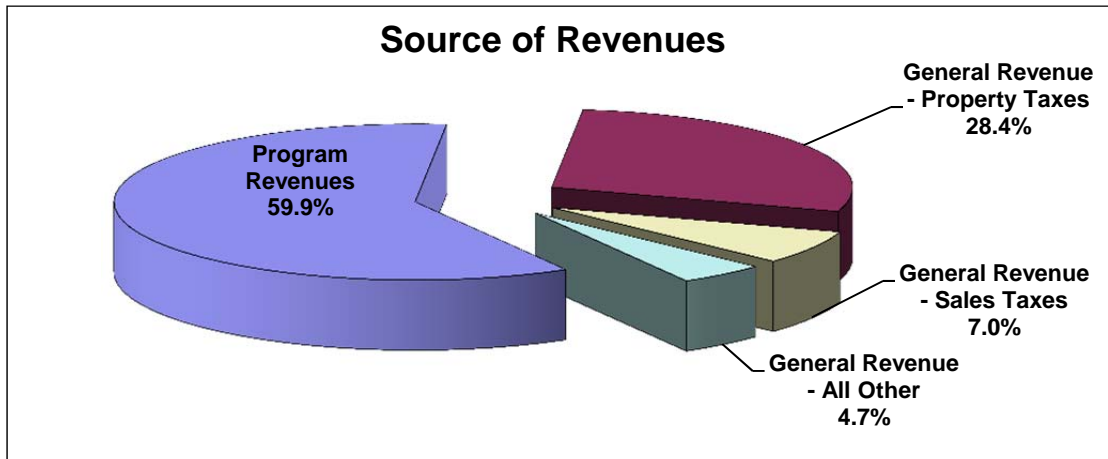
The District's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, includes a series of basic financial statements that report financial information for the District as a whole, its funds, and its fiduciary responsibilities. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provide financial information about all of the District's activities and present both a short-term and long-term view of the District's finances on a global basis. The fund financial statements provide information about all of the District's funds. Information about these funds, such as the District's General Fund, is important in its own right, but will also give insight into the District's overall soundness as reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2012 are as follows:

On the District-wide financial statements:

- District-wide net assets at June 30, 2012, were just over \$29.5 million. Net assets reflect the difference between all assets of the District (including capital assets, net of depreciation) and all liabilities, both short-term and long-term. The net assets at June 30, 2012, of \$29.5 million remained virtually unchanged when compared to the prior year as restated.
- The School District had \$25.3 million in expenses relating to governmental activities. In fiscal 2012, the District had over \$15.2 million program specific charges for services, grants and contributions and just under \$10.2 million in general revenues (primarily property and sales taxes), which were adequate to provide for these programs.
- As stated above, general revenues accounted for just under \$10.2 million or almost 40% of all revenues totaling \$25.4 million. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, grants, and contributions accounted for the balance of these revenues.



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On the fund financial statements:

- Among major funds, the General Fund had almost \$22.8 million in revenues, over \$23.6 million in expenditures, and roughly \$100,000 in transfers to other funds. The General Fund balance of \$7.4 million at June 30, 2012, decreased by about \$1.0 million from the prior year.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial Statements consists of three parts; management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements including notes to the 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 District-wide and fund financial statements.

The District-wide financial statements include the 'Statement of Net Assets' 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 School District's overall financial status.

The fund financial statements focus on individual parts of the School District, reporting the School District's operation in more detail. The 'Governmental Funds' statements disclose how basic services are financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The 'Fiduciary Funds' statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the School District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others. In the case of the Lamar County School District, the General Fund, Capital Projects Funds, and Debt Service Funds are all considered to be major funds. The District reported no funds as nonmajor funds as defined by GASB Statement 34.

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.

District-wide Statements

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

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

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When analyzing District-wide financial statements, it is important to remember these statements are prepared using an economic resources measurement focus (accrual accounting) and involve the following steps to format the Statement of Net Assets:

- Capitalize current outlays for capital assets
- Depreciate capital assets
- Report long-term debt as a liability
- Calculate revenue and expense using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting
- Allocate net assets as follows:
 - *Net Assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt*
 - *Restricted net assets* are those with constraints placed on the use by external sources such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws and regulations.
 - *Unrestricted net assets* are net assets that do not meet any of the above restrictions.

Fund Financial Statements

The School District uses many funds or sub-funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions during the fiscal year. The fund financial statements presented in this report provide detail information about the School District's significant or major funds. As discussed previously, the District has no nonmajor funds as defined by generally accepted accounting principles.

The District has two kinds of funds as discussed below:

Governmental Funds – Most of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the **modified accrual method of accounting** which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily 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 differences between government activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds are reconciled in the financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds – The School District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to clubs, organizations and others 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 District-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Net assets, which is the difference between total assets and total liabilities, is one indicator of the financial condition of the District. When revenues exceed expenses, the result is an increase in net assets. When expenses exceed revenues, the result is a decrease in net assets. The relationship between revenues and expenses can be thought of as the District's operating results. The District's net assets, as measured in the Statement of Net Assets, can be one way to measure the District's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net assets, as measured in the Statement of Activities, are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, the District's goal and mission is to provide success for each child's education, not to generate profits as private corporations do. For this reason, many other nonfinancial factors should be considered in assessing the overall health of the District.

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In the case of the Lamar County School District, assets exceeded liabilities by just over \$29.5 million at June 30, 2012. To better understand the District's actual financial position and ability to deliver services in future periods, it is necessary to review the various components of the net asset category. For example, of the \$29.5 million of net assets, about \$1.3 million was restricted for continuation of Federal programs, debt service and ongoing capital projects. Accordingly, these funds were not available to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

In addition, the District had \$21.4 million (net of related debt) invested in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, and equipment). The District uses these capital assets to provide educational services to students within geographic boundaries served by the District. Because of the very nature and ongoing use of the assets being reported in this component of net assets, it must be recognized that this portion of the net assets is *not* available for future spending.

The remaining balance of *unrestricted net assets* of \$6.8 million may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net assets for this fiscal year as compared to the fiscal year 2011 (prior to restatement of Net Assets).

**Table 1
Net Assets**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2011
Assets		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 13,426,399	\$ 12,347,025
Capital Assets, Net	33,732,448	33,979,566
Total Assets	\$ 47,158,847	\$ 46,326,591
Liabilities		
Current and Other Liabilities	\$ 2,928,024	\$ 2,792,225
Long-Term Liabilities	14,663,647	14,189,021
Total Liabilities	\$ 17,591,671	\$ 16,981,246
Net Assets		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	\$ 21,442,114	\$ 20,273,512
Restricted	1,311,160	1,080,495
Unrestricted	6,813,902	7,991,338
Total Net Assets	\$ 29,567,176	\$ 29,345,345

Table 2 also shows the changes in net assets when compared to the prior fiscal year.

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**Table 2
Change in Net Assets**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2011
Revenues		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services and Sales	\$ 686,001	\$ 600,392
Operating Grants and Contributions	13,767,684	14,704,759
Capital Grants and Contributions	790,591	228,876
Total Program Revenues	<u>\$ 15,244,276</u>	<u>\$ 15,534,027</u>
General Revenues:		
Taxes		
Property Taxes	\$ 7,206,776	\$ 7,541,839
Sales Taxes	1,769,572	1,763,207
Grants and Contributions not Restricted to Specific Programs	318,907	428,395
Investment Earnings	19,573	36,982
Miscellaneous	833,005	651,195
Gain on Disposal of Assets	16,090	
Total General Revenues	<u>\$ 10,163,923</u>	<u>\$ 10,421,618</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 25,408,199</u>	<u>\$ 25,955,645</u>
Program Expenses:		
Instruction	\$ 15,145,370	\$ 14,589,290
Support Services		
Pupil Services	1,344,273	1,217,304
Improvement of Instructional Services	742,283	597,699
Educational Media Services	472,553	456,522
General Administration	571,707	649,455
School Administration	1,308,504	1,338,356
Business Administration	231,336	223,045
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,787,004	1,576,458
Student Transportation Services	1,074,801	1,316,742
Central Support Services	203,241	136,305
Other Support Services	321,806	425,248
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Enterprise Operations	37,642	44,020
Community Services		36,366
Food Services	1,596,990	1,584,140
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	462,495	459,253
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 25,300,005</u>	<u>\$ 24,650,203</u>
Increase in Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 108,194</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,305,442</u></u>

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Cost of Providing Services

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting these services. Table 3 shows, for governmental activities, 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 as compared to the prior fiscal year.

**Table 3
Governmental Activities**

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	Fiscal	Fiscal	Fiscal	Fiscal
	Year 2012	Year 2011	Year 2012	Year 2011
Instruction	\$ 15,145,370	\$ 14,589,290	\$ 5,836,883	\$ 4,509,672
Support Services:				
Pupil Services	1,344,273	1,217,304	855,133	1,011,771
Improvement of Instructional Services	742,283	597,699	487,356	283,677
Educational Media Services	472,553	456,522	157,734	147,920
General Administration	571,707	649,455	49,238	88,222
School Administration	1,308,504	1,338,356	601,877	639,219
Business Administration	231,336	223,045	210,763	222,027
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,787,004	1,576,458	537,902	829,214
Student Transportation Services	1,074,801	1,316,742	436,862	567,242
Central Support Services	203,241	136,305	175,937	122,817
Other Support Services	321,806	425,248	236,217	164,137
Operations of Non-Instructional Services:				
Enterprise Operations	37,642	44,020	37,642	4,171
Community Services		36,366	-6,178	-1,835
Food Services	1,596,990	1,584,140	-1,643	68,669
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	462,495	459,253	440,006	459,253
Total Expenses	\$ 25,300,005	\$ 24,650,203	\$ 10,055,729	\$ 9,116,176

Expenses for fiscal year 2012 increased by about 2.6% from the prior year, while the net cost of services increased by about 10.3%. The disproportionate increase in the net costs of services is attributable mainly to a decrease in program revenues in fiscal year 2012, as compared to the prior year, consisting mainly of a decrease in State and Federal operating funds of 9.0% as compared to fiscal year 2011.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Information about the School District's governmental funds is presented starting on Exhibit "C" of this report. Governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The governmental funds had total revenues of almost \$25.1 million and total expenditures of \$26.5 million in fiscal year 2012. Total governmental fund balances of \$10.4 million at June 30, 2012, increased almost \$1.0 million from the prior year. This increase in fund balance resulted primarily because the District received an insurance recovery of roughly \$389,000 and sold \$2.0 million of Bonds in fiscal year 2012, which offset a net decrease in revenues over expenditures of about \$1.4 million in the governmental funds.

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General Fund Budget Highlights

The School District's budget is prepared according to Georgia Law. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund. During the course of fiscal year 2012, the School District amended its general fund budget as needed.

The School District budget is adopted at the aggregate level and maintained at the program, function, object, and site levels to facilitate budgetary control. The budgeting systems are designed to control the total budget, but provide flexibility to meet the ongoing programmatic needs. The budgeting systems are also designed to control total site budgets but provide flexibility for site management as well.

For the General Fund, the final actual revenues of roughly \$22.7 million were over the final budgeted amount of \$21.2 million by \$1.5 million. This difference (final actual vs. final budget) was primarily attributable to revenues for property taxes over final budget of \$210,000, Charges for Services Revenues over final budget of \$418,000 and revenues for miscellaneous income of almost \$792,000 over final budget. It should be noted that the District did not include revenues for school activity accounts (included in miscellaneous revenues) in the final budget. The District traditionally estimates revenue on a conservative basis to avoid shortfalls in actual revenues.

The General Fund's final actual expenditures of \$23.6 million were more than the final budget amount of almost \$23.0 million by roughly \$655,000. This difference (final actual vs. final budget) was primarily attributable to expenditures for instruction over final budget of \$389,000, and expenditures for pupil services over final budget of almost \$384,000. As in prior years, the District did not include expenditures for school activity accounts (primarily included in instruction and pupil services) in the final budget.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the School District had \$33.7 million invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, all in governmental activities. These assets are made up of a broad range of items including buildings, land, land improvements, and food service, transportation and maintenance equipment. Table 4 reflects a summary of these balances, net of accumulated depreciation, as compared to the prior fiscal year.

**Table 4
Capital Assets
(Net of Depreciation)**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2011
Land	\$ 879,428	\$ 879,428
Construction In Progress		47,497
Land Improvements	830,614	936,450
Building and Improvements	30,782,253	30,799,202
Equipment	1,240,153	1,316,989
Total	\$ 33,732,448	\$ 33,979,566

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Additional information about the School District's Capital Assets can be found in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2012, the School District had almost \$14.7 million in total debt outstanding which consisted of over \$14.2 million in bond debt, and \$0.5 million in unamortized premiums on bonds sold. Table 5 summarizes the School District's debt as compared to the prior fiscal year.

**Table 5
Debt at June 30**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2011
Bonds Payable	\$ 14,199,091	\$ 13,640,000
Unamortized Premium on Bonds Sold	464,556	549,021
Total	\$ 14,663,647	\$ 14,189,021

Additional information about the School District's debt can be found in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

Currently known circumstances that are expected to have a significant effect on financial position or results of operations in future years are as follows:

- The District is financially stable. The School District's operating millage for fiscal year 2012 was 15.80, which produced approximately \$461,000 per mill and resulted in property tax revenues actually decreasing about \$299,000 from the prior year. The decreased property taxes revenue are a function of stagnant or decreasing property values in the locale. Additionally, General Fund operating revenues in fiscal year 2012 from State and Federal Sources decreased in the aggregate by roughly \$1.5 million from the prior year.
- The School District's student population has remained essentially flat over the last two years. The District will renovate or construct additional facilities on an as needed basis.
- The School District is in excellent financial condition. The General Fund had an unassigned fund balance of almost \$6.7 million at June 30, 2012, which is about \$1.1 million less than last year. The Board anticipates significant financial challenges going forward due to expected continued flat revenues and higher health insurance costs for employees. In spite of these challenges, the School District will continue to be a good steward of tax dollars while providing a quality educational opportunity.

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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 Ms. Kristen Albritton, Finance Director, Lamar County School District, 100 Victory Lane, Barnesville, Georgia 30204.

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2012

EXHIBIT "A"

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,932,936.92
Investments	7,734,773.85
Accounts Receivable, Net	
Interest	258.96
Taxes	568,133.42
State Government	1,410,898.51
Federal Government	447,814.14
Other	148,503.07
Inventories	36,414.14
Capitalized Bond and Other Debt Issuance Costs	146,666.16
Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable	879,428.00
Capital Assets, Depreciable (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>32,853,019.55</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 47,158,846.72</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 135,730.81
Salaries and Benefits Payable	2,543,229.05
Interest Payable	127,524.38
Deferred Revenue	121,539.74
Long-Term Liabilities	
Due Within One Year	1,466,737.73
Due in More Than One Year	<u>13,196,909.17</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 17,591,670.88</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	\$ 21,442,114.31
Restricted for	
Continuation of Federal Programs	510,544.22
Debt Service	588,756.43
Capital Projects	211,858.88
Unrestricted	<u>6,813,902.00</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 29,567,175.84</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 47,158,846.72</u>

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

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	EXPENSES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES
<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>		
Instruction	\$ 15,145,369.91	\$ 206,155.11
Support Services		
Pupil Services	1,344,272.77	168,917.98
Improvement of Instructional Services	742,282.91	
Educational Media Services	472,553.30	
General Administration	571,706.94	
School Administration	1,308,503.81	
Business Administration	231,336.20	
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,787,003.87	12,282.24
Student Transportation Services	1,074,801.27	9,297.06
Central Support Services	203,240.52	
Other Support Services	321,805.93	6,178.00
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Enterprise Operations	37,642.41	
Food Services	1,596,990.08	283,170.58
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	462,494.79	
	\$ 25,300,004.71	\$ 686,000.97
General Revenues		
Taxes		
Property Taxes		
For Maintenance and Operations		
Other Taxes		
Sales Taxes		
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax		
For Capital Projects/Debt Services		
Other Sales Tax		
Grants and Contributions not Restricted to Specific Programs		
Investment Earnings		
Miscellaneous		
Special Item - Gain on Disposal of Capital Assets		
Total General Revenues and Special Item		
Change in Net Assets		
Net Assets - Beginning of Year (Restated)		
Net Assets - End of Year		

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

EXHIBIT "B"

PROGRAM REVENUES		NET (EXPENSES)
OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
\$ 8,487,109.97	\$ 615,222.23	\$ -5,836,882.60
320,221.44		-855,133.35
254,927.27		-487,355.64
314,819.41		-157,733.89
522,469.03		-49,237.91
706,626.68		-601,877.13
20,573.69		-210,762.51
1,209,978.41	26,840.94	-537,902.28
535,571.60	93,070.56	-436,862.05
27,303.56		-175,936.96
85,588.47		-230,039.46
		-37,642.41
1,282,494.17	32,968.33	1,643.00
	22,488.89	-440,005.90
<u>\$ 13,767,683.70</u>	<u>\$ 790,590.95</u>	<u>\$ -10,055,729.09</u>
		\$ 7,189,496.95
		17,279.39
		1,710,872.32
		58,699.84
		318,907.00
		19,572.73
		833,005.59
		<u>16,089.75</u>
		<u>\$ 10,163,923.57</u>
		\$ 108,194.48
		<u>29,458,981.36</u>
		<u>\$ 29,567,175.84</u>

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 BALANCE SHEET
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2012

EXHIBIT "C"

	GENERAL FUND	DISTRICT- WIDE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,811,497.30	\$ 121,439.62		\$ 2,932,936.92
Investments	5,128,655.81	2,146,731.73	\$ 459,386.31	7,734,773.85
Accounts Receivable, Net				
Interest	258.96			258.96
Taxes	438,763.30		129,370.12	568,133.42
State Government	1,410,898.51			1,410,898.51
Federal Government	447,814.14			447,814.14
Other	63,068.80	85,434.27		148,503.07
Inventories	36,414.14			36,414.14
Total Assets	<u>\$ 10,337,370.96</u>	<u>\$ 2,353,605.62</u>	<u>\$ 588,756.43</u>	<u>\$ 13,279,733.01</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 135,730.81			\$ 135,730.81
Salaries and Benefits Payable	2,543,229.05			2,543,229.05
Deposits and Deferred Revenue	209,374.21			209,374.21
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 2,888,334.07</u>			<u>\$ 2,888,334.07</u>
 <u>FUND BALANCES</u>				
Nonspendable	\$ 36,414.14			\$ 36,414.14
Restricted	474,130.08	\$ 2,353,605.62	\$ 588,756.43	3,416,492.13
Committed	259,816.91			259,816.91
Unassigned	6,678,675.76			6,678,675.76
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 7,449,036.89</u>	<u>\$ 2,353,605.62</u>	<u>\$ 588,756.43</u>	<u>\$ 10,391,398.94</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 10,337,370.96</u>	<u>\$ 2,353,605.62</u>	<u>\$ 588,756.43</u>	<u>\$ 13,279,733.01</u>

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

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
 TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
 JUNE 30, 2012

EXHIBIT "D"

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit "C") \$ 10,391,398.94

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:

Capital Assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. These assets consist of:

Land	\$	879,428.00	
Land Improvements		1,700,407.00	
Buildings		37,867,082.00	
Equipment		3,594,880.00	
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>-10,309,349.45</u>	
Total Capital Assets			33,732,447.55

Bond Issuance Costs are recorded as expenditures in the Funds when paid, but are amortized as expense in the Governmental Activities over the life of the Bond Issue.

Capitalized Bonds and Other Debt Issuance Costs 146,666.16

Some of the School Districts tax revenues will be collected after year-end but are not available soon enough to pay for the current periods expenditures.

Property Taxes 87,834.47

Some Liabilities reported in the Governmental Activities do not require the use of current financial resources, and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the Governmental Fund Statements.

Accrued Interest on Long-Term Debt -127,524.38

Long-Term Liabilities, including Bonds Payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.

Long-Term Liabilities at year-end consist of:

Bonds Payable	\$	-14,290,000.00	
Unamortized Bond Premiums		-464,556.00	
Deferred Gain on Refunding of Bonds		90,909.10	
Total Long-Term Liabilities			<u>-14,663,646.90</u>

Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Exhibit "A") \$ 29,567,175.84

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

EXHIBIT "E"

	GENERAL FUND	DISTRICT- WIDE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Property Taxes	\$ 7,291,255.56			\$ 7,291,255.56
Sales Taxes	58,699.84		\$ 1,710,872.32	1,769,572.16
State Funds	10,952,804.40	\$ 594,518.00		11,547,322.40
Federal Funds	2,918,149.13		22,488.89	2,940,638.02
Charges for Services	686,000.97			686,000.97
Investment Earnings	14,507.83	4,988.82	76.08	19,572.73
Miscellaneous	833,005.59			833,005.59
	\$ 22,754,423.32	\$ 599,506.82	\$ 1,733,437.29	\$ 25,087,367.43
Total Revenues				
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction	\$ 14,329,800.17			\$ 14,329,800.17
Support Services				
Pupil Services	1,344,272.77			1,344,272.77
Improvement of Instructional Services	742,282.91			742,282.91
Educational Media Services	472,553.30			472,553.30
General Administration	563,598.55	\$ 8,108.39		571,706.94
School Administration	1,308,503.81			1,308,503.81
Business Administration	218,931.69	40,964.61		259,896.30
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,565,574.00	186,500.36		1,752,074.36
Student Transportation Services	976,633.73			976,633.73
Central Support Services	203,240.52			203,240.52
Other Support Services	321,805.93			321,805.93
Enterprise Operations	37,642.41			37,642.41
Food Services Operation	1,544,506.93			1,544,506.93
Capital Outlay		762,890.51		762,890.51
Debt Services				
Principal			\$ 1,350,000.00	1,350,000.00
Interest			538,171.89	538,171.89
	\$ 23,629,346.72	\$ 998,463.87	\$ 1,888,171.89	\$ 26,515,982.48
Total Expenditures				
Excess of Revenue over (under) Expenditures	\$ -874,923.40	\$ -398,957.05	\$ -154,734.60	\$ -1,428,615.05
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Proceeds of Long-Term Capital Related Debt		\$ 2,000,000.00		\$ 2,000,000.00
Sale of Equipment	\$ 24,948.75			24,948.75
Insurance Proceeds		389,221.23		389,221.23
Transfers In		111,941.63		111,941.63
Transfers Out	-111,941.63			-111,941.63
	\$ -86,992.88	\$ 2,501,162.86		\$ 2,414,169.98
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ -961,916.28	\$ 2,102,205.81	\$ -154,734.60	\$ 985,554.93
Fund Balances - Beginning	8,410,953.17	251,399.81	743,491.03	9,405,844.01
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 7,449,036.89	\$ 2,353,605.62	\$ 588,756.43	\$ 10,391,398.94

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

LAMAR 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, 2012

EXHIBIT "F"

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit "E") \$ 985,554.93

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

Capital Outlays are reported as expenditures in Governmental Funds. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of Capital Assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, these amounts are:

Capital Outlay	\$ 841,000.45	
Depreciation Expense	-1,079,259.88	
Excess of Capital Outlay over Depreciation Expense		-238,259.43

The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets.

Gain on Sale of Equipment		-8,859.00
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Proceeds Received from Bond Proceeds are reported as Liabilities in the Statement of Activities, whereas in the Governmental Funds are reported as Other Financing Sources.

General Obligation Debt		-2,000,000.00
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Because some taxes will not be collected for several months after the School District's fiscal year ends, they are not considered "available" revenues.

Deferred Property Taxes		
June 30, 2011	\$ -172,313.69	
June 30, 2012	87,834.47	
Total Deferred Revenue		-84,479.22

Bond Issuance Cost is recorded as an expenditure in the Governmental Funds when paid, but is amortized over the life of the Bond Issue in the Statement of Activities.

Bond Issuance Cost		
June 30, 2011	\$ -118,106.06	
June 30, 2012	146,666.16	
Total Bond Issuance Cost		28,560.10

Some items reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in Governmental Funds. These activities consist of:

Accrued Interest Expense		
June 30, 2011	\$ 141,463.75	
June 30, 2012	-127,524.38	
Total Accrued Interest Expense		13,939.37

Repayment of Long-Term Debt is reported as an expenditure in Governmental Funds, but the repayment reduces Long-Term Liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. In the current year, these amounts consist of:

Amortization of Bond Premiums	\$ 84,465.00	
Redemption of Bond Principal	1,350,000.00	
Amortization of Deferred Gain of Refunding Bond Series	-22,727.27	
Total Long-Term Debt Repayments		1,411,737.73

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Exhibit "B") \$ 108,194.48

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

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LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2012

EXHIBIT "G"

	<u>AGENCY FUNDS</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ <u>16,512.16</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Funds Held for Others	\$ <u>16,512.16</u>

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

Note 1: DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

REPORTING ENTITY

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

BLENDED COMPONENT UNIT

The Lamar County College and Career Academy (Charter School) is responsible for the public education of all students attending its school. The Charter School was created through a contract between the School District and the Charter School whereby all State funding associated with the students attending the Charter School and certain specified local funds are turned over to the Charter School to cover the cost of its operations. The financial statements of the Charter School have been blended with the School District's general fund.

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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

District-wide Statements:

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

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

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

Fund Financial Statements:

The fund financial statements provide information about the School District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Separate statements for each category (governmental and fiduciary) are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. The School District had no funds that were reported as nonmajor funds.

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

- General Fund is the School District's primary operating fund. It accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.
- District-wide Capital Projects Fund accounts for and reports financial resources including grants from Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission and Bond Proceeds that are restricted, committed or assigned to the expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.
- Debt Service Fund accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned including taxes (sales) legally restricted for the payment of general long-term principal and interest.

The School District reports the following fiduciary fund type:

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

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

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

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The School District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if they are collected within sixty days after year-end, except for reimbursable grants. 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 and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2012

EXHIBIT "H"

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.

RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR NET ASSETS

For fiscal year 2012, the School District made a prior period adjustment to retroactively reflect the unamortized portion of a deferred gain that occurred in association with the 2005 refunding bond issue. This correction requires the restatement of the June 30, 2011, net assets in Governmental Activities. The result is an increase in Net Assets at July 1, 2011, of \$113,636.37. This change is in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Net Assets, July 1, 2011, as previously reported	\$ 29,345,344.99
Deferral of Gain on 2005 Refunding Bond Issue	<u>113,636.37</u>
Net Assets, July 1, 2011, as restated	<u>\$ 29,458,981.36</u>

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Composition of Deposits

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

INVESTMENTS

Composition of Investments

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

- (1) Obligations issued by the State of Georgia or by other states,
- (2) Obligations issued by the United States government,
- (3) Obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the United States government or a United States government agency,
- (4) Obligations of any corporation of the United States government,
- (5) Prime banker's acceptances,

- (6) The Georgia Fund 1 administered by the State of Georgia, Office of the State Treasurer,
- (7) Repurchase agreements, and
- (8) Obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia.

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

RECEIVABLES

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

PROPERTY TAXES

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners fixed the property tax levy for the 2011 tax digest year (calendar year) on August 2, 2011 (levy date). Taxes were due on November 15, 2011 (lien date). Taxes collected within the current fiscal year or within 60 days after year-end on the 2011 tax digest are reported as revenue in the governmental funds for fiscal year 2012. The Lamar 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, 2012, for maintenance and operations amounted to \$7,291,255.56.

The tax millage rate levied for the 2011 tax year (calendar year) for the Lamar County Board of Education was as follows (a mill equals \$1 per thousand dollars of assessed value):

School Operations	<u>15.80</u> mills
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SALES TAXES

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, at the fund reporting level, during the year amounted to \$1,710,872.32 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. On November 6, 2011, voters passed a new referendum authorizing continuation of collection of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. The effective dates for collection of sales tax as authorized by the new referendum are January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017.

INVENTORIES

Food Inventories

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

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets purchased, including capital outlay costs, are recorded as expenditures in the fund financial statements at the time of purchase (including ancillary charges). On the District-wide financial statements, all purchased capital assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value on the date donated. Disposals are deleted at depreciated recorded cost. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend the useful lives of the assets is not capitalized. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. The School District does not capitalize book collections or works of art. During fiscal year 2012, no events or changes in circumstances affecting a capital asset that may indicate impairment were known to the School District.

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

	<u>Capitalization Policy</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Land	All	N/A
Land Improvements	\$ 5,000.00	10 to 60 years
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 5,000.00	20 to 60 years
Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	3 to 5 years
Intangible Assets	\$ 100,000.00	individually determined

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

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

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

The School District issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. In the District-wide financial statements, bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the debt.

In the fund financial statements, the School District recognizes bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs during the fiscal year bonds are issued. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures. In addition, general obligation bonds have been issued to refund existing general obligation bonds. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the government. The outstanding amount of these bonds is recorded in the Statement of Net Assets.

NET ASSETS

The School District's net assets in the District-wide Statements are classified as follows:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt - This represents the School District's total investment in capital assets, net of 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 invested in capital assets, net of related debt.

Restricted net assets - These represent resources for which the School District is legally or contractually obligated to spend resources for continuation of Federal programs, debt service and capital projects in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties.

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

FUND BALANCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2012

EXHIBIT "H"

Fund Balances of the Governmental Funds at June 30, 2012, are as follows:

Nonspendable					
Inventories				\$	36,414.14
Restricted					
Continuation of Federal Programs	\$	474,130.08			
Capital Projects		2,353,605.62			
Debt Service		588,756.43			3,416,492.13
Committed					
School Activity Accounts					259,816.91
Unassigned					6,678,675.76
Fund Balance, June 30, 2012				\$	10,391,398.94

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

USE OF ESTIMATES

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

Note 3: BUDGETARY DATA

The budget is a complete financial plan for the School District's fiscal year, and is based upon careful estimates of expenditures together with probable funding sources. The budget is legally adopted each year for the general fund. There is no statutory prohibition regarding over expenditure of the budget at any level. The budget for the general fund, except the various school activity (principal) accounts, is prepared and adopted by fund and function. The legal level of budgetary control was established by the Board at the aggregate fund and function level. The School District's formal budget was prepared in accordance with accounting principles permitted by the State of Georgia but not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles 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. At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board after advertisement, the Board receives comments on the tentative budget, makes revisions as necessary and adopts a final budget. The approved budget is then submitted, in accordance with provisions of Official Code of Georgia Annotated section 20-2-167(c), to the Georgia Department of Education. The Board may increase or decrease the budget at any time during the year. All unexpended budget authority lapses at fiscal year-end.

The Board is authorized to approve adjustments of the amount budgeted for expenditures in any budget function. Under no circumstance is the Superintendent or other staff person authorized to spend funds that exceed the total budget without approval by the Board.

See Schedule 1 – General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget to Actual for a detail of any over/under expenditures during the fiscal year 2012.

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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. Revenues and expenditures of School Principals' accounts are omitted from the Budget.
2. Payments made by the State of Georgia for school district employee benefits are recognized as revenues and expenditures under GAAP but are not recognized on the budget basis.

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

Actual Revenues, GAAP Basis		\$	22,754,423.32
Revenues from School Principals' Accounts	\$	-905,201.04	
On-Behalf Benefit Contribution		<u>-54,882.98</u>	<u>-960,084.02</u>
Actual Revenues, Budgetary Basis		\$	<u>21,794,339.30</u>
Actual Expenditures, GAAP Basis		\$	23,629,346.72
Expenditures from School Principals' Accounts	\$	-815,277.89	
On-Behalf Benefits Expenditure		<u>-54,882.98</u>	<u>-870,160.87</u>
Actual Expenditures, Budgetary Basis		\$	<u>22,759,185.85</u>
Revenues Over Expenditures, Budgetary Basis		\$	<u><u>-964,846.55</u></u>
Revenues Over Expenditures, GAAP Basis		\$	<u><u>-874,923.40</u></u>

Note 4: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

COLLATERALIZATION OF DEPOSITS

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

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

- (1) Surety bond signed by a surety company duly qualified and authorized to transact business within the State of Georgia,
- (2) Insurance on accounts provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,

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- (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, 2012, the bank balances were \$4,177,599.21. The bank balances were entirely covered by Federal depository insurance or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial trust department or agent in the School District's name.

CATEGORIZATION OF INVESTMENTS

The School District's investments as of June 30, 2012, consisted of \$683,313.02 invested in Certificates of Deposit, \$4,545,342.79 invested in Georgia Fund 1 and \$2,506,118.04 invested in Fifth Third Institutional Money Market Fund (KGIXX). The investments categorized below do not include Certificates of Deposits as those amounts are included in the categorization of deposits previously disclosed. The remaining investments are presented below by investment type.

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Other Investments	
Fifth Third Institutional Government Money Market Fund	\$ 2,506,118.04
Investment Pools	
Office of State Treasurer Georgia Fund 1	<u>4,545,342.79</u>
Total Investments	<u><u>\$ 7,051,460.83</u></u>

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The Georgia Fund 1, formerly referred to as LGIP, 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 (Primary Liquidity Portfolio) 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.

The Primary Liquidity Portfolio consists of Georgia Fund 1 which is not registered with the SEC as an investment company but does 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. The pool is an AAAM 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, 2012, was 48 days.

The Fifth Third Institutional Government Money Market Fund (KGIXX) is an Institutional Portfolio Fund managed by Fifth Third Asset Management, Inc. The fund seeks current income and stability of principal and invests primarily in short-term U. S. Government securities. The Fund is rated Aaa-mf by Moody's and AAAM by Standard and Poor's. The average weighted maturity of the fund's investments was 52 days.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates of debt investment will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The School District does not have a formal policy for managing interest rate risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The School District does not have a formal policy for managing concentration of credit risk. More than 5% of the School District's investments are in the Fifth Third Institutional Government Money Market Fund. This investment is about 35% of the School District's total investments.

Note 5: NON-MONETARY TRANSACTIONS

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

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Note 6: CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balances July 1, 2011	Increases	Decreases	Balances June 30, 2012
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 879,427.95	\$ 0.05		\$ 879,428.00
Construction in Progress	47,497.40	650,853.84	\$ 698,351.24	0.00
	<u>\$ 926,925.35</u>	<u>\$ 650,853.89</u>	<u>\$ 698,351.24</u>	<u>\$ 879,428.00</u>
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated				
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 37,168,731.72	\$ 698,350.28		\$ 37,867,082.00
Equipment	4,082,909.40	190,147.60	\$ 678,177.00	3,594,880.00
Land Improvements	1,700,407.08		0.08	1,700,407.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Improvements	6,369,529.27	715,299.73		7,084,829.00
Equipment	2,765,920.87	258,124.58	669,318.00	2,354,727.45
Land Improvements	763,957.43	105,835.57		869,793.00
	<u>\$ 33,052,640.63</u>	<u>\$ -190,762.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,859.08</u>	<u>\$ 32,853,019.55</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net				
	<u>\$ 33,979,565.98</u>	<u>\$ 460,091.89</u>	<u>\$ 707,210.32</u>	<u>\$ 33,732,447.55</u>
Governmental Activity Capital Assets - Net				

Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:

Instruction		\$ 798,871.00
Support Services		
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	\$ 42,263.25	
Student Transportation Services	186,719.07	228,982.32
Food Services		51,406.56
		<u>\$ 1,079,259.88</u>

Note 7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2012, consisted of the following:

	Transfers From General Fund
<u>Transfer to</u>	
District-wide Capital Projects	\$ 111,941.63

The above transfers were made to reimburse the Capital Projects Fund for various expenditures determined not to be authorized to be made from SPLOST funds.

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Note 8: RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

The School District is self-insured with regard to unemployment compensation claims. The School District accounts for claims within the General Fund with expenses/expenditures and the related 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:

	<u>Beginning of Year Liability</u>	<u>Claims and Changes in Estimates</u>	<u>Claims Paid</u>	<u>End of Year Liability</u>
2011	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,197.33	\$ 5,197.33	\$ 0.00
2012	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,432.76	\$ 17,432.76	\$ 0.00

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

<u>Position Covered</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Superintendent	\$ 25,000.00
All Other Employees	\$ 100,000.00

Note 9: LONG-TERM DEBT

GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT OUTSTANDING

General Obligation Bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Government - Refunding - Series 2005	3.33%	\$ 1,845,000.00
General Government - QZAB - Series 2007	0.00%	2,000,000.00
General Government - Series 2008	3.0% - 5.0%	8,445,000.00
General Government - QZAB - Series 2011	4.40%	2,000,000.00
		<u>\$ 14,290,000.00</u>

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The changes in Long-Term Debt during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, were as follows:

	Governmental Funds					
	Balance				Balance	Due Within
	July 1, 2011 (Restated)	Additions	Deductions	June 30, 2012	One Year	
G. O. Bonds	\$ 13,640,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,350,000.00	\$ 14,290,000.00	\$ 1,405,000.00	
Less: Deferred Amounts						
Gain on Refunding Series	<u>113,636.37</u>		<u>22,727.27</u>	<u>90,909.10</u>	<u>22,727.27</u>	
	\$ 13,526,363.63	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,327,272.73	\$ 14,199,090.90	\$ 1,382,272.73	
Bond Premiums Amortized	<u>549,021.00</u>		<u>84,465.00</u>	<u>464,556.00</u>	<u>84,465.00</u>	
	<u>\$ 14,075,384.63</u>	<u>\$ 2,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,411,737.73</u>	<u>\$ 14,663,646.90</u>	<u>\$ 1,466,737.73</u>	

At June 30, 2012, payments due by fiscal year which includes principal and interest for these items are as follows:

	General Obligation Debt		Unamortized
	Principal	Interest	Bond Premium
<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>			
2013	\$ 1,405,000.00	\$ 557,138.50	\$ 84,465.00
2014	1,550,000.00	508,703.00	84,465.00
2015	1,615,000.00	438,718.00	84,465.00
2016	1,775,000.00	365,817.00	84,465.00
2017	1,925,000.00	285,250.00	84,465.00
2018 - 2022	4,020,000.00	541,000.00	42,231.00
2023	<u>2,000,000.00</u>	<u>88,000.00</u>	
Total Principal and Interest	<u>\$ 14,290,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,784,626.50</u>	<u>\$ 464,556.00</u>

Note 10: ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

The School District has recognized revenues and costs in the amount of \$1,642,202.59 for health insurance and retirement contributions paid on the School District's behalf by the following State Agencies.

Georgia Department of Education
 Paid to the Georgia Department of Community Health
 For Health Insurance of District Personnel
 In the amount of \$1,587,319.61

Paid to the Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia
 For Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) Employer's Cost
 In the amount of \$19,655.98

Office of the State Treasurer
Paid to the Public School Employees' Retirement System
For Public School Employees' Retirement (PSERS) Employer's Cost
In the amount of \$35,227.00

Note 11: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

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). The Department of Community Health, which includes the School OPEB Fund, issues a separate stand alone financial audit report and a copy can be obtained from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts.

Funding Policy. The contribution requirements of plan members and participating employers are established by the Board in accordance with the current Appropriations Act and may be amended by the Board. Contributions of plan members or beneficiaries receiving benefits vary based on plan election, dependent coverage, and Medicare eligibility and election. For members with fewer than five years of service as of January 1, 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 percent of the cost of the health insurance coverage. In accordance with the Board resolution dated December 8, 2011, for members with fewer than five years of service as of January 1, 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.

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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, 2012:

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

June 2011	1.429% of covered payroll for July coverage
July 2011	18.534% of covered payroll for August coverage
August 2011 - March 2012	24.000% of covered payroll for September - April coverage
April 2012 - June 2012	3.958% of covered payroll for May - July coverage

For non-certificated school personnel:

July 2011 - August 2011	\$246.20 per member per month
September 2011 - June 2012	\$296.20 per member per month

No additional contribution was required by the Board for fiscal year 2012 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
2012	100%	\$	2,267,283.40
2011	100%	\$	2,045,556.91
2010	100%	\$	1,864,023.56

Note 13: RETIREMENT PLANS

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TRS)

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

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

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

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

Funding Policy. TRS is funded by member and employer contributions as adopted and amended by the Board of Trustees. Members become fully vested after 10 years of service. If a member terminates with less than 10 years of service, no vesting of employer contributions occurs, but the member's contributions may be refunded with interest. Member contributions are limited by State law to not less than 5% or more than 6% of a member's earnable compensation. Member contributions as adopted by the Board of Trustees for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, were 5.53% of annual salary. The member contribution rate will increase to 6.00% effective July 1, 2012. Employer contributions required for fiscal year 2012 were 10.28% of annual salary as required by the June 30, 2009, actuarial valuation. The employer contribution rate will increase to 11.41% effective July 1, 2012.

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

Fiscal Year	Percentage Contributed	Required Contribution
2012	100%	\$ 1,312,191.13
2011	100%	\$ 1,266,864.53
2010	100%	\$ 1,200,863.74

PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSERS)

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

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GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

SCHEDULE "1"

	NONAPPROPRIATED BUDGETS		ACTUAL AMOUNTS	VARIANCE OVER/UNDER
	ORIGINAL (1)	FINAL (1)		
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	\$ 7,081,000.00	\$ 7,081,000.00	\$ 7,291,255.56	\$ 210,255.56
Sales Taxes			58,699.84	58,699.84
State Funds	10,400,282.00	11,156,070.96	10,952,804.40	-203,266.56
Federal Funds	1,904,342.04	2,654,622.03	2,918,149.13	263,527.10
Charges for Services	267,795.72	267,795.72	686,000.97	418,205.25
Investment Earnings	26,338.18	26,338.18	14,507.83	-11,830.35
Miscellaneous	38,055.83	40,755.83	833,005.59	792,249.76
Total Revenues	\$ 19,717,813.77	\$ 21,226,582.72	\$ 22,754,423.32	\$ 1,527,840.60
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Instruction	\$ 13,269,354.02	\$ 13,940,814.10	\$ 14,329,800.17	\$ -388,986.07
Support Services				
Pupil Services	789,672.70	960,585.26	1,344,272.77	-383,687.51
Improvement of Instructional Services	801,021.38	885,276.69	742,282.91	142,993.78
Educational Media Services	479,814.46	485,047.96	472,553.30	12,494.66
General Administration	525,805.02	563,234.96	563,598.55	-363.59
School Administration	1,255,269.13	1,263,818.99	1,308,503.81	-44,684.82
Business Administration	213,486.89	214,174.47	218,931.69	-4,757.22
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,625,095.75	1,630,041.69	1,565,574.00	64,467.69
Student Transportation Services	976,252.58	1,064,692.18	976,633.73	88,058.45
Central Support Services	196,608.42	203,116.55	203,240.52	-123.97
Other Support Services	348,611.39	368,279.98	321,805.93	46,474.05
Food Services Operation	1,394,904.05	1,395,020.30	1,544,506.93	-149,486.63
Enterprise Operations			37,642.41	-37,642.41
Total Expenditures	\$ 21,875,895.79	\$ 22,974,103.13	\$ 23,629,346.72	\$ -655,243.59
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	\$ -2,158,082.02	\$ -1,747,520.41	\$ -874,923.40	\$ 872,597.01
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Sale of Equipment			\$ 24,948.75	\$ 24,948.75
Transfers Out			-111,941.63	-111,941.63
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			\$ -86,992.88	\$ -86,992.88
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ -2,158,082.02	\$ -1,747,520.41	\$ -961,916.28	\$ 785,604.13
Fund Balances - Beginning	8,476,425.39	8,476,425.39	8,410,953.17	-65,472.22
Adjustments	-142,464.49	5,613.94		-5,613.94
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 6,175,878.88	\$ 6,734,518.92	\$ 7,449,036.89	\$ 714,517.97

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

- (1) Original and Final Budget amounts do not include actual revenues (\$905,201.04) or expenditures (\$815,277.89) of the various principal accounts.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

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 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

SCHEDULE "2"

FUNDING AGENCY PROGRAM/GRANT	CFDA NUMBER	PASS- THROUGH ENTITY ID NUMBER	EXPENDITURES IN PERIOD
Agriculture, U. S. Department of			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Food Services			
School Breakfast Program	* 10.553	N/A	(2)
National School Lunch Program	* 10.555	N/A	\$ <u>1,427,049.91</u> (1)
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			\$ 1,427,049.91
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Food Services			
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	N/A	<u>60,263.41</u>
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			\$ <u>1,487,313.32</u>
Education, U. S. Department of			
Special Education Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Special Education			
Grants to States	84.027	N/A	\$ 530,229.94
Preschool Grants	84.173	N/A	<u>15,388.24</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			\$ <u>545,618.18</u>
Title I, Part A Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
ARRA - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	* 84.389	N/A	\$ 1,434.87
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	* 84.010	N/A	<u>816,432.62</u>
Total Title I, Part A Cluster			\$ <u>817,867.49</u>
Other Programs			
Direct			
Fund for the Improvement of Education	84.215		\$ 83,242.15
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	N/A	24,632.00
Education Jobs Fund	84.410	N/A	5,964.00
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	N/A	133,662.59
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - State Grants	84.186	N/A	<u>1,150.03</u>
Total Other Programs			\$ <u>248,650.77</u>
Total U. S. Department of Education			\$ <u>1,612,136.44</u>
Health and Human Services, U. S. Department of			
Child Care and Development Fund Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning			
ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	N/A	\$ <u>500.00</u>
Defense, U. S. Department of			
Direct			
Department of the Army			
R.O.T.C. Program			\$ <u>60,830.79</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ <u><u>3,160,780.55</u></u>

N/A = Not Available

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

SCHEDULE "2"

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

- (1) Includes the Federally assigned value of donated commodities for the Food Donation Program in the amount of \$123,067.29.
- (2) Expenditures for the funds earned on the School Breakfast Program of \$265,005.57 were not maintained separately and are included in the 2012 National School Lunch Program.

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

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

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

See notes to the basic financial statements.

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

SCHEDULE "3"

AGENCY/FUNDING	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTAL
	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	
GRANTS			
Bright From the Start:			
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning			
Pre-Kindergarten Program	\$ 350,677.79		\$ 350,677.79
Education, Georgia Department of			
Quality Basic Education			
Direct Instructional Cost			
Kindergarten Program	649,277.00		649,277.00
Kindergarten Program - Early Intervention Program	124,210.00		124,210.00
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	1,271,296.00		1,271,296.00
Primary Grades - Early Intervention (1-3) Program	467,535.00		467,535.00
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	742,892.00		742,892.00
Upper Elementary Grades - Early Intervention (4-5) Program	199,260.00		199,260.00
Middle School (6-8) Program	1,177,701.00		1,177,701.00
High School General Education (9-12) Program	1,084,139.00		1,084,139.00
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	283,910.00		283,910.00
Students with Disabilities	1,268,246.00		1,268,246.00
Gifted Student - Category VI	189,563.00		189,563.00
Remedial Education Program	203,174.00		203,174.00
Alternative Education Program	95,308.00		95,308.00
English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	7,724.00		7,724.00
Media Center Program	219,941.00		219,941.00
20 Days Additional Instruction	67,464.00		67,464.00
Staff and Professional Development	48,389.00		48,389.00
Indirect Cost			
Central Administration	354,648.00		354,648.00
School Administration	463,280.00		463,280.00
Facility Maintenance and Operations	598,246.00		598,246.00
Mid-term Adjustment Hold-Harmless	37,207.00		37,207.00
Categorical Grants			
Pupil Transportation			
Regular	418,487.00		418,487.00
Sparsity	53,364.00		53,364.00
Education Equalization Funding Grant	318,907.00		318,907.00
Food Services	38,912.00		38,912.00
State Health Reimbursement	1,587,319.61		1,587,319.61
Vocational Education	7,047.00		7,047.00
Amended Formula Adjustment	-1,676,143.00		-1,676,143.00
Other State Programs			
Dual Enrollment Funding	9,705.00		9,705.00
Math and Science Supplements	3,289.17		3,289.17
Preschool Handicapped Program	15,456.78		15,456.78
Pupil Transportation - State Bonds	76,219.50		76,219.50
Special Project - OBE Equalization	28,243.00		28,243.00
Teachers' Retirement	19,655.98		19,655.98
Virtual Schools Grant	200.00		200.00
Vocational Education	15,462.00		15,462.00
Vocational Construction Related Equipment - State Bonds	97,364.57		97,364.57
Georgia State Financing and Investment			
Commission			
Reimbursement on Construction Projects		\$ 594,518.00	594,518.00
Office of the State Treasurer			
Public School Employees' Retirement	35,227.00		35,227.00
	<u>\$ 10,952,804.40</u>	<u>\$ 594,518.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,547,322.40</u>

See notes to the basic financial statements.

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

SCHEDULE "4"

PROJECT	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1)	CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3)	TOTAL COMPLETION COSTS	EXCESS PROCEEDS NOT EXPENDED	PROJECT STATUS
Acquisitions, construction, equipping and furnishing of a new elementary school and additions; renovations and improvements at existing schools and facilities including the acquisition of any property necessary or desirable therefor.	\$ 5,056,070.00	\$ 11,107,240.46	\$ 4,153.02	\$ 11,103,087.44	\$ 11,107,240.46		Completed
Payment of a portion of the principal and Interest on Lamar County School District's General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2008, to repay a portion of the previously incurred general obligation debt and to pay a portion of the costs of capital outlay projects described below not paid for with the proceeds from the general obligation bonds.	14,000,000.00	14,000,000.00	1,865,683.00	5,569,010.84			4/1/2018
Renovating, improving, construction and equipping new and existing athletic facilities including the football stadium and track facility; acquiring, constructing and equipping a new school auditorium, renovating, repairing, improving, adding to (or making additions to) and equipping the existing Lamar County Comprehensive High School gymnasiums; system-wide technology upgrades, and safety and security equipment; the acquisition of any property, both real and personal, and equipment necessary in connection with the above described capital outlay projects, together with school buses, maintenance vehicles and equipment, computers and related technology, band instruments, vocational equipment, athletic and physical education equipment, textbooks, renovations to the Board of Education offices and costs of issuance of the Bonds including capitalized interest.	10,000,000.00	12,990,065.14	32,755.25	12,957,309.89			6/30/2013
To pay the costs of funding renovations and improvements to the Lamar County College and Career Academy, renovation and improvements to existing school buildings, maintenance facilities, central office; acquiring school buses, transportation vehicles, equipment and maintenance vehicles; acquiring property and equipment necessary in conjunction with the above described capital outlay projects, including computers, system-wide technology upgrades, athletic facilities, physical education equipment, textbooks, furnishing, band instruments, vocation equipment, safety and security equipment.	<u>11,000,000.00</u>	<u>11,000,000.00</u>	<u>127,389.81</u>				6/30/2014
	<u>\$ 40,056,070.00</u>	<u>\$ 49,097,305.60</u>	<u>\$ 2,029,981.08</u>	<u>\$ 29,629,408.17</u>	<u>\$ 11,107,240.46</u>	<u>0.00</u>	

- (1) The School District's original cost estimate as specified in the resolution calling for the imposition of the Local Option Sales Tax.
- (2) The School District's current estimate of total cost for the projects. Includes all cost from project inception to completion.
- (3) The voters of Lamar County approved the imposition of a 1% sales tax to fund the above projects and retire associated debt. Amounts expended for these projects may include sales tax proceeds, state, local property taxes and/or other funds over the life of the projects.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

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LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 GENERAL FUND - QUALITY BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM (QBE)
 ALLOTMENTS AND EXPENDITURES - BY PROGRAM
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

SCHEDULE "5"

DESCRIPTION	ALLOTMENTS FROM GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (1) (2)	ELIGIBLE QBE PROGRAM COSTS		
		SALARIES	OPERATIONS	TOTAL
Direct Instructional Programs				
Kindergarten Program	\$ 796,880.00	\$ 825,244.47	\$ 7,234.51	\$ 832,478.98
Kindergarten Program-Early Intervention Program	154,474.00	191,481.41	529.41	192,010.82
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	1,571,703.00	2,218,193.27	24,109.37	2,242,302.64
Primary Grades-Early Intervention (1-3) Program	562,139.00	136,110.95	1,512.59	137,623.54
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	902,732.00	1,291,860.74	11,613.17	1,303,473.91
Upper Elementary Grades-Early Intervention (4-5) Program	253,316.00	137,940.05	1,853.60	139,793.65
Middle School (6-8) Program	1,444,280.00	1,919,713.52	24,763.37	1,944,476.89
High School General Education (9-12) Program	1,331,763.00	2,294,329.51	124,470.55	2,418,800.06
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	364,377.00	449,903.10	53,813.53	503,716.63
Students with Disabilities Category III	1,575,881.00	1,823,993.66	20,495.28	1,844,488.94
Gifted Student - Category VI	255,130.00	164,300.43	3,657.27	167,957.70
Remedial Education Program	255,905.00		3,998.86	3,998.86
Alternative Education Program	116,771.00	252,395.48	28,904.10	281,299.58
English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	7,959.00			
TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	\$ 9,593,310.00	\$ 11,705,466.59	\$ 306,955.61	\$ 12,012,422.20
Media Center Program	271,172.00	416,150.51	39,684.02	455,834.53
Staff and Professional Development	59,729.00		4,874.76	4,874.76
TOTAL QBE FORMULA FUNDS	\$ 9,924,211.00	\$ 12,121,617.10	\$ 351,514.39	\$ 12,473,131.49

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

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

SECTION II

COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS



DEPARTMENT OF AUDITS AND ACCOUNTS

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July 2, 2013

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

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lamar County Board of Education as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, which collectively comprise Lamar County Board of Education's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 2, 2013. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of Lamar County Board of Education is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Lamar County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures 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 Lamar County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Lamar County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting.

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.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting 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 financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, we consider item FS-6851-12-01, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted certain matters that we have reported to management of Lamar County Board of Education in a separate letter dated July 2, 2013.

Lamar County Board of Education's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Management's Responses. We did not audit Lamar County Board of Education's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, members of the Lamar County Board of Education, others within the entity, Federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS THAT COULD HAVE
A DIRECT AND MATERIAL EFFECT ON EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Compliance

We have audited Lamar County Board of Education's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major Federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2012. Lamar County Board of Education's major Federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major Federal programs is the responsibility of Lamar County Board of Education's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Lamar County Board of Education's compliance based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the Lamar County Board of Education complied, in all material respects, with the 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, 2012.

Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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 deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be *material weaknesses*, as defined above.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, members of the Lamar County Board of Education, others within the entity, Federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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SECTION III

AUDITEE'S RESPONSE TO PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 AUDITEE'S RESPONSE
 SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

<u>FINDING CONTROL NUMBER</u>	<u>AUDITEE'S RESPONSE/STATUS</u>	<u>SEE AUDITOR'S COMMENTS</u>
FS-6851-10-01	Further Action Not Warranted	
FS-6851-10-02	Further Action Not Warranted	
FS-6851-11-01	Unresolved - See Corrective Action/Responses	
FS-6851-11-02	Further Action Not Warranted	(1)

AUDITOR'S COMMENTS

- (1) Findings/internal control deficiencies of this 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) 115* or *Governmental Auditing Standards (Yellow Book)*, will be communicated in a management letter.

CORRECTIVE ACTION/RESPONSES

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS
 REVENUES/RECEIVABLES/RECEIPTS
 EXPENDITURES/LIABILITIES/DISBURSEMENTS
 Inadequate Internal Control Procedures over School Activity Accounts
 Finding Control Number: FS-6851-11-01

A part-time person was hired August 1, 2010, to reconcile School Activity accounts at the end of each fiscal year. In addition, the registrar at the High School performs a quarterly review of the School Activity accounts. Her first audit covered the period from April, May, and June 2011 and continues through the present. School Activity accounts are examined to ensure every outstanding check clears within a reasonable amount of time. A random sampling of checks is also pulled to ensure each check has proper documentation (invoices, proper signatures). Then the findings from the audits are recorded. The Finance Director meets with the principals and bookkeepers at each school to review these findings. Afterwards, all parties sign off. The audit reports are maintained at the registrar's office. The registrar has a background of accounting classes.

Another measure that has been put in place is: Each principal opens, reviews, signs, and copies the original bank statement before giving to the school's bookkeeper.

In order to have a complete separation of duties for the School Activity accounts, it would be necessary to hire additional personnel, which at this time would not be cost beneficial to the Board.

PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

SECTION IV

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

I SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issue: Governmental Activities; General Fund; Capital Projects Fund; Debt Service Fund; Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unqualified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
▪ Material weakness identified?	No
▪ Significant deficiency identified?	Yes
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted:	No

Federal Awards

Internal Control over major programs:	
▪ Material weakness identified?	No
▪ Significant deficiency identified?	None Reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: All major programs	Unqualified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, Section 510(a)?	No
Identification of major programs:	
<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.553, 10.555	Child Nutrition Cluster
84.010, 84.389	Title I, Part A Cluster
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	\$300,000.00
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	No

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS
 REVENUES/RECEIVABLES/RECEIPTS
 EXPENDITURES/LIABILITIES/DISBURSEMENTS
 Inadequate Internal Control Procedures Over School Activity Accounts
 Significant Deficiency
 Finding Control Number: FS-6851-12-01

Condition:
 This is a repeat finding (FS-6851-11-01, FS-6851-10-01, and FS-6851-09-01) from the years ended June 30, 2011, June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2009, respectively. The accounting procedures of the School District were insufficient to provide adequate separation of duties and internal controls over the school activity accounts.

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Criteria:

The School District's management is responsible for designing and maintaining internal controls that provide proper separation of duties and provide reasonable assurance transactions are processed in accordance with established procedures. Such internal controls would limit any one individual's access to both physical assets and the related accounting records.

Questioned Cost:

N/A

Information:

Cash and Cash Equivalents

- The bank reconciliation function was not separated from the record keeping function and voucher payments functions.
- Insignificant reconciling items on bank reconciliations were not accurately reported.

Revenues/Receivables/Receipts

- Deposit preparation was not separated from the record keeping and cash custody functions.

Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements

- The check writing function was not separated from record keeping or processing of signed checks.
- One invoice did not contain a purchase order.
- One purchase order did not have a preparer.
- One purchase order did not contain a signature for approval.

Cause:

These deficiencies were the result of the School District's decision to limit the number of clerical staff made responsible, at the various school sites, for accounting functions and failure to ensure established controls were functioning as designed.

Effect:

Fraud, errors and/or irregularities may not be detected in a timely manner.

Recommendation:

The School District should implement procedures to ensure the key accounting functions of custody, record keeping and authorization are separated and/or utilize management oversight of these incompatible activities. Management should also put procedures in place to ensure established controls are functioning as intended.

III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

SECTION V
MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSES

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

Finding Control Number: FS-6851-12-01

We concur with this finding. We are in the process of examining protocols to assure that there is separation of those who perform monthly bank reconciliation and record keeping/voucher payment functions. The possibility of hiring additional financial personnel will be visited if funds become available.

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