



LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2014**

(Including Independent Auditor's Reports)



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SECTION I
FINANCIAL



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October 21, 2015

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information (Exhibits A through G) of the Lamar County Board of Education, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lamar County Board of Education, as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note 2 to the financial statements, in 2014 the Lamar County Board of Education adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. The School District restated beginning Net Position for the cumulative effect of this accounting change. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Lamar County Board of Education's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, consisting of Schedules 2 through 5, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U. S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and

reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 21, 2015, 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* in considering Lamar County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg S. Griffin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

INTRODUCTION

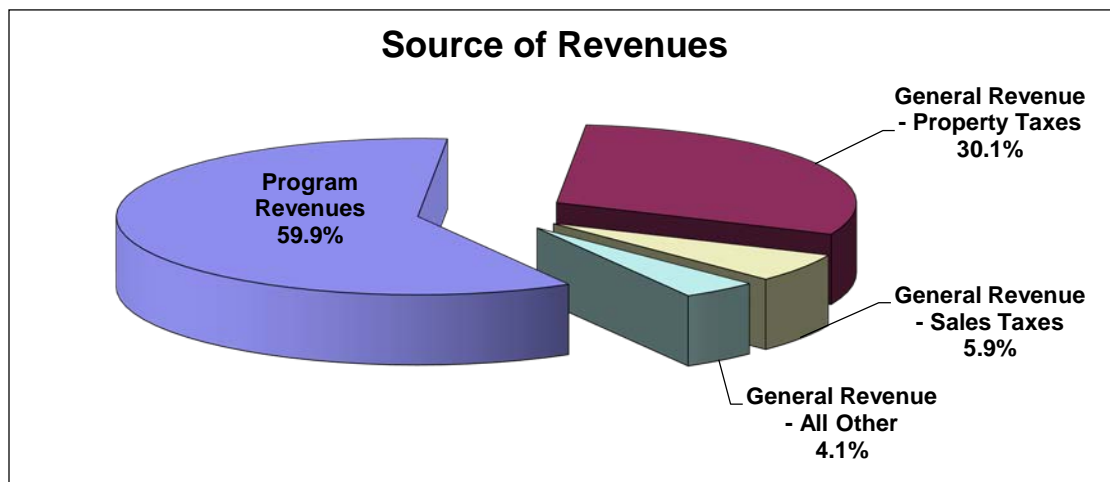
The District's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 includes a series of basic financial statements that report financial information for the District as a whole, its funds, and its fiduciary responsibilities. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide 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 Position and the Statement of Activities.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2014 are as follows:

On the District-wide financial statements:

- The District's net position at June 30, 2014 was \$30.5 million. Net position reflects the difference between all assets and deferred outflows of resources of the District (including capital assets, net of depreciation) and all liabilities, both short-term and long-term, and deferred inflows of resources. The net position at June 30, 2014 of \$30.5 million remained virtually the same when compared to the prior year.
- The School District had just over \$26.5 million in expenses relating to governmental activities; about \$16.0 million of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. However, general revenues (primarily property and sales taxes) of \$10.7 million and a small amount of prior year reserves were adequate to provide for these programs.
- As stated above, general revenues accounted for \$10.7 million or about 40% of all revenues totaling almost \$26.6 million. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, grants, and contributions accounted for the balance of these revenues.(Percentages in table below rounded to one decimal place)



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On the fund financial statements:

- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$24.4 million in revenues and \$25.2 million in expenditures. The General Fund balance of \$5.3 million at June 30, 2014 decreased by roughly \$1.1 million from the prior year. This decrease in General Fund Balance of \$1.1 million was substantially less than the Board anticipated based on its Final Amended Budget which reflected a \$2.7 million decrease in General Fund balance.

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 Position' and 'Statement of Activities'. These statements provide information about the activities of the School District presenting both short-term and long-term information about the 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 has no funds reported as nonmajor funds as defined by generally accepted accounting principles.

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 Position' and the 'Statement of Activities' provide the basis for answering this question. These financial statements include all District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, and use 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 position and any changes in net position. The change in net position 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

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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.

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 Position:

- 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 position as follows:
 - *Net Investment in capital assets*
 - *Restricted net position* is amounts with constraints placed on the use by external sources such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws and regulations.
 - *Unrestricted for no specific use*

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 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 Position 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.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Net position, which is the difference between total assets and deferred outflows of resources, and total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, is one indicator of the financial condition of the District. When revenues exceed expenses, the result is an increase in net position. When expenses exceed revenues, the result is a decrease in net position. The relationship between revenues and expenses can be thought of as the District's operating results. The District's net position, as measured in the Statement of Net Position is one way to measure the District's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position- 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.

In the case of the Lamar County School District, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$30.5 million at June 30, 2014. 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 position category. For example, of the \$30.5 million of net position, \$1.2 million was restricted for continuation of various State and 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 \$25.1 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 on-going use of the assets being reported in this component of net position, it must be recognized that this portion of the net position is *not* available for future spending.

The remaining balance of *unrestricted net position* of \$4.2 million may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position for this fiscal year as compared to the prior fiscal year.

Table 1
Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2013 (Restated)
Assets		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 9,213,506	\$ 11,799,787
Capital Assets, Net	36,099,340	35,705,288
Total Assets	45,312,846	47,505,075
Deferred Outflow of Resources		
Loss of Refunding of Debt	45,455	
Total Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources	45,358,301	47,505,075
Liabilities		
Current and Other Liabilities	3,234,867	3,913,395
Long-Term Liabilities	11,630,626	13,196,909
Total Liabilities	14,865,493	17,110,304
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	25,097,954	24,139,245
Restricted	1,196,979	1,117,952
Unrestricted	4,197,875	5,137,574
Total Net Position	\$ 30,492,808	\$ 30,394,771

Total net position virtually remained the same from the prior year. Table 2 also shows the changes in net position as compared to the prior fiscal year.

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Table 2
Change in Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
	2014	2013
Revenues		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services and Sales	\$ 1,055,265	\$ 975,387
Operating Grants and Contributions	14,278,896	14,285,039
Capital Grants and Contributions	624,365	2,130,176
Total Program Revenues	<u>15,958,526</u>	<u>17,390,602</u>
General Revenues:		
Taxes		
Property Taxes	8,015,736	7,222,287
Sales Taxes	1,583,579	1,668,649
Grants and Contributions not		
Restricted to Specific Programs	131,459	305,643
Investment Earnings	7,083	14,369
Miscellaneous	944,989	508,221
Total General Revenues	<u>10,682,846</u>	<u>9,719,169</u>
Total Revenues	<u>26,641,372</u>	<u>27,109,771</u>
Program Expenses:		
Instruction	15,512,492	15,386,147
Support Services		
Pupil Services	1,907,070	1,698,727
Improvement of Instructional Services	772,877	693,996
Educational Media Services	504,322	475,978
General Administration	556,641	540,536
School Administration	1,481,993	1,346,274
Business Administration	236,375	242,101
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,744,139	1,900,915
Student Transportation Services	1,214,976	1,184,462
Central Support Services	244,406	218,019
Other Support Services	236,349	274,888
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Enterprise Operations	20,501	57,597
Community Services	26,542	
Food Services	1,657,679	1,657,613
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	426,972	480,878
Total Expenses	<u>26,543,334</u>	<u>26,158,131</u>
Increase in Net Position	<u>\$ 98,038</u>	<u>\$ 951,640</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 Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2013
Instruction	\$ 15,512,492	\$ 15,386,147	\$ 6,779,002	\$ 3,996,781
Support Services:				
Pupil Services	1,907,070	1,698,727	790,315	1,103,523
Improvement of Instructional Services	772,877	693,996	501,927	368,895
Educational Media Services	504,322	475,978	185,231	119,268
General Administration	556,641	540,536	59,060	-49,244
School Administration	1,481,993	1,346,274	811,519	571,681
Business Administration	236,375	242,101	118,960	222,743
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,744,139	1,900,915	572,533	995,940
Student Transportation Services	1,214,976	1,184,462	225,921	608,664
Central Support Services	244,406	218,019	166,690	190,811
Other Support Services	236,349	274,888	156,193	175,968
Operations of Non-Instructional Services:				
Enterprise Operations	20,501	57,597	20,501	57,597
Community Services	26,542		26,542	
Food Services	1,657,679	1,657,613	-256,558	-75,976
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	426,972	480,878	426,972	480,878
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 26,543,334</u>	<u>\$ 26,158,131</u>	<u>\$ 10,584,808</u>	<u>\$ 8,767,529</u>

Expenditures increased about \$385,000 from the prior year, while net costs of services increased \$1.8 million from the prior year. The apparent disparity in the increase of the net cost of services in fiscal year 2014 vs. the increase in expenditures resulted because State Capital Outlay Grants decreased almost \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2014 as compared to the prior year as several major projects were completed and capitalized.

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 \$26.4 million and total expenditures of \$28.6 million in fiscal year 2014. Total governmental fund balances of \$5.9 million at June 30, 2014, decreased about \$1.9 million from the prior year. About one-half the decrease in fund balance during fiscal year 2014 was caused because a majority of accumulated prior year reserves of Capital Projects Funds were spent in fiscal year 2014.

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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 2014, 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 \$24.4 million were more than the final budget by roughly \$2.9 million. This variance was primarily due to actual revenues exceeding the budget amount in Federal funds by \$815,000, actual revenues for charges for services exceeding budget amount by \$808,000 and actual revenues for miscellaneous exceeding the budget by \$588,000. The District traditionally estimates revenue on a conservative basis to avoid shortfalls in actual revenues. Additionally, the District did not include revenues for school activity accounts (included in miscellaneous revenues) in the final budget.

The General Fund's final actual expenditures of just over \$25.2 million were more than budget amount of \$24.3 million by roughly \$947,000. This variance was primarily due to actual expenditures for instruction exceeding the budget amount by roughly \$761,000.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the School District had almost \$36.1 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 2014	Fiscal Year 2013
Land	\$ 879,428	\$ 879,428
Construction In Progress	307,239	2,800,814
Land Improvements	634,866	730,086
Building and Improvements	33,208,818	30,263,469
Equipment	1,068,989	1,031,491
Total	\$ 36,099,340	\$ 35,705,288

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

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Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2014, the School District had just over \$11.6 million in total debt outstanding which was consisted of \$11.3 million in bond debt, and \$0.3 million in unamortized bond premiums. 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 2014	Fiscal Year 2013
Bonds Payable	\$ 11,335,000	\$ 12,816,818
Unamortized Bond Premium	295,626	380,091
Total	\$ 11,630,626	\$ 13,196,909

Additional information about the School District's debt can be found in the Notes to the 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 2014 was 16.632, a slight increase from the prior year. This millage rate produced about \$482,000 per mill. The School District's student population has remained essentially flat over the last two years. The District will renovate or construct additional facilities on as needed basis.
- The School District continues to be financially challenged by the lagging economy and relatively stagnate property values. Although property taxes in fiscal year 2014 increased roughly \$800,000 from the prior year, State and Federal Funds combined remained essentially flat as compared to the prior year.
- Despite the constrained levels of revenues realized in fiscal year 2014, the School District is in excellent financial condition. The General Fund had an unassigned fund balance of almost \$4.2 million at June 30, 2014, which is down about \$1.2 million from the prior year. The Board anticipates significant financial challenges going forward due to expected continued slow growth in 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.
- The School District will adopt GASB Statement 68 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* in fiscal year 2015, which will require the School District to record a liability for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability of the Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia. This liability is estimated to be \$1.5 million at June 30, 2015.

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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, Director of Finance, Lamar County Board of Education, 100 Victory Lane, Barnesville, Georgia 30204.

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LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2014

EXHIBIT "A"

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
 <u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,908,232.67
Investments	3,143,454.74
Accounts Receivable, Net	
Interest	291.44
Taxes	429,040.20
State Government	1,566,937.01
Federal Government	623,448.86
Other	291,314.56
Inventories	57,413.40
Prepaid Items	193,374.00
Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable	1,186,666.90
Capital Assets, Depreciable (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>34,912,673.00</u>
Total Assets	45,312,846.78
 <u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Loss on Refunding of Debt	<u>45,454.56</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>45,358,301.34</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	416,583.19
Salaries and Benefits Payable	2,565,316.13
Interest Payable	93,007.50
Contracts Payable	143,408.00
Retainages Payable	16,552.00
Long-Term Liabilities	
Due Within One Year	1,699,465.00
Due in More Than One Year	<u>9,931,161.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>14,865,492.82</u>
 <u>NET POSITION</u>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	25,097,953.62
Restricted for	
Continuation of Federal Programs	578,065.55
Capital Projects	536,563.25
Debt Service	82,351.50
Unrestricted	<u>4,197,874.60</u>
Total Net Position	<u>30,492,808.52</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>\$ 45,358,301.34</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, 2014

	EXPENSES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES
<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>		
Instruction	\$ 15,512,491.68	\$ 2,000.00
Support Services		
Pupil Services	1,907,069.58	795,490.55
Improvement of Instructional Services	772,877.51	
Educational Media Services	504,322.17	
General Administration	556,641.45	
School Administration	1,481,992.95	
Business Administration	236,374.82	
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,744,138.78	2,056.67
Student Transportation Services	1,214,976.15	6,928.45
Central Support Services	244,406.30	
Other Support Services	236,349.07	1,087.00
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Enterprise Operations	20,501.17	
Food Services	1,657,679.03	247,702.50
Community Services Operations	26,542.01	
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	426,971.52	
	\$ 26,543,334.19	\$ 1,055,265.17
General Revenues		
Taxes		
Property Taxes		
For Maintenance and Operations		
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		
Total General Revenues		
Change in Net Position		
Net Position - Beginning of Year (Restated)		
Net Position - End of Year		

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

EXHIBIT "B"

<u>PROGRAM REVENUES</u>		<u>NET (EXPENSES)</u>
<u>OPERATING</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>
<u>GRANTS AND</u>	<u>GRANTS AND</u>	<u>AND CHANGES IN</u>
<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>NET POSITION</u>
\$ 8,351,133.26	\$ 380,356.85	\$ -6,779,001.57
321,264.17		-790,314.86
270,950.82		-501,926.69
319,091.00		-185,231.17
497,581.46		-59,059.99
670,474.00		-811,518.95
117,414.34		-118,960.48
1,153,527.50	16,021.82	-572,532.79
775,518.92	206,607.50	-225,921.28
77,716.60		-166,689.70
79,068.88		-156,193.19
		-20,501.17
1,645,154.82	21,379.45	256,557.74
		-26,542.01
		-426,971.52
<u>\$ 14,278,895.77</u>	<u>\$ 624,365.62</u>	<u>-10,584,807.63</u>
		8,015,735.80
		1,524,882.03
		58,697.28
		131,459.00
		7,082.86
		<u>944,988.75</u>
		<u>10,682,845.72</u>
		98,038.09
		<u>30,394,770.43</u>
		<u>\$ 30,492,808.52</u>

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2014

EXHIBIT "C"

	GENERAL FUND	DISTRICT- WIDE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,862,557.46		\$ 45,675.21	\$ 2,908,232.67
Investments	2,578,444.83	\$ 563,919.72	1,090.19	3,143,454.74
Accounts Receivable, Net				
Interest	291.44			291.44
Taxes	300,446.60		128,593.60	429,040.20
State Government	1,566,937.01			1,566,937.01
Federal Government	623,448.86			623,448.86
Other	69,193.30	222,121.26		291,314.56
Inventories	57,413.40			57,413.40
Prepaid Items	193,374.00			193,374.00
Total Assets	\$ 8,252,106.90	\$ 786,040.98	\$ 175,359.00	\$ 9,213,506.88
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ 327,065.46	\$ 89,517.73		\$ 416,583.19
Salaries and Benefits Payable	2,565,316.13			2,565,316.13
Contracts Payable		143,408.00		143,408.00
Retainages Payable		16,552.00		16,552.00
Total Liabilities	2,892,381.59	249,477.73		3,141,859.32
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	78,232.54			78,232.54
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	250,787.40			250,787.40
Restricted	520,652.15	536,563.25	\$ 175,359.00	1,232,574.40
Committed	336,704.38			336,704.38
Unassigned	4,173,348.84			4,173,348.84
Total Fund Balances	5,281,492.77	536,563.25	175,359.00	5,993,415.02
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 8,252,106.90	\$ 786,040.98	\$ 175,359.00	\$ 9,213,506.88

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 POSITION
 JUNE 30, 2014

EXHIBIT "D"

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit "C") \$ 5,993,415.02

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

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

Land	\$	879,428.00	
Land Improvements		1,700,407.00	
Accumulated Depreciation - Land Improvements		-1,065,541.00	
Buildings		41,819,692.00	
Accumulated Depreciation - Buildings		-8,610,874.00	
Equipment		3,703,396.00	
Accumulated Depreciation - Equipment		-2,634,407.00	
Construction in Progress		307,238.90	
Total Capital Assets		36,099,339.90	36,099,339.90

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.

Deferred Inflows of Resources - Unavailable Property Taxes 78,232.54

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 -93,007.50

Long-Term Liabilities and Deferred Outflows of Resources, including Bonds Payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. At year-end these consist of:

Unamortized Bond Premiums	\$	-295,626.00	
General Obligation Bonds Payable		-11,335,000.00	
Deferred Outflow of Resources - Loss on Refunding of Debt		45,454.56	
Total Long-Term Liabilities		-11,585,171.44	-11,585,171.44

Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit "A") \$ 30,492,808.52

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

EXHIBIT "E"

	GENERAL FUND	DISTRICT- WIDE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	\$ 8,019,885.64			\$ 8,019,885.64
Sales Taxes	58,697.28		\$ 1,524,882.03	1,583,579.31
State Funds	11,418,987.95	\$ 369,824.05		11,788,812.00
Federal Funds	3,245,908.39			3,245,908.39
Charges for Services	1,055,265.17			1,055,265.17
Investment Earnings	6,962.54	83.75	36.57	7,082.86
Miscellaneous	634,046.01		81,004.00	715,050.01
	24,439,752.98	369,907.80	1,605,922.60	26,415,583.38
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Instruction	14,653,146.35			14,653,146.35
Support Services				
Pupil Services	1,907,069.58			1,907,069.58
Improvement of Instructional Services	772,877.51			772,877.51
Educational Media Services	504,322.17			504,322.17
General Administration	556,641.45			556,641.45
School Administration	1,481,992.95			1,481,992.95
Business Administration	235,745.27	629.55		236,374.82
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,701,002.05	3,207.85		1,704,209.90
Student Transportation Services	1,255,008.80			1,255,008.80
Central Support Services	244,406.30			244,406.30
Other Support Services	236,349.07			236,349.07
Enterprise Operations	20,501.17			20,501.17
Community Services	26,542.01			26,542.01
Food Services Operation	1,623,664.52			1,623,664.52
Capital Outlay	25,000.00	1,262,307.63		1,287,307.63
Debt Services				
Principal			1,550,000.00	1,550,000.00
Interest			508,703.00	508,703.00
	25,244,269.20	1,266,145.03	2,058,703.00	28,569,117.23
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	-804,516.22	-896,237.23	-452,780.40	-2,153,533.85
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Sale or Compensation for Loss of Fixed Assets	7,817.48			7,817.48
Insurance Proceeds		222,121.26		222,121.26
Transfers In		10,209.92	306,640.05	316,849.97
Transfers Out	-316,849.97			-316,849.97
	-309,032.49	232,331.18	306,640.05	229,938.74
Net Change in Fund Balances	-1,113,548.71	-663,906.05	-146,140.35	-1,923,595.11
Fund Balances - Beginning	6,395,041.48	1,200,469.30	321,499.35	7,917,010.13
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 5,281,492.77	\$ 536,563.25	\$ 175,359.00	\$ 5,993,415.02

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, 2014

EXHIBIT "F"

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit "E") \$ -1,923,595.11

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	\$ 1,504,644.56	
Depreciation Expense - Buildings	-785,392.00	
Depreciation Expense - Equipment	-229,981.00	
Depreciation Expense - Land Improvements	-95,220.00	
Total Capital Assets	394,051.56	394,051.56

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, 2013	\$ -82,382.38	
June 30, 2014	78,232.54	
Total Deferred Revenue	-4,149.84	-4,149.84

Some expenses 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, 2013	\$ 113,001.25	
June 30, 2014	-93,007.50	
Total Accrued Interest Expense	19,993.75	19,993.75

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 Position. In the current year, these amounts consist of:

Amortization of Bond Premiums	\$ 84,465.00	
Redemption of Bond Principal	1,550,000.00	
Amortization of Deferred Gain of Refunding Bond Series	-22,727.27	
Total Long-Term Debt Repayments	1,611,737.73	1,611,737.73

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit "B") \$ 98,038.09

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 POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2014

EXHIBIT "G"

	<u>AGENCY FUNDS</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ <u>28,714.93</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Funds Held for Others	\$ <u>28,714.93</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 included within 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 Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the financial activities of the overall School District, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange 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 District had no funds that were required to be reported as non-major 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 Bond Proceeds and grants from Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission 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, clubs, governments, or individuals.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

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

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The School District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if they are collected within sixty days after year-end. The School District considers all intergovernmental revenues to be available if they are collected within 120 days after year-end. Property taxes, sales taxes and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term liabilities are reported as other financing sources.

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

RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR NET POSITION

For fiscal year 2014, the School District made a prior period adjustment due to the adoption of GASB Statement No. 65, as described in "New Accounting Pronouncements" below, which require the restatement of the June 30, 2013, net position in Governmental Activities. The result is a decrease in Net Position at July 1, 2013 of \$124,045.39. This change is in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2014

EXHIBIT "H"

Net Position, July 1, 2013, as previously reported	\$ 30,518,815.82
Removal of Bond Issuance Costs	<u>-124,045.39</u>
Net Position, July 1, 2013, as restated	<u>\$ 30,394,770.43</u>

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In fiscal year 2014, the School District adopted the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. The provisions of this Statement establish accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as deferred outflows or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and recognizes, as outflows or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities. As noted above the School District restated beginning Net Position for the cumulative effect of this accounting change.

FUTURE ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In fiscal year 2015, the School District will adopt Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. The provisions of this Statement establish accounting and financial reporting standards for pensions that are provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers through pension plans that are administered through trusts. Implementation of this statement will require the School District to record a liability for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability of pension plans in which it participates. Based on information provided by the Teacher Retirement System of Georgia (TRS), the School District's liability for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability of the pension plan administered through TRS is estimated to be \$15.5 million at June 30, 2015.

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 and equity investments 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 adopted the property tax levy for the 2013 tax digest year (calendar year) on September 12, 2013 (levy date) based on property values as of January 1, 2013. Taxes were due on November 15, 2013 (lien date). Taxes collected within the current fiscal year or within 60 days after year-end on the 2013 tax digest are reported as revenue in the governmental funds for fiscal year 2014. 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, 2014, for maintenance and operations amounted to \$7,710,517.04.

The tax millage rate levied for the 2013 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>16.632</u> mills
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Additionally, Title Ad Valorem Tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, amounted to \$309,368.60 during fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

SALES TAXES

Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, at the fund reporting level, during the year amounted to \$1,524,882.03 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. The most recent authorization expires on 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.

PREPAID ITEMS

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods subsequent to June 30, 2014, are recorded as prepaid items.

CAPITAL ASSETS

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

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

	<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.

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of net position and/or the balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of resources that applies to a future period(s) and therefore will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The School District had only one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. The deferred charge on refunded debt resulting from the difference in the carrying value of the refunded debt and its reacquisition price is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and/or the balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of resources that applies to a future period(s) and therefore will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The School District has only one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenue, is reporting only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes and grants and these amounts are deferred and will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period in which the amounts become available.

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, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bond issuance costs are recognized as an outflow of resources in the fiscal year in which the bonds are issued.

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 Position.

NET POSITION

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

Net investment in capital assets - 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 net investment in capital assets.

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

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

FUND BALANCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fund Balances of the Governmental Funds at June 30, 2014, are as follows:

Nonspendable			
Inventories	\$	57,413.40	
Prepaid Assets		193,374.00	\$ 250,787.40
Restricted			
Continuation of Federal Programs	\$	385,211.00	
Continuation of Other Sponsored Programs		135,441.15	
Capital Projects		536,563.25	
Debt Service		175,359.00	1,232,574.40
Committed			
School Activity Accounts			336,704.38
Unassigned			4,173,348.84
Fund Balance, June 30, 2014			\$ 5,993,415.02

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 all governmental funds, except the various school activity (Principal) accounts and certain Federal and Sponsored Programs, 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 for the General Fund was prepared in accordance with accounting principles permitted by the State of Georgia, but not in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary process begins with the School District's administration presenting an initial budget for the Board's review. The administration makes revisions as necessary based on the Board's guidelines and a tentative budget is approved. After approval of this tentative budget by the Board, such budget is advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality. 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 circumstances is the Superintendent or other staff person authorized to spend funds that exceed the total budget without approval by the Board.

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

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 and certain Federal and Sponsored Programs 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, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances in the General Fund that is reconciled as follows:

Actual Revenues, GAAP Basis		\$	24,439,752.98
Revenues from School Principals Accounts and certain Federal and Sponsored Programs	\$		-1,355,845.18
On-Behalf Benefit Contribution			-83,384.92
			-1,439,230.10
Actual Revenues, Budgetary Basis			23,000,522.88
Actual Expenditures, GAAP Basis			25,244,269.20
Expenditures from School Principals Accounts and certain Federal and Sponsored Programs	\$		-1,314,926.16
On-Behalf Benefits Expenditure			-83,384.92
			-1,398,311.08
Actual Expenditures, Budgetary Basis			23,845,958.12
Revenues over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses), Budgetary Basis		\$	-845,435.24
Revenues over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses), GAAP Basis		\$	-804,516.22

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,
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, 2014, the School District had deposits with a carrying amount of \$3,561,430.00, which includes \$624,482.40 in Certificates of Deposit that are reported as Investments, and a bank balance of \$4,254,493.99. The bank balances insured by Federal depository insurance were \$500,000.00 and the bank balances collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution or by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the School District's name were \$3,754,493.99.

CATEGORIZATION OF INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2014, the carrying value of the School District's total investments was \$3,143,454.74. This includes \$624,482.40 invested in Certificates of Deposit, which are collateralized in the same manner as other cash deposits. The School District's investments as of June 30, 2014, are presented below. All investments are presented by investment type

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Other Investments	
Fifth Third Institutional	
Government Money Market Fund	\$ 565,009.91
Investment Pools	
Office of State Treasurer	
Georgia Fund 1	<u>1,953,962.43</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$ 2,518,972.34</u>

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 <http://www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/cafr.html>.

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The Primary Liquidity Portfolio consists of Georgia Fund 1 which is not registered with the SEC as an investment company and does not operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The investment is valued at the pool's share price, \$1.00 per share. The pool is an AAf rated investment pool by Standard and Poor's. The weighted average maturity for Georgia Fund 1 on June 30, 2014, was 62 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 stability of principal and invests primarily in short-term U.S. Government securities. The average weighted maturity of the fund's investments was about 50 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 Fifth Third Institutional Government Money Market Fund. This investment is 22%, respectively, 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**

NOTE 6: CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balances					Balances June 30, 2014
	July 1, 2013	Adjustments	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	
Governmental Activities						
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:						
Land	\$ 879,428.00			\$ 0.00		\$ 879,428.00
Construction Work In Progress	2,800,814.34	\$ -0.34	\$ 1,148,780.90		\$ -3,642,356.00	307,238.90
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	3,680,242.34	-0.34	1,148,780.90	0.00	-3,642,356.00	1,186,666.90
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:						
Land Improvements (Exhaustible)	1,700,407.00	0.00				1,700,407.00
Buildings and Improvements	38,088,951.00		88,385.00		3,642,356.00	41,819,692.00
Equipment	3,584,126.00		267,479.00	148,209.00		3,703,396.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation:						
Land Improvements (Exhaustible)	970,321.00		95,220.00			1,065,541.00
Buildings and Improvements	7,825,482.00		785,392.00			8,610,874.00
Equipment	2,552,635.00		229,981.00	148,209.00		2,634,407.00
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	32,025,046.00	0.00	-754,729.00	0.00	3,642,356.00	34,912,673.00
Governmental Activity Capital Assets - Net	\$ 35,705,288.34	\$ -0.34	\$ 394,051.90	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 36,099,339.90

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Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:

Instruction		\$	861,952.00
Support Services			
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	\$	38,204.00	
Student Transportation Services		159,455.00	197,659.00
Food Services			50,982.00
		\$	1,110,593.00

NOTE 7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2014, consisted of the following:

<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Transfers From General Fund</u>
District-wide Capital Projects	\$ 10,209.92
Debt Service Fund	306,640.05
Total	\$ 316,849.97

Transfers are used to move property tax revenues collected by the General Fund to (1) the District-wide Capital Projects Fund as supplemental funding source for capital construction projects, and to (2) the Debt Service Fund for funding to provide for payment of School District Debt.

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 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>
2013	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,266.00	\$ 1,266.00	\$ 0.00
2014	\$ 0.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 0.00

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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%	\$ 960,000.00
General Government - QZAB Series 2007	0.00%	2,000,000.00
General Government - Series 2008	3.00% - 5.00%	6,375,000.00
General Government - QZAB Series 2011	4.40%	2,000,000.00
		<u>\$ 11,335,000.00</u>

The changes in Long-Term Debt during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, were as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
	<u>Balance July 1, 2013</u>	<u>Reclassify Account Balance to Deferred Outflows (1)</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2014</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
G. O. Bonds	\$ 12,885,000.00		\$ 1,550,000.00	\$ 11,335,000.00	\$ 1,615,000.00
Less: Deferred Amounts					
Loss On					
Refunding Series	<u>-68,181.83</u>	<u>\$ 68,181.83</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
Total G. O. Bonds	12,816,818.17	68,181.83	1,550,000.00	11,335,000.00	1,615,000.00
Bond Premiums Amortized	<u>380,091.00</u>		<u>84,465.00</u>	<u>295,626.00</u>	<u>84,465.00</u>
	<u>\$ 13,196,909.17</u>	<u>\$ 68,181.83</u>	<u>\$ 1,634,465.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,630,626.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,699,465.00</u>

(1) Due to the implementation of GASB 65. See Note 2 "New Accounting Pronouncements."

At June 30, 2014, payments due by fiscal year which includes principal and interest for these items are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>	<u>General Obligation Debt</u>		<u>Unamortized Bond Premium</u>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
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	285,280.00	84,465.00
2018	2,020,000.00	189,000.00	42,231.00
2019	2,000,000.00	88,000.00	
2020 - 2023	<u>2,000,000.00</u>	<u>352,000.00</u>	
Total Principal and Interest	<u>\$ 11,335,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,718,815.00</u>	<u>\$ 295,626.00</u>

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In fiscal year 2012, the Lamar County Board of Education sold \$2,000,000.00 of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) - Series 2011 for the purpose of funding the costs of renovations and improvements at Lamar College and Career Center. Under Federal Law, these bonds are eligible to receive an interest subsidy from the U.S. Government which will materially offset the School District's liability to make full interest debt service amortization payments as scheduled. To qualify for this subsidy the District is required to periodically file appropriate documents with the Internal Revenue Service. The amount of interest due on QZAB - 2011 series bonds included in the above amortization schedule is \$792,000.00. The interest subsidy received by the District from the U.S. Government in fiscal year 2014 funded \$81,004.00 of the \$88,000.00 interest expense due on the series 2011 QZAB bonds in fiscal year 2014.

NOTE 10: ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

The School District has recognized revenues and costs in the amount of \$1,243,628.92 for health insurance and retirement contributions paid on the School District's behalf by the following State Agencies.

Georgia Department of Education

Paid to the Georgia Department of Community Health
 For Health Insurance of Certificated Personnel
 In the amount of \$1,160,244.00

Paid to the Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia
 For Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) Employer's Cost
 In the amount of \$24,565.92

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 \$58,819.00

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

NOTE 11: SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS

The following is an analysis of significant outstanding construction or renovation contracts executed by the School District as of June 30, 2014:

Project	Unearned Executed Contracts
High School Phase II Construction	\$ <u>171,077.82</u>

The amount described in this note is not reflected in the basic financial statements.

NOTE 12: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

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

NOTE 13: 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.

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, 2014:

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

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 \$945.00 per member per month

For non-certificated school personnel:

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 \$596.20 per member per month

No additional contribution was required by the Board for fiscal year 2014 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.

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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
2014	100%	\$ 2,648,007.93
2013	100%	\$ 2,489,780.66
2012	100%	\$ 2,267,283.40

NOTE 14: RETIREMENT PLANS

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TRS)

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

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

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

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

Funding Policy. TRS is funded by member and employer contributions as adopted and amended by the Board of Trustees. Members become fully vested after 10 years of service. If a member terminates with less than 10 years of service, no vesting of employer contributions occurs, but the member's contributions may be refunded with interest. Member contributions are limited by State law to not less than 5% or more than 6% of a member's earnable compensation. Member contributions as adopted by the Board of Trustees for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, were 6.00% of annual salary. Employer contributions required for fiscal year 2014 were 12.28% of annual salary as required by the June 30, 2011, actuarial valuation.

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

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Percentage Contributed</u>	<u>Required Contribution</u>
2014	100%	\$ 1,564,428.57
2013	100%	\$ 1,477,571.86
2012	100%	\$ 1,312,191.13

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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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

SCHEDULE "1"

	NONAPPROPRIATED BUDGETS		ACTUAL AMOUNTS	VARIANCE OVER/UNDER
	ORIGINAL (1)	FINAL (1)		
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	\$ 7,587,160.62	\$ 7,587,160.62	\$ 8,019,885.64	\$ 432,725.02
Sales Taxes			58,697.28	58,697.28
State Funds	11,146,644.36	11,222,295.86	11,418,987.95	196,692.09
Federal Funds	2,202,478.90	2,431,238.29	3,245,908.39	814,670.10
Charges for Services	247,258.13	247,258.13	1,055,265.17	808,007.04
Investment Earnings	25,323.01	25,323.01	6,962.54	-18,360.47
Miscellaneous	46,198.80	46,198.80	634,046.01	587,847.21
Total Revenues	21,255,063.82	21,559,474.71	24,439,752.98	2,880,278.27
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Instruction	13,975,019.35	14,644,320.66	14,653,146.35	-8,825.69
Support Services				
Pupil Services	974,023.21	1,145,688.48	1,907,069.58	-761,381.10
Improvement of Instructional Services	320,535.44	732,524.01	772,877.51	-40,353.50
Educational Media Services	485,571.98	491,631.98	504,322.17	-12,690.19
General Administration	537,989.78	541,291.37	556,641.45	-15,350.08
School Administration	1,335,066.12	1,335,066.12	1,481,992.95	-146,926.83
Business Administration	229,243.22	229,243.22	235,745.27	-6,502.05
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,826,974.33	1,829,474.33	1,701,002.05	128,472.28
Student Transportation Services	1,233,704.59	1,233,704.59	1,255,008.80	-21,304.21
Central Support Services	215,143.52	231,401.52	244,406.30	-13,004.78
Other Support Services	179,604.03	248,839.54	236,349.07	12,490.47
Enterprise Operations			20,501.17	-20,501.17
Community Services			26,542.01	-26,542.01
Food Services Operation	1,608,870.52	1,608,870.52	1,623,664.52	-14,794.00
Capital Outlay		25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	22,921,746.09	24,297,056.34	25,244,269.20	-947,212.86
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	-1,666,682.27	-2,737,581.63	-804,516.22	1,933,065.41
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Other Sources	35,000.00	35,000.00	7,817.48	-27,182.52
Transfers Out			-316,849.97	-316,849.97
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	35,000.00	35,000.00	-309,032.49	-344,032.49
Net Change in Fund Balances	-1,631,682.27	-2,702,581.63	-1,113,548.71	1,589,032.92
Fund Balances - Beginning	6,258,486.54	6,258,486.54	6,395,041.48	136,554.94
Adjustments		-520.18		520.18
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 4,626,804.27	\$ 3,555,384.73	\$ 5,281,492.77	\$ 1,726,108.04

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

- (1) Original and Final Budget amounts do not include the budgeted revenues or expenditures of various programs reported as a part of the General Fund. The actual revenues and expenditures of these programs were as follows:

	Revenues	Expenditures
USDA Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	\$ 29,299.52	\$ 29,299.52
School Principals Accounts	1,204,004.35	1,168,619.26
Child Care and Adult Program	18,209.49	17,874.27
Summer Food Service Program	13,376.46	12,693.55
Public Relations	29,862.90	30,214.46
School Fund Transfer	10,516.78	10,516.78
After School Program	44,225.01	26,542.01
Fund Raising	3,443.67	107.88
Community Education	2,100.00	2,758.31
School Health Clinic		1,014.30
Charter School	807.00	15,285.82
	\$ 1,355,845.18	\$ 1,314,926.16

See notes to the basic financial statements.

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

SCHEDULE "2"

FUNDING AGENCY PROGRAM/GRANT	CFDA NUMBER	PASS- THROUGH ENTITY ID NUMBER	EXPENDITURES IN PERIOD
Agriculture, U. S. Department of			
Direct			
Community Facilities and Loans and Grants	10.766		\$ <u>25,000.00</u>
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	1,479,856.04 (1)
Pass-Through From Bright From the Start:			
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning			
Summer Food Service Program For Children	* 10.559	N/A	<u>13,376.46</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>1,493,232.50</u>
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Bright From the Start:			
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning			
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	N/A	18,209.49
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Food Services			
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	N/A	<u>29,299.52</u>
Total Other Programs			<u>47,509.01</u>
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			<u>1,565,741.51</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	450,277.27
Preschool Grants	84.173	N/A	<u>12,792.14</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>463,069.41</u>
Other Programs			
Direct			
Fund for the Improvement of Education	84.215		130,631.65
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States			
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.048	N/A	39,537.00
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.367	N/A	109,883.07
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	* 84.010	N/A	695,259.38
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	N/A	<u>450,170.59</u>
Total Other Programs			<u>1,425,481.69</u>
Total U. S. Department of Education			<u>1,888,551.10</u>
Defense, U. S. Department of			
Direct			
Department of the Army			
R.O.T.C. Program			<u>62,953.44</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 3,517,246.05</u>

N/A = Not Available

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

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 \$122,660.57.
- (2) Expenditures for the funds earned on the School Breakfast Program (\$264,179.70) were not maintained separately and are included in the 2014 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, 2014

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	\$ 451,201.83		\$ 451,201.83
Education, Georgia Department of			
Quality Basic Education (1)			
Direct Instructional Cost			
Kindergarten Program	712,459.00		712,459.00
Kindergarten Program - Early Intervention Program	170,382.00		170,382.00
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	1,649,426.00		1,649,426.00
Primary Grades - Early Intervention (1-3) Program	427,413.00		427,413.00
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	862,074.00		862,074.00
Upper Elementary Grades - Early Intervention (4-5) Program	243,457.00		243,457.00
Middle School (6-8) Program	1,531,533.00		1,531,533.00
High School General Education (9-12) Program	1,313,923.00		1,313,923.00
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	374,192.00		374,192.00
Students with Disabilities	1,597,233.00		1,597,233.00
Gifted Student - Category VI	396,816.00		396,816.00
Remedial Education Program	212,322.00		212,322.00
Alternative Education Program	103,399.00		103,399.00
English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	24,995.00		24,995.00
Media Center Program	265,177.00		265,177.00
20 Days Additional Instruction	82,286.00		82,286.00
Staff and Professional Development	50,393.00		50,393.00
Principal Staff and Professional Development	1,111.00		1,111.00
Indirect Cost			
Central Administration	401,573.00		401,573.00
School Administration	557,377.00		557,377.00
Facility Maintenance and Operations	620,998.00		620,998.00
Amended Formula Adjustment	-1,634,072.00		-1,634,072.00
Categorical Grants			
Pupil Transportation			
Regular	374,407.00		374,407.00
Nursing Services	49,211.00		49,211.00
Education Equalization Funding Grant	131,459.00		131,459.00
Other State Programs			
Food Services	39,616.00		39,616.00
Math and Science Supplements	8,828.86		8,828.86
Move on When Ready Grant	200.00		200.00
Preschool Handicapped Program	20,061.33		20,061.33
Pupil Transportation - State Bonds	206,607.50		206,607.50
Teachers' Retirement	24,565.92		24,565.92
Technology to Support Digital Learning Bonds	17,111.66		17,111.66
Vocational Education	66,390.75		66,390.75
Vocational Supervisors	6,041.10		6,041.10
Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission			
Reimbursement on Construction Projects		\$ 369,824.05	369,824.05
Office of the State Treasurer			
Public School Employees' Retirement	58,819.00		58,819.00
	<u>\$ 11,418,987.95</u>	<u>\$ 369,824.05</u>	<u>\$ 11,788,812.00</u>

(1) Payments to the Georgia Department of Community Health by the Georgia Department of Education on behalf of the School District in the amount of \$1,160,244.00 are included as part of the Quality Basic Education revenue allotments above.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

SCHEDULE "4"

PROJECT	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1) (4)	CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2) (4)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3) (4)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3) (4)	TOTAL COMPLETION COST	PROCEEDS NOT EXPENDED	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
SPLOST III							
To pay a portion of the principal and interest on the Series 2008 Bonds, to repay a portion of previously incurred general obligation debt, and to pay the costs of (i) renovating, improving, constructing and equipping new and existing athletic facilities including the football stadium and track facility, (ii) acquiring, constructing and equipping a new school system auditorium, (iii) renovating, repairing, improving, adding to (or making additions to) and equipping the existing Lamar County Comprehensive High School gymnasium, (iv) system-wide technology upgrades and safety and security equipment, (v) the acquisition of any property, both real and personal, and equipment necessary in connection with 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 (vi) the cost of issuance of the Bonds including capitalized interest.	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 20,757,894.71		\$ 20,757,894.71			Completed
SPLOST IV							
The repayment of a portion of previously incurred general obligation debt of the School District, a portion of the principal and interest on the Series 2011 QZAB, and to pay (i) renovation and improvements to existing school buildings, including the primary, elementary, middle, and high schools, maintenance facilities and the central office, (ii) acquisition of schools buses, transportation vehicles and equipment, and maintenance vehicles, (iii) the acquisition of any property, both real and personal, and equipment necessary in connection with above described capital outlay projects, including computers and system-wide technology upgrades, athletic facilities and physical education equipment, textbooks, furnishings, band instruments, vocational equipment, and safety and security equipment.	<u>11,000,000.00</u>	<u>7,980,968.90</u>	<u>\$ 3,236,848.30</u>	<u>4,744,120.60</u>			12/31/2018
	<u>\$ 21,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 28,738,863.61</u>	<u>\$ 3,236,848.30</u>	<u>\$ 25,502,015.31</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</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.
- (4) The line item reported in the prior year audit report for \$14,000,000.00 was the total authorized amount for the issuance of general obligation debt. The projects reported above should be the approved maximum amount from the local sales and use taxes. The expenditure amounts reported in the prior year have been included in the SPLOST III for payments made through December 31, 2012, and SPLOST IV for those payments beginning January 1, 2013. These expenditures are related to the principal and interest payments on the Series 2005 and Series 2008 general obligation bonds still outstanding.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

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LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 GENERAL FUND - QUALITY BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS (QBE)
 ALLOTMENTS AND EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

SCHEDULE "5"

DESCRIPTION	ALLOTMENTS FROM GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (1) (2)	ELIGIBLE QBE PROGRAM COSTS		
		SALARIES	OPERATIONS	TOTAL
Direct Instructional Programs				
Kindergarten Program	\$ 868,789.00	\$ 796,309.93	\$ 5,270.15	\$ 801,580.08
Kindergarten Program-Early Intervention Program	201,643.00	197,453.08	211.86	197,664.94
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	1,991,856.00	2,199,137.65	26,467.57	2,225,605.22
Primary Grades-Early Intervention (1-3) Program	528,441.00	132,324.97	3,166.88	135,491.85
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	1,035,034.00	1,407,075.62	27,187.74	1,434,263.36
Upper Elementary Grades-Early Intervention (4-5) Program	282,873.00	116,808.16	3,489.47	120,297.63
Middle School (6-8) Program	1,831,427.00	2,042,793.44	66,652.19	2,109,445.63
High School General Education (9-12) Program	1,563,029.00	2,265,511.90	110,076.95	2,375,588.85
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	446,106.00	392,076.93	42,003.81	434,080.74
Students with Disabilities Category III	1,909,404.00	1,777,858.33	68,110.16	1,845,968.49
Gifted Student - Category VI	472,675.00	167,293.34	3,813.14	171,106.48
Remedial Education Program	264,926.00		4,566.27	4,566.27
Alternative Education Program	125,508.00	277,976.01	51,310.18	329,286.19
English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	28,465.00			
TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	11,550,176.00	11,772,619.36	412,326.37	12,184,945.73
Media Center Program	318,820.00	444,633.41	43,247.68	487,881.09
Staff and Professional Development	60,601.00			37,727.66
TOTAL QBE FORMULA FUNDS	\$ 11,929,597.00	\$ 12,217,252.77	\$ 455,574.05	\$ 12,710,554.48

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

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

See notes to the basic financial statements.

SECTION II

COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS



DEPARTMENT OF AUDITS AND ACCOUNTS

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October 21, 2015

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, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lamar County Board of Education as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Lamar County Board of Education's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 21, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a material weakness.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and

corrected on a timely basis. . A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item FS 2014-001 to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Lamar County Board of Education's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed 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 October 21, 2015.

Lamar County Board of Education's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Respectfully submitted,



Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited 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, 2014. 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.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Lamar County Board of Education complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of Lamar County Board of Education is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Lamar County Board of Education's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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, 2014

PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

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, 2014

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	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
▪ Material weakness identified?	Yes
▪ Significant deficiency identified?	None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted:	No

Federal Awards

Internal Control over major programs:	
▪ Material weakness identified?	No
▪ Significant deficiency identified?	None Reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: All major programs	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-143, Section 510(a)?	No
Identification of major programs:	
<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.553, 10.555, 10.559	Child Nutrition Cluster
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	\$300,000.00
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	No

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Views of Responsible Officials and Corrective Action Plans:

We concur with this finding. The School District's finance department will establish and implement controls over the revenue and expense recognition process to ensure that revenue and expenses are recorded in the correct month and fiscal year. Training of finance personnel in the area of revenue and expenses recognition through available workshops and classes during fiscal year 2016 will assist the staff in assuring that liability and receivable balances are accurate and complete.

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III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.