

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 877
Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, Minnesota

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 877

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 877
BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

<u>Board of Education</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Sue Lee	Chairperson	December 31, 2015
Melissa Brings	Vice Chairperson	December 31, 2015
Patti Pokorney	Clerk	December 31, 2015
Laurie Raymond	Treasurer	December 31, 2015
Jeff Trout	Director	December 31, 2017
Stan Vander Kooi	Director	December 31, 2017
Ken Ogden	Director	December 31, 2017
<u>Administration</u>		
Scott Thielman	Superintendent	
Gary Kawlewski	Director of Finance and Operations	
Miranda Kramer	Controller	



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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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 of Independent School District No. 877, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related Notes to the Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

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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.

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

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An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the basic financial statements.

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



Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Independent School District No. 877, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, Minnesota, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Implementation of GASB 68 and GASB 71

As discussed in Note 13 to the financial statements, the District has adopted the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. 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, which follows this report letter, and the Schedule of Funding Progress – Other Post Employment Benefits on page 72, Schedule of Employer Contributions – Other Post Employment Benefits on page 72, Schedule of District's and Non-Employer Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability GERS Retirement Funds on page 73, Schedule of District's and Non-Employer Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability TRA Retirement Funds on page 73, Schedule of District Contributions of GERS Retirement Funds on page 74 and Schedule of District Contributions of TRA Retirement Funds on page 74 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by GASB, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information and the Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards Compliance Table identified in the Table of Contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the financial statements.



The accompanying supplementary information identified in the Table of Contents, the Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards Compliance Table and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information, the Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards Compliance Table and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated, in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

The financial statements include partial prior year comparative information. Such information does not include all of the information required to constitute a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statement for the year ended June 30, 2014, from which such partial information was derived.

We have previously audited the District's 2014 financial statements and our report, dated October 14, 2014, expressed unmodified opinions on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 12, 2015, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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BerganKDV, Ltd.
St. Cloud, Minnesota
October 12, 2015

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 877
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
June 30, 2015

This section of Independent School District No. 877's (the "District") annual financial report presents a discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of required supplementary information specified in the GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*. Certain comparative information between the current year (2014-2015) and the prior year (2013-2014) is required to be presented in the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the 2014-2015 fiscal year include the following:

- The District's total combined net position decreased over 108% over the course of the year and was a negative \$ 2.8 million at June 30, 2015. Absent a change in accounting principle which is explained in Note 13 of the financial statements, the combined net position would have increased \$ 1 million at June 30, 2015.
- During the year, the District's expenses were \$ 70.7 million and its revenues were \$ 71.7 million. Revenues increased by \$ 2.8 million from the prior year.
- The General Fund reported an unassigned fund balance this year of \$ 9.9 million.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial section of the annual report consists of four parts: Independent Auditor's Report, required supplementary information which includes the MD&A, the basic financial statements and supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

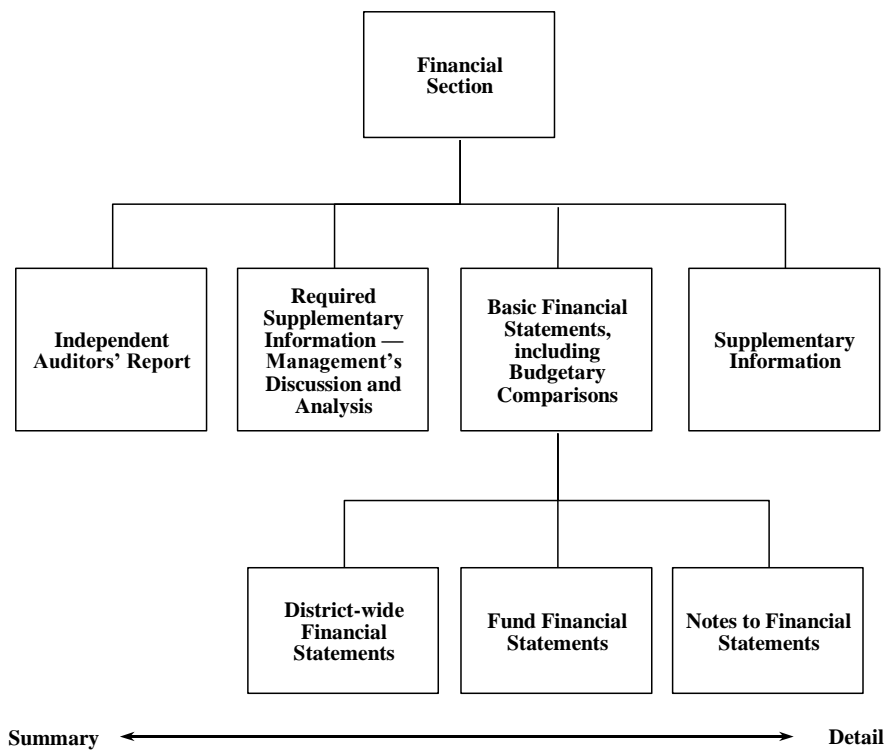
- The first two statements are the district-wide financial statements that provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the district-wide financial statements.
- The governmental funds statements tell how basic services such as regular and special education were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements also include notes that explain in more detail information in the basic financial statements. Figure A-1 shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.

Figure A-1
Annual Financial Report



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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the District’s financial statements, including the portion of the District’s activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of MD&A highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-2			
Major Features of the District-Wide and Fund Financial Statements			
	District-Wide Statements	Fund Financial Statements - Governmental	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire district (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the District that are not proprietary, such as special education, building maintenance, food service and community education	Instances in which the District is the trustee or agent for someone else’s resources
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Net Position • Statement of Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance Sheet • Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Fiduciary Net Position • Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resource focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resource focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally assets expected to be consumed and liabilities paid during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, both short-term and long-term
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

District-Wide Statements

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

The two district-wide statements report the District’s net position and how they have changed. The term “net position” is defined as the difference between the District’s assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources and is one way to measure the District’s financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the District’s net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the District, you need to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the District’s property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities.

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In the district-wide financial statements, the District's activities are shown in one category:

- **Governmental Activities:** Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation, administration, food services and community education. Property taxes and state appropriations finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds, not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs:

- Some funds are required by state law and by bond covenants.
- The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (e.g., repaying its long-term debts) or to show that it is properly using certain revenues (e.g., federal grants).

The District has one type of fund:

- **Governmental Funds:** Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view to determine whether the District's working capital will be sufficient to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the district-wide statements, we provide reconciliations between the governmental funds statements and the district-wide statements, which do present a long-term focus.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Net Position

The District's consolidated net position decreased 108.33% and was a negative \$ 2,812,635 on June 30, 2015 (See Table A-1). The District's total assets and deferred outflows increased 33.88% primarily due to the passage of a bond issue during the fiscal year. The District also saw an increase in deferred inflows from property taxes from the bond issue passage. Total liabilities and deferred inflows increased 96.71% due to the district's future bond issue principal and interest payments of general obligation bonds. The District is also recognizing its proportionate share of pension liabilities for the first time this year which is explained in note 13 of the financial statements. Accounts payable also went up due to the construction in progress as of June 30, 2015 from the new bond issue.

The net investment in capital assets increased as the debt is being paid off at a faster rate than the assets are being depreciated. It also includes the recognition of the additions to several buildings and facilities.

Table A-1			
The District's Net Position			
	Governmental Activities		Percentage
	2015	2014	Change
ASSETS:			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 65,553,860	\$ 30,959,253	111.74%
Capital and Non-Current Assets	75,931,566	79,169,949	-4.09%
Total Assets	141,485,426	110,129,202	28.47%
Deferred Outflows	5,952,814	-	0.00%
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 147,438,240</u>	<u>\$ 110,129,202</u>	33.88%
LIABILITIES:			
Current Liabilities	\$ 9,811,348	\$ 7,808,770	25.65%
Long-Term Liabilities	117,522,650	56,817,477	106.84%
Total Liabilities	127,333,998	64,626,247	97.03%
Deferred Inflows of Resources	22,916,877	11,754,275	94.97%
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 150,250,875</u>	<u>\$ 76,380,522</u>	96.71%
NET POSITION:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 22,073,974	\$ 20,662,816	6.83%
Restricted	1,416,741	1,462,324	-3.12%
Unrestricted	(26,303,350)	11,623,540	-326.29%
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (2,812,635)</u>	<u>\$ 33,748,680</u>	-108.33%

Change in Net Position

The net change in assets for 2014-2015 was a negative \$ 36,561,315 based on total revenues of \$ 71.7 million and total expenses of \$ 70.7 million. The change in accounting principle in the Change in Net Position is explained in Note 13 of the financial statements. Absent this change in accounting principle which is explained in Note 13 of the financial statements, the combined net position would have increased \$1 million at June 30, 2015. Table A-2 on the following page shows the breakdown into the various revenue and expense categories.

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Table A-2
Change in Net Position

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Percentage Change</u>
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	
REVENUES:			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 5,111,209	\$ 5,409,841	-5.52%
Operating Grants and Contributions	12,250,014	12,046,116	1.69%
Capital Grants and Contributions	1,387,364	1,330,596	4.27%
General Revenues:			
Property Taxes	12,365,031	10,362,829	19.32%
Unrestricted State Aid	39,363,284	38,661,521	1.82%
Investment Earnings	78,047	61,234	27.46%
Other	1,179,016	1,001,195	17.76%
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets	-	208	-100.00%
Total Revenues	<u>71,733,965</u>	<u>68,873,540</u>	4.15%
EXPENSES:			
Administration	1,660,620	1,649,906	0.65%
District Support Services	1,512,640	1,374,600	10.04%
Regular Instruction	31,607,529	30,723,778	2.88%
Vocational Education Instruction	1,948,982	1,523,181	27.95%
Special Education Instruction	10,321,018	10,049,011	2.71%
Instructional Support Services	3,041,008	3,294,345	-7.69%
Pupil Support Services	5,537,196	5,110,434	8.35%
Sites and Buildings	6,028,234	4,799,180	25.61%
Fiscal and Other Fixed Cost Programs	208,068	204,221	1.88%
Food Service	2,927,688	3,056,349	-4.21%
Community Service	3,731,696	3,771,127	-1.05%
Interest and Fiscal Charges on Long-term Liabilities	2,216,836	1,881,604	17.82%
Total Expenses	<u>70,741,515</u>	<u>67,437,736</u>	4.90%
CHANGE IN NET POSITION:			
	992,450	1,435,804	-30.88%
Change in Accounting Principle	(37,553,765)	(207,602)	17989.31%
Beginning Net Position	<u>33,748,680</u>	<u>32,520,478</u>	3.78%
Ending Net Position	<u>\$ (2,812,635)</u>	<u>\$ 33,748,680</u>	-108.33%

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Revenues

The District's total revenues were approximately \$ 71.7 million for the year ended June 30, 2015. Property taxes and state formula aid accounted for 72.1% of total revenue for the year (See Figure A-3). Another 1.8% came from other general revenues combined with investment earnings, and the remaining 26.1% from program revenues.

Figure A-3
Sources of District's Revenues for Fiscal 2015

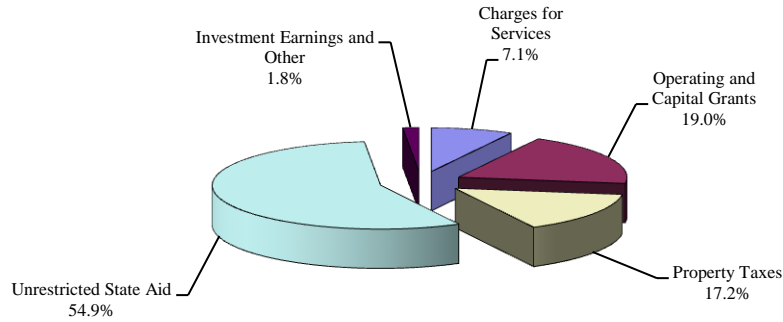
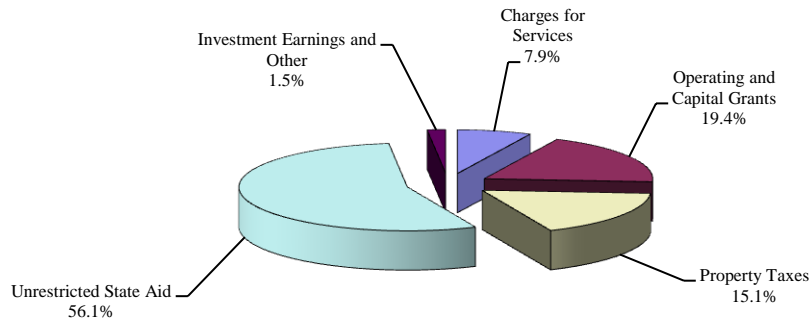


Figure A-3
Sources of District's Revenues for Fiscal 2014



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Expenses

The total cost of all programs and services increased 4.9% to \$ 70.7 million. The District's expenses are predominantly related to educating, caring for, and transporting students. The administrative expenses of the District accounted for 4.5% of total costs for 2014-15 and for 2013-14 as well (see Figure A-4).

Figure A-4
District Expenses for Fiscal 2015

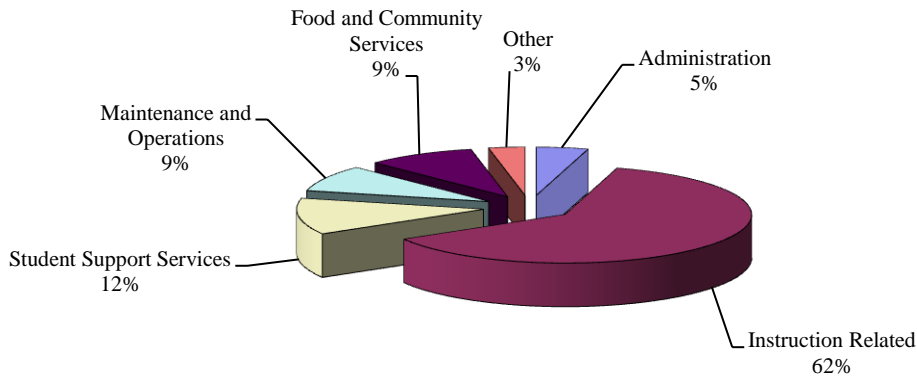
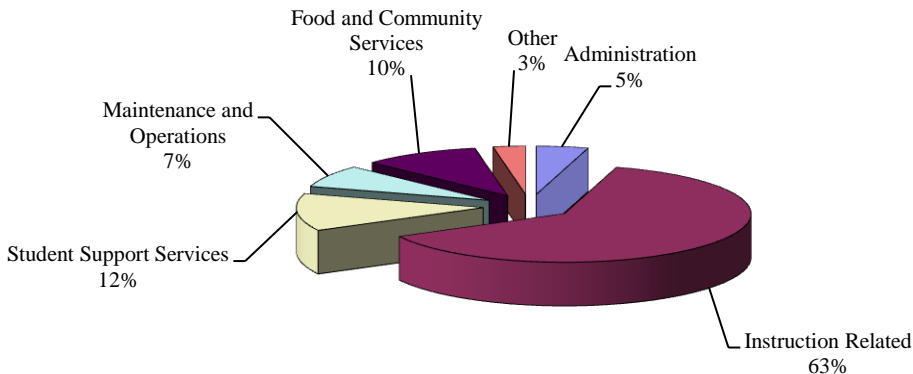


Figure A-4
District Expenses for Fiscal 2014



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Governmental Activities

Typically, the District does not incorporate funds allocated to direct instruction as part of an analysis of expenditures in all governmental funds. Funding for general operation of the District is controlled by the state and the District does not have latitude to allocate money received from entrepreneurial-type funds of food service and community education. Therefore, a more accurate analysis would be limited to the allocation of resources received for the general operation of the District and would show that 75% of those resources are spent on instruction and support services associated with instruction.

Table A-3 presents the cost of 12 major District activities. The table also shows each activity's net cost (total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs). The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the District's taxpayers by each of these functions.

Some of the cost was paid by the users of the District's program revenue of \$ 5,111,209. The federal and state governments subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions (\$ 12,250,014 for operating purposes and \$ 1,387,364 for capital purposes). District taxpayers and the taxpayers of the State of Minnesota, however, paid for most of the District's costs with general revenue of \$ 52,985,378. Of that remaining amount, a major portion of governmental activities was paid for with \$ 12,365,031 in property taxes, \$ 39,363,284 of state aid based on the state-wide education aid formula, and \$ 1,257,063 with investment earnings and other general revenues.

Table A-3
Program Expenses and Net Cost of Services

	Total Cost of Services		Percentage Change	Net Cost of Services		Percentage Change
	2015	2014		2015	2014	
Administration	\$ 1,660,620	\$ 1,649,906	0.65%	\$ 1,660,620	\$ 1,649,906	0.65%
District Support Services	1,512,640	1,374,600	10.04%	1,502,529	1,361,897	10.33%
Regular Instruction	31,607,529	30,723,778	2.88%	27,141,926	26,242,341	3.43%
Vocational Education Instruction	1,948,982	1,523,181	27.95%	1,888,463	1,462,476	29.13%
Special Education Instruction	10,321,018	10,049,011	2.71%	3,157,362	3,019,158	4.58%
Instructional Support Services	3,041,008	3,294,345	-7.69%	3,041,095	3,293,551	-7.67%
Pupil Support Services	5,537,196	5,110,434	8.35%	5,300,940	4,871,148	8.82%
Sites and Buildings	6,028,234	4,799,180	25.61%	5,067,131	3,666,501	38.20%
Fiscal and Other Fixed Cost Programs	208,068	204,221	1.88%	198,521	198,988	-0.23%
Food Service	2,927,688	3,056,349	-4.21%	43,597	300,600	-85.50%
Community Service	3,731,696	3,771,127	-1.05%	773,908	703,013	10.08%
Interest and Fiscal Charges on Long-term Liabilities	2,216,836	1,881,604	17.82%	2,216,836	1,881,604	17.82%
Total	\$ 70,741,515	\$ 67,437,736	4.90%	\$ 51,992,928	\$ 48,651,183	6.87%

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds as well. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$ 49,215,263. Of this amount, \$ 33,250,617 is restricted to cover building project costs, future debt obligations, and other purposes.

Revenues for the District's governmental funds were \$ 71,713,430 while total expenditures were \$ 72,813,583. After factoring in Other Financing Sources and Uses, the District completed the year with a net change in fund balance of \$ 32,015,295, the most significant factor in leading to the increase was the passage of a bond issue for betterment of facilities and an increase in the general fund balance.

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund includes the primary operations of the District in providing educational services to students from kindergarten through grade 12 including pupil transportation activities and capital outlay projects.

The following schedule presents a summary of General Fund revenues.

Table A-4				
General Fund Revenues				
	Year Ended		Change	
	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014	Increase (Decrease)	Percent
Property Taxes	\$ 5,181,369	\$ 3,240,608	\$ 1,940,761	59.89%
Other Local and County Revenues	2,057,468	2,035,434	22,034	1.08%
State Sources	49,575,915	48,544,439	1,031,476	2.12%
Federal Sources	1,582,206	1,640,022	(57,816)	-3.53%
Sales and Other Conversion of Assets	46,451	39,934	6,517	16.32%
Total Revenue	\$ 58,443,409	\$ 55,500,437	\$ 2,942,972	5.30%

Total General Fund revenue increased from the previous year by \$ 2,942,972, or 5.30%. Property taxes revenue increased \$ 1,940,761 from the 2013-2014 year due to the State's property tax shift buyback that was in play for 2013-2014 and ended in that same year. Revenue from state sources increased \$ 1,031,476 due to an increase in the State's General Education Revenue formula allowance, an increase in special education aid, as well as increased aid from the Teacher Development Revenue program. The revenue from Other Local and County sources increased due to interest earnings and student activity fundraising activities.

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GENERAL FUND

The following schedule presents a summary of General Fund expenditures.

Table A-5				
General Fund Expenditures				
	Year Ended		Change	
	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014	Increase (Decrease)	Percent
Salaries	\$ 32,756,712	\$ 31,080,937	\$ 1,675,775	5.39%
Employee Benefits	11,946,916	11,390,937	555,979	4.88%
Purchased Services	8,755,467	8,200,465	555,002	6.77%
Supplies and Materials	2,085,111	2,312,864	(227,753)	-9.85%
Capital Expenditures	1,460,239	2,601,566	(1,141,328)	-43.87%
Other Expenditures	336,565	381,781	(45,217)	-11.84%
Total Expenditures	\$ 57,341,009	\$ 55,968,551	\$ 1,372,458	2.45%

Total General Fund expenditures increased \$ 1,372,458 or 2.45%, from the previous year primarily due to negotiated contract settlements.

In the 2014-2015 school year, General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$ 1,102,400. As a result, the total fund balance at June 30, 2015 increased to \$ 16,611,595 of which \$ 6,336,693 is restricted, committed, or assigned. The unassigned fund balance increased from the prior year, ending at a balance of \$ 10,274,902 at June 30, 2015, or 17.92% of expenditures with the non-spendable fund balance of \$ 331,689 included. The District closely monitors its fund balance.

GENERAL BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District revises its annual budget once each year. The budget amendment caused the changes shown between the original budget amount and the final budget amount which primarily fall into the following two categories:

- Change in salaries from projected amounts due to staffing for enrollment and special education needs and contract settlements.
- Changes in revenue entitlements from state aid proration and enrollment changes in weighted average daily membership (WADM).

While the District's final budget for the General Fund anticipated that expenditures would exceed revenues and other sources by about \$ 1,098,884, the actual results for the year show a \$ 1,102,400 surplus of revenue and other financing sources over expenditures. Revenues were over the District's final budget by 0.49% whereas expenditures were under budget by 3.23%.

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GENERAL BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Actual revenues were slightly higher than expected by \$ 287,686 and due primarily to an increase in general education revenue, special education aid, and revenue from local sources. The District received more local property tax revenue than the prior year which was offset by recognizing less state general education aid in 2014-2015 due to the state's property tax shift.
- Actual expenditures were under budget by \$ 1,915,098 or (3.23%). The district was under budget by more than \$ 346,795 in operations and maintenance costs due to a milder winter this year. Employee benefits were under budget due to lower than expected costs in workers compensation and reemployment. We also continue to utilize a conservative benefits budget model. Staffing and other contingencies were less than projected. The teacher development program will carry \$ 110,000 of its funds into next year. Substitute and extended time costs were underspent by about \$ 85,000. Health and Safety and operating capital expenditures were under budget by \$ 246,000 due to lower costs than anticipated and little use of contingency funds. Tuition costs were \$ 152,000 less than projected. We were also able to avoid using other general fund contingency amounts.

CAPITAL PROJECTS AND DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

The Building Construction fund recorded the revenues and expenditures from the bond issue passed on November 4, 2014. The project started in 2014-2015 and is scheduled to be completed in 2019-2020. Revenues represent the proceeds from the bond issue, donations, and interest earned during the year and totaled \$ 33,125,601. Expenditures for work completed as of the end of the year totaled \$ 2,042,443. The total Building Construction fund balance was \$ 31,083,159 on June 30, 2015.

The Debt Service Fund balances for Funds 07 and 47 increased \$ 2,126 overall and are \$ 1,550,858 in total as of June 30, 2015. The budget variance in revenue is primarily due to lower than anticipated tax collections. This remaining balance is restricted to meet future debt obligations of the district.

OTHER NONMAJOR FUNDS

The Food Service Fund revenues exceeded expenditures for the year by \$ 25,560. The food service department had greater regular and ala carte meals served with decreased costs from labor and supply costs. The District received slightly higher federal reimbursement rates for meals served and was up in total federal reimbursement from the prior year.

The Community Service Fund expenditures exceeded revenues and other financing sources by \$ 197,950 and decreased its fund balance to a negative \$ 55,909 as of June 30, 2015.

The Post Employment Debt Service Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$ 1,634 and increased its fund balance to \$ 107,500 at June 30, 2015. The balance will be used for future debt service obligations.

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FIDUCIARY FUNDS

The District created a sunset clause in certain contracts for retiree insurance contributions. Individuals hired after the sunset date are no longer eligible for the grandfathered post-retirement insurance benefits. The new provisions require the district to make ongoing contributions to the new employee's HRA account held in an outside irrevocable trust. Each contract has a contribution limit for the individual employee. The value of the irrevocable trust was \$ 765,905 as of June 30, 2015.

During the 2009-2010 school year, the District issued \$ 10.845 million in OPEB Bonds and at the same time, created an irrevocable trust to fund the District's post-employment benefits. The District started to use the Trust in the 2012-2013 year to cover post-employment obligations. The amount held in trust for OPEB as of June 30, 2015 was \$ 13,613,823 and decreased in value by \$ 424,083.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

By the end of 2015, the District had invested approximately \$ 122 million in a broad range of capital assets, including school buildings, athletic facilities, computer and audio-visual equipment and administrative offices, (see Table A-6). This amount represents a net increase of \$ 1,856,443 or 1.55%, from last year. Total depreciation expense for the year was approximately \$ 3.8 million. More detailed information about capital assets can be found in Note 4 to the financial statements.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Table A-6			
The District's Capital Assets			
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
Land	\$ 4,224,158	\$ 4,224,158	0.00%
Construction in Progress	1,222,028	-	N/A
Land Improvements	3,155,472	3,086,299	2.24%
Buildings and Improvements	106,947,914	106,841,382	0.10%
Equipment and Transportation Vehicles	<u>6,430,953</u>	<u>5,972,243</u>	7.68%
Total Historical Cost	121,980,525	120,124,082	1.55%
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(53,154,255)</u>	<u>(49,387,818)</u>	7.63%
Total	<u>\$ 68,826,270</u>	<u>\$ 70,736,264</u>	-2.70%

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Construction – Next Five Years

The District voted on a \$ 33 million bond issue in the fall of 2014 which was successfully passed. Construction from the project occurred starting with the 2014-2015 fiscal year and is scheduled to be completed in 2019-2020.

Long-Term Debt

At year-end, the District had \$ 88,502,886 in general obligation (G.O.) bonds and capital leases, an increase of 45.75% from last year as shown in Table A-7. The District also had \$ 1,531,033 in future post-employment severance benefits payable at June 30, 2015. The School Board has committed \$ 4,062,933 for payment of future post-employment severance and health benefits. More detailed information about the District's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 6 to the financial statements.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Table A-7			
The District's Long-Term Liabilities			
	2015	2014	Percentage Change
G.O. Bonds	\$ 83,075,000	\$ 55,115,000	50.73%
Net Bond Premium and Discount	3,673,355	3,527,462	4.14%
Net G.O. Bonds	86,748,355	58,642,462	47.93%
Obligations Under Capital Leases	1,754,531	2,081,733	-15.72%
Net G.O. Bonds and Capital Leases	88,502,886	60,724,195	45.75%
Severance Payable	1,355,273	1,071,212	26.52%
Compensated Absences Payable	175,860	177,136	-0.72%
Total	\$ 90,034,019	\$ 61,972,543	45.28%

Bond Ratings

The District's G.O. bonds carry an MSDE enhanced rating of Aa2 according to the most recent Moody's Investor Service Rating.

Limitations on Debt

The state limits the amount of G.O. debt the District can issue to 15% of the market value of all taxable property within the District's corporate limits. The District's outstanding debt is significantly below this limit.

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FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

With the exception of the voter-approved and recently added board authorized operating referendum, the District is dependent on the State of Minnesota for its revenue authority. Recent experience demonstrates that legislated revenue increases have been temporarily sufficient to meet instructional program needs and increased costs due to inflation.

During the 2015 State Legislative session, the basic general education formula was increased by \$ 117 and \$ 119 per pupil unit for the next two years. The District also qualified for a new state aid component called Q comp for fiscal year 2016 and beyond which amounts to an additional \$ 169 per pupil unit of aid with an additional equalized amount of \$ 91 per pupil unit of levy and aid. The Legislature also approved long-term facilities maintenance revenue for fiscal year 2017 and beyond. This program replaces the current health and safety and deferred maintenance programs and provides additional funding for deferred maintenance projections. Even though the additional funding will help create some funding stability, the District will need to continue its conservative budgeting practices.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Business Office, Independent School District No. 877, 214 1st Avenue NE, Buffalo, Minnesota 55313.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
 June 30, 2015
 (With Comparative Totals as of June 30, 2014)

	Governmental Activities	
	2015	2014
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Assets		
Cash and Investments	\$ 52,836,130	\$ 18,123,759
Current Property Taxes Receivable	6,586,201	6,015,129
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	195,140	252,498
Accounts Receivable	188,475	196,418
Interest Receivable	21,574	24,933
Due from Department of Education	4,597,226	5,198,632
Due from Federal Government through Department of Education	627,343	701,962
Due from Other Minnesota School Districts	27,169	28,866
Due from Other Governmental Units	32,859	39,271
Inventory	162,420	155,315
Prepaid Items	279,323	222,470
Equity Interest in Joint Venture	546,144	983,283
Net OPEB Asset	6,559,152	7,450,402
Capital Assets not being Depreciated:		
Land	4,224,158	4,224,158
Construction in Progress	1,222,028	-
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation:		
Land Improvements	760,300	815,323
Buildings	60,557,896	63,729,242
Machinery and Equipment	2,061,888	1,967,541
	<u>141,485,426</u>	<u>110,129,202</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions	5,952,814	-
	<u>147,438,240</u>	<u>110,129,202</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,858,775	\$ 424,025
Salaries and Benefits Payable	815,888	810,700
Interest Payable	1,223,601	901,192
Due to Other Minnesota School Districts	300,962	307,160
Due to Other Governmental Units	149,418	129,166
Unearned Revenue	94,012	81,461
Bond Payable, Net:		
Payable Within One Year	4,810,000	4,660,000
Payable After One Year	81,938,355	53,982,462
Capital Lease Payable:		
Payable Within One Year	336,784	317,930
Payable After One Year	1,417,747	1,763,803
Compensated Absences Payable:		
Payable Within One Year	175,860	177,136
Severance Payable:		
Payable Within One Year	46,048	-
Payable After One Year	1,309,225	1,071,212
Net Pension Liability	32,857,323	-
Total Liabilities	<u>127,333,998</u>	<u>64,626,247</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Property Taxes Levied for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	12,924,402	11,754,275
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions	9,992,475	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>22,916,877</u>	<u>11,754,275</u>
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	22,073,974	20,662,816
Restricted for:		
Debt Service	636,214	986,243
Other Purposes	780,527	476,081
Unrestricted	(26,303,350)	11,623,540
Total Net Position	<u>(2,812,635)</u>	<u>33,748,680</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position	<u>\$ 147,438,240</u>	<u>\$ 110,129,202</u>

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2014)**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	2015	2014
Governmental Activities						
Administration	\$ 1,660,620	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,660,620)	\$ (1,649,906)
District Support Services	1,512,640	10,111	-	-	(1,502,529)	(1,361,897)
Elementary and Secondary Regular Instruction	31,607,529	770,659	3,232,721	462,223	(27,141,926)	(26,242,341)
Vocational Education Instruction	1,948,982	-	60,519	-	(1,888,463)	(1,462,476)
Special Education Instruction	10,321,018	53,154	7,110,502	-	(3,157,362)	(3,019,158)
Instructional Support Services	3,041,008	(87)	-	-	(3,041,095)	(3,293,551)
Pupil Support Services	5,537,196	90,200	146,056	-	(5,300,940)	(4,871,148)
Sites and Buildings	6,028,234	35,962	-	925,141	(5,067,131)	(3,666,501)
Fiscal and Other Fixed Cost Programs	208,068	9,547	-	-	(198,521)	(198,988)
Food Service	2,927,688	1,598,817	1,285,274	-	(43,597)	(300,600)
Community Education and Services	3,731,696	2,542,846	414,942	-	(773,908)	(703,013)
Interest and Fiscal Charges on Long-Term Debt	2,216,836	-	-	-	(2,216,836)	(1,881,604)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 70,741,515</u>	<u>\$ 5,111,209</u>	<u>\$ 12,250,014</u>	<u>\$ 1,387,364</u>	(51,992,928)	(48,651,183)
General Revenues						
Taxes:						
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes					5,156,394	3,226,113
Property Taxes, Levied for Community Service					477,990	280,539
Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service					6,730,647	6,856,177
State Aid-Formula Grants					39,363,284	38,661,521
Other General Revenues					1,179,016	1,001,195
Investment Income					78,047	61,234
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets					-	208
Total General Revenues					<u>52,985,378</u>	<u>50,086,987</u>
Change in Net Position					992,450	1,435,804
Net Position - Beginning					33,748,680	32,520,478
Change in Accounting Principle (Note 13)					<u>(37,553,765)</u>	<u>(207,602)</u>
Net Position - Beginning, Restated					<u>(3,805,085)</u>	<u>32,312,876</u>
Net Position - Ending					<u>\$ (2,812,635)</u>	<u>\$ 33,748,680</u>

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 877
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2015
(With Comparative Totals as of June 30, 2014)

	General	Debt Service	Building Construction	Other Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
					2015	2014
ASSETS						
Cash and Investments	\$ 15,038,016	\$ 5,178,855	\$ 32,024,332	\$ 594,927	\$ 52,836,130	\$ 18,123,759
Current Property Taxes Receivable	2,498,363	3,624,871	-	462,967	6,586,201	6,015,129
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	81,520	98,061	-	15,559	195,140	252,498
Accounts Receivable	187,945	-	-	530	188,475	196,418
Interest Receivable	21,574	-	-	-	21,574	24,933
Due from Department of Education	4,540,408	3,335	-	53,483	4,597,226	5,198,632
Due from Federal Government through Department of Education	607,511	-	-	19,832	627,343	701,962
Due from Other Minnesota School Districts	-	-	-	27,169	27,169	28,866
Due from Other Governmental Units	26,251	-	-	6,608	32,859	39,271
Due from Other Funds	12,263	-	-	-	12,263	-
Inventory	115,522	-	-	46,898	162,420	155,315
Prepaid Items	216,167	-	-	63,156	279,323	222,470
Total Assets	\$ 23,345,540	\$ 8,905,122	\$ 32,024,332	\$ 1,291,129	\$ 65,566,123	\$ 30,959,253
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	\$ 871,237	\$ -	\$ 941,173	\$ 46,365	\$ 1,858,775	\$ 424,025
Salaries and Benefits Payable	701,751	-	-	114,137	815,888	810,700
Due to Other Minnesota School Districts	300,922	-	-	40	300,962	307,160
Due to Other Governmental Units	148,808	-	-	610	149,418	129,166
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	12,263	12,263	-
Unearned Revenue	9,498	-	-	84,514	94,012	81,461
Total Liabilities	2,032,216	-	941,173	257,929	3,231,318	1,752,512
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes Levied for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	4,620,209	7,363,703	-	940,490	12,924,402	11,754,275
Unavailable Revenue - Delinquent Property Taxes	81,520	98,061	-	15,559	195,140	252,498
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	4,701,729	7,461,764	-	956,049	13,119,542	12,006,773
Fund Balances						
Nonspendable	331,689	-	-	110,054	441,743	377,785
Restricted	665,558	1,443,358	31,083,159	58,542	33,250,617	2,014,187
Committed	4,062,933	-	-	-	4,062,933	4,075,012
Assigned	1,608,202	-	-	-	1,608,202	1,565,527
Unassigned	9,943,213	-	-	(91,445)	9,851,768	9,167,457
Total Fund Balances	16,611,595	1,443,358	31,083,159	77,151	49,215,263	17,199,968
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 23,345,540	\$ 8,905,122	\$ 32,024,332	\$ 1,291,129	\$ 65,566,123	\$ 30,959,253

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**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET TO
THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2015
(With Comparative Totals as of June 30, 2014)**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 49,215,263	\$ 17,199,968
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds.		
Cost of Capital Assets	121,980,525	120,124,082
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(53,154,255)	(49,387,818)
Equity interests in underlying capital assets of joint ventures are not reported in the funds because they do not represent current financial assets.		
Equity Interest in Joint Venture - Wright Technical Center	546,144	983,283
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the funds.		
Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of:		
Bond Principal Payable	(83,075,000)	(55,115,000)
Net Premium on Bonds Payable	(3,673,355)	(3,527,462)
Capital Lease Payable	(1,754,531)	(2,081,733)
Compensated Absences Payable	(175,860)	(177,136)
Severance Payable	(1,355,273)	(1,071,212)
Net Pension Liability	(32,857,323)	-
Net OPEB asset created through treatment of General Obligation (G.O.) Taxable OPEB Bonds as employer contribution to defined benefit OPEB plan is not recognized in the governmental funds.		
	6,559,152	7,450,402
Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources are created as a result of various differences related to pensions that are not recognized in the governmental funds.		
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions	5,952,814	-
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions	(9,992,475)	-
Delinquent property taxes receivables will be collected in subsequent years, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.		
	195,140	252,498
Governmental funds do not report a liability for accrued interest on bonds and capital leases until due and payable.		
	<u>(1,223,601)</u>	<u>(901,192)</u>
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (2,812,635)</u>	<u>\$ 33,748,680</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2014)

	General	Debt Service	Building Construction	Other Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
					2015	2014
REVENUES						
Local Property Taxes	\$ 5,181,369	\$ 6,267,630	\$ -	\$ 973,390	\$ 12,422,389	\$ 10,398,365
Other Local and County Revenues	2,057,468	13,154	14,753	2,666,633	4,752,008	4,816,944
Revenue from State Sources	49,575,915	33,359	-	591,887	50,201,161	49,364,263
Revenue from Federal Sources	1,582,206	-	-	1,110,398	2,692,604	2,660,580
Sales and Other Conversion of Assets	46,451	-	-	1,598,817	1,645,268	1,666,440
Total Revenues	<u>58,443,409</u>	<u>6,314,143</u>	<u>14,753</u>	<u>6,941,125</u>	<u>71,713,430</u>	<u>68,906,592</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Current						
Administration	1,636,157	-	-	-	1,636,157	1,616,784
District Support Services	1,447,066	-	-	-	1,447,066	1,377,752
Elementary and Secondary Regular Instruction	27,801,723	-	-	-	27,801,723	26,551,035
Vocational Education Instruction	1,498,246	-	-	-	1,498,246	1,497,368
Special Education Instruction	10,213,745	-	-	-	10,213,745	9,736,437
Instructional Support Services	2,944,550	-	-	-	2,944,550	2,988,142
Pupil Support Services	5,504,596	-	-	-	5,504,596	5,063,675
Sites and Buildings	4,626,614	-	691,664	-	5,318,278	4,409,330
Fiscal and Other Fixed Cost Programs	208,068	-	-	-	208,068	204,221
Food Service	-	-	-	2,852,980	2,852,980	2,965,470
Community Education and Services	-	-	-	3,736,631	3,736,631	3,754,740
Capital Outlay						
Administration	2,020	-	-	-	2,020	2,518
District Support Services	1,607	-	-	-	1,607	4,305
Elementary and Secondary Regular Instruction	392,944	-	-	-	392,944	221,342
Vocational Education Instruction	6,194	-	-	-	6,194	3,459
Special Education Instruction	51,353	-	-	-	51,353	63,818
Instructional Support Services	29,874	-	-	-	29,874	519,008
Pupil Support Services	2,548	-	-	-	2,548	882
Sites and Buildings	555,208	-	1,350,779	-	1,905,987	4,069,204
Food Service	-	-	-	7,540	7,540	8,609
Community Education and Services	-	-	-	20,792	20,792	17,806
Debt Service						
Principal	327,203	4,660,000	-	-	4,987,203	4,670,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	91,293	1,657,750	-	494,438	2,243,481	2,261,319
Total Expenditures	<u>57,341,009</u>	<u>6,317,750</u>	<u>2,042,443</u>	<u>7,112,381</u>	<u>72,813,583</u>	<u>72,007,224</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,102,400	(3,607)	(2,027,690)	(171,256)	(1,100,153)	(3,100,632)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-	208
Insurance Proceeds	-	-	-	500	500	2,276
Bond Issuance	-	4,099	32,615,901	-	32,620,000	-
Bond Premium	-	-	494,948	-	494,948	-
Proceeds from Capital Leases	-	-	-	-	-	398,401
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	215,423
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	(215,423)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>4,099</u>	<u>33,110,849</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>33,115,448</u>	<u>400,885</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,102,400	492	31,083,159	(170,756)	32,015,295	(2,699,747)
FUND BALANCES						
Beginning of Year	<u>15,509,195</u>	<u>1,442,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>247,907</u>	<u>17,199,968</u>	<u>19,899,715</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 16,611,595</u>	<u>\$ 1,443,358</u>	<u>\$ 31,083,159</u>	<u>\$ 77,151</u>	<u>\$ 49,215,263</u>	<u>\$ 17,199,968</u>

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**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO
THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2014)**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 32,015,295	\$ (2,699,747)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.		
Capital Outlays	1,937,209	3,875,289
Depreciation Expense	(3,845,272)	(3,601,126)
Loss on Disposal	(1,931)	(229,705)
Net income from the equity interest in joint venture does not provide current financial resources and is not reported as revenue in the funds.	(437,139)	-
Compensated absences are recognized as paid in the governmental funds but recognized as the expense is incurred in the Statement of Activities.	1,276	192,064
Severance benefits are recognized as paid in the governmental funds but recognized as the expense is incurred in the Statement of Activities.	(284,061)	74,434
Proceeds of G.O. Taxable OPEB Bonds issued during 2010 were contributed to the OPEB plan to retire the unfunded obligation. Governmental funds report such outlay as expenditures. The impact on the Statement of Activities is the creation of a new net OPEB asset which is a combination of the contribution to the irrevocable trust from the proceeds of the OPEB bond issue and the amortization of the net OPEB obligation for the current year.	(891,250)	(1,111,001)
Principal payments on long-term debt and leases are recognized as expenditures in the governmental funds but have no effect on net position in the Statement of Activities.	4,987,203	4,988,115
Interest on long-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due and thus requires use of current financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.	(322,409)	32,363
Governmental funds report the effect of bond discounts and premiums when the debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.	(145,894)	349,055
Proceeds from the sale of bonds and leases are recognized as other financing sources in the governmental funds increasing fund balance but having no effect on net position in the Statement of Activities.	(32,620,000)	(398,401)
Governmental funds recognize pension contributions as expenditures at the time of payment whereas the Statement of Activities factors in items related to pensions on a full accrual perspective.		
State Aid Related to Pension Expense	77,393	-
Pension Expense	579,388	-
Delinquent property taxes receivable will be collected in subsequent years, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	<u>(57,358)</u>	<u>(35,536)</u>
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 992,450</u>	<u>\$ 1,435,804</u>

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Local Property Taxes	\$ 5,284,291	\$ 4,665,431	\$ 5,181,369	\$ 515,938
Other Local and County Revenues	2,012,058	1,887,642	2,057,468	169,826
Revenue from State Sources	48,624,622	49,945,641	49,575,915	(369,726)
Revenue from Federal Sources	1,740,596	1,608,951	1,582,206	(26,745)
Sales and Other Conversion of Assets	40,700	48,058	46,451	(1,607)
Total Revenues	57,702,267	58,155,723	58,443,409	287,686
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Administration	1,669,079	1,660,011	1,636,157	(23,854)
District Support Services	1,302,687	1,483,992	1,447,066	(36,926)
Elementary and Secondary Regular Instruction	29,261,364	28,665,652	27,801,723	(863,929)
Vocational Education Instruction	1,559,492	1,579,156	1,498,246	(80,910)
Special Education Instruction	10,620,520	10,555,215	10,213,745	(341,470)
Instructional Support Services	2,686,959	2,931,119	2,944,550	13,431
Pupil Support Services	4,901,026	5,488,299	5,504,596	16,297
Sites and Buildings	4,961,892	5,234,211	4,626,614	(607,597)
Fiscal and Other Fixed Cost Programs	206,886	206,060	208,068	2,008
Capital Outlay				
Administration	8,740	8,740	2,020	(6,720)
District Support Services	19,450	19,450	1,607	(17,843)
Elementary and Secondary Regular Instruction	311,236	319,876	392,944	73,068
Vocational Education Instruction	4,458	4,458	6,194	1,736
Special Education Instruction	41,634	55,019	51,353	(3,666)
Instructional Support Services	359,275	(35,725)	29,874	65,599
Pupil Support Services	3,235	3,235	2,548	(687)
Sites and Buildings	991,670	658,845	555,208	(103,637)
Debt Service:				
Principal	418,494	418,494	327,203	(91,291)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	91,293	91,293
Total Expenditures	59,328,097	59,256,107	57,341,009	(1,915,098)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,625,830)	(1,100,384)	1,102,400	2,202,784
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	3,000	1,500	-	(1,500)
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ (1,622,830)	\$ (1,098,884)	1,102,400	\$ 2,201,284
FUND BALANCE				
Beginning of Year			15,509,195	
End of Year			\$ 16,611,595	

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
June 30, 2015**

	Total Trust Funds
ASSETS	
Investments	
Brokered Money Market	\$ 1,128,979
Fixed Income	4,907,784
Equities	2,552,667
Mutual Funds	5,727,140
Total Cash and Investments	14,316,570
Accounts and Interest Receivable	79,355
Total Assets	\$ 14,395,925
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 16,197
NET POSITION	
Held in Trust for OPEB	\$ 14,379,728

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Total Trust Funds
ADDITIONS	
Contributions	\$ 453,563
Investment Income	
Interest, Dividends, Change in Fair Value	331,784
Less Investment Expenses	(81,401)
Net Investment Income	250,383
Total Additions	703,946
DEDUCTIONS	
Employee Benefit Deductions	841,568
Change in Net Position	(137,622)
NET POSITION	
Beginning of Year	14,517,350
End of Year	\$ 14,379,728

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2015

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The District operates under a school board form of government for the purpose of providing educational services to individuals within the District areas. The governing body consists of a seven member board elected by the voters of the District to serve four-year terms.

The accounting policies of the District conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

A. Reporting Entity

The financial statements present the District and its component units. The District includes all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments and offices that are not legally separate from such. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the District are financially accountable and are included within the financial statements of the District because of the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the District.

The District is considered financially accountable for a component unit if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and it is able to impose its will on the organization by significantly influencing the programs, projects, activities or level of services performed or provided by the organization, or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on, the District.

As a result of applying the component unit definition criteria above, it has been determined the District has no component units.

Some student activity accounts of the District are under School Board control; therefore, these student activities are included in the General Fund. There are other student activity accounts which are not under School Board control and separate financial statements have been issued for these activities.

A copy of the financial statements of the student activity accounts may be obtained by writing in care of Independent School District No. 877, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools, 214 First Avenue Northeast, Buffalo, Minnesota 55313.

1. Joint Ventures

A joint venture is a legal entity or other organization that results from a contracted agreement and that is owned, operated or governed by two or more participants as a separate and specific activity subject to joint control. The participants retain either an ongoing financial interest or an ongoing financial responsibility. The District participates in one joint venture. A description of this organization is included in Note 12.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2015

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

B. Basic Financial Statement Information

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the District, except for the fiduciary funds. The fiduciary funds are only reported in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position at the fund financial statement level.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

The District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for a purpose for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available. Depreciation expense that can be specifically identified by function is included in the direct expenses of that function. Depreciation expense relating to assets that serve multiple functions is presented as unallocated depreciation in the Statement of Activities. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately in the Statement of Activities. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

Separate funds are financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The Trust Funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements. Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local governments, private parties, etc.) and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the District, these funds are is not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied is determined by its measurement focus and basis of accounting. The government-wide financial statements and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting transactions are recorded in the following manner:

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June 30, 2015

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

1. Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized when it becomes measurable and available. “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determined and “available” means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Property tax revenue is generally considered as available if collected within 60 days after year-end. State revenue is recognized in the year to which it applies according to *Minnesota Statutes* and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. *Minnesota Statutes* include state aid funding formulas for specific years. Federal revenue is recorded in the year in which the related expenditure is incurred. Other revenue is considered available if collected within 60 days.

2. Recording of Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred. The exceptions to this general rule are that interest and principal expenditures in the Debt Service Fund, compensated absences and claims and judgments are recognized when payment is due.

The District applies resources in the following order when an expenditure is incurred for a purpose for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available: restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

Description of Funds:

Major Funds:

General Fund – This Fund includes the general operations and pupil transportation activities of the District, as well as the capital related activities such as maintenance of facilities, equipment purchases, health and safety and disabled accessibility projects.

Debt Service Fund – This Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, G.O. bond principal, interest and related costs.

Building Construction Capital Project Funds – This Fund is used to account for the financial resources used for the construction of or improvements to facilities authorized by bond issue.

Nonmajor Funds:

Food Service Special Revenue Fund – This Fund is used to account for food service revenues and expenditures.

Community Service Special Revenue Fund – This Fund is used to account for services provided to residents in the areas of community education, school readiness, early childhood and family education or other similar services.

Post Employment Debt Service Fund – This Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for payments of OPEB bonds, principal and related costs.

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June 30, 2015

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Description of Funds: (Continued)

Fiduciary Fund:

OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund – This Fund is used for reporting resources set aside and held in an irrevocable trust arrangement for OPEB.

HRA Trust Fund – This Fund is used for reporting resources set aside and held in a trust arrangement for HRA contributions.

D. Deposits and Investments

The District's total deposits and investments are comprised of two major components, each with its own set of legal and contractual provisions as described on the following pages.

1. District Funds Other than OPEB and HRA Trust Funds

In accordance with applicable *Minnesota Statutes*, the District maintains deposits at depository banks authorized by the School Board.

Minnesota Statutes requires all deposits be protected by federal depository insurance, corporate surety bonds or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110% of the deposits not covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance or corporate surety bonds.

Cash and investments include balances from all funds that are combined and invested to the extent available in various securities as authorized by state law. State statutes authorize the government and the District to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, commercial paper, corporate bonds, repurchase agreements and the State Treasurer's Investment Pool. Earnings from the pooled investments are allocated to the individual funds based on the average of month-end cash and investment balances.

Short-term, highly liquid debt instruments (including commercial paper, banker's acceptances and U.S. Treasury and agency obligations) purchased with a remaining maturity of one year or less are reported at amortized cost. Other investments are reported at fair value.

Cash and investments at June 30, 2015 were comprised of shares in the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF), money market funds and brokered certificates of deposit. The MSDLAF is an external investment pool not registered with the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) that follows the same regulatory rules of the SEC under Rule 2.a.7. The fair value of the position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

The District had a formal deposit and investment policy in place as of June 30, 2015 to address the following risks:

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2015**

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

D. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

1. District Funds Other than OPEB and HRA Trust Funds (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits: For a deposit, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District has a deposit policy that requires the District's deposits to be collateralized as required by *Minnesota Statutes* 118.03 for an amount exceeding FDIC or FSLIC coverage. *Minnesota Statutes* require all deposits be protected by federal depository insurance.

Interest Rate Risk: This is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in market interest rates. The District's investment policy states the portfolio shall be managed in a manner to attain a market rate of return through budgetary and economic cycles while preserving and protecting capital in the overall portfolio. Investment maturities shall be scheduled to coincide with projected cash flow needs.

Credit Risk: This is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. The District's investment policy refers to *Minnesota Statutes* 118A.01 through 118A.06. Statutes limit investments in the top two ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The District will minimize credit risk by limiting investments to those allowed by statutory constraints.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The District's investment policy places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer, though it does state the District shall diversify its investments to avoid incurring unreasonable risks inherent in over investing in specific instruments, individual financial institutions or maturities and that no more than 50% of the total portfolio will be with any one instrument.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments: For an investment, this is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District's investment policy states investments shall be held by institutions designated by the School Board.

2. OPEB and HRA Trust Funds

These funds represent investments administered by the District's OPEB and HRA Trust investment managers. As of June 30, 2015, they were comprised of brokered money markets, government agencies, corporate securities, equities and mutual funds.

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments are stated at fair value.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2015

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

D. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

2. OPEB and HRA Trust Fund (Continued)

Minnesota Statutes authorize the OPEB and HRA Trust to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies and instrumentalities, shares of investment companies whose only investments are in the aforementioned securities, obligations of the State of Minnesota or its municipalities, bankers' acceptances, future contracts, corporate bonds, common stock and foreign stock of the highest quality, mutual funds, repurchase and reverse agreements, commercial paper of the highest quality with a maturity no longer than 270 days and in the State Board of Investments. Investments are stated at fair value.

Interest Rate Risk: The District's OPEB Trust Investment Policy states the investment emphasis is on the current income requirements and capital preservation, with a secondary emphasis on capital appreciation. The District has a moderate risk tolerance. The asset allocation strategy for the trust is as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Range</u>
Cash Equivalents	2%	0-100%
Bonds	48%	+/- 15%
Equities	50%	+/- 15%

Credit Risk: The District will minimize credit risk by limiting investments to those allowed in the Trust portfolio.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The District's OPEB Trust Investment Policy states no single security, with the exception of a security issued by the U.S. Government, its agencies and/or instrumentalities, shall at the time of purchase, constitute more than 5% of the value of the portfolio. The Policy also indicates the District has an investment horizon which is considered to be long-term, in excess of ten years.

Custodial Credit Risk: The District's OPEB Trust Investment Policy does not address custodial credit risk.

E. Property Tax Receivable

Current property taxes receivable are recorded for taxes certified the previous December and collectible in the current calendar year, which have not been received by the District. Delinquent property taxes receivable represents uncollected taxes for the past six years, and are deferred and included in the deferred inflows of resources section of the fund financial statements as unavailable revenue because they are not available to finance the operations of the District in the current year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2015

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

F. Property Taxes Levied for Subsequent Year's Expenditures

Property taxes levied for subsequent year's expenditures consist principally of property taxes levied in the current year which will be collected and recognized as revenue in the District's following year to properly match those revenues with the budgeted expenditures for which they were levied. This amount is equal to the amount levied by the School Board in December 2014, less various components and their related adjustments as mandated by the state. These portions of that levy were recognized as revenue in fiscal year 2015. The remaining portion of the levy will be recognized when measurable and available.

G. Inventories

Inventories of commodities donated directly by the U.S. Department of Agriculture are recorded at market value. Other inventories are stated at cost as determined on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis. Inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

H. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. Prepaid items are recorded as an expenditure at the time of consumption.

I. Property Taxes

The District is located in the Counties of Wright and Hennepin.

Property tax levies are certified to the County Auditors in December of each year for collection from taxpayers in May and October of the following calendar year. In Minnesota, counties act as collection agents for all property taxes. The counties spread all levies over taxable property. Such taxes become a lien on property on the following January 1. The Counties generally remit taxes to the District at periodic intervals as they are collected.

A portion of property taxes levied is paid by the State of Minnesota through various tax credits, which are included in revenue from state sources in the financial statements.

J. Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded in the government-wide financial statements, but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$ 5,000 with an estimated useful life in excess of five years, including all computer equipment regardless of the value. Such assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost for assets where actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend the assets lives are not capitalized.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2015

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

J. Capital Assets (Continue)

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public school purpose by the District, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purpose. Useful lives vary from 20 to 50 years for land improvements and buildings and 5 to 20 years for equipment.

Capital assets not being depreciated include land and construction in progress. The District does not possess any material amounts of infrastructure capital assets, such as sidewalks and parking lots. Such items are considered to be part of the cost of buildings or other improvable property.

K. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that time. The District has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. A deferred outflow relating to pension activity is reported in the government-wide statement of net position. A deferred outflow relating to pension activity results from the net effect of the change in proportionate share, differences between expected and actual economic experience, changes in actuarial assumptions and employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position and fund financial statements will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has three types of items, which qualify for reporting in this category. The first item, unavailable revenue from delinquent property taxes, arises under a modified accrual basis of accounting and is reported only in the governmental funds Balance Sheet. Delinquent property taxes not collected within 60 days of year-end are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the governmental funds in the period the amounts become available. The second item is property taxes levied for subsequent years, which represent property taxes received or reported as a receivable before the period for which the taxes are levied, and is reported as a deferred inflow of resources in both the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the governmental funds Balance Sheet. Property taxes levied for subsequent years are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the government-wide financial statements in the year for which they are levied and in the governmental fund financial statements during the year for which they are levied, if available. The third item is deferred inflows relating to pension activity is a result of the net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments.

L. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2015

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

L. Long-Term Obligations (Continued)

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. 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.

M. Compensated Absences

Vacation pay is earned at various rates by employees and accrued as compensated absences in the Statement of Net Position.

Substantially all employees are entitled to sick leave at various rates. Classified employees are not compensated for unused sick leave upon a qualified termination of employment.

Non-classified employees receive payment for a set number of sick days after reaching age 55 and completing 15 years of service. The amount of compensated absences for sick leave anticipated to be paid upon employees' retirements is recorded as severance payable in the Statement of Net Position.

N. Post Employment Severance and Health Benefits

Severance and health benefits consist of lump sum retirement payments and post employment health care benefits.

The District maintains various early retirement incentive payment plans for its employee groups. Teacher and administrator employee group plans contain benefit formulas based on years of service and/or minimum age requirements. No employee can receive early retirement incentive payments exceeding one year's salary.

Under the terms of certain collectively bargained employment contracts, the District is required to pay the medical and dental insurance premiums for retired teachers and administrators until they reach specific age requirements such as Medicare eligibility. The amount to be paid is equal to the full monthly premium cost for insurance coverage available under the appropriate current employment contract.

O. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) and additions to/deductions from PERA's and TRA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERA and TRA. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2015

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

O. Pensions (Continued)

TRA has a special funding situation created by direct aid contributions made by the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District. The direct aid is a result of the merger of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association merger into TRA in 2006. Additional information can be found in Note 8.F.

P. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts: theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; natural disasters; and injuries to employees for which the District carries commercial insurance. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There were no significant reductions in the District's insurance coverage during the year ending June 30, 2015.

Q. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor the constraints on the specific purpose for which amounts in these funds can be spent.

- **Nonspendable Fund Balance** – These are amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form as they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact and include items that are inherently unspendable, such as, but not limited to, inventories, prepaid items, long-term receivables, nonfinancial assets held for resale or the permanent principal of endowment funds.
- **Restricted Fund Balance** – These are amounts that are comprised of funds that have legally enforceable constraints placed on their use that either are externally imposed by resource providers or creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, voters or laws or regulations of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- **Committed Fund Balance** – These are amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by the School Board.
- **Assigned Fund Balance** – These are amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. Assignments are made by the Director of Finance and Operations or the School Board.
- **Unassigned Fund Balance** – These are amounts that are the residual amounts in the General Fund not reported in any other classification. Unassigned amounts in the General Fund are technically available for expenditure for any purpose. The General Fund is the only fund that can report a positive unassigned fund balance. Other funds would report a negative unassigned fund balance should the total of nonspendable, restricted and committed fund balances exceed the total net resources of that fund.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2015

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Q. Fund Equity (Continued)

- Minimum Fund Balance Policy – The School Board shall strive to maintain a fund balance of between 8% and 12% of fund balance to total operating expenditures in the General Fund. The fund balance shall be defined as the sum of the unassigned fund balance, the restricted next year's approved budget deficit fund balance and the nonspendable fund balances.
- The Business Office shall monitor the fund balance. If the fund balance falls below 8%, the School Board shall implement a procedure to stabilize the District's financial position. This shall involve:
 1. No new programs will be added at the District level unless matched by a like revenue source;
 2. Allocations such as textbooks, supplies, etc., shall be frozen; and
 3. The District will review other measures which will not immediately affect delivery of programs but could have a cost savings. An example might be areas where expenses have historically been lower than budgeted levels.
- If the fund balance is projected to fall below 6%, the District shall take measures to either generate additional revenues or to reduce expenditures through budget cuts or a combination of both.

R. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows in the government-wide financial statements. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any long-term debt used to build or acquire the capital assets. Net position is reported as restricted in the government-wide financial statement when there are limitations on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

S. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Estimates also affect the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures/expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

T. Comparative Data

Comparative total data for the prior year has been presented only for certain sections of the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of the changes in the Academy's financial position and operations. This data has been restated where necessary for comparable classifications.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2015

NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

Budgets presented in this report for comparison to actual amounts are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Each June, the School Board adopts an annual budget for the following year for the General, Food Service, Community Service and Debt Service Funds. The approved budget is published in summary form in the District's legal newspaper. Reported budget amounts represent the amended budget as adopted by the School Board. Legal budgetary control is at the fund level.

Procedurally, in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements, the Director of Finance and Operations submits to the School Board prior to July 1, a proposed operating budget for the year commencing July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means to finance them. The budget is legally enacted by School Board action. Budget revisions are presented and approved by the School Board in the spring.

Spending control is established by the amount of expenditures budgeted for the fund, but management control is exercised at a decentralized level.

Budget provisions for the Debt Service Fund are set by state law governing required debt service levels.

B. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

Budgetary controls for governmental funds are established by each fund's total appropriations. Expenditures exceed appropriations in the following Fund for the year ending June 30, 2015.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Over</u>
Community Service	\$ 3,316,047	\$ 3,757,423	\$ (441,376)

NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

District Funds Other than OPEB Trust Funds

A. Deposits

In accordance with applicable *Minnesota Statutes*, the District maintains deposits at depository banks authorized by the School Board.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits: As of June 30, 2015, the District's bank balance was not exposed to custodial credit risk because it was insured and fully collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent and in the District's name.

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NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Deposits (Continued)

As of June 30, 2015 the District had the following deposits:

Checking	\$ 876,709
Certificates of Deposit	37,402,465
Savings	<u>2,921,174</u>
 Total Deposits	 <u><u>\$ 41,200,348</u></u>

B. Investments

As of June 30, 2015, the District had the following pooled investments:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities Less than 1 Year</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>
Brokered Money Markets	\$ 1,781,719	\$ 1,781,719	N/A
Brokered Certificates of Deposit	4,961,367	4,961,367	N/A
Government Agencies	1,037,407	1,037,407	N/A
MSDLAF	<u>3,849,289</u>	<u>3,849,289</u>	AAAm
 Total Investments	 <u><u>\$11,629,782</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 11,629,782</u></u>	

Credit Risk: The District's investments are rated in the table above. Also as indicated in the table, there are certain investments that are not subject to credit risk and therefore, not rated.

OPEB and HRA Trust Funds

As of June 30, 2015, the District's OPEB and HRA Trust Fund had the following investments:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u>				<u>Greater than 10 years</u>
		<u>Less than 1 Year</u>	<u>1-2 Years</u>	<u>2-5 Years</u>	<u>5-10 Years</u>	
Brokered Money Markets	\$ 1,128,979	\$ 1,128,979	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed Income:						
Government Agencies	4,049,819	489,272	178,362	1,790,715	317,117	1,274,353
Corporate Securities	857,965	151,919	-	171,318	534,728	-
Equities	2,552,667	2,552,667	-	-	-	-
Mutual Funds	<u>5,727,140</u>	<u>5,727,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total Investments	 <u><u>\$14,316,570</u></u>	 <u><u>\$10,049,977</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 178,362</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 1,962,033</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 851,845</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 1,274,353</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

B. Investments (Continued)

OPEB and HRA Trust Funds (Continues)

Credit Risk: The Trust's investments in government agencies and corporate securities were rated Baa2 or greater by Moody's. The remaining investments are not subject to credit risk and, therefore, not rated. The District's OPEB Investment Policy states investments must have a rating of Baa3 or greater.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The District's OPEB investments in Federal National Mortgage Association (5.6%) were above 5% of total OPEB investments.

C. Deposits and Investments

The following is a summary of total deposits and investments:

District Governmental Funds:	
Deposits (Note 3.A.)	\$ 41,200,348
Investments (Note 3.B.)	11,629,782
Petty Cash	6,000
 OPEB and HRA Irrevocable Trust Funds:	
Investments	<u>14,316,570</u>
 Total Deposits and Investments	<u><u>\$ 67,152,700</u></u>

Deposits and investments are presented in the June 30, 2015 basic financial statements as follows:

Statement of Net Position:	
Cash and Investments	\$ 52,836,130
 Statement of Fiduciary Net Position:	
Trust Funds	<u>14,316,570</u>
 Total Deposits and Investments	<u><u>\$ 67,152,700</u></u>

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NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2015 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets not being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 4,224,158	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,224,158
Construction in Progress	-	1,222,028	-	1,222,028
Total Capital Assets not being Depreciated	<u>4,224,158</u>	<u>1,222,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,446,186</u>
Capital Assets being Depreciated:				
Land Improvements	3,086,299	69,173	-	3,155,472
Buildings	106,841,382	106,532	-	106,947,914
Equipment and Vehicles	<u>5,972,243</u>	<u>539,476</u>	<u>80,766</u>	<u>6,430,953</u>
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated	<u>115,899,924</u>	<u>715,181</u>	<u>80,766</u>	<u>116,534,339</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Land Improvements	2,270,976	124,196	-	2,395,172
Buildings	43,112,140	3,277,878	-	46,390,018
Equipment and Vehicles	<u>4,004,702</u>	<u>443,198</u>	<u>78,835</u>	<u>4,369,065</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>49,387,818</u>	<u>3,845,272</u>	<u>78,835</u>	<u>53,154,255</u>
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated, Net	<u>66,512,106</u>	<u>(3,130,091)</u>	<u>1,931</u>	<u>63,380,084</u>
Governmental Activities, Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 70,736,264</u>	<u>\$ (1,908,063)</u>	<u>\$ 1,931</u>	<u>\$ 68,826,270</u>

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NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Depreciation expense of \$ 3,845,272 for the year ended June 30, 2015 was charged to the following governmental functions:

District Support Services	\$ 8,569
Elementary and Secondary Regular Instruction	3,250,175
Special Education Instruction	4,838
Instructional Support Services	94,486
Pupil Support	525
Sites and Buildings	438,074
Food Service	43,806
Community Service	<u>4,799</u>
 Total Depreciation Expense	 <u><u>\$ 3,845,272</u></u>

NOTE 5 – INTERFUND ACTIVITY

Interfund Loans

The General Fund loaned \$ 12,263 to the Food Service Fund to cover the deficit cash balance. This will be repaid in the subsequent year.

NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM DEBT

A. Components of Long-Term Liabilities

	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Original Issue</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding</u>	<u>Due Within One year</u>
Long-Term Liabilities:						
G.O. Bonds, Including						
2008A Refunding Bonds	12/17/08	4.00%-5.125%	20,340,000	02/01/22	\$ 10,755,000	\$ 1,530,000
2009A OPEB Bonds	09/15/09	2.00%-4.90%	10,845,000	02/01/23	10,730,000	-
2012A G.O. Refunding Bonds	03/16/12	2.00%-4.00%	31,215,000	02/01/24	25,410,000	3,175,000
2013A Alternative Facilities Bonds	05/01/13	1.00%-2.00%	3,855,000	02/01/24	3,560,000	105,000
2015A School Building Bonds	02/04/15	2.75%-3.00%	32,620,000	02/01/30	<u>32,620,000</u>	-
Total G.O. Bonds					<u>83,075,000</u>	<u>4,810,000</u>
Unamortized Bond Premium					<u>3,673,355</u>	-
Net Bonds Payable					86,748,355	<u>4,810,000</u>
Capital Leases Payable					1,754,531	336,784
Severance Payable					1,355,273	46,048
Compensated Absences Payable					<u>175,860</u>	<u>175,860</u>
 Total all Long-Term Liabilities					 <u><u>\$ 90,034,019</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 5,368,692</u></u>

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June 30, 2015

NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM DEBT

A. Components of Long-Term Liabilities (Continued)

Long-term bond and loan liabilities listed above were issued to finance acquisition and construction of capital facilities, to refinance (refund) previous bond issues and cover annual OPEB costs and net OPEB obligations. Other long-term liabilities, such as severance and compensated absences, are typically liquidated through the General Fund.

B. Minimum Debt Payments for Bonds

Minimum annual principal and interest payments required to retire bond liabilities:

Year Ending June 30,	G.O. Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$ 4,810,000	\$ 2,942,911	\$ 7,752,911
2017	4,970,000	2,793,385	7,763,385
2018	5,140,000	2,625,568	7,765,568
2019	5,320,000	2,442,162	7,762,162
2020	5,555,000	2,210,433	7,765,433
2021-2025	29,695,000	7,235,821	36,930,821
2026-2030	27,585,000	2,478,130	30,063,130
Total	<u>\$ 83,075,000</u>	<u>\$ 22,728,410</u>	<u>\$ 105,803,410</u>

C. Capital Lease Obligations

In October 2006, the District entered into a lease purchase agreement for the construction of an addition to the Phoenix Learning Center. The total financed was \$ 750,000 with an interest rate of 4.79% and is to be repaid through the General Fund. The lease agreement requires the District to make annual payments through October 15, 2021.

In April 2010, the District entered into a lease purchase agreement for the remodel of the Montrose Early Childhood Building. The total financed was \$ 1,324,474 with an interest rate of 5.55% and is to be paid through the General Fund. The lease agreement requires the District to make annual payments through May 1, 2025.

In March 2011, the District entered into a lease purchase agreement for the construction of tennis courts. The total financed was \$ 500,000 with an interest rate of 4.25% and is to be paid through the General Fund. The lease requires the District to make semiannual payments through April 1, 2018.

In February 2014, the District entered into a lease purchase agreement for technology equipment. The total financed was \$ 398,401 with an interest rate of 0% and is to be repaid through the General Fund. The lease agreement requires the District to make annual payments through May 28, 2016.

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NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM DEBT

C. Capital Lease Obligations (Continued)

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments were as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	
2016	\$ 418,495
2017	285,696
2018	285,535
2019	202,082
2020	202,082
2021-2025	763,104
Total Minimum Lease Payments	<u>2,156,994</u>
Less Amount Representing Interest	<u>(402,463)</u>
Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 1,754,531</u>

The carrying value and related accumulated depreciation at June 30, 2015 for the assets purchased was as follows:

Carrying Value	\$ 3,354,298
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,098,532)</u>
Assets, Net of Depreciation	<u>\$ 2,255,766</u>

D. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Long-Term Liabilities:				
G.O. Bonds	\$ 55,115,000	\$ 32,620,000	\$ 4,660,000	\$ 83,075,000
Net Premium	3,527,462	503,290	357,397	3,673,355
Capital Leases Payable	2,081,733	-	327,202	1,754,531
Severance Payable	1,071,212	301,553	17,492	1,355,273
Compensated Absences Payable	177,136	527,943	529,219	175,860
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 61,972,543</u>	<u>\$ 33,952,786</u>	<u>\$ 5,891,310</u>	<u>\$ 90,034,019</u>

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NOTE 7 – FUND BALANCES

Certain portions of fund balance are restricted based on state requirements to track special program funding, to provide for funding on certain long-term liabilities or as required by other outside parties.

Fund Equity

Fund equity balances are classified on the following page to reflect the limitations and restrictions of the respective funds.

A. Restricted/Reserved Fund Balance

	General Fund	Debt Service	Building Construction	Other Nonmajor Funds	Total
Nonspendable for:					
Inventory	\$ 115,522	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,898	\$ 162,420
Prepaid Items	216,167	-	-	63,156	279,323
Total Nonspendable	331,689	-	-	110,054	441,743
Restricted/Reserved for:					
Health and Safety	(137,329)	-	-	-	(137,329)
Operating Capital	624,963	-	-	-	624,963
Teacher Development and Evaluations	110,131	-	-	-	110,131
Staff Development	67,063	-	-	-	67,063
Deferred Maintenance	730	-	-	-	730
Community Education	-	-	-	(5,750)	(5,750)
Adult Basic Education	-	-	-	7,764	7,764
Early Childhood and Family Education	-	-	-	(3,303)	(3,303)
School Readiness	-	-	-	(47,669)	(47,669)
Debt Service	-	1,443,358	-	107,500	1,550,858
Building Construction	-	-	31,083,159	-	31,083,159
Total Restricted/Reserved	665,558	1,443,358	31,083,159	58,542	33,250,617
Committed for:					
Separation Benefits	4,062,933	-	-	-	4,062,933
Assigned for:					
Carryover	211,124	-	-	-	211,124
Dental Insurance	199,667	-	-	-	199,667
Third Party Special Education	493,734	-	-	-	493,734
Stimulus	385,973	-	-	-	385,973
Student Activities	317,704	-	-	-	317,704
Total Assigned	1,608,202	-	-	-	1,608,202
Unassigned	9,943,213	-	-	(91,445)	9,851,768
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 16,611,595</u>	<u>\$ 1,443,358</u>	<u>\$ 31,083,159</u>	<u>\$ 77,151</u>	<u>\$ 49,215,263</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 7 – FUND BALANCES

Fund Equity (Continued)

A. Restricted/Reserved Fund Balance (Continued)

Nonspendable for Inventory – A portion of the fund balance has been spent on inventory and is not available for other uses.

Nonspendable for Prepaid Items – A portion of the fund balance has been spent on prepaid items and is not available for other uses.

Restricted/Reserved for Health and Safety – This balance represents available resources to be used for health and safety projects in accordance with an approved health and safety plan.

Restricted/Reserved for Operating Capital – This balance represents available resources in the General Fund to be used to purchase equipment and facilities.

Restricted/Reserved for Teacher Development and Evaluation – This balance represents resources available for teacher development and evaluation uses listed in *Minnesota Statutes* 122A.40, subd. 8 or 122A.41, subd. 5.

Restricted/Reserved for Staff Development – This balance represents unspent staff development revenues set aside from general education revenue that were reserved for staff development.

Restricted/Reserved for Deferred Maintenance – Districts that qualified for deferred maintenance revenue (aid and levy) but have not spent the proceeds must restrict the balance in this code. An independent or special school district that does not qualify to participate in the alternative facilities bonding and levy program under *Minnesota Statutes* 123B.59, subd. 1. para (a) is eligible to receive deferred maintenance revenue per *Minnesota Statutes* 123B.591.

Restricted/Reserved for Community Education – This balance represents the resources available to provide programming such as: nonvocational, recreational and leisure time activities, programs for adults with disabilities, noncredit summer programs, adult basic education programs, youth development and youth service programming, early childhood and family education and extended day programs.

Restricted/Reserved for Adult Basic Education – This account will represent the balance of carryover monies for all activity involving adult basic education.

Restricted/Reserved for Early Childhood and Family Education – This balance represents the resources available to provide for services for early childhood and family education programming.

Restricted/Reserved for School Readiness – This balance represents the resources available to provide for services for school readiness programs. Related to Finance Code 344, School Readiness *Minnesota Statutes* 124D.16.

Restricted for Debt Service – This balance represents the resources available for the payment of bond principal, interest and related costs.

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NOTE 7 – FUND BALANCES

Fund Equity (Continued)

A. Restricted/Reserved Fund Balance (Continued)

Restricted/Reserved for Building Construction – This balance represents the resources available for the construction of or improvements to facilities authorized by bond issue.

Committed for Separation Benefits – This balance represents the resources set aside for the payment of retirement benefits including compensated absences, pensions, OPEB and termination benefits.

Assigned for Carryover – This balance represents unspent budget appropriations carried over for the subsequent year.

Assigned for Dental Insurance – This balance represents the resources set aside for payment of dental insurance costs.

Assigned for Third Party Special Education – This balance represents the resources set aside for third party billing purchases.

Assigned for Stimulus – This balance represents the resources set aside for stimulus positions.

Assigned for Student Activities – This balance represents the accumulation of the student activity accounts that are under School Board control.

B. Net Position

Net position restricted for other purposes on the Statement of Net Position are comprised of the total positive restricted fund balances of the General, Food Service and Community Service Funds.

NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

Teachers' Retirement Association

A. Plan Description

The Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) is an administrator of a multiple employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit retirement fund. TRA administers a Basic Plan (without Social Security coverage) and a Coordinated Plan (with Social Security coverage) in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 354 and 356. TRA is a separate statutory entity and administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board consists of four active members, one retired member and three statutory officials.

Teachers employed in Minnesota's public elementary and secondary school, charter schools and certain educational institutions maintained by the state (except those teachers employed by the cities of Duluth and St. Paul, and by the University of Minnesota system) are required to be TRA members. State university, community college and technical college teachers first employed by the Minnesota State College and Universities (MnSCU) may elect TRA coverage within one year of eligible employment. Alternatively, these teachers may elect coverage through the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DCR) administered by MnSCU.

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June 30, 2015

NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

Teachers' Retirement Association

B. Benefits Provided

TRA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members, and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by Minnesota Statute and vest after three years of service credit. The defined retirement benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five consecutive years of allowable service, age and a formula multiplier based on years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for TRA's Coordinated and Basic Plan members. Members first employed before July 1, 1989 receive the greater of the Tier I or Tier II benefits as described.

Tier 1 Benefits

<u>Tier 1</u>	<u>Step Rate Formula</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Basic	First ten years of service	2.2% per year
	All years after	2.7% per year
Coordinated	First ten years if service years are up to July 1, 2006	1.2% per year
	First ten years if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.4% per year
	All other years of service if service years are up to July 1, 2006	1.7% per year
	All other years of service if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.9% per year

With these provisions:

- Normal retirement age is 65 with less than 30 years of allowable service and age 62 with 30 or more years of allowable service.
- 3% per year early retirement reduction factor for all years under normal retirement age.
- Unreduced benefits for early retirement under a Rule of 90 (age plus allowable service equals 90 or more).

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

Teachers' Retirement Association (Continued)

B. Benefits Provided (Continued)

Tier II Benefits

For years of service prior to July 1, 2006, a level formula of 1.7% per year for coordinated members and 2.7% per year for basic members is applied. For years of service July 1, 2006 and after, a level formula of 1.9% per year for Coordinated members and 2.7% for Basic members applies. Beginning July 1, 2015, the early retirement reduction factors are based on rates established under Minnesota Statute. Smaller reductions, more favorable to the member, will be applied to individuals who reach age 62 and have 30 years or more of service credit.

Members first employed after June 30, 1989 receive only the Tier II calculation with a normal retirement age that is their retirement age for full Social Security retirement benefits, but not to exceed age 66.

Six different types of annuities are available to members upon retirement. The No Refund Life Plan is a lifetime annuity that ceases upon the death of the retiree – no survivor annuity is payable. A retiring member may also choose to provide survivor benefits to a designated beneficiary(ies) by selecting one of the five plans that have survivorship features. Vested members may also leave their contributions in the TRA Fund upon termination of service in order to qualify for a deferred annuity at retirement age. Any member terminating service is eligible for a refund of their employee contributions plus interest.

The benefit provisions stated apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them are bound by the plan provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

C. Contribution Rate

Per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 354 sets the contribution rates for employees and employers. Rates for each fiscal year were:

	Ending June 30, 2014		Ending June 30, 2015	
	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer
Basic	10.5%	11.0%	11.0%	11.5%
Coordinated	7.0%	7.0%	7.5%	7.5%

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

Teachers' Retirement Association (Continued)

C. Contribution Rate (Continued)

The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions in TRA's CAFR "Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position" to the employer contributions used in Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Pension Allocations.

Employer contributions reported in TRA's CAFR Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position	\$ 299,299,837
Deduct Employer contributions not related to future contribution efforts	(398,798)
Deduct TRA's contributions not included in allocation	<u>(370,701)</u>
Employer contributions reported in schedule of employer and non-employer pension allocations	<u><u>\$ 298,530,338</u></u>

Amounts reported in the allocation schedules may not precisely agree with financial statement amounts or actuarial valuations due to the number of decimal places used in the allocations. TRA has rounded percentage amounts to the nearest ten thousandths.

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

Teachers' Retirement Association (Continued)

D. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Key Methods and Assumptions Used in Valuation of Total Pension Liability

Actuarial Information

Measurement Date	June 30, 2014
Valuation Date	July 1, 2014
Experience Study	October 30, 2009
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions	
Investment Rate of Return	8.25%
Wage Inflation	3.00%
Projected Salary Increase	3.5-12%, based on years of service
Cost of Living Adjustment	2.0% until year 2034, 2.5% thereafter

Mortality Assumption

Pre-retirement	RP 2000 non-annuitant generational mortality, white collar adjustment, male rates set back five years and female rates set back seven years
Post-retirement	RP 2000 annuitant generational mortality, white collar adjustment, male rates set back two years and female rates set back three years
Post-disability	RP 2000 disabled retiree mortality, without adjustment

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2008, and a limited scope experience study dated August 29, 2014. The limited scope experience study addressed only inflation and long-term rate of return for the GASB 67 valuation.

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

Teachers' Retirement Association (Continued)

D. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Long-Term</u>
Domestic Stocks	45 %	5.50 %
International Stocks	15	6.00
Bonds	18	1.45
Alternative Assets	20	6.40
Unallocated Cash	2	0.50
	<hr/>	
Total	<u>100 %</u>	

E. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate was assumed that employee contributions will be made at the fiscal 2015 contribution rate, contributions from school districts will be made at contractually required rates (actuarially determined), and contributions from the state will be made at current statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

Teachers’ Retirement Association (Continued)

F. Net Pension Liability

On June 30, 2015, the District reported a liability of \$ 25,219,190 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measure as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions to TRA in relation to total system contributions including direct aid from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District. District proportionate share was 0.5473% at the end of the measurement period and 0.5416% for the beginning of the year.

The pension liability amount reflected a reduction due to direct aid provided to TRA. The amount recognized by the district as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the direct aid and total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the district were as follows:

District's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 25,219,190
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the district	1,774,131

A change in benefit provisions that affected the measurement of the total pension liability since the prior measurement date was an increase of the contribution rates for both the member and employer. Section C contains the rate information.

There was a change in actuarial assumptions that affected the measurement of the total liability since the prior measurement date. Post-retirement benefit adjustments are now assumed to increase from 2.0% annually to 2.5% annually once the legally specified criteria are met. This is estimated to occur July 1, 2034.

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the district recognized pension expense of \$ 1,404,697. It also recognized \$ 77,393 as an increase to pension expense for the support provided by direct aid.

On June 30, 2015, the District had deferred resources related to pension from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 2,151,880	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	-	7,928,658
Changes in proportion	270,513	-
District's Contributions to TRA Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>1,960,755</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 4,383,148</u>	 <u>\$ 7,928,658</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2015

NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

Teachers' Retirement Association (Continued)

F. Net Pension Liability (Continued)

\$ 1,960,755 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from school contributions to TRA subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016.

Deferred outflows of resources and (deferred inflows of resources) will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

2016	\$ (1,476,446)
2017	(1,476,446)
2018	(1,476,446)
2019	(1,476,446)
2020	399,519

G. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the district's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8.25% as well as the liability measured using 1% lower and 1% higher.

District proportionate share of NPL		
<u>1% decrease (7.25%)</u>	<u>Current (8.25%)</u>	<u>1% increase (9.25%)</u>
\$ 41,678,685	\$ 25,219,190	\$ 11,497,662

The Employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer contributions to TRA in relation to TRA's total employer contributions including direct aid contributions from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District.

H. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued TRA financial report. That can be obtained at www.MinnesotaTRA.org, or by writing to TRA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN, 55103-4000, or by calling (651) 296-2409 or (800) 657-3669.

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

Public Employees' Retirement Association

A. Plan Description

The District participates in the following cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by PERA. PERA's defined benefit pension plans are established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes. PERA's defined benefit pension plans are tax qualified plans under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

General Employees Retirement Fund (GERF)

PERA's defined benefit pension plans are established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 353, and 356.

All full-time and certain part-time employees of the District other than teachers are covered by the GERF. GERF members belong to either the Coordinated Plan or the Basic Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security and Basic Plan members are not. The Basic Plan was closed to new members in 1967. All new members must participate in the Coordinated Plan.

B. Benefits Provided

PERA provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can only be modified by the state legislature. PERA benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January. Increases are related to the funding ratio of the plan. Members in plans that are at least 90% funded for two consecutive years are given 2.5% increases. Members in plans that have not exceeded 90% funded, or have fallen below 80%, are given 1% increases.

GERF Benefits

Benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age and years of credit at termination of service. Two methods are used to compute benefits for PERA's Coordinated and Basic Plan members. The retiring member receives the higher of a step-rate benefit accrual formula (Method 1) or a level accrual formula (Method 2). Under Method 1, the annuity accrual rate for a Basic Plan member is 2.2% of average salary for each of the first ten years of service and 2.7% for each remaining year. The annuity accrual rate for a Coordinated Plan member is 1.2% of average salary for each of the first ten years and 1.7% for each remaining year. Under Method 2, the annuity accrual rate is 2.7% of average salary for Basic Plan members and 1.7% for Coordinated Plan members for each year of service. For members hired prior to July 1, 1989, a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90 and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989, normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at 66. Disability benefits are available for vested members, and are based upon years of service and average high-five salary.

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

Public Employees' Retirement Association (Continued)

C. Contributions

Minnesota Statutes set the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the state legislature.

GERF Contributions

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 353 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Basic Plan members and Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 9.1% and 6.25%, respectively, of their annual covered salary in calendar year 2014. Coordinated Plan members contributed 6.5% of pay in 2015. In calendar year 2014, the District was required to contribute 11.78% of pay for Basic Plan members and 7.25% for Coordinated Plan members. In 2015, employer rates increased to 7.5% in the Coordinated Plan. The District's contributions to the GERF for the plan's fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, were \$ 665,258. The District's contributions were equal to the required contributions for each year as set by state statute.

D. Pension Costs

GERF Pension Costs

At June 30, 2015, the District reported a liability of \$ 7,638,133 for its proportionate share of the GERF's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions received by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. At June 30, 2014, the District's proportion was 0.1626%.

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the District recognized pension expense of \$ 567,019 for its proportionate share of GERF's pension expense.

At June 30, 2015, the District reported its proportionate share of GERF's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, and its contributions subsequent to the measurement date, from the following sources:

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

Public Employees’ Retirement Association (Continued)

D. Pension Costs (Continued)

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 117,222	\$ -
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	787,186	-
Difference Between Projected and Actual Investments Earnings	-	2,063,817
District's Contributions to GERP Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>665,258</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 1,569,666</u>	 <u>\$ 2,063,817</u>

\$ 665,258 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions to GERP subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to GERP pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended <u>June 30,</u>	Pension Expense <u>Amount</u>
2016	\$ (214,485)
2017	(214,485)
2018	(214,484)
2019	(515,955)

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

Public Employees’ Retirement Association (Continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014, actuarial valuation was determined using the entry age normal actuarial cost method and the following actuarial assumptions:

GERF

<u>Assumptions</u>	<u>GERF</u>
Inflation	2.75 % Per Year
Active Member Payroll Growth	3.50 Per Year
Investment Rate of Return	7.90

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, survivors and disabilitants were based on RP-2000 tables for males or females, as appropriate, with slight adjustments.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies. The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2008, and a limited scope experience study dated August 29, 2014. The limited scope experience study addressed only inflation and long-term rate of return for the GASB 67 valuation.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions for GERF occurred in 2014: As of July 1, 2013, the postretirement benefit increase rate was assumed to increase from 1.0% to 2.5% on January 1, 2046. As of July 1, 2014, the postretirement benefit increase rate was assumed to increase from 1.0% to 2.5% on January 1, 2031.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.9% for GERF. The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of PERA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness of the long-term expected rate of return on a regular basis using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages.

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

Public Employees’ Retirement Association (Continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term</u>
Domestic Stocks	45%	5.50 %
Internal Stocks	15%	6.00
Bonds	18%	1.45
Alternative Assets	20%	6.40
Cash	2%	0.50
 Total	 <u>100%</u>	

F. Discount Rates

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.9% for GERF. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee and employer contributions will be made at the rates specified in statute. Based on those assumptions, each of the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

G. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following table presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability for all plans it participates in, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease in Discount Rate</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase in Discount Rate</u>
GERF Discount Rate	6.9%	7.9%	8.9%
District's Propionate Share of the GERF Net Pension Liability	\$ 12,312,979	\$ 7,638,133	\$ 3,791,835

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

Public Employees' Retirement Association (Continued)

H. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about GERP's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued PERA financial report. That report may be obtained on the Internet at www.mnpera.org; by writing to PERA at 60 Empire Drive #200, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55103-2088; or by calling (651) 296-7460 or 1-800-652-9026.

NOTE 9 – RETIREMENT PLANS

A. Post Retirement Health Care Savings Plan

The District's Post Retirement Health Care Savings Plan (the "Plan") allows employees to use individual accounts to save for medical expenses. The accounts are funded entirely with employer contributions. Employee participation is a voluntary process negotiated through the collective bargaining process. Employees cannot voluntarily contribute to this Plan. Amounts and how it will be funded must be mandated through collective bargaining or through a personnel policy. Any employee covered under the Plan may draw down the balance of the account for reimbursement of eligible medical expenses including health care premiums. Contributions to the Plan by the District totaled \$ 26,055 for the year.

B. Defined Contribution Plan

The District provides eligible employees future retirement benefits through the District's Defined Contribution Plan (the "Plan"). Employees of the District are eligible to participate in the Plan commencing on the date of their employment. Eligible employees may elect to have a percentage of their pay contributed to the Plan. The District makes matching contribution for some administrative employees of \$ 52,700. Contributions are invested to tax deferred annuities selected and owned by Plan participants. Employee contributions for the fiscal year totaled \$ 597,693.

NOTE 10 – FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLAN

The District has a flexible benefit plan which is classified as a "cafeteria plan" under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code. All employee groups of the District are eligible if and when the collective bargaining agreement or contract with their groups allows eligibility. Eligible employees can elect to participate by contributing pretax dollars withheld from payroll checks to the plan for health care and dependent care benefits.

Before the beginning of the plan year, which runs December 31 to December 31, each participant designates a total amount of pretax dollars to be contributed to the plan during the year. At June 30, the District is contingently liable for claims against the total amount of participants' annual contributions to the plan, whether or not such contributions have been made.

Payments of insurance premiums (health and dental) are made by the District directly to the designated insurance companies. These payments are made on a monthly basis and are accounted for in the General Fund.

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NOTE 10 – FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLAN

Amounts withheld for medical reimbursement and dependent care are held for the benefit of the flexible benefit plan. All assets of the plan are administered by an employee of the District. Payments are made by the District to participating employees upon submitting a request for reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred by the participant. The medical reimbursement and dependent care activity is included in the financial statements in the General Fund.

All plan property and income attributable to that property is solely the property of the District, subject to the claims of the District's general creditors. Participants' rights under the plan are equal to those general creditors of the District in an amount equal to eligible health care and dependent care expenses incurred by the participants. The District believes it is unlikely it will use the assets to satisfy the claims of general creditors in the future.

NOTE 11 – POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE PLAN

A. Plan Description

The District provides a single-employer defined benefit health care plan to eligible retirees and their spouses. The plan offers medical coverage. In addition, the plan provides severance benefits based on years of service that are placed directly in a medical savings account upon retirement. Medical coverage is administered by BlueCross BlueShield. It is the District's policy to periodically review its medical coverage and to obtain requests for proposals in order to provide the most favorable benefits and premiums for District employees and retirees.

B. Funding Policy

Retirees and their spouses contribute to the health care plan at the same rate as District employees. This results in the retirees receiving an implicit rate subsidy. Contribution requirements are established by the District, based on the contract terms with BlueCross BlueShield. The required contributions are based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements. For 2015, the District contributed \$ 0 to the plan. Administrative costs of the plan are financed through investment earnings.

As of June 30, 2015, there were 48 retirees and beneficiaries receiving health benefits from the District's health plan. The plan has a total of 657 active participants and dependents. Of that total, 609 are not yet eligible to receive benefits.

C. Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

The District's annual OPEB cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution (ARC) of the District, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No. 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed 30 years. The table below shows the components of the District's annual OPEB cost of the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan and changes in the District's net OPEB obligation to the plan.

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NOTE 11 – POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE PLAN

C. Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation (Continued)

ARC	\$ 781,213
Interest on Net OPEB Obligation	(380,716)
Adjustment to ARC	490,753
Annual OPEB Cost (Expense)	<u>891,250</u>
Contributions Made	<u>-</u>
Increase in Net OPEB Obligation	891,250
Net OPEB Obligation - Beginning of Year	<u>(7,450,402)</u>
 Net OPEB Obligation - End of Year	 <u><u>\$ (6,559,152)</u></u>

The District's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan and the net OPEB obligation was as follows:

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Annual OPEB Cost</u>	<u>Employer Contribution</u>	<u>Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost Contributed</u>	<u>Net OPEB Obligation</u>
06/30/13	\$ 1,113,030	\$ -	0%	\$ (8,035,696)
06/30/14	1,111,001	-	0%	(7,450,402)
06/30/15	891,250	-	0%	(6,559,152)

D. Funded Status and Funding Progress

As of July 1, 2014, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the District had \$ 14,037,906 of assets deposited to fund the plan. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$ 13,657,552 and the actuarial value of assets was \$ 14,037,906, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of (\$ 380,354). The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$ 36,412,963 and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was -1.0%. In September 2009, the District issued G.O. Taxable OPEB Bonds, established an irrevocable trust and contributed \$ 10,690,300 of bond proceeds into the trust to fund the plan. As of June 30, 2015, the ending market value of these assets was \$ 13,574,823.

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality and the health care cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the ARC of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

The Schedule of Funding Progress – Other Post Employment Benefits, presented as required supplementary information following the Notes to the Financial Statements, presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

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NOTE 11 – POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE PLAN

D. Funded Status and Funding Progress (Continued)

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

At the July 1, 2014 actuarial valuation date, the projected unit credit cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 5.11% discount rate, which is based on the investment yield expected to finance benefits depending on whether the plan is funded in a separate trust (about 7% to 8.5%, long-term, similar to a pension plan) or unfunded (3.5% to 5%, shorter-term, based on District's general assets). The District currently plans to fund the liability. At the actuarial valuation date, the annual health care cost trend rate was calculated to be 7.5% initially, reduced incrementally to an ultimate rate of 5% after 8 years. Both rates included a 4% inflation assumption. The UAAL is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll on an open basis. The remaining amortization period at July 1, 2014 was 30 years.

The financial statements for the OPEB Plan are reported below because the OPEB Plan does not issue a separate financial report.

E. Condensed Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF PLAN NET POSITION

June 30, 2015

ASSETS

Investments, at Fair Value	\$ 13,581,665
Accounts Receivable	<u>9,355</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 13,591,020</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 16,197</u>
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NET POSITION

Net Position Held in Trust for OPEB	<u><u>\$ 13,574,823</u></u>
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NOTE 11 – POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE PLAN

E. Condensed Financial Statements (Continued)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET POSITION
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

ADDITIONS

Contributions	\$ 179,884
Investment Income, net Investment Expenses	<u>198,601</u>
Total Additions	378,485

DEDUCTIONS

Employee Benefit Deductions	<u>841,568</u>
Change in Net Position	(463,083)

NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR OPEB

Beginning of the Year	<u>14,037,906</u>
End of the Year	<u><u>\$ 13,574,823</u></u>

1. Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements

a. Plan Provisions

The Plan is described in detail on the previous pages, including Plan provisions and the authority for Plan changes.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements shown on the previous page were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employee and employer contributions are recognized as revenues in the period in which the employee services are performed. Benefits are recognized as revenues in the period in which the employee services are performed. Benefits are recognized when due and payable.

b. Investments

The details of the investments and the investment policy are described in Note 1.D.2. of the District's Notes to the Financial Statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2015**

NOTE 11 – POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE PLAN

E. Condensed Financial Statements (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

c. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make various estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 12 – COMMITMENTS

A. Joint Powers Agreement

The District entered in to a joint powers agreement in February 1998 with Wright Technical Center No. 966 (WTC), a cooperative center for vocational education, between and among eight other independent school districts to finance the acquisition and betterment of the addition to the existing WTC facilities.

The addition was financed through capital lease agreements. Each participating district annually authorizes a leading levy to cover their allocated portion of the lease payment based on the formula set out in the joint powers agreement. Participating districts will also be apportioned operating costs and continuing costs for the addition based on the current cost.

Separately issued financial statements can be obtained from Wright Technical Center, 1400 Highway 25 North Buffalo, Minnesota 55313-1936.

B. Rental Agreement

The District entered into a rental agreement with the City of Buffalo, Minnesota (the “City”) in 2001 for use of the Civic Center by the District.

This agreement is for a period of 15 years commencing September 1, 2000. The agreement calls for a minimum rental of 335 hours of ice time per year at the initial rate of \$ 135 per hour and an annual payment of \$ 55,000 for use of classrooms, team and locker rooms and additional ice time during the day when school is in session.

Any increase in the hourly rate of rental will be negotiated between the City and the District annually. Minimum annual payments to the City under this agreement are \$ 100,225. The District is entitled to a percentage of gate receipts from tickets sold for attendance at District functions as part of the terms of this agreement.

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June 30, 2015

NOTE 12 – COMMITMENTS

C. Construction Commitments

As of June 30, 2015, the District had outstanding construction commitments as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Expended through June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Commitment</u>
BHS Roof Replacement	\$ 1,776,776	\$ 318,000	\$ 1,458,776
PES Parking Lot	94,980	37,992	56,988
DES Tennis Courts	104,950	41,980	62,970
HES Additions	1,077,550	441,074	636,476

NOTE 13 – CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. This resulted in an adjustment to the beginning net position on the Statement of Activities of \$ 37,553,765 to add the beginning net pension liability.

NOTE 14 – GASB STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET IMPLEMENTED

GASB has issued GASB statement 75 relating to accounting and financial reporting for postemployment benefits other than pensions. The new statement requires governments in all types of OPEB plans to present more extensive note disclosures and required supplementary information (RSI) about OPEB liabilities.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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**SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) - (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)
07/01/10	\$10,593,203	\$ 13,803,801	\$ 3,210,598	76.7%	\$ 28,590,040	11.2%
07/01/12	12,565,588	14,340,547	1,774,959	87.6%	26,833,738	6.6%
07/01/14	14,037,906	13,657,552	(380,354)	102.8%	36,412,963	-1.0%

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Year Ended June 30,	Annual Required Contribution	Total Contributions	Percentage Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation (Asset)
2013	\$ 1,113,030	\$ -	0%	\$ (8,035,696)
2014	1,111,001	-	0%	(7,450,402)
2015	891,250	-	0%	(6,559,152)

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**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S AND NON-EMPLOYER
PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
LAST TEN YEARS GERF RETIREMENT FUNDS**

<u>For Fiscal Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)</u>	<u>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)</u>	<u>District's Covered- Employee Payroll</u>	<u>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered- Employee Payroll</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability</u>
2014	0.1626%	\$ 7,638,133	\$ 8,537,407	89.5%	78.75%

Note: Schedule is intended to show ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S AND NON-EMPLOYER
PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
LAST TEN YEARS TRA RETIREMENT FUNDS**

<u>For Fiscal Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)</u>	<u>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)</u>	<u>District's Share of State of Minnesota's Proportionated Share of the Net Pension Liability</u>	<u>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and District's Share of the State of Minnesota's Share of the Net Pension of Liability</u>	<u>District's Covered- Employee Payroll</u>	<u>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered- Employee Payroll</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability</u>
2014	0.5473%	\$ 25,219,190	\$ 1,774,131	\$ 26,993,321	\$ 24,984,191	100.9%	81.5%

Note: Schedule is intended to show ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

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**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
GERF RETIREMENT FUNDS
LAST TEN YEARS**

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Statutorily Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contributions</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>District's Covered- Employee Payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered- Employee Payroll</u>
2014	\$ 618,962	\$ 618,962	\$ -	\$ 8,537,407	7.25%

Note: Schedule is intended to show ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
TRA RETIREMENT FUNDS
LAST TEN YEARS**

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Statutorily Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contributions</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>District's Covered- Employee Payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered- Employee Payroll</u>
2014	\$ 1,748,893	\$ 1,748,893	\$ -	\$ 24,984,191	7.0%

Note: Schedule is intended to show ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL DETAIL - GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Local Property Taxes	\$ 5,284,291	\$ 4,665,431	\$ 5,181,369	\$ 515,938
Other Local and County Revenues	2,012,058	1,887,642	2,057,468	169,826
Revenue from State Sources	48,624,622	49,945,641	49,575,915	(369,726)
Revenue from Federal Sources	1,740,596	1,608,951	1,582,206	(26,745)
Sales and Other Conversion of Assets	40,700	48,058	46,451	(1,607)
Total Revenues	<u>57,702,267</u>	<u>58,155,723</u>	<u>58,443,409</u>	<u>287,686</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Administration				
Salaries	1,161,260	1,157,970	1,168,013	10,043
Employee Benefits	403,740	397,962	393,373	(4,589)
Purchased Services	49,110	49,110	21,959	(27,151)
Supplies and Materials	11,052	11,052	15,463	4,411
Capital Expenditures	8,740	8,740	2,020	(6,720)
Other Expenditures	43,917	43,917	37,349	(6,568)
Total Administration	<u>1,677,819</u>	<u>1,668,751</u>	<u>1,638,177</u>	<u>(30,574)</u>
District Support Services				
Salaries	650,361	783,856	791,846	7,990
Employee Benefits	268,715	316,467	286,708	(29,759)
Purchased Services	345,261	345,261	336,008	(9,253)
Supplies and Materials	12,350	12,350	8,834	(3,516)
Capital Expenditures	19,450	19,450	1,607	(17,843)
Other Expenditures	26,000	26,058	23,670	(2,388)
Total District Support Services	<u>1,322,137</u>	<u>1,503,442</u>	<u>1,448,673</u>	<u>(54,769)</u>
Elementary and Secondary				
Regular Instruction				
Salaries	19,114,306	18,717,624	18,292,691	(424,933)
Employee Benefits	7,544,368	7,291,518	6,886,843	(404,675)
Purchased Services	1,372,006	1,338,846	1,293,305	(45,541)
Supplies and Materials	1,104,826	1,125,962	1,167,077	41,115
Capital Expenditures	311,236	319,876	392,944	73,068
Other Expenditures	125,858	191,702	161,807	(29,895)
Total Elementary and Secondary Regular Instruction	<u>29,572,600</u>	<u>28,985,528</u>	<u>28,194,667</u>	<u>(790,861)</u>

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**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL DETAIL - GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
EXPENDITURES				
Vocational Education Instruction				
Salaries	\$ 683,550	\$ 720,080	\$ 710,785	\$ (9,295)
Employee Benefits	265,434	266,380	259,397	(6,983)
Purchased Services	578,229	560,417	499,283	(61,134)
Supplies and Materials	29,818	29,818	27,595	(2,223)
Capital Expenditures	4,458	4,458	6,194	1,736
Other Expenditures	2,461	2,461	1,186	(1,275)
Total Vocational Education Instruction	1,563,950	1,583,614	1,504,440	(79,174)
Special Education Instruction				
Salaries	7,221,419	7,111,717	7,000,688	(111,029)
Employee Benefits	2,803,736	2,771,260	2,591,167	(180,093)
Purchased Services	508,029	576,918	538,964	(37,954)
Supplies and Materials	82,783	91,470	82,926	(8,544)
Capital Expenditures	41,634	55,019	51,353	(3,666)
Other Expenditures	4,553	3,850	-	(3,850)
Total Special Education Instruction	10,662,154	10,610,234	10,265,098	(345,136)
Instructional Support Services				
Salaries	1,555,892	1,571,636	1,868,476	296,840
Employee Benefits	493,380	479,374	538,724	59,350
Purchased Services	131,991	260,423	184,202	(76,221)
Supplies and Materials	285,046	465,036	285,862	(179,174)
Capital Expenditures	359,275	(35,725)	29,874	65,599
Other Expenditures	220,650	154,650	67,286	(87,364)
Total Instructional Support Services	3,046,234	2,895,394	2,974,424	79,030
Pupil Support Services				
Salaries	950,300	977,320	1,010,866	33,546
Employee Benefits	368,214	418,272	410,137	(8,135)
Purchased Services	3,482,652	4,048,255	4,070,033	21,778
Supplies and Materials	99,130	43,722	13,210	(30,512)
Capital Expenditures	3,235	3,235	2,548	(687)
Other Expenditures	730	730	350	(380)
Total Pupil Support Services	4,904,261	5,491,534	5,507,144	15,610

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**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL DETAIL - GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
EXPENDITURES				
Sites and Buildings				
Salaries	\$ 1,926,567	\$ 1,951,110	\$ 1,913,355	\$ (37,755)
Employee Benefits	609,424	613,556	580,590	(32,966)
Purchased Services	1,741,921	1,966,065	1,561,550	(404,515)
Supplies and Materials	622,880	642,380	526,199	(116,181)
Capital Expenditures	991,670	658,845	555,208	(103,637)
Other Expenditures	61,100	61,100	44,920	(16,180)
Total Sites and Buildings	<u>5,953,562</u>	<u>5,893,056</u>	<u>5,181,822</u>	<u>(711,234)</u>
Fiscal and Other Fixed Cost Programs				
Purchased Services	<u>206,886</u>	<u>206,060</u>	<u>208,068</u>	<u>2,008</u>
Debt Service:				
Principal	418,494	418,494	327,203	(91,291)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	91,293	91,293
Total Debt Service	<u>418,494</u>	<u>418,494</u>	<u>418,496</u>	<u>2</u>
 Total Expenditures	 <u>59,328,097</u>	 <u>59,256,107</u>	 <u>57,341,009</u>	 <u>(1,915,098)</u>
 Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	 (1,625,830)	 (1,100,384)	 1,102,400	 2,202,784
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>
 Net Change in Fund Balance	 <u>\$ (1,622,830)</u>	 <u>\$ (1,098,884)</u>	 1,102,400	 <u>\$ 2,201,284</u>
FUND BALANCE				
Beginning of Year			<u>15,509,195</u>	
End of Year			<u>\$ 16,611,595</u>	

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**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET -
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

June 30, 2015

(With Comparative Totals as of June 30, 2014)

	Special Revenue			Debt Service	Total Nonmajor Funds	
	Food Service	Community Service	Total	Post Employment Benefits Debt Service Fund	2015	2014
ASSETS						
Cash and Investments	\$ -	\$ 235,756	\$ 235,756	\$ 359,171	\$ 594,927	\$ 833,436
Current Property Taxes Receivable	-	218,714	218,714	244,253	462,967	477,009
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	-	7,989	7,989	7,570	15,559	20,211
Accounts Receivable	483	47	530	-	530	8,778
Due from Department of Education	17,433	35,788	53,221	262	53,483	34,980
Due from Other Minnesota School Districts	-	27,169	27,169	-	27,169	28,866
Due from Federal Government through Department of Education	19,832	-	19,832	-	19,832	-
Due from Other Governmental Units	-	6,608	6,608	-	6,608	5,842
Inventory	46,898	-	46,898	-	46,898	41,994
Prepaid Items	49,904	13,252	63,156	-	63,156	-
	<u>\$ 134,550</u>	<u>\$ 545,323</u>	<u>\$ 679,873</u>	<u>\$ 611,256</u>	<u>\$ 1,291,129</u>	<u>\$ 1,451,116</u>
Total Assets						
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	\$ 10,266	\$ 36,099	\$ 46,365	\$ -	\$ 46,365	\$ 49,097
Salaries and Benefits Payable	6,687	107,450	114,137	-	114,137	88,984
Due to Other Minnesota Districts	-	40	40	-	40	44
Due to Other Governmental Units	-	610	610	-	610	170
Due to Other Funds	12,263	-	12,263	-	12,263	-
Unearned Revenue	79,774	4,740	84,514	-	84,514	72,892
Total Liabilities	<u>108,990</u>	<u>148,939</u>	<u>257,929</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>257,929</u>	<u>211,187</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes Levied for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	-	444,304	444,304	496,186	940,490	971,811
Unavailable Revenue - Delinquent Property Taxes	-	7,989	7,989	7,570	15,559	20,211
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>-</u>	<u>452,293</u>	<u>452,293</u>	<u>503,756</u>	<u>956,049</u>	<u>992,022</u>
Fund Balances						
Nonspendable	96,802	13,252	110,054	-	110,054	41,994
Restricted	-	(48,958)	(48,958)	107,500	58,542	247,907
Unassigned	(71,242)	(20,203)	(91,445)	-	(91,445)	(41,994)
Total Fund Balances	<u>25,560</u>	<u>(55,909)</u>	<u>(30,349)</u>	<u>107,500</u>	<u>77,151</u>	<u>247,907</u>
	<u>\$ 134,550</u>	<u>\$ 545,323</u>	<u>\$ 679,873</u>	<u>\$ 611,256</u>	<u>\$ 1,291,129</u>	<u>\$ 1,451,116</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances						

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**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2014)

	Special Revenue			Debt Service	Total Nonmajor Funds	
	Food Service	Community Service	Total	Post Employment	2015	2014
REVENUES						
Local Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 480,627	\$ 480,627	\$ 492,763	\$ 973,390	\$ 801,750
Other Local and County Revenues	1,989	2,663,958	2,665,947	686	2,666,633	2,771,565
Revenue from State Sources	174,876	414,388	589,264	2,623	591,887	785,682
Revenue from Federal Sources	1,110,398	-	1,110,398	-	1,110,398	1,020,558
Sales and Other Conversion of Assets	1,598,817	-	1,598,817	-	1,598,817	1,626,506
Total Revenues	<u>2,886,080</u>	<u>3,558,973</u>	<u>6,445,053</u>	<u>496,072</u>	<u>6,941,125</u>	<u>7,006,061</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Current						
Sites and Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	77,758
Food Service	2,852,980	-	2,852,980	-	2,852,980	2,965,470
Community Education and Services	-	3,736,631	3,736,631	-	3,736,631	3,754,740
Capital Outlay						
Sites and Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	2,282,971
Food Service	7,540	-	7,540	-	7,540	8,609
Community Education and Services	-	20,792	20,792	-	20,792	17,806
Debt Service						
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	494,438	494,438	494,438
Total Expenditures	<u>2,860,520</u>	<u>3,757,423</u>	<u>6,617,943</u>	<u>494,438</u>	<u>7,112,381</u>	<u>9,601,792</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	25,560	(198,450)	(172,890)	1,634	(171,256)	(2,595,731)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES						
Insurance Proceeds	-	500	500	-	500	2,276
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	215,423
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>217,699</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	25,560	(197,950)	(172,390)	1,634	(170,756)	(2,378,032)
FUND BALANCES						
Beginning of Year	<u>-</u>	<u>142,041</u>	<u>142,041</u>	<u>105,866</u>	<u>247,907</u>	<u>2,625,939</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 25,560</u>	<u>\$ (55,909)</u>	<u>\$ (30,349)</u>	<u>\$ 107,500</u>	<u>\$ 77,151</u>	<u>\$ 247,907</u>

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**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - FOOD SERVICE FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Other Local and County Revenues	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,210	\$ 1,989	\$ (221)
Revenue from State Sources	182,225	190,245	174,876	(15,369)
Revenue from Federal Sources	1,187,563	1,085,432	1,110,398	24,966
Sales and Other Conversion of Assets	1,841,374	1,628,377	1,598,817	(29,560)
Total Revenues	<u>3,214,162</u>	<u>2,906,264</u>	<u>2,886,080</u>	<u>(20,184)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Food Service				
Salaries	1,071,340	1,022,718	1,042,784	20,066
Employee Benefits	503,455	550,215	506,364	(43,851)
Purchased Services	151,325	154,925	137,676	(17,249)
Supplies and Materials	1,379,270	1,140,121	1,163,232	23,111
Capital Expenditures	13,000	7,600	7,540	(60)
Other Expenditures	9,000	3,000	2,924	(76)
Total Expenditures	<u>3,127,390</u>	<u>2,878,579</u>	<u>2,860,520</u>	<u>(18,059)</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	86,772	27,685	25,560	(2,125)
FUND BALANCE				
Beginning of Year			<u>-</u>	
End of Year			<u><u>\$ 25,560</u></u>	

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**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budget -</u>
				<u>Over (Under)</u>
REVENUES				
Local Property Taxes	\$ 521,384	\$ 521,384	\$ 480,627	\$ (40,757)
Other Local and County Revenues	2,301,154	2,301,154	2,663,958	362,804
Revenue from State Sources	418,315	418,315	414,388	(3,927)
Total Revenues	<u>3,240,853</u>	<u>3,240,853</u>	<u>3,558,973</u>	<u>318,120</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Community Education and Services				
Salaries	2,100,083	2,100,083	2,430,717	330,634
Employee Benefits	594,844	594,844	702,211	107,367
Purchased Services	340,670	340,670	319,640	(21,030)
Supplies and Materials	244,300	244,300	275,876	31,576
Capital Expenditures	24,500	24,500	20,792	(3,708)
Other Expenditures	11,650	11,650	8,187	(3,463)
Total Expenditures	<u>3,316,047</u>	<u>3,316,047</u>	<u>3,757,423</u>	<u>441,376</u>
Excess of Revenues				
Under Expenditures	(75,194)	(75,194)	(198,450)	(123,256)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:				
Insurance Proceeds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>\$ (75,194)</u>	<u>\$ (75,194)</u>	<u>(197,950)</u>	<u>\$ (122,756)</u>
FUND BALANCE				
Beginning of Year			<u>142,041</u>	
End of Year			<u>\$ (55,909)</u>	

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 877

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
June 30, 2015**

	OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	HRA Trust Fund	Total Trust Funds
ASSETS			
Current			
Investments:			
Brokered Money Market	\$ 394,074	\$ 734,905	\$ 1,128,979
Fixed Income	4,907,784	-	4,907,784
Equities	2,552,667	-	2,552,667
Mutual Funds	5,727,140	-	5,727,140
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Total Cash and Investments	13,581,665	734,905	14,316,570
Accounts and Interest Receivable	48,355	31,000	79,355
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Total Assets	<u>\$ 13,630,020</u>	<u>\$ 765,905</u>	<u>\$ 14,395,925</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 16,197</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,197</u>
NET POSITION			
Held in Trust for OPEB	<u>\$ 13,613,823</u>	<u>\$ 765,905</u>	<u>\$ 14,379,728</u>

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	HRA Trust Fund	Total Trust Funds
ADDITIONS			
Contributions	\$ 179,884	\$ 273,679	\$ 453,563
Investment Income			
Interest, Dividends, Change in Fair Value	319,002	12,782	331,784
Less Investment Expenses	(81,401)	-	(81,401)
Net Investment Income	<u>237,601</u>	<u>12,782</u>	<u>250,383</u>
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Total Additions	417,485	286,461	703,946
DEDUCTIONS			
Employee Benefit Deductions	841,568	-	841,568
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Change in Net Position	(424,083)	286,461	(137,622)
NET POSITION			
Beginning of Year	<u>14,037,906</u>	<u>479,444</u>	<u>14,517,350</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 13,613,823</u>	<u>\$ 765,905</u>	<u>\$ 14,379,728</u>

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 877

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Federal Agency/Pass Through Agency/Program Title	CFDA Number	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture		
Through Minnesota Department of Education:		
Child Nutrition Cluster:		
Commodities Programs	10.550	\$ 148,598
Commodities Program - Cash	10.550	8,593
School Breakfast	10.553	163,364
Type A Lunch	10.555	770,011
Summer Food Service	10.559	<u>19,832</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster and U.S. Department of Agriculture		1,110,398
U.S. Department of Education		
Through Minnesota Department of Education:		
Title I, Part A Cluster:		
Title I, Part A	84.010	369,608
Title II, Part A - Improving Teacher Quality	84.367	92,564
Title III, Part A - Language Enhancement	84.365	72
Special Education Cluster:		
Special Education	84.027	994,332
Special Education Discretionary	84.027	6,263
Coordinated Early Intervening Services	84.027	59,998
Handicapped Early Education	84.173	<u>19,437</u>
Total Special Education Cluster		1,080,030
Special Education - Infants and Toddlers Cluster:		
Through Wright County Interagency Early Intervention Committee:		
Special Education - Infants and Toddlers	84.181	37,408
Through Wright Technical Institute		
Carl Perkins	84.048A	<u>967</u>
Total Department of Education		<u>1,580,649</u>
Total Federal Expenditures		<u><u>\$ 2,691,047</u></u>

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 877

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

June 30, 2015

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the District and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB *Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this Schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the basic financial statements.

NOTE 2 – INVENTORY

Inventories of commodities donated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture are recorded at market value in the Food Service Fund as inventory. Revenue and expenditures are recorded when commodities are used.

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OTHER DISTRICT INFORMATION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 877

**DEFERRED TAX LEVIES
(UNAUDITED)**

Calendar Year Levied	Collected	School Building Refunding Bonds of 1999	School Building Bonds of 2003	Alternative Facilities Bonds of 2005	Taxable OPEB Bonds of 2009	Alternative Facilities Bonds of 2013	School Building Bonds of 2015	Total
2014	2015	\$ 2,135,280	\$ 3,478,703	\$ 837,690	\$ 518,687	\$ 173,801	\$ 173,801	\$ 7,317,962
2015	2016	2,134,020	2,561,685	840,945	1,290,437	319,699	319,699	7,466,485
2016	2017	2,135,490	2,572,867	838,163	1,290,681	311,876	311,876	7,460,953
2017	2018	2,125,541	2,566,410	-	2,207,194	246,356	246,356	7,391,857
2018	2019	2,108,741	2,571,660	-	2,224,541	243,994	243,994	7,392,930
2019	2020	2,112,167	2,563,260	-	2,240,207	231,131	231,131	7,377,896
2020	2021	645,731	4,022,130	-	2,258,912	223,204	223,204	7,373,181
2021	2022	-	4,747,470	-	2,186,378	215,355	215,355	7,364,558
2022	2023	-	4,755,660	-	-	2,265,165	2,265,165	9,285,990
2023	2024	-	-	-	-	-	6,291,519	6,291,519
2024	2025	-	-	-	-	-	6,311,416	6,311,416
2025	2026	-	-	-	-	-	6,315,459	6,315,459
2026	2027	-	-	-	-	-	6,312,794	6,312,794
2027	2028	-	-	-	-	-	6,310,658	6,310,658
2028	2029	-	-	-	-	-	6,315,960	6,315,960
		<u>\$ 13,396,970</u>	<u>\$ 29,839,845</u>	<u>\$ 2,516,798</u>	<u>\$ 14,217,037</u>	<u>\$ 4,230,581</u>	<u>\$ 42,088,387</u>	<u>\$ 106,289,618</u>

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 877

**PROPERTY TAX LEVIES, RATES AND VALUATIONS
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS
(UNAUDITED)**

<u>Year Collectible</u>	<u>Net Tax Capacity Valuations</u>	<u>Tax Capacity Rates</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Community Service Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>OPEB Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Total All Funds</u>
2006	\$ 27,038,385	0.27768	\$ 2,908,810	\$ 446,569	\$ 6,847,702	\$ -	\$ 10,203,081
2007	31,211,062	0.31663	5,024,291	469,777	7,578,738	-	13,072,806
2008	33,777,333	0.28308	5,548,494	468,565	7,072,607	-	13,089,666
2009	34,865,502	0.26180	5,680,660	565,908	6,650,262	-	12,896,830
2010	32,763,398	0.28085	5,673,327	564,269	6,035,737	838,712	13,112,045
2011	30,210,896	0.31952	5,580,632	590,417	6,664,340	518,688	13,354,077
2012	27,627,448	0.35165	5,407,118	560,963	6,650,801	518,688	13,137,570
2013	25,795,102	0.36930	5,353,503	549,781	6,362,376	520,630	12,786,290
2014	26,369,245	0.33882	5,040,652	479,555	6,259,996	492,256	12,272,459
2015	28,598,205	0.35375	5,102,489	444,304	7,363,703	496,186	13,406,682

Source: School Tax Report

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 877

**DEFERRED TAX LEVIES
(UNAUDITED)**

<u>Calendar Year Levied</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>School Building Refunding Bonds of 1999</u>	<u>School Building Bonds of 2003</u>	<u>Alternative Facilities Bonds of 2005</u>	<u>Taxable OPEB Bonds of 2009</u>	<u>Total</u>
2011	2012	\$ 2,526,300	\$ 3,591,900	\$ 898,249	\$ 518,687	\$ 7,535,136
2012	2013	2,522,940	3,577,300	902,777	518,687	7,521,704
2013	2014	2,123,100	3,963,400	900,874	518,687	7,506,061
2014	2015	2,135,280	3,928,800	903,236	518,687	7,486,003
2015	2016	2,134,020	3,016,800	904,418	1,290,437	7,345,675
2016	2017	2,135,490	3,024,200	899,168	1,290,681	7,349,539
2017	2018	2,125,541	3,018,400	-	2,207,194	7,351,135
2018	2019	2,108,741	3,024,100	-	2,224,541	7,357,382
2019	2020	2,112,167	3,014,400	-	2,240,206	7,366,773
2020	2021	645,731	4,475,400	-	2,258,912	7,380,043
2021	2022	-	5,199,500	-	2,186,378	7,385,878
2022	2023	-	5,206,000	-	-	5,206,000
		<u>\$ 20,569,310</u>	<u>\$ 45,040,200</u>	<u>\$ 5,408,722</u>	<u>\$ 15,773,097</u>	<u>\$ 86,791,329</u>



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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

To the School Board
Independent School District No. 877
Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *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 Independent School District No. 877, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, Minnesota, as of and for the year ending June 30, 2015, and the related Notes to the Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 12, 2015.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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Compliance and Other Matters

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

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

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BerganKDV, Ltd.
St. Cloud, Minnesota
October 12, 2015



REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

To the School Board
Independent School District No. 877
Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, Minnesota

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the compliance of Independent School District No. 877, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, Minnesota 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 the District’s major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. The District’s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Cost, in Accordance with OMB *Circular A-133*.

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 the District’s major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *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 District’s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

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Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Independent School District No. 877 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, 2015.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with 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 District's internal control over compliance.

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

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

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

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BerganKDV, Ltd.
St. Cloud, Minnesota
October 12, 2015

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 877
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH OMB *CIRCULAR A-133*
June 30, 2015

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor’s report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	No
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?	No
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

Federal Awards

Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Internal control over major programs:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	No
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?	No
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of OMB <i>Circular A-133</i> ?	No

Identification of Major Programs

CFDA No.:	84.027 and, 84.173
Name of Federal Program or Cluster:	Special Education Cluster
CFDA No.:	10.555, 10.556, 10.553, 10.550 and 10.559
Name of Federal Program or Cluster:	Child Nutrition Cluster
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$ 300,000
Auditee qualified as low risk auditee?	No

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 877
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH OMB *CIRCULAR A-133*
June 30, 2015

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None

SECTION IV – SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

None



REPORT ON LEGAL COMPLIANCE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

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To the School Board
Independent School District No. 877
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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 Independent School District No. 877, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, Minnesota as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related Notes to the Financial Statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 12, 2015.

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions* promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* Sec. 6.65, contains seven categories of compliance to be tested: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, uniform financial accounting and reporting standards for school districts and miscellaneous provisions. Our audit considered all of the listed categories.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the District failed to comply with the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the District’s noncompliance with the above referenced provisions.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

BerganKDV, Ltd.
St. Cloud, Minnesota
October 12, 2015

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 877

UNIFORM FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING STANDARDS
COMPLIANCE TABLE
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Audit	UFARS	Audit-UFARS		Audit	UFARS	Audit-UFARS
01 GENERAL FUND				06 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUND			
Total Revenue	\$ 58,443,409	\$ 58,443,408	\$ 1	Total Revenue	\$ 14,753	\$ 14,753	\$ -
Total Expenditures	57,341,009	57,341,013	(4)	Total Expenditures	2,042,443	2,042,441	2
<i>Nonspendable:</i>				<i>Nonspendable:</i>			
460 Nonspendable Fund Balance	331,689	331,689	-	460 Nonspendable Fund Balance	-	-	-
<i>Restricted/Reserved:</i>				<i>Restricted/Reserved:</i>			
403 Staff Development	67,063	67,063	-	407 Capital Projects Levy	-	-	-
405 Deferred Maintenance	730	730	-	409 Alternative Facility Program	-	-	-
406 Health and Safety	(137,329)	(137,329)	-	413 Building Projects Funded by COP	-	-	-
407 Capital Projects Levy	-	-	-	<i>Restricted:</i>			
408 Cooperative Program	-	-	-	464 Restricted Fund Balance	31,083,159	31,083,160	(1)
409 Alternative Facility Program	-	-	-	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
414 Operating Debt	-	-	-	463 Unassigned Fund Balance	-	-	-
416 Levy Reduction	-	-	-	07 DEBT SERVICE FUND			
417 Taconite Building Maintenance	-	-	-	Total Revenue	\$ 6,314,143	\$ 6,314,143	\$ -
424 Operating Capital	624,963	624,964	(1)	Total Expenditures	6,317,750	6,317,750	-
426 \$ 25 Taconite	-	-	-	<i>Nonspendable:</i>			
427 Disabled Accessibility	-	-	-	460 Nonspendable Fund Balance	-	-	-
428 Learning and Development	-	-	-	<i>Restricted/Reserved:</i>			
434 Area Learning Center	-	-	-	425 Bond Refunding	-	-	-
435 Contracted Alternative Programs	-	-	-	451 QZAB and QSCB Payments	-	-	-
436 State Approved Alternative Program	-	-	-	<i>Restricted:</i>			
438 Gifted and Talented	-	-	-	464 Restricted Fund Balance	1,443,358	1,443,358	-
440 Teacher Development and Evaluations	110,131	110,131	-	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
441 Basic Skills Programs	-	-	-	463 Unassigned Fund Balance	-	-	-
445 Career Technical Programs	-	-	-	08 TRUST FUND			
446 First Grade Preparedness	-	-	-	Total Revenue	\$ 286,461	\$ 286,461	\$ -
448 Achievement and Integration Revenue	-	-	-	Total Expenditures	-	-	-
449 Safe School Crime	-	-	-	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
450 Transaction for Pre-Kindergarten	-	-	-	422 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Position)	765,905	765,905	-
451 QZAB and QSCB Payments	-	-	-	20 INTERNAL SERVICE FUND			
452 OPEB Liabilities not Held in Trust	-	-	-	Total Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
453 Unfunded Severance and Retirement Levy	-	-	-	Total Expenditures	-	-	-
<i>Restricted:</i>				<i>Unassigned:</i>			
464 Restricted Fund Balance	-	-	-	422 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Position)	-	-	-
<i>Committed:</i>				25 OPEB REVOCABLE TRUST			
418 Committed for Separation	4,062,933	4,062,933	-	Total Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
461 Committed	-	-	-	Total Expenditures	-	-	-
<i>Assigned:</i>				<i>Unassigned:</i>			
462 Assigned Fund Balance	1,608,202	1,608,202	-	422 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Position)	-	-	-
<i>Unassigned:</i>				45 OPEB IRREVOCABLE TRUST			
422 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Position)	9,943,213	9,943,210	3	Total Revenue	\$ 417,485	\$ 417,484	\$ 1
02 FOOD SERVICES FUND				Total Expenditures	841,568	841,568	-
Total Revenue	\$ 2,886,080	\$ 2,886,080	\$ -	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
Total Expenditures	2,860,520	2,860,519	1	422 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Position)	13,613,823	13,613,823	-
<i>Nonspendable:</i>				47 OPEB DEBT SERVICE			
460 Nonspendable Fund Balance	96,802	96,802	-	Total Revenue	\$ 496,072	\$ 496,073	\$ (1)
<i>Restricted/Reserved:</i>				Total Expenditures	494,438	494,438	-
452 OPEB Liabilities not Held in Trust	-	-	-	<i>Nonspendable:</i>			
<i>Restricted:</i>				460 Nonspendable Fund Balance	-	-	-
464 Restricted Fund Balance	-	-	-	<i>Restricted:</i>			
<i>Unassigned:</i>				464 Restricted Fund Balance	107,500	107,501	(1)
463 Unassigned Fund Balance	(71,242)	(71,241)	(1)	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
04 COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND				463 Unassigned Fund Balance	-	-	-
Total Revenue	\$ 3,559,473	\$ 3,559,471	\$ 2	05 OPEB IRREVOCABLE TRUST			
Total Expenditures	3,757,423	3,757,420	3	Total Revenue	\$ 417,485	\$ 417,484	\$ 1
<i>Nonspendable:</i>				Total Expenditures	841,568	841,568	-
460 Nonspendable Fund Balance	13,252	13,252	-	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
<i>Restricted/Reserved:</i>				422 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Position)	13,613,823	13,613,823	-
426 \$ 25 Taconite	-	-	-	47 OPEB DEBT SERVICE			
431 Community Education	(5,750)	(5,750)	-	Total Revenue	\$ 496,072	\$ 496,073	\$ (1)
432 ECFE	(3,303)	(3,303)	-	Total Expenditures	494,438	494,438	-
444 School Readiness	(47,669)	(47,669)	-	<i>Nonspendable:</i>			
447 Adult Basic Education	7,764	7,766	(2)	460 Nonspendable Fund Balance	-	-	-
452 OPEB Liabilities not Held in Trust	-	-	-	<i>Restricted:</i>			
<i>Restricted:</i>				464 Restricted Fund Balance	107,500	107,501	(1)
464 Restricted Fund Balance	-	-	-	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
<i>Unassigned:</i>				463 Unassigned Fund Balance	-	-	-
463 Unassigned Fund Balance	(20,203)	(20,206)	3				