

**DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis (omitted) and budgetary comparison information on pages 35-39 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management 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.

Management omitted the management's discussion and analysis. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota's basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison schedules for the food service fund, debt service fund, and capital projects fund and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The budgetary comparison schedules for the food service fund, debt service fund, and capital projects fund and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is the responsibility of management and was 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 budgetary comparison schedules for the food service fund, debt service fund, and capital projects fund and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 4, 2017, on our consideration of Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

James J. Wosepka, PC

Beach, North Dakota
December 4, 2017

DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 39,462,048
Taxes/assessments receivable	196,321
Due from other governments	1,749,785
Other receivables	39,370
Capital assets not being depreciated	
Land	1,491,903
Construction in progress	61,529,942
Capital assets being depreciated (net of accumulated depreciation)	25,185,930
Total Assets	129,655,299
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	13,703,782
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	4,659,067
Accrued interest	711,674
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year	2,715,337
Due in more than one year	112,738,330
Total Liabilities	120,824,408
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	350,056
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	20,141,480
Unrestricted	(3,249,394)
Restricted	5,292,531
Total Net Position	\$ 22,184,617

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

DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Activities
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services, Fines, Forfeitures, etc.	Operating Grants and Contributions	
				Governmental Activities
Salaries	\$ 26,130,441	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (26,130,441)
Employee benefits	10,148,256	-	-	(10,148,256)
Purchased services	2,795,038	-	-	(2,795,038)
Supplies	1,920,235	-	-	(1,920,235)
Equipment	2,229,234	-	-	(2,229,234)
Other	133,690	-	-	(133,690)
Capital outlay	1,131,640	-	-	(1,131,640)
Debt service	1,745,623	-	-	(1,745,623)
Food service	1,506,916	789,007	549,629	(168,280)
Unallocated depreciation	758,171	-	-	(758,171)
Total governmental activities	\$ 48,499,244	\$ 789,007	\$ 549,629	(47,160,608)
General revenues:				
Property taxes				15,025,416
Restricted Federal/State revenues				3,377,945
Unrestricted Federal/State shared revenues/grants				32,133,884
Unrestricted investment earnings				128,565
Total general revenues				50,665,810
				Change in net position 3,505,202
Total net position - July 1, 2016				18,679,415
Total net position - June 30, 2017				\$ 22,184,617

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

DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2017

Description	Major Funds				Total Governmental Funds
	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Food Service	
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,833,826	\$ 5,513,267	\$ 18,897,219	\$ 217,736	\$ 39,462,048
Tax/assessment receivable	121,632	51,989	22,700	-	196,321
Due from other governments	1,477,588	190,167	82,030	-	1,749,785
Other receivables	-	39,370	-	-	39,370
Total Assets	16,433,046	5,794,793	19,001,949	217,736	41,447,524
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	1,436,261	711,674	3,214,482	8,324	5,370,741
Total Liabilities	1,436,261	711,674	3,214,482	8,324	5,370,741
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable revenue-property taxes	121,632	51,989	22,700	-	196,321
FUND BALANCES					
Restricted	-	5,031,130	-	209,412	5,240,542
Assigned	-	-	15,764,767	-	15,764,767
Unassigned	14,875,153	-	-	-	14,875,153
Total Fund Balances	14,875,153	5,031,130	15,764,767	209,412	35,880,462
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$ 16,433,046	\$ 5,794,793	\$ 19,001,949	\$ 217,736	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.

88,207,775

Other long-term assets are not available to pay current-period expenditures and therefore are unavailable in the funds.

196,321

Long-term liabilities, including bonds and pensions payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.

(102,099,941)

Net position - governmental funds

\$ 22,184,617

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

DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Description	Major Funds				Total Governmental Funds
	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Food Service	
REVENUES					
Property taxes	\$ 9,363,423	\$ 3,854,820	\$ 1,654,141	\$ -	\$ 14,872,384
Earnings on investments	103,315	-	25,250	-	128,565
School lunch sales	-	-	-	789,007	789,007
Other local sources	3,595,504	335,723	1,212,061	-	5,143,288
State revenue	27,827,402	-	-	24,239	27,851,641
Federal aid	2,541,140	-	-	525,389	3,066,529
Total Revenues	43,430,784	4,190,543	2,891,452	1,338,635	51,851,414
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Salaries	25,795,552	-	-	-	25,795,552
Employee benefits	8,554,607	-	-	-	8,554,607
Purchased services	2,795,038	-	-	-	2,795,038
Supplies	1,920,235	-	-	-	1,920,235
Equipment	2,255,734	-	-	-	2,255,734
Food service	-	-	-	1,499,273	1,499,273
Other	133,690	-	-	-	133,690
Capital outlay	-	-	35,337,304	1,581	35,338,885
Debt service	-	3,514,328	-	-	3,514,328
Total Expenditures	41,454,856	3,514,328	35,337,304	1,500,854	81,807,342
Excess of revenues (under) over expenditures	1,975,928	676,215	(32,445,852)	(162,219)	(29,955,928)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Loan proceeds	-	-	10,000,000	-	10,000,000
Transfers in	-	385,000	643,008	250,000	1,278,008
Transfers out	(893,008)	-	(385,000)	-	(1,278,008)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(893,008)	385,000	10,258,008	250,000	10,000,000
Net change in fund balances	1,082,920	1,061,215	(22,187,844)	87,781	(19,955,928)
Fund balances - July 1, 2016	13,792,233	3,969,915	37,952,611	121,631	55,836,390
Fund balances - June 30, 2017	\$ 14,875,153	\$ 5,031,130	\$ 15,764,767	\$ 209,412	\$ 35,880,462

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

DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (page 10)	\$ (19,955,928)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (page 8) are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:	
Capital assets purchased	34,233,745
Depreciation expense	<u>(765,814)</u>
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:	
Unavailable property taxes	153,032
Loan proceeds	<u>(10,000,000)</u>
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term debt in the Statement of Net Position:	
Long-term bond principal payments	<u>1,768,705</u>
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds	
Accrued compensated absences, early retirement buyouts, and pensions	<u>(1,928,538)</u>
Change in Net Position in Governmental Activities	\$ <u>3,505,202</u>

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

DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2017

Description	Agency Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,068,439
Total Assets	\$ 1,068,439
LIABILITIES	
Due to others	\$ 1,068,439
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,068,439

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

DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2017

1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Principles**

The financial statements of the Dickinson Public School District (District) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting financial reporting principles. The District's significant accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity

The District is a special purpose government that is governed by a separately elected governing body. It is legally separate from and fiscally independent of other state and local governments. In evaluating how to define the District for financial reporting purposes, management has identified no potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity would have been made by applying criteria set forth in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Generally, component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government (i.e., the District) are financially accountable. The primary government is financially accountable for a potential component unit if it: appoints a voting majority of the potential component unit's governing body; and, either is able to impose its will on the potential component unit or there is a possibility of the potential component unit to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government. In addition, a primary government may be financially accountable for a potential component unit even though the potential component unit may have a separately elected governing board, a board appointed by another government, or a jointly appointed board if the potential component unit is fiscally dependent on the primary government (e.g., the primary government must approve the potential component unit's budget, tax rates, etc.). Because no potential component units were identified in defining the District's reporting entity, none have been included in the District's reporting entity. Consequently, the District's financial statements present only the funds of those organizational entities for which its elected governing board is financially accountable.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. The effect of Interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues are reported separately from *business-type activities*,

1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Principles – cont.**

which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The District had no business-type activities during the fiscal year.

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 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) 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*.

Separate 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.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting, except expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, which are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, intergovernmental grants and aid, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

Major Governmental Funds

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Principles – cont.

Major Funds - Generally accepted accounting principles require that the General Fund be reported as a major fund and that all other governmental funds whose assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures exceed 10% or more of the total for all governmental funds also be reported as major funds. Accordingly, the District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - This is the District's primary operating fund and it accounts for all financial resources of the District, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

Capital Projects Funds – Account for financial resources used to acquire or construct major capital facilities (other than those of proprietary and trust funds). The most common source of revenue in this fund would be the sale of bonds. The Special Building and Special Assessment levies allowed North Dakota school districts would also be included in this fund.

Debt Service Funds – Account for the resources for and the payment of long-term debt, principal, and interest.

Food Service Funds – Account for operations of the lunch programs that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. That is, the stated intent is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation and indirect costs) of providing food services to the students are financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held on behalf of outside parties, including other governments. The District's fiduciary funds consist of agency funds which are used to account for assets that the District holds on behalf of others as their agent.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Deposits must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institutions situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or secured with pledges of securities equal to 110% of the uninsured balance.

Fund Balance Reporting

Implementation of GASB 54 is required for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2010. The intention of the GASB is to provide a more structured classification of fund balances and to improve the usefulness of fund balance reporting to the users of the District's financial statements. The reporting standard establishes a hierarchy for fund balance classifications and the constraints imposed on the uses of those resources.

GASB 54 provides for two major types of fund balances, which are nonspendable and spendable. Nonspendable fund balances are balances that cannot be spent because

1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Principles – cont.**

they are not expected to be converted to cash or they are legally or contractually required to remain intact. Examples of this classification are prepaid items, inventories, and the principal (corpus) of an endowment fund. The District does not have any inventory prepaid items or nonspendable funds related to endowments.

In addition to the nonspendable fund balance, GASB 54 has provided a hierarchy of spendable fund balances based on a hierarchy of spending constraints.

- Restricted: fund balances that are constrained by external parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.
- Committed: fund balances that contain self-imposed constraints of the government from its highest level of decision making authority.
- Assigned: fund balances that contain self-imposed constraints of the government to be used for a particular purpose.
- Unassigned: fund balance of the General Fund that is not constrained for any particular purpose.

	Major Funds				Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Food Service	
Nonspendable:					
Inventories	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted:					
Debt Service	-	5,031,130	-	-	5,031,130
Food Service	-	-	-	209,412	209,412
Assigned:					
Capital Projects	-	-	15,764,767	-	15,764,767
Unassigned	14,875,153	-	-	-	14,875,153
Total Fund Balances	\$ <u>14,875,153</u>	\$ <u>5,031,130</u>	\$ <u>15,764,767</u>	\$ <u>209,412</u>	\$ <u>35,880,462</u>

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, *deferred outflows of resources*, 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 then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, 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.

1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Principles – cont.**

Interfund Transactions

Interfund transactions are reported as loans, services provided, reimbursements, or transfers. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables, as appropriate, and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses. Reimbursements occur when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund, and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers among governmental funds are eliminated in the government-wide financial statements.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws, or regulations of other governments. The District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted are available.

Capital Assets - Capital assets are carried at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals. Major additions and betterments with a cost in excess of \$5,000 are recorded as additions to capital assets. Repair and maintenance costs are not capitalized. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method and the estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings and improvements	15-50 years
Equipment	7-25 years

Taxes

An allowance for uncollectible accounts was not maintained for real and personal property taxes receivable. The direct write-off method is used for these accounts. Management does not believe that the accounting method being used results in any material differences.

Vacation and Sick Leave

Liabilities incurred because of unused vacation and sick leave accumulated by employees, which is payable upon termination, are reflected in the financial statements. Expenditures for these liabilities are recognized when paid.

2. **Taxes Receivable**

Taxes receivable consist of delinquent uncollected taxes at December 31.

Property tax revenue is recognized in compliance with National Council on Government Accounting (NCGA) Interpretation 3, "Revenue Recognition-Property Taxes". This interpretation states that property tax revenue is recorded when it becomes available. Available means then due or past due and receivable within the current period and collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Such time thereafter shall not exceed 60 days. Since no material taxes are collected within the time period, taxes receivable are recorded as unearned revenue.

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1. A 5% reduction is allowed if paid by February 15th. Penalty and interest are added March 1st unless the first half of the taxes has been paid. Additional penalties are added October 15th if not paid.

3. **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

State statutes authorize local governments to invest in: a) Bonds, treasury bills, and notes or other securities that are a direct obligation of or an obligation insured or guaranteed by the Treasury of the United States or its agencies, instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of Congress, b) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are of the type listed above, c) Certificates of Deposit fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the state, d) Certificates of Deposit, savings deposits, or other deposits fully insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and placed for the benefit of the public depositor by a public depository through an appropriate deposit placement service as determined by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions, e) state and local securities, and f) commercial paper issued by a United States corporation rated in the highest quality category by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies and matures in two hundred seventy days or less.

At June 30, 2017, the carrying amount of the District's deposits (cash and money markets) was \$40,530,487 and the bank balance was \$42,022,777. The entire bank balance throughout the year was covered by Federal Depository Insurance or by collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the District's name.

The deposits were deemed collateralized under North Dakota law during the year.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The investment policy of the District contains no limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. All of the deposits held in the District's name are authorized by the State of North Dakota.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents – cont.

Custodial Credit Risk

The investment policy of the District does not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits other than the provision of state law.

Custodial risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

Credit, Interest Rate, and Foreign Currency Risk

The District has no interest rate risk, credit risk, or foreign currency risk of debt securities.

4. Amounts Due From Other Governments

The amounts due from other governments consist of the following:

Due from State	\$	1,003,857
Due from County Treasurer		745,928
	\$	<u>1,749,785</u>

5. Pending Litigation

There was no pending or threatened litigation or unasserted claims or assessments against the District.

6. Commitments

The District has a \$57,641,212 contract for the construction of a new middle school. As of June 30, 2017, the District had paid \$57,349,367 and as of the date of this report, the remaining \$291,845 has been paid.

7. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

8. Long-term Debt

Compensated absences payable represent vacation and sick leave earned by employees which is payable upon termination.

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Governmental activities:					
Accrued vacation and early retirement buyouts	\$ 236,676	\$ 334,889	\$ 34,884	\$ 536,681	\$ 30,000

8. Long-term Debt – cont.

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2017 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
Bonds payable:					
General obligation bond 2015	\$ 25,000,000	\$ -	\$ 835,000	\$ 24,165,000	\$ 875,000
General obligation bond 2016	20,135,000	-	-	20,135,000	850,000
General obligation bond 2014	9,525,000	-	250,000	9,275,000	275,000
General obligation bond 2011	3,740,000	-	315,000	3,425,000	315,000
Tax levy bond 2011	1,225,000	-	95,000	1,130,000	95,000
General obligation bond 2010	105,000	-	105,000	-	-
Limited tax levy bond 2010	105,000	-	105,000	-	-
School construction loan	-	10,000,000	63,705	9,936,295	301,461
	<u>59,835,000</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>1,768,705</u>	<u>68,066,295</u>	<u>2,711,461</u>
Compensated absences	197,916	334,889	-	532,805	-
Early retirement payable	38,760	-	34,884	3,876	3,876
Pensions payable	40,137,445	6,713,246	-	46,850,691	-
	<u>40,374,121</u>	<u>7,048,135</u>	<u>34,884</u>	<u>47,387,372</u>	<u>3,876</u>
Total government activity long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 100,209,121</u>	<u>\$ 17,048,135</u>	<u>\$ 1,803,589</u>	<u>\$ 115,453,667</u>	<u>\$ 2,715,337</u>

The District issued \$25,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2015 on August 4, 2015. The Bonds mature from August 1, 2016 to August 1, 2035, with interest rates from 3% to 4%. The Bonds sold for \$25,673,011 which included a premium of \$673,011. The cost of issuing the Bonds was \$73,962, for net proceeds of \$25,599,049.

The District issued \$20,135,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2016, on March 1, 2016. The Bonds mature from August 1, 2017 to August 1, 2035, with interest rates from 2% to 3%. The Bonds sold for \$20,470,806 which includes a premium of \$335,806. The cost of issuing the Bonds was \$96,715, for net proceeds of \$20,374,091.

The District borrowed \$10,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 from the Bank of North Dakota as a school building loan. The District made its first payment in March of 2017 of \$170,990 and will continue to make payments of \$402,167 in October and April of each fiscal year through April of 2025. The interest rate on the loan is 5%, but the District has received an interest buy down of 3% from the State of North Dakota, making the effective rate for the District 2%. The District makes the payment then receives 3% interest payback from the State of North Dakota. In July of 2025, the interest buy down of 3% ends, at which time the interest rate will be set at the Bank of North Dakota's lending rate. The current rate is 4.25%. The 4.25% rate has been used to amortize the balance of the loan from July 2025 to the final payment due October 2036. Those semi-annual payments are projected to be \$386,276.

Payments on the general obligation bonds and the construction loan are made by the Debt Service Fund with property taxes.

8. **Long-term Debt – cont.**

The accrued vacation and early retirement will be paid by the fund for which the employee worked. The annual payments for early retirement are as follows:

2018	\$	-
2019		3,876
	\$	<u>3,876</u>

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation, tax levy bonds, and construction loans outstanding as of June 30, 2017, including interest payments, are as follows:

Year ended June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 2,711,461	\$ 1,856,596	\$ 4,568,057
2019	3,046,624	1,788,716	4,835,340
2020	3,123,159	1,719,437	4,842,596
2021	3,210,532	1,647,444	4,857,976
2022	3,303,784	1,572,711	4,876,495
	<u>15,395,560</u>	<u>8,584,904</u>	<u>23,980,464</u>
2023-2027	17,943,758	6,933,288	24,877,046
2028-2032	18,047,823	4,738,103	22,785,926
2033-2037	16,679,153	1,295,072	17,974,225
	<u>\$ 68,066,294</u>	<u>\$ 21,551,367</u>	<u>\$ 89,617,661</u>

9. **Transfers**

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, several equity transfers were made. The following is a schedule of those transfers:

Fund	Amount	Reason	Amount	Reason
Debt Service	\$ 385,000	General operating transfers	\$ -	
Capital Projects	(385,000)	General operating transfers	643,008	Land purchase
General	(250,000)	General operating transfers	(643,008)	Land purchase
Food Service	250,000	General operating transfers	-	

10. **Statewide Retirement Plans**
North Dakota Teachers Fund for Retirement

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

10. **Statewide Retirement Plans – cont.**
General Information about the Pension Plan

The following brief description of TFFR is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDCC Chapter 15-39.1 for more complete information.

TFFR is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan covering all North Dakota public teachers and certain other teachers who meet various membership requirements. TFFR provides for pension, death, and disability benefits. The cost to administer the TFFR plan is financed by investment income and contributions.

Responsibility for administration of the TFFR benefits program is assigned to a seven-member Board of Trustees (Board). The Board consists of the State Treasurer, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and five members appointed by the Governor. The appointed members serve five-year terms, which end on June 30 of alternate years. The appointed Board members must include two active teachers, one active school administrator, and two retired members. The TFFR Board submits any necessary or desirable changes in statutes relating to the administration of the fund, including benefit terms, to the Legislative Assembly for consideration. The Legislative Assembly has final authority for changes to benefit terms and contribution rates.

Pension Benefits

For purposes of determining pension benefits, members are classified within one of three categories. Tier 1 grandfathered and Tier 1 non-grandfathered members are those with service credit on file as of July 1, 2008. Tier 2 members are those newly employed and returning refunded members on or after July 1, 2008.

Tier 1 Grandfathered

A Tier 1 grandfathered member is entitled to receive unreduced benefits when three or more years of credited service as a teacher in North Dakota have accumulated, the member is no longer employed as a teacher and the member has reached age 65, or the sum of age and years of service credit equals or exceeds 85. TFFR permits early retirement from ages 55 to 64, with benefits actuarially reduced by 6% per year for every year the member's retirement age is less than 65 years or the date as of which age plus service equal 85. In either case, benefits may not exceed the maximum benefits specified in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Pension benefits paid by TFFR are determined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-10. Monthly benefits under TFFR are equal to the three highest annual salaries earned divided by 36 months and multiplied by 2.00% times the number of service credits earned. Retirees may elect payment of benefits in the form of a single life annuity, 100% or 50% joint and survivor annuity, ten or twenty-year term certain annuity, partial lump-sum option or level income with Social Security benefits. Members may also qualify for benefits calculated under other formulas.

10. **Statewide Retirement Plans – cont.**

Tier 1 Non-grandfathered

A Tier 1 non-grandfathered member is entitled to receive unreduced benefits when three or more years of credited service as a teacher in North Dakota have accumulated, the member is no longer employed as a teacher and the member has reached age 65, or has reached age 60 and the sum of age and years of service credit equals or exceeds 90. TFFR permits early retirement from ages 55 to 64, with benefits actuarially reduced by 8% per year from the earlier of age 60/Rule of 90 or age 65. In either case, benefits may not exceed the maximum benefits specified in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Pension benefits paid by TFFR are determined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-10. Monthly benefits under TFFR are equal to the three highest annual salaries earned divided by 36 months and multiplied by 2.00% times the number of service credits earned. Retirees may elect payment of benefits in the form of a single life annuity, 100% or 50% joint and survivor annuity, ten or twenty-year term certain annuity, partial lump-sum option or level income with Social Security benefits. Members may also qualify for benefits calculated under other formulas.

Tier 2

A Tier 2 member is entitled to receive unreduced benefits when five or more years of credited service as a teacher in North Dakota have accumulated, the member is no longer employed as a teacher and the member has reached age 65, or has reached age 60 and the sum of age and years of service credit equals or exceeds 90. TFFR permits early retirement from ages 55 to 64, with benefits actuarially reduced by 8% per year from the earlier of age 60/Rule of 90 or age 65. In either case, benefits may not exceed the maximum benefits specified in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Pension benefits paid by TFFR are determined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-10. Monthly benefits under TFFR are equal to the five highest annual salaries earned divided by 60 months and multiplied by 2.00% times the number of service credits earned. Retirees may elect payment of benefits in the form of a single life annuity, 100% or 50% joint and survivor annuity, ten or twenty-year term certain annuity, partial lump-sum option or level income with Social Security benefits. Members may also qualify for benefits calculated under other formulas.

Death and Disability Benefits

Death benefits may be paid to a member's designated beneficiary. If a member's death occurs before retirement, the benefit options available are determined by the member's vesting status prior to death. If a member's death occurs after retirement, the death benefit received by the beneficiary (if any) is based on the retirement plan the member selected at retirement.

10. **Statewide Retirement Plans – cont.**

An active member is eligible to receive disability benefits when: (a) a total disability lasting 12 months or more does not allow the continuation of teaching, (b) the member has accumulated five years of credited service in North Dakota, and (c) the Board of Trustees of TFFR has determined eligibility based upon medical evidence. The amount of the disability benefit is computed by the retirement formula in NDCC Section 15-39.1-10 without consideration of age and uses the member's actual years of credited service. There is no actuarial reduction for reason of disability retirement.

Member and Employer Contributions

Member and employer contributions paid to TFFR are set by NDCC Section 15-39.1-09. Every eligible teacher in the State of North Dakota is required to be a member of TFFR and is assessed at a rate of 11.75% of salary as defined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-04. Every governmental body employing a teacher must also pay into TFFR a sum equal to 12.75% of the teacher's salary. Member and employer contributions will be reduced to 7.75% each when the fund reaches 100% funded ratio on an actuarial basis.

A vested member who terminates covered employment may elect a refund of contributions paid plus 6% interest or defer payment until eligible for pension benefits. A non-vested member who terminates covered employment must claim a refund of contributions paid before age 70½. Refunded members forfeit all service credits under TFFR. These service credits may be repurchased upon return to covered employment under certain circumstances, as defined by the NDCC.

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

At June 30, 2017, the Employer reported a liability of \$41,566,638 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Employer's share of covered payroll in the pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating TFFR employers. At June 30, 2016, the Employer's proportion was 2.83719976 percent, which was an increase of 0.01807576 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the Employer recognized pension expense of \$4,275,804. At June 30, 2017, the Employer reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

10. **Statewide Retirement Plans – cont.**

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 196,317	\$ 196,808
Changes of assumptions	3,472,016	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	3,455,313	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	2,035,073	-
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,464,375	-
Total	\$ 11,623,094	\$ 196,808

\$11,623,094 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended 06/30/2018.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2018	\$ 1,683,257
2019	1,683,257
2020	2,527,573
2021	1,998,944
2022	1,071,544
Thereafter	(2,664)

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2016 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	4.25% to 14.50%, varying by service, including inflation and productivity
Investment rate of return	7.75%, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

For active and inactive members, mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table projected generationally using Scale MP-2014. For healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table set back one year, multiplied by 50% for ages under 75 and grading up to 100% by age 80, projected generationally using Scale MP-2014. For disabled retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table set forward four years.

10. **Statewide Retirement Plans – cont.**

The actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an actuarial experience study dated April 30, 2015. They are the same as the assumptions used in the July 1, 2016, funding actuarial valuation for TFFR.

As a result of the April 30, 2015 actuarial experience study, the TFFR Board adopted several assumption changes, including the following:

- Investment return assumption lowered from 8% to 7.75%.
- Inflation assumption lowered from 3% to 2.75%.
- Total salary scale rates lowered by 0.25% due to lower inflation.
- Added explicit administrative expense assumption, equal to prior year administrative expense plus inflation.
- Rates of turnover and retirement were changed to better reflect anticipated future experience.
- Updated mortality assumption to the RP-2014 mortality tables with generational improvement.

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. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Fund's target asset allocation are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global Equities	58%	7.3%
Global Fixed Income	23%	0.9%
Global Real Assets	18%	5.3%
Cash Equivalents	1%	0.0%

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75% percent as of June 30, 2016. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at rates equal to those based on the July 1, 2016 Actuarial Valuation Report. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current plan members as of June 30, 2016. 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 as of June 30, 2016.

10. Statewide Retirement Plans – cont.

Sensitivity of the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent, as well as what the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 53,915,053	\$ 41,566,638	\$ 31,281,575

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TFFR financial report. TFFR's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is located at www.nd.gov/rio/sib/publications/cafr/default.htm.

North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main System)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

General Information about the Pension Plan

The following brief description of NDPERS is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDCC Chapter 54-52 for more complete information.

NDPERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers substantially all employees of the State of North Dakota, its agencies and various participating political subdivisions. NDPERS provides for pension, death and disability benefits. The cost to administer the plan is financed through the contributions and investment earnings of the plan.

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS defined benefit pension plan is assigned to a Board comprised of seven members. The Board consists of a Chairman, who is appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Attorney General; one member appointed by the State Health Officer; three members elected by the active membership of the NDPERS system; and one member elected by the

10. **Statewide Retirement Plans – cont.**

retired public employees. Effective July 1, 2015, the Board was expanded to include two members of the Legislative Assembly appointed by the Chairman of the Legislative Management.

Pension Benefits

Benefits are set by statute. NDPERS has no provisions or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. Members of the Main System are entitled to unreduced monthly pension benefits beginning when the sum of age and years of credited service equal or exceed 85 (Rule of 85), or at normal retirement age (65). For members hired on or after January 1, 2016, the Rule of 85 will be replaced with the Rule of 90 with a minimum age of 60. The monthly pension benefit is equal to 2.00% of their average monthly salary, using the highest 36 months out of the last 180 months of service, for each year of service. The plan permits early retirement at ages 55-64 with three or more years of service.

Members may elect to receive the pension benefits in the form of a single life, joint and survivor, term-certain annuity, or partial lump sum with ongoing annuity. Members may elect to receive the value of their accumulated contributions, plus interest, as a lump sum distribution upon retirement or termination, or they may elect to receive their benefits in the form of an annuity. For each member electing an annuity, total payment will not be less than the member's accumulated contributions plus interest.

Death and Disability Benefits

Death and disability benefits are set by statute. If an active member dies with less than three years of service for the Main System, a death benefit equal to the value of the member's accumulated contributions, plus interest, is paid to the member's beneficiary. If the member has earned more than three years of credited service for the Main System, the surviving spouse will be entitled to a single payment refund, lifetime monthly payments in an amount equal to 50% of the member's accrued normal retirement benefit, or monthly payments in an amount equal to the member's accrued 100% joint and survivor retirement benefit if the member had reached normal retirement age prior to date of death. If the surviving spouse dies before the member's accumulated pension benefits are paid, the balance will be payable to the surviving spouse's designated beneficiary.

Eligible members, who become totally disabled after a minimum of 180 days of service, receive monthly disability benefits equal to 25% of their final average salary with a minimum benefit of \$100. To qualify under this section, the member has to become disabled during the period of eligible employment and apply for benefits within one year of termination. The definition for disabled is set by the NDPERS in the North Dakota Administrative Code.

10. **Statewide Retirement Plans – cont.**

Refunds of Member Account Balance

Upon termination, if a member of the Main System is not vested (is not 65 or does not have three years of service), they will receive the accumulated member contributions and vested employer contributions, plus interest, or may elect to receive this amount at a later date. If the member has vested, they have the option of applying for a refund or can remain as a terminated vested participant. If a member terminated and withdrew their accumulated member contribution and is subsequently reemployed, they have the option of repurchasing their previous service.

Member and Employer Contributions

Member and employer contributions paid to NDPERS are set by statute and are established as a percent of salaries and wages. Member contribution rates are 7% and employer contribution rates are 7.12% of covered compensation.

The member's account balance includes the vested employer contributions equal to the member's contributions to an eligible deferred compensation plan. The minimum member contribution is \$25 and the maximum may not exceed the following:

- 1 to 12 months of service – Greater of 1% of monthly salary or \$25
- 13 to 24 months of service – Greater of 2% of monthly salary or \$25
- 25 to 36 months of service – Greater of 3% of monthly salary or \$25
- Longer than 36 months of service – Greater of 4% of monthly salary or \$25

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

At June 30, 2017, the Employer reported a liability of \$5,284,053 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Employer's share of covered payroll in the Main System pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating Main System employers. At June 30, 2016, the Employer's proportion was 0.542178 percent, which was an increase of 0.061668 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the Employer recognized pension expense of \$765,267. At June 30, 2017, the Employer reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

10. **Statewide Retirement Plans – cont.**

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 79,378	\$ 48,926
Changes of assumptions	487,122	262,512
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	737,201	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	365,159	44,677
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	411,828	-
Total	\$ 2,080,688	\$ 356,115

\$2,080,688 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2017	\$	242,758
2018		242,758
2019		403,577
2020		281,930
2021		141,722
Thereafter		-

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2016 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.50%
Salary increases	4.50% per annum
Investment rate of return	8.00%, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

For active members, inactive members, and healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table set back two years for males and three years for females projected generationally using the SSA 2014 Intermediate Cost scale from 2014. For disabled retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table set back one year for males (no setback for females) multiplied by 125%.

10. **Statewide Retirement Plans – cont.**

The actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an actuarial experience study completed in 2015. They are the same as the assumptions used in the July 1, 2016 funding actuarial valuation for NDPERS.

As a result of the 2015 actuarial experience study, the NDPERS Board adopted several changes to the actuarial assumptions effective July 1, 2015. This includes changes to the mortality tables, disability incidence rates, retirement rates, administrative expenses, salary scale, and percent married assumption.

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. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Fund's target asset allocation are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	31%	6.90%
International Equity	21%	7.55%
Private Equity	5%	11.30%
Domestic Fixed Income	17%	1.52%
International Fixed Income	5%	0.45%
Global Real Assets	20%	5.38%
Cash Equivalents	1%	0.00%

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8 percent as of June 30, 2016. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at rates equal to those based on the July 1, 2016 Actuarial Valuation Report. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current plan members as of June 30, 2016. 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 as of June 30, 2016.

Sensitivity of the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8 percent, as well

10. Statewide Retirement Plans – cont.

as what the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (7 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (9 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (7%)	Current Discount Rate (8%)	1% Increase (9%)
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 7,495,327	\$ 5,284,053	\$ 3,420,940

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued NDPERS financial report.

11. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2017 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,491,903	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,491,903
Construction in progress	27,953,690	33,576,252	-	61,529,942
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>29,445,593</u>	<u>33,576,252</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,021,845</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	32,418,729	-	-	32,418,729
Furniture and equipment	4,557,313	657,493	34,500	5,180,306
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>36,976,042</u>	<u>657,493</u>	<u>34,500</u>	<u>37,599,035</u>
Accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(8,719,012)	(383,359)	-	(9,102,371)
Furniture and equipment	(2,962,779)	(382,455)	34,500	(3,310,734)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(11,681,791)</u>	<u>(765,814)</u>	<u>34,500</u>	<u>(12,413,105)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>25,294,251</u>			<u>25,185,930</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 54,739,844</u>			<u>\$ 88,207,775</u>
Depreciation expense was charged to:				
Unallocated	\$ 758,171			
Food service	7,643			
	<u>\$ 765,814</u>			

12. Risk Management

The Dickinson Public School District is exposed to various risks of loss relating to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters.

In 1986, state agencies and political subdivisions of the State of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program

12. Risk Management – cont.

for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The School District pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, auto, and inland marine insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of \$2,000,000 per occurrence.

The School District also participates in the North Dakota Fire and Tornado Fund and the State Bonding Fund. The School District pays an annual premium to the Fire and Tornado Fund to cover property damage to buildings and personal property. Replacement cost coverage is provided by estimating replacement cost in consultation with the Fire and Tornado Fund. The Fire and Tornado Fund is reinsured by a third party insurance carrier for losses in excess of \$1,000,000 per occurrence during a 12-month period. The State Bonding Fund currently provides the School District with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

The School District participates in the North Dakota Worker's Compensation Bureau and purchases commercial insurance for employee health and accident insurance.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The School District maintains a health and medical benefit program which covers all eligible employees. The School District has retained a major portion of the risk for this plan and accordingly, is liable for any employee health claims approved for payment. Stop-loss coverage limits were \$100,000 for individual claims. Health insurance and medical expenditures were \$4,337,003 for the year ended June 30, 2017 and consisted of paid claims, stop-loss premiums, and administrative fees. As of June 30, 2017, an estimated liability for incurred, but not reported claims of approximately \$1,142,227 was recorded in the General Fund as accounts payable. This estimate was used to show cash on hand as a liability for future payments and approximates historical claims experience.

The School District does not show a fund balance for the self-funded health insurance, since it records funds put into the plan as an expense.

Change in cash in the plan was as follows:

Cash balance June 30, 2016	\$	711,883
Funds into the plan		4,767,347
Claims paid		(4,337,003)
Cash balance June 30, 2017	\$	<u>1,142,227</u>

During fiscal year 2009, the District put \$300,000 into the self-funded health insurance to cover shortfall. It is intended that the funds will be paid back, but being an unknown, a receivable has not been recorded by the District.

13. Subsequent Events

In October 2017, the District purchased a new bus for \$91,836 and agreed to purchase land for \$1,700,000.

**REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**



DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -
Budget and Actual
General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Property taxes	\$ 9,820,000	\$ 9,820,000	\$ 9,363,423	\$ (456,577)
Earnings on investments	28,000	28,000	103,315	75,315
Other local sources	3,435,000	3,435,000	3,595,504	160,504
State revenue	27,481,307	27,481,307	27,827,402	346,095
Federal aid	2,601,647	2,601,647	2,541,140	(60,507)
Total revenues	<u>43,365,954</u>	<u>43,365,954</u>	<u>43,430,784</u>	<u>64,830</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Salaries	25,505,866	25,505,866	25,795,552	(289,686)
Employee benefits	8,510,494	8,510,494	8,554,607	(44,113)
Purchased services	3,669,884	3,669,884	2,795,038	874,846
Supplies	2,383,879	2,383,879	1,920,235	463,644
Equipment	1,859,541	1,859,541	2,255,734	(396,193)
Other	498,335	498,335	133,690	364,645
Capital outlay	632,955	632,955	-	632,955
Total expenditures	<u>43,060,954</u>	<u>43,060,954</u>	<u>41,454,856</u>	<u>1,606,098</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>305,000</u>	<u>305,000</u>	<u>1,975,928</u>	<u>1,670,928</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfer in	-	-	-	-
Transfer out	(305,000)	(305,000)	(893,008)	(588,008)
Total other financing sources (uses):	<u>(305,000)</u>	<u>(305,000)</u>	<u>(893,008)</u>	<u>(588,008)</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	1,082,920	<u>\$ 1,082,920</u>
Fund balance - beginning - Budget and GAAP basis			<u>13,792,233</u>	
Fund balance - ending - Budget and GAAP basis			<u>\$ 14,875,153</u>	

See notes to Required Supplementary Information

**DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

JUNE 30, 2017

Budgets

Based upon available financial information and requests by the governing board, the Business Manager prepares the preliminary budget. The School District budget is prepared for the General Fund by function and activity on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The preliminary budget includes the proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. All annual appropriations lapse at year end.

The governing board holds a public hearing where any taxpayer may testify in favor of, or against, any proposed disbursements or tax levies requested in the preliminary budget. After the budget hearing and, on or before August 15, the board adopts the final budget. The final budget must be filed with the County Auditor by August 25. The governing board may amend the budget during the year for any revenues and budget amendments approved by the board and the approval must be noted in the official proceedings of the board.

Encumbrances

All appropriations, except for construction in progress, lapse at the end of the fiscal year. The District does utilize a formal encumbrance accounting system. Encumbrance accounting, which is an extension of the budgetary accounting in the General, Special Revenue, and Capital Projects Funds, enables the District to record purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation. Encumbrances at year end are shown as expenditures in the budget-to-actual statements and as assignments of fund balance on the balance sheet. The encumbrances have been recorded as expenditures since they meet the "valid obligation criteria". The valid obligation criteria are:

1. The costs of personal property including materials, supplies, and equipment ordered, but not received, may be encumbered if a valid purchase order was issued prior to June 30.
2. The cost of commitments related to construction in progress may be encumbered, if a legally binding contract was signed and effective or a valid purchase order was issued prior to June 30. If the contract is complete or virtually complete, the entire cost of the contract should be accrued.

As of June 30, 2017, the District incurred \$0 encumbrances.

Notes to Required Supplemental Information – cont.

**ND Teachers Fund for Retirement
Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
Last 10 Fiscal Years***

	2015	2016	2017
1. Employer's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	2.595114%	2.819124%	2.83719976%
2. Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 27,192,194	\$ 36,870,059	\$ 41,566,638
3. Employer's covered-employee payroll	\$ 15,053,043	\$ 17,340,566	\$ 18,433,992
4. Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	180.64%	213.62%	2.25%
5. Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	10.75%	12.75%	59.2%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2015.

**Schedule of Employer Contributions
Last 10 Fiscal Years***

	2015	2016	2017
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 1,618,187	\$ 2,210,816	\$ 2,350,334
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	\$ (1,618,187)	\$ (2,210,816)	\$ (2,350,334)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employer's covered-employee payroll	\$ 15,053,043	\$ 17,340,566	\$ 18,433,992
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	10.75%	12.75%	12.75%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2015.

Changes of assumptions. Amounts reported in 2016 and later reflect the following actuarial assumption changes based on the results of an actuarial experience study dated April 30, 2015.

- Investment return assumption lowered from 8% to 7.75%.
- Inflation assumption lowered from 3% to 2.75%.
- Total salary scale rates lowered by 0.25% due to lower inflation.
- Added explicit administrative expense assumption, equal to prior year administrative expense plus inflation.
- Rates of turnover and retirement were changed to better reflect anticipated future experience.
- Updated mortality assumption to the RP-2014 mortality tables with generational improvement.

Notes to Required Supplemental Information – cont.

**ND Public Employees Retirement System
Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
Last 10 Fiscal Years***

	2015	2016	2017
Employer's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.492027%	0.480510%	0.542178%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 3,123,001	\$ 3,267,386	\$ 5,284,053
Employer's covered-employee payroll	\$ 4,144,736	\$ 4,280,763	\$ 5,463,875
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	75.35%	76.33%	96.71%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	77.70%	77.15%	71.10%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2015.

**Schedule of Employer Contributions
Last 10 Fiscal Years***

	2015	2016	2017
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 295,105	\$ 325,158	\$ 395,576
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	\$ (343,117)	\$ (343,029)	\$ 382,540
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ (48,012)	\$ (17,871)	\$ 13,036
Employer's covered-employee payroll	\$ 4,144,736	\$ 4,280,763	\$ 5,463,875
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	7.20%	7.60%	7%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2015.

Changes of assumptions. Amounts reported in 2017 reflect actuarial assumption changes effective July 1, 2016 based on the results of an actuarial experience study completed in 2015. This includes changes to the mortality tables, disability incidence rates, retirement rates, administrative expenses, salary scale, and percent married assumption.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION



DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
Food Service Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lunch sales	781,800	781,800	789,007	7,207
State revenue	37,800	37,800	24,239	(13,561)
Federal aid	475,000	475,000	525,389	50,389
Total revenues	<u>1,294,600</u>	<u>1,294,600</u>	<u>1,338,635</u>	<u>44,035</u>
Expenditures:				
Food service	1,746,747	1,746,747	1,499,273	247,474
Capital outlay	74,000	74,000	1,581	72,419
Total expenditures	<u>1,820,747</u>	<u>1,820,747</u>	<u>1,500,854</u>	<u>319,893</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(526,147)</u>	<u>(526,147)</u>	<u>(162,219)</u>	<u>363,928</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfer in	270,000	270,000	250,000	(20,000)
Transfer out	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses):	<u>270,000</u>	<u>270,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ (256,147)</u>	<u>\$ (256,147)</u>	87,781	<u>\$ 343,928</u>
Fund balances - beginning - Budget and GAAP basis			<u>121,631</u>	
Fund balances - ending - Budget and GAAP basis			<u>\$ 209,412</u>	

DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
Debt Service Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Original Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)</u>
Revenues:				
Property taxes	\$ 4,389,000	\$ 4,389,000	\$ 3,854,820	\$ (534,180)
Earnings on investments	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	335,723	335,723
Total revenues	<u>4,389,000</u>	<u>4,389,000</u>	<u>4,190,543</u>	<u>(198,457)</u>
Expenditures:				
Debt service	3,657,968	3,657,968	3,514,328	143,640
Total expenditures	<u>3,657,968</u>	<u>3,657,968</u>	<u>3,514,328</u>	<u>143,640</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>731,032</u>	<u>731,032</u>	<u>676,215</u>	<u>(54,817)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfer in	385,000	385,000	385,000	-
Total other financing sources (uses):	<u>385,000</u>	<u>385,000</u>	<u>385,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ 1,116,032</u>	<u>\$ 1,116,032</u>	1,061,215	<u>\$ (54,817)</u>
Fund balances - beginning - Budget and GAAP basis			<u>3,969,915</u>	
Fund balances - ending - Budget and GAAP basis			<u>\$ 5,031,130</u>	

DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
Capital Project Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Original Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)</u>
Revenues:				
Property taxes	\$ 1,727,000	\$ 1,727,000	\$ 1,654,141	\$ (72,859)
Earnings on investments	10,000	10,000	25,250	15,250
Miscellaneous	<u>1,223,000</u>	<u>1,223,000</u>	<u>1,212,061</u>	<u>(10,939)</u>
Total revenues	<u>2,960,000</u>	<u>2,960,000</u>	<u>2,891,452</u>	<u>(68,548)</u>
Expenditures:				
Purchased services	890,000	890,000	-	890,000
Other	125,000	125,000	-	125,000
Capital outlay	<u>41,760,179</u>	<u>41,760,179</u>	<u>35,337,304</u>	<u>6,422,875</u>
Total expenditures	<u>42,775,179</u>	<u>42,775,179</u>	<u>35,337,304</u>	<u>7,437,875</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(39,815,179)</u>	<u>(39,815,179)</u>	<u>(32,445,852)</u>	<u>7,369,327</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Loan proceeds	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	-
Transfer in	-	-	643,008	643,008
Transfer out	<u>(386,000)</u>	<u>(386,000)</u>	<u>(385,000)</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total other financing sources (uses):	<u>9,614,000</u>	<u>9,614,000</u>	<u>10,258,008</u>	<u>644,008</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ (30,201,179)</u>	<u>\$ (30,201,179)</u>	<u>(22,187,844)</u>	<u>\$ 8,013,335</u>
Fund balances - beginning - Budget and GAAP basis			<u>37,952,611</u>	
Fund balances - ending - Budget and GAAP basis			<u>\$ 15,764,767</u>	



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

Board of Trustees
Dickinson Public School District
Dickinson, North Dakota 58602

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 and each major fund of Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 4, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota'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 Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota'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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. 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.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota'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 results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

James J. Wosepka, PC

Beach, North Dakota
December 4, 2017



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Board of Trustees
Dickinson Public School District
Dickinson, North Dakota 58602

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017. Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota, 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, 2017.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota, 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 Dickinson Public School District, Dickinson, North Dakota's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Dickinson Public School District's internal control over compliance.

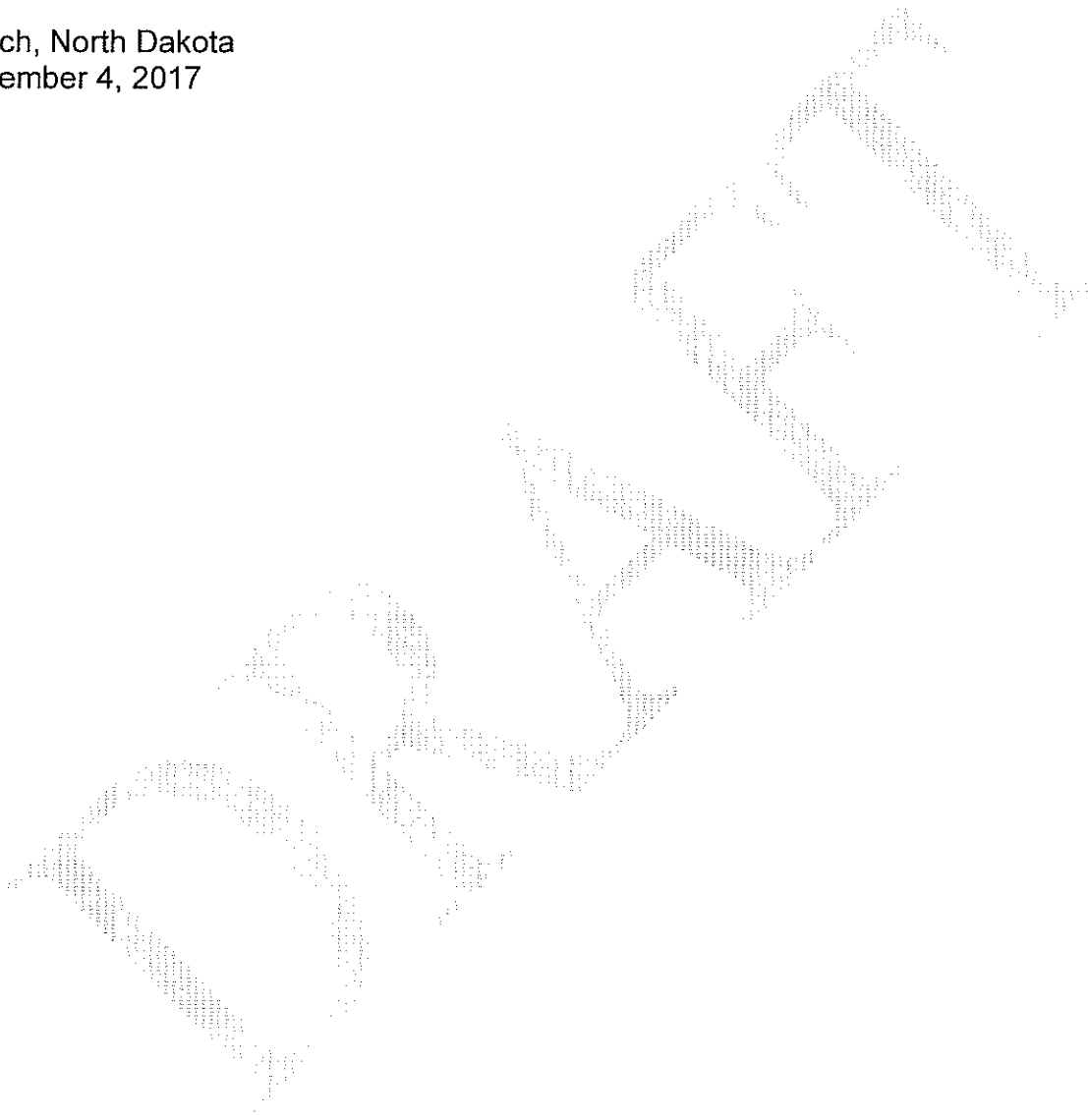
A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement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

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

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

James J. Wosepka, PC

Beach, North Dakota
December 4, 2017



**DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The Auditor's Report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements for the Dickinson Public School District.
2. No significant deficiencies were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements. No material weaknesses are reported.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Dickinson Public School District were disclosed during the audit.
4. No significant deficiencies in internal control over major federal awards were disclosed during the audit.
5. The Auditor's Report on compliance for the major federal award programs for the Dickinson Public School District expresses an unmodified opinion on all major federal programs.
6. Our audit showed no findings relative to the major federal award program required to be reported under the Uniform Guidance – 2 CFR 200.516(a) for the Dickinson Public School District.
7. The programs tested as major programs include: Title I, Grants to LEA's CFDA # 84.010, Special Education, Title IDEA-B CFDA #'s 84.027 and 84.173, National School Lunch Program CFDA #'s 10.555 and 10.550.
8. The threshold for distinguishing Type A and B programs was \$750,000.
9. The Dickinson Public School District is determined to be a low risk auditee.

B. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

NONE

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

NONE

D. SCHOOL DISTRICT'S RESPONSE

N/A

DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Expenditures Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2017

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Grantor (no pass through grant numbers) Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Federal Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>		
Passed through State Department of Public Instruction:		
Food Distribution	10.550	\$ 111,157 *
National School Lunch Program	10.555	498,179 *
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		<u>609,336</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>		
Passed through State Department of Public Instruction:		
Adult Education	84.002	40,071
Title I, Grants to LEA's	84.010	732,548 *
Special Education, Title IDEA - B	84.027A	880,252 *
Title IIA - Teacher & Principal Quality Training and Recruiting	84.367	318,219
Special Education, Preschool Grants	84.173	19,835 *
21st Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	252,984
Total U.S. Department of Education		<u>2,243,909</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Labor</u>		
Passed through State Department of Public Instruction:		
Incentive Grant - Workforce Investment System	17.267	3,817
Total U.S. Department of Labor		<u>3,817</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Health & Human Services</u>		
Passed through State Department of Health & Human Services:		
Medicaid	93.714	49,213
Passed through Community Action:		
Headstart	93.600	316,444
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		<u>365,657</u>
Total Federal Financial Assistance		<u>\$ 3,222,719</u>

*Major program or cluster as defined in the Uniform Guidance

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

**DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
JUNE 30, 2017**

1. Purpose of the schedule

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (schedule) is a supplementary schedule to the financial statements and is presented for purposes of additional analysis. The schedule is required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

A. Basis of presentation

Federal financial assistance

Pursuant to the Uniform Guidance, federal financial assistance is defined as assistance that nonfederal entities receive or administer in the form of grants, cooperative agreements, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations and other assistance, but does not include amounts received as reimbursements for services rendered to individuals. Accordingly, nonmonetary federal assistance may be included in federal financial assistance and therefore, may be reported on the schedule. Dickinson Public School District received \$111,157 in nonmonetary federal assistance during 2017. Federal financial assistance does not include direct federal cash assistance to individuals.

Catalog of federal domestic assistance

Uniform Guidance requires the schedule to show the total expenditures for each of the federal financial assistance programs as identified in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA). The CFDA is a government-wide compendium of individual federal programs. Federal financial assistance programs which have not been assigned a CFDA number are indicated with an "N/A".

B. Major programs

The Uniform Guidance established the levels of expenditures to be used in defining major federal financial assistance programs. The dollar threshold to distinguish type A and type B programs was \$750,000.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS - CONTINUED
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C. Reporting entity

The schedule includes all federal financial assistance programs administered by the District.

D. Basis of accounting

Federal financial assistance expenditures included in the schedule is reported using the same basis of accounting as disclosed in Note 1 of the basic financial statements.

E. Matching costs

The schedule does not include matching expenditures.

F. Indirect cost rate

The District has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimum indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.