

HERMON-DEKALB
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2019

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

BOARD OF EDUCATION HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hermon-DeKalb Central School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Hermon-DeKalb Central School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hermon-DeKalb Central School District, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position 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 (pages 4-19), Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios (page 79), Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual – General Fund (pages 80-81), Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability) - NYSLRS Pension Plan (page 82), and Schedule of District's Contributions - NYSLRS Pension Plan (page 83) 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Hermon-DeKalb Central School District's basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Change From Adopted Budget to Final Budget and the Real Property Tax Limit - General Fund, Schedule of Capital Projects Fund - Project Expenditures and Financing Resources, Combined Balance Sheet - Non-Major Governmental Funds, Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Non-Major Governmental Funds, and Net Investment in Capital Assets (pages 84-88) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 10, 2019 on our consideration of the Hermon-DeKalb Central School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Hermon-DeKalb Central School District's 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 Hermon-DeKalb Central School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Burns & Company

Watertown, New York
October 10, 2019

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2019

INTRODUCTION

The following is a discussion and analysis of Hermon-DeKalb Central School District's financial performance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. This section is a summary of the District's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, or conditions. It is also based on both the government-wide and fund financial statements. Responsibility for completeness and fairness of the information contained rests with the District.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The District's purpose is to educate all students to high levels of academic performance while fostering positive growth in social/emotional behaviors and attitudes. The Board of Education is the governing body elected by the residents of the District. Their mission is to maintain certain standards in excellence set by the New York State Board of Regents. This has to be accomplished with the least economic impact to the local taxpayer. The following financial highlights are the District's attempt at completing this mission.

- For the year ending June 30, 2019, total revenues of \$11,299,451 were \$1,286,027 more than the \$10,013,424 in expenses. The excess of \$1,286,027 was added to the Net Position Deficit at the beginning of the year of \$(17,616,654), for an ending Net Position Deficit of \$(16,330,627) at June 30, 2019.
- The District's portion of Assigned General Fund balance designated to reduce real estate taxes in 2019-2020 is \$1,325,805 or 68% of the Assigned and Unassigned General Fund balance. At June 30, 2019, the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance is \$637,415 or 5.62% of the 2019-2020 budget.
- The total property assessment for the District in the 2018-2019 school year was \$140,918,164, which was a \$1,153,885 or 0.83%, increase over the 2017-2018 school year. The true value tax rate for 2018-2019 was \$17.00 per thousand of assessment; a \$0.36 decrease (2.07%) from 2017-2018.
- The District employs about 80 full and part time employees. There are two unions; NYSUT (teachers) and CSEA (support Staff.) NYSUT has a collective bargaining agreement in place until June 30, 2021. CSEA also has a collective bargaining agreement in place until June 30, 2020.
- Total ending enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year was 433, a decrease of 4 students from the 2017-2018 school year. Our projected enrollment for fall 2019 is 430 students, which is stable for the District from previous years and similar to the current enrollment changes in neighboring school districts in the county.

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OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts: MD&A (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District.

- The first two statements are *district-wide* financial statements that provide both *short-term* and *long-term* information about the District's *overall* financial status.
- The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on *individual parts* of the District, reporting the District's operations in *more detail* than the district-wide statements. The fund financial statements concentrate on the District's most significant funds with all other non-major funds listed in total in one column.
- The *governmental funds statements* tell how basic services such as regular and special education were financed in the *short-term* as well as what remains for future spending.
- *Fiduciary funds* statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the District acts solely as a *trustee* or *agent* for the benefit of others.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the District's budget and actual for the year.

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

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OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued

Table A-1	Major Features of the District-Wide and Fund Financial Statement		
	Fund Financial Statements		
	District-Wide	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire District (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the School District that are not fiduciary, such as instruction, special education and building maintenance	Instances in which the School District administers resources on behalf of someone else, such as scholarship programs and student activities' monies
Required Financial Statements	1. Statement of Net Position 2. Statement of Activities	3. Balance Sheet 4. Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance	5. Statement of Fiduciary Net Position 6. Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Accounting Basis and Measurement Focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus	Accrual accounting and economic focus
Type of Asset / Liability Information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities both short-term and long-term; funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of Inflow / Outflow Information	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	Additions and deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

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District-Wide Statements

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

The two district-wide statements report the District's *net position* and how they have changed. Net position, the difference between the District's assets and liabilities, are one way to measure the District's financial health or *position*.

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

In the district-wide financial statements, the District's activities are shown as *Governmental activities*: Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation, and administration. Property taxes and state and federal aid finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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Fund Financial Statements – Continued

The District has two kinds of funds:

- **Governmental Funds:** Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the district-wide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements explains the relationship (or differences) between them.
- **Fiduciary Funds:** The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others, such as the scholarship fund and the student activities funds. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The District excludes these assets to finance its operations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$16,330,627 at the close of the most recent fiscal year. This represents a \$1,286,027 increase in the statement of net position for the year. The overall deficit is largely due to the District's other postemployment benefit (OPEB) liability. As of June 30, 2019, the OPEB liability was \$20,053,456 compared to \$20,510,953 reported at the close of the prior fiscal year. See Note 11 for additional OPEB information.

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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A
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The largest portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses capital assets to provide services; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The following schedule summarizes the District's Net Position. The complete Statement of Net Position can be found in the District's basic financial statements.

**Condensed Statement of Net Position
Comparison 2017-2018 and 2018-2019**

	2017-2018	2018-2019	Change
Assets			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 3,641,321	\$ 3,845,163	\$ 203,842
Capital Assets, Net	6,957,266	6,859,212	(98,054)
Net Pension Asset - Proportionate Share	127,888	320,383	192,495
Total Assets	<u>\$ 10,726,475</u>	<u>\$ 11,024,758</u>	<u>\$ 298,283</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Deferred Charge on Bond Refunding	\$ 161,937	\$ 135,233	\$ (26,704)
Other Postemployment Benefits	580,678	571,841	(8,837)
Pensions	1,974,683	1,838,426	(136,257)
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 2,717,298</u>	<u>\$ 2,545,500</u>	<u>\$ (171,798)</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,178,939	\$ 1,250,687	\$ 71,748
Long-Term Liabilities	23,657,298	22,717,118	(940,180)
Net Pension Liability - Proportionate Share	84,642	187,564	102,922
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 24,920,879</u>	<u>\$ 24,155,369</u>	<u>\$ (765,510)</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Pensions	\$ 673,946	\$ 557,724	\$ (116,222)
Other Postemployment Benefits	5,465,602	5,187,792	(277,810)
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 6,139,548</u>	<u>\$ 5,745,516</u>	<u>\$ (394,032)</u>
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	\$ 3,599,563	\$ 3,931,412	\$ 331,849
Restricted	1,513,469	1,301,334	(212,135)
Unrestricted	(22,729,686)	(21,563,373)	1,166,313
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (17,616,654)</u>	<u>\$ (16,330,627)</u>	<u>\$ 1,286,027</u>

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE – Continued

In general, current assets are those assets that are available to satisfy current obligations and current liabilities and those liabilities that will be paid within one year. Current assets consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents of \$3,024,299 and state, federal and BOCES aid receivable of \$782,859.

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position reports 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 and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Included in deferred outflows of resources in the current year is \$1,838,426 related to the District's participation in the NYS TRS and ERS pension systems, \$571,841 related to the District's OPEB Plan, and \$135,233 related to the deferred charge on bond refunding.

Current liabilities consist principally of accounts payable and accrued expenses totaling \$179,569, amounts due to retirement systems totaling \$362,955, and the current portion of long-term debt totaling \$689,607.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position or balance sheet 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 or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Included in deferred inflows of resources in the current year is \$557,724 related to the District's participation in the NYS TRS and ERS pension systems and \$5,187,792 related to the District's OPEB Plan.

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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A
WHOLE – Continued**

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services net of charges for services and grants offsetting those services. General revenues including tax revenue, investment earnings and unrestricted state and federal aid must support the net cost of the District's programs.

The following schedule summarizes the District's activities. The complete Statement of Activities can be found in the District's basic financial statements.

**Condensed Statement of Activities
Comparison 2017-2018 and 2018-2019**

	2017-2018	2018-2019	% Change
Revenues			
Program Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$ 84,646	\$ 92,759	9.6%
Operating Grants	1,216,783	1,139,274	-6.4%
Capital Grants	-	11,600	-
General Revenues			
Property and Other Tax Items	2,477,435	2,548,415	2.9%
Use of Money and Property	50,633	71,943	42.1%
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	4,038	-	-100.0%
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	(1,662)	(6,443)	287.7%
Miscellaneous	220,287	176,912	-19.7%
State Sources	6,671,080	7,250,728	8.7%
Federal Sources	4,493	14,263	217.4%
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 10,727,733</u>	<u>\$ 11,299,451</u>	<u>5.3%</u>
Expenses			
General Support	1,697,517	1,555,999	-8.3%
Instruction	8,736,037	7,528,557	-13.8%
Pupil Transportation	733,434	586,876	-20.0%
Community Service	-	2,297	-
Debt Service - Interest	113,637	90,409	-20.4%
School Food Service Program	266,097	249,287	-6.3%
Total Expenses	<u>11,546,722</u>	<u>10,013,424</u>	<u>-13.3%</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ (818,989)</u>	<u>\$ 1,286,027</u>	<u>257.0%</u>

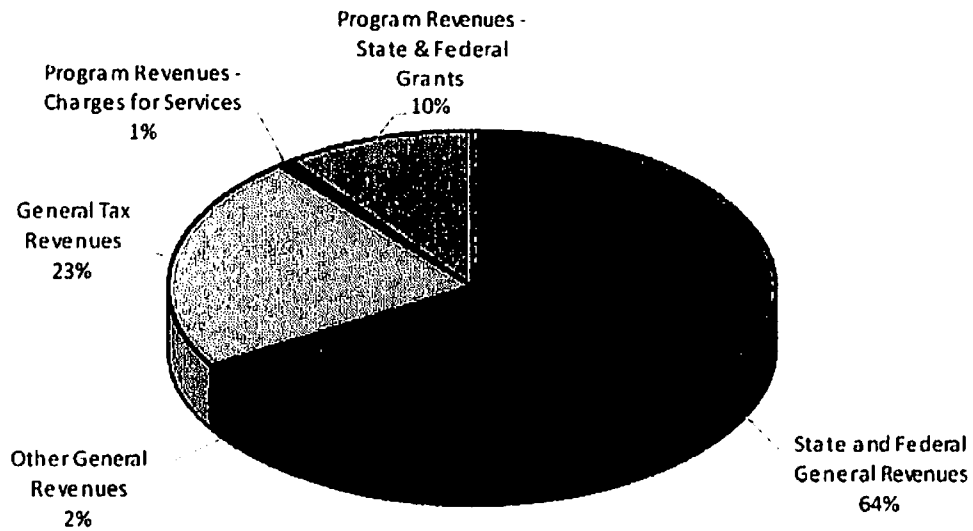
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

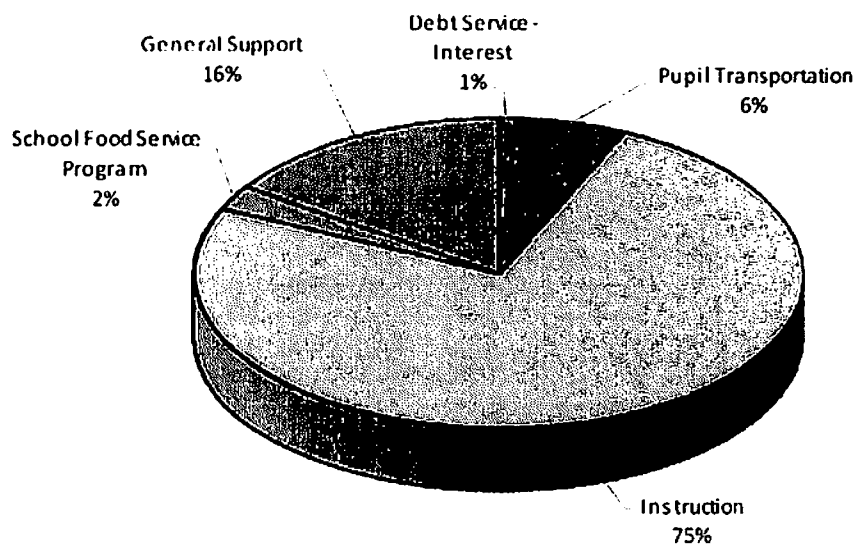
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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE – Continued

Sources of Revenues for Fiscal Year 2019



Sources of Expenses for Fiscal Year 2019



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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE – Continued

The School District is heavily dependent on both state and federal aid for its funding. State and Federal Grants and State and Federal General Revenues combined account for 74% of total revenues. General Tax Revenues account for 23% of revenues received for the year. These two sources account for 97% of the total revenues received in the 2018-2019 school year.

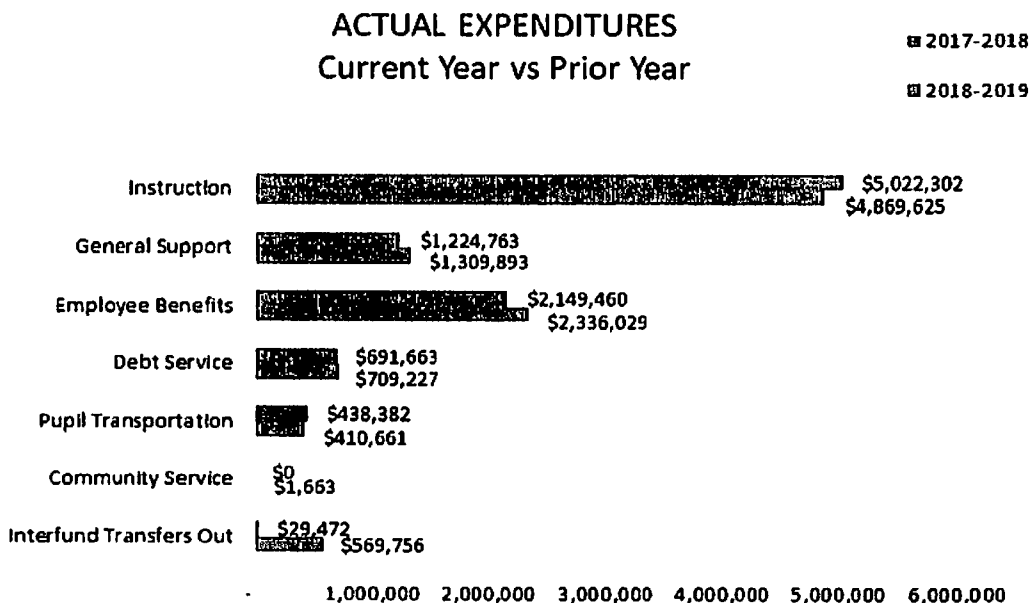
Instruction, transportation, and general support account for 97% of the total expenses of the District, which is comparative to prior year percentages.

The financial statements also include the Special Aid Fund and School Food Service Fund, which are primarily funded by state and federal aid and food sales.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The District's budget of \$10,717,317 for 2018-2019 was approved by referendum on May 15, 2018 (160 residents voted). The District's total budget increase for 2018-2019 was \$522,280 or a 5.1% increase from the prior year budget. The district had carryover encumbrances from 2017-2018 totaling \$484.

Actual expenditures for 2018-2019 including transfers of \$569,756 to other funds totaled \$10,243,125, for a favorable variance of \$924,549 (under budgeted amounts). The graph below shows how the actual expenditures are distributed for each budget over the past two budget years:



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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE – Continued

General Fund Budgetary Highlights – Continued

Fiscal year 2018-2019 expenditures were \$687,083 or 7.2% more than the prior year expenditures. Expenditures for Instruction decreased \$152,677 in fiscal year 2018-2019 over the prior year. The District continues its efforts to continue to meet and exceed state standards, inclusive of Common Core, in all areas. The cost of the Handicapped Program were reduced based on the needs of the students. General Support expenditures increased by \$85,130. The district continues to be fiscally prudent. The District incurred public information services related to the approved Capital Project and purchased maintenance equipment. Employee benefit expenditures increased by \$186,569 in fiscal year 2018-2019 primarily due to increased health insurance costs.

The District appropriated \$1,325,805 of the fund balance for the year ending June 30, 2019 to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year. Unspent appropriations provide cash flow at year-end when state aid is uncertain. The district had \$484 appropriated for 2017-2018 carryover encumbrances.

On May 17, 2016, the voters authorized the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund, which by Education Law §3651, must be used to pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued. The reserve was authorized for up to 10 years and in an amount not to exceed \$550,000 with funding from budget appropriations or fund balances. At June 30, 2018, the reserve was fully funded at \$550,000. The voters subsequently approved a \$15,000,000 Capital Project in January 2019, and the reserve funds were transferred to the Campus-Wide Capital Projects Fund for use. The Project has recently been submitted to the New York State Education Department for approval. It is anticipated that work will commence in the Summer of 2020.

Revenues

Real property tax revenues closely match the budgeted revenues. Additional unbudgeted State Aid was received largely due to Homeless Aid. Other revenue comes from the annual BOCES Refund.

As the District plans for future revenues, all districts in NYS were subject to the property tax cap legislation for the first time while developing the 2012-2013 budget. This limits the amount of revenue that can be raised via property taxes without a super majority and while the impact varies by district, it will be a factor for all districts going forward.

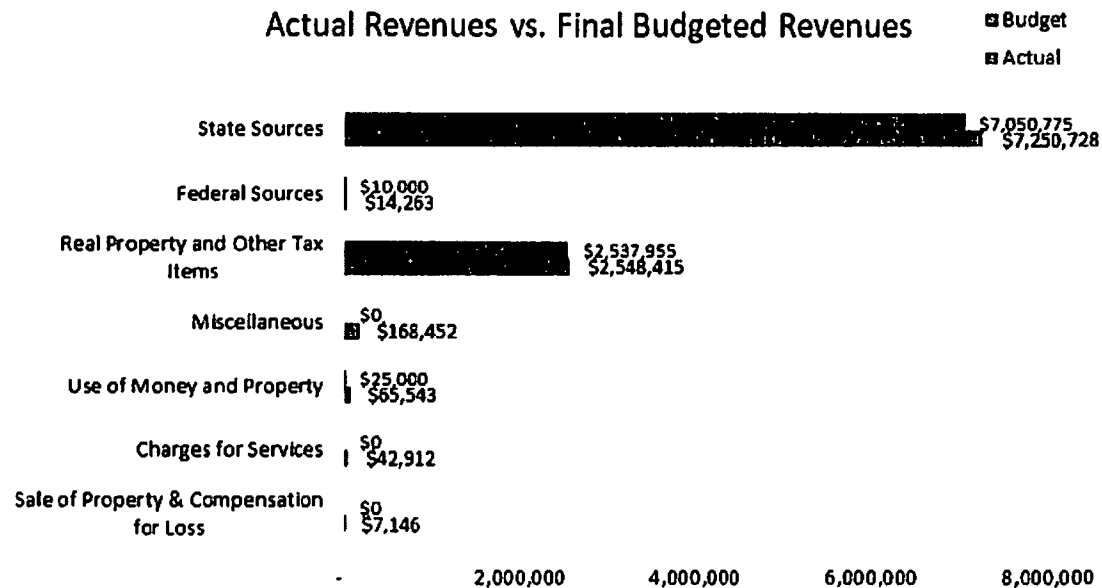
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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE – Continued

Revenues – Continued



Expenditures

As the following graph portrays, expenditures were in line with the 2018-2019 final budget. The total unspent appropriation budget was \$924,549 with year-end encumbrances of \$125 at June 30, 2019.

The under-spent budgeted appropriations of \$924,549 netted with positive revenue variances of \$473,729 are used to fund the Assigned and Unassigned Fund Balances for the subsequent year. The 2019-2020 Assigned Fund Balance is \$1,325,930 and the Unassigned Fund Balance is \$637,415. The Unassigned Fund Balance is 5.62% of the 2019-2020 school budget.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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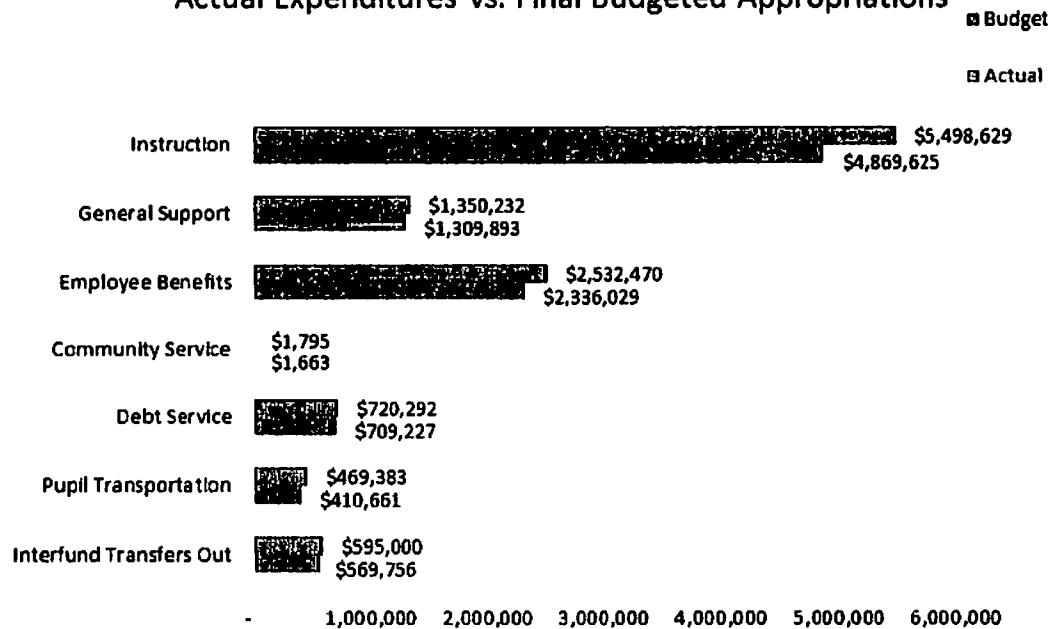
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE Continued

Expenditures – Continued

The Assigned Fund Balance needs to be maintained to help the District with cash flow at the end of the school year. In order to decrease assigned fund balance, without raising the tax levy in the subsequent year, other revenue sources (State Aid) would need to increase.

The following graph compares actual expenditures with final budgeted appropriations. Refer to Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual - General Fund in the financial statements for more detailed information.

Actual Expenditures vs. Final Budgeted Appropriations



HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2019

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Land is valued at acquisition cost and the School District only owns property with structures on or adjacent to it.

Building and improvements have various dates of construction from the initial construction in 1957 to the 1967 elementary and middle school wing with the auditorium project and in 1991 the weight room, gym storage, auxiliary gymnasium and more elementary classrooms were added.

Furniture and equipment are recorded for the entire District and includes vehicles and school buses.

The Board of Education established a fixed asset policy on January 8, 2018 to capitalize fixed assets of at least \$5,000.

Industrial Appraisal Company conducted a physical inventory in November 2014. All assets are tagged and recorded, with updates for any purchases or deletions through May 2019.

Capital Assets net of depreciation totaled \$6,859,212 at June 30, 2019.

	Balance June 30, 2018	Additions	Retirements / Reclassifications	Balance June 30, 2019
Land	\$ 110,143	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,143
Construction in Progress	-	241,811	-	241,811
Building & Improvements	12,964,495	-	-	12,964,495
Furniture & Equipment	3,986,366	262,258	(145,570)	4,103,054
Less:				
Accumulated Depreciation	10,103,738	588,534	(131,981)	10,560,291
Net Capital Assets	\$ 6,957,266	\$ (84,465)	\$ (13,589)	\$ 6,859,212

For more information refer to Note 5 in the notes to financial statements.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2019

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION – Continued**Short-Term Debt**

There was no short-term debt financing during the year ended June 30, 2019.

Long-Term Debt

The District has a bond outstanding on a capital project originally issued in 2009 and refinanced in 2016. This bond will mature on June 15, 2024.

A serial bond was issued September 5, 2018 for the purchase of two school buses in the amount of \$200,000.

The District has complied with GASB 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions. Regulations require the reporting of other post-employment benefits which was completed by securing the Armory Associates LLC. A complete actuarial valuation was completed during 2016-2017, with interim valuations completed for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

The long-term debt is broken down by current (within one year) and long term (after one year). The District had the following breakdown of debt June 30, 2019 and 2018:

Category	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2019	Total Change
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 3,252,000	\$ 2,840,000	\$ (412,000)
Premium on Bonds	267,640	223,033	(44,607)
Compensated Absences	283,312	290,236	6,924
Other Postemployment Benefits Payable	20,510,953	20,053,456	(457,497)
Net Pension Liability – Proportionate Share	84,642	187,564	102,922
Total	\$ 24,398,547	\$ 23,594,289	\$ (804,258)

For more information, refer to Note 7 in the notes to financial statements.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2019

FACTORS BEARING ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUTURE

- The uncertainty of federal and state funding can have a profound impact on the financial health of the District. The future impact of changes in Federal and New York State budgets cannot be predicted but may require the District to consider spending cuts.
- The enactment of a Property Tax Cap may limit the District's ability to raise funds to cover expenditures.
- The impact of health insurance premiums will continue to have a significant effect on the future financial health of the District. Health insurance premiums now account for 13.4% of our 2019-2020 budget.
- The District voters approved a \$15,000,000 Capital Project in January 2019. The project has been submitted the New York State Education Department for approval. Work is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2020.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This report is designed to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the District Clerk at the following address:

Hermon Dekalb Central School
709 E. Dekalb Road
Dekalb Junction, NY 13630

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDITED BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

June 30, 2019

ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Unrestricted	\$ 1,480,755
Restricted	1,543,544
Receivables	
State and Federal Aid	485,269
Due From Other Governments	297,590
Due From Fiduciary Funds	3,777
Other	20,108
Inventories	9,217
Prepaid Expenses	4,903
Capital Assets, Net	6,859,212
Net Pension Asset – Proportionate Share	320,383
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 11,024,758
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Other Postemployment Benefits	\$ 571,841
Pensions	1,838,426
Deferred Charge on Bond Refunding	135,233
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 2,545,500
LIABILITIES	
Payables	
Accounts Payable	\$ 158,063
Accrued Liabilities	21,506
Due to Other Governments	456
Accrued Interest on Bonds Payable	10,182
Due to Teachers' Retirement System	323,319
Due to Employees' Retirement System	39,636
Unearned Credits	
Unearned Revenues – Other	7,918
Long-Term Liabilities	
Due and Payable Within One Year	
Bonds Payable, Net of Unamortized Premium	689,607
Due and Payable After One Year	
Bonds Payable, Net of Unamortized Premium	2,373,426
Compensated Absences Payable	290,236
Other Postemployment Benefits Payable	20,053,456
Net Pension Liability - Proportionate Share	187,564
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 24,155,369
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pensions	\$ 557,724
Other Postemployment Benefits	5,187,792
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 5,745,516
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 3,931,412
Restricted	1,301,334
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(21,563,373)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ (16,330,627)

See notes to audited basic financial statements.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION – GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Year Ended June 30, 2019

		Program Revenues			Net (Expenses)
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants	Capital Grants	Revenues and Changes in Net Position
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS					
General Support	\$ 1,555,999	\$ 3,095	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,552,904)
Instruction	7,528,557	39,817	944,283	11,600	(6,532,857)
Pupil Transportation	586,876	-	-	-	(586,876)
Community Service	2,297	-	-	-	(2,297)
Debt Service – Interest	90,409	-	-	-	(90,409)
School Food Service Program	249,287	49,847	194,991	-	(4,449)
Total Functions and Programs	<u>\$ 10,013,424</u>	<u>\$ 92,759</u>	<u>\$ 1,139,274</u>	<u>\$ 11,600</u>	<u>(8,769,791)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES					
Real Property Taxes					2,093,810
Other Tax Items					454,605
Use of Money and Property					71,943
Loss on Disposition of Assets					(6,443)
State Sources					7,250,728
Medicaid Reimbursement					14,263
Miscellaneous					176,912
Total General Revenues					<u>10,055,818</u>
Change in Net Position					1,286,027
Net Position – Beginning of Year					<u>(17,616,654)</u>
Net Position – End of Year					<u>\$ (16,330,627)</u>

See notes to audited basic financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2019

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Aid</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Unrestricted	\$ 1,407,925	\$ 33,443
Restricted	934,743	-
Receivables		
Due From Other Funds	518,464	39,771
Due From Fiduciary Funds	3,777	-
State and Federal Aid	152,812	306,924
Due From Other Governments	297,590	-
Other	20,108	-
Inventories	-	-
Prepaid Expenditures	4,903	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 3,340,322</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 380,138</u></u>
LIABILITIES		
Payables		
Accounts Payable	\$ 12,928	\$ 46,030
Accrued Liabilities	21,353	46
Due to Other Funds	39,771	327,443
Due to Other Governments	324	-
Due to Teachers' Retirement System	323,319	-
Due to Employees' Retirement System	39,636	-
Unearned Credits		
Unearned Revenues – Other	-	6,619
Total Liabilities	<u>437,331</u>	<u>380,138</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Unearned Revenue	-	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES		
Nonspendable	4,903	-
Restricted	934,743	-
Assigned	1,325,930	-
Unassigned (Deficit)	637,415	-
Total Fund Balances	<u>2,902,991</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	<u><u>\$ 3,340,322</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 380,138</u></u>

See notes to audited basic financial statements.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Capital Projects- Campus-Wide	Non-Major Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ 39,387	\$ 1,480,755
562,639	46,162	1,543,544
-	12,240	570,475
-	-	3,777
-	25,533	485,269
-	-	297,590
-	-	20,108
-	9,217	9,217
-	-	4,903
<u>\$ 562,639</u>	<u>\$ 132,539</u>	<u>\$ 4,415,638</u>
\$ 99,105	\$ -	\$ 158,063
-	107	21,506
155,345	47,916	570,475
-	132	456
-	-	323,319
-	-	39,636
-	1,299	7,918
<u>254,450</u>	<u>49,454</u>	<u>866,923</u>
-	11,600	11,600
<u>-</u>	<u>11,600</u>	<u>11,600</u>
-	9,217	14,120
308,189	58,402	1,301,334
-	15,466	1,341,396
-	(11,600)	625,815
<u>308,189</u>	<u>71,485</u>	<u>3,282,665</u>
<u>\$ 562,639</u>	<u>\$ 132,539</u>	<u>\$ 4,415,638</u>

See notes to audited basic financial statements.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

June 30, 2019

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds **\$ 3,282,665**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Proportionate share of long-term asset and liability associated with participation in

Net Pension Asset - Proportionate Share - TRS 320,383

Net Pension Liability - Proportionate Share - ERS (187,564)

Deferred inflows of resources are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are not reported in the fund statements consist of:

Pensions	\$ 557,724	
Other Postemployment Benefits	<u>5,187,792</u>	(5,745,516)

Deferred outflows of resources are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are not reported in the fund statements consist of:

Pensions	\$ 1,838,426	
Other Postemployment Benefits	571,841	
Deferred Charge on Bond Refunding	<u>135,233</u>	2,545,500

Long term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered "available", whereas, the Statement of Activities reports revenues when earned. Therefore, deferred inflows of resources are not reported on the Statement of Net Position.

11,600

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds:

The Cost of Capital Assets is	\$ 17,419,503	
Accumulated Depreciation is	<u>(10,560,291)</u>	6,859,212

See notes to audited basic financial statements.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – CONTINUED**

June 30, 2019

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable and compensated absences, are not due in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities, at year end, consist of:

Bonds Payable	\$ 2,840,000	
Premium on Bonds Payable	223,033	
Accrued Interest on Bonds Payable	10,182	
Compensated Absences Payable	290,236	
Other Postemployment Benefits Payable	<u>20,053,456</u>	<u>(23,416,907)</u>
Total Net Position – Governmental Activities		<u><u>\$ (16,330,627)</u></u>

See notes to audited basic financial statements.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

Year Ended June 30, 2019

	General	Special Aid	Capital Projects- Campus-Wide	Non-Major Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 2,093,810	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,093,810
Other Tax Items	454,605	-	-	-	454,605
Charges for Services	42,912	-	-	-	42,912
Use of Money and Property	65,543	-	-	6,400	71,943
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	7,146	-	-	-	7,146
State Sources	7,250,728	468,275	-	6,147	7,725,150
Medicaid Reimbursement	14,263	-	-	-	14,263
Federal Sources	-	476,008	-	188,844	664,852
Sales – School Food Service	-	-	-	49,847	49,847
Miscellaneous	168,452	-	-	8,460	176,912
Total Revenues	<u>10,097,459</u>	<u>944,283</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>259,698</u>	<u>11,301,440</u>
EXPENDITURES					
General Support	1,309,893	-	-	88,422	1,398,315
Instruction	4,905,896	853,288	-	-	5,759,184
Pupil Transportation	410,661	15,204	-	-	425,865
Community Service	1,663	-	-	-	1,663
Employee Benefits	2,336,029	82,547	-	55,619	2,474,195
Debt Service					
Principal	601,655	-	-	10,345	612,000
Interest	107,572	-	-	719	108,291
Cost of Sales	-	-	-	122,234	122,234
Capital Outlay	-	-	241,811	204,367	446,178
Total Expenditures	<u>9,673,369</u>	<u>951,039</u>	<u>241,811</u>	<u>481,706</u>	<u>11,347,925</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>424,090</u>	<u>(6,756)</u>	<u>(241,811)</u>	<u>(222,008)</u>	<u>(46,485)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND (USES)					
Proceeds from Debt	-	-	-	200,000	200,000
Operating Transfers In	-	6,756	550,000	20,233	576,989
Operating Transfers (Out)	<u>(569,756)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,233)</u>	<u>(576,989)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(569,756)</u>	<u>6,756</u>	<u>550,000</u>	<u>213,000</u>	<u>(350,000)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>(145,666)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>308,189</u>	<u>(9,008)</u>	<u>153,515</u>
Fund Balances – Beginning of Year	<u>3,048,657</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,493</u>	<u>3,129,150</u>
Fund Balances – End of Year	<u>\$ 2,902,991</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 308,189</u>	<u>\$ 71,485</u>	<u>\$ 3,282,665</u>

See notes to audited basic financial statements.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF
ACTIVITIES**

Year Ended June 30, 2019

Net Change in Fund Balances – Total Governmental Funds **\$ 153,515**

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Net Position assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 are capitalized and in the Statement of Activities, the cost is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period, net of related losses on disposal of capital assets.

Capital Outlays	\$	504,069	
Loss on Disposals		(6,443)	
Depreciation Expense		<u>(588,534)</u>	(90,908)

In the governmental funds, the proceeds from disposal of assets is reported as revenue. The change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the proceeds recorded. (7,146)

Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the payment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. This is the amount of debt repayments made in the current period. 612,000

Interest on long-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recorded as an expenditure in the funds when it is paid, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is paid. The interest reported in the Statement of Activities is decreased by the reduction in accrued interest on bonds and amortization of premium on bond issue. 17,882

In the Statement of Activities, certain operating expenses--compensated absences (vacations and certain sick pay) and special termination benefits (early retirement) --are measured by the amount earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid). (6,924)

See notes to audited basic financial statements.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF
ACTIVITIES – CONTINUED**

Year Ended June 30, 2019

Governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered "available", whereas the Statement of Activities report revenues when earned. Long-term revenue differences relating to Smart School Bond Funding is reported as revenue in the Statement of Activities and a deferred inflow in the governmental funds, and therefore not reported as revenue in the governmental funds.

11,600

Proceeds of long-term debt, including premium on issuance, are recorded as another financing source for governmental funds but it is not recorded in the Statement of Activities. This is the amount of proceeds from long-term debt received in the current year.

(200,000)

On the Statement of Activities, the actual and projected long-term expenditures for postemployment benefits and related deferred outflows/inflows are reported, whereas, on the governmental funds only the actual expenditures are recorded for postemployment benefits.

726,470

(Increases) decreases in proportionate share of net pension asset (liability) and related deferred inflows and outflows reported in the Statement of Activities do not provide for or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues or expenditures in the governmental funds.

Teachers' Retirement System
Employees' Retirement System

\$ 76,215
(6,677)

69,538**Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities****\$ 1,286,027**

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

June 30, 2019

	Private Purpose Trusts	Agency
ASSETS		
Restricted Cash	\$ 121,242	\$ 96,654
Total Assets	<u>\$ 121,242</u>	<u>\$ 96,654</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 42,857
Due to Other Funds	-	3,777
Extra Classroom Activity Balances	-	50,020
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 96,654</u>
NET POSITION		
Restricted for Scholarships	<u>\$ 121,242</u>	

See notes to audited basic financial statements.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Private Purpose Trusts
ADDITIONS	
Gifts and Contributions	\$ 3,052
Interest Earnings	<u>2,516</u>
Total Additions	5,568
DEDUCTIONS	
Scholarships and Awards	<u>5,303</u>
Change in Net Position	265
Net Position – Beginning of Year	<u>120,977</u>
Net Position – End of Year	<u><u>\$ 121,242</u></u>

See notes to audited basic financial statements.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO AUDITED BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2019

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Hermon-DeKalb Central School District (the District) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. Those principles are prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Significant accounting principles and policies used by the District are described below:

Reporting Entity

The Hermon-DeKalb Central School District is governed by the laws of New York State. The District is an independent entity governed by an elected Board of Education consisting of nine members. The President of the Board serves as the chief fiscal officer and the Superintendent is the chief executive officer. The Board is responsible for, and controls all activities related to public school education within the District. Board members have authority to make decisions, power to appoint management, and primary accountability for all fiscal matters.

The reporting entity of the District is based upon criteria set forth by GASB Statement 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by GASB Statement 39, *Component Units*. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the District. The District is not a component unit of another reporting entity. The decision to include a potential component unit in the District's reporting entity is based on several criteria including legal standing, fiscal dependency, and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, the following is a brief description of certain entities included in the District's reporting entity.

Extra Classroom Activity Funds

The Extra Classroom Activity Funds of the District represent funds of the students of the District. The Board of Education exercises general oversight of these funds. The Extra Classroom Activity Funds are independent of the District with respect to its financial transactions and the designation of student management. Separate audited financial statements (cash basis) of the Extra Classroom Activity Funds can be found at the District's business office. The District accounts for assets held as an agent for various student organizations in an agency fund.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO AUDITED BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2019

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Joint Venture

The District is one of 18 component school districts in the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). A BOCES is a voluntary, cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that shares planning, services, and programs that provide educational and support activities. There is no authority or process by which a school district can terminate its status as a BOCES component.

BOCES are organized under §1950 of the New York State Education Law. A BOCES Board is considered a corporate body. Members of a BOCES Board are nominated and elected by their component member boards in accordance with provisions of §1950 of the New York State Education Law. All BOCES property is held by the BOCES Board as a corporation (§1950(6)). In addition, BOCES Boards also are considered municipal corporations to permit them to contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under §119-n (a) of the New York State General Municipal Law.

A BOCES' budget is comprised of separate budgets for administrative, program and capital costs. Each component district's share of administrative and capital cost is determined by resident public school district enrollment, as defined in the New York State Education Law, §1950(4)(b)(7). In addition, component districts pay tuition or a service fee for programs in which its students participate.

During the year, the District was billed \$2,350,440 for BOCES administrative and program costs.

The District's share of BOCES aid amounted to \$779,804. This represents state aid distributions of \$661,312 and 2018 fund balance returned to schools of \$118,492.

Financial statements for the BOCES are available from the BOCES administrative office.

Basis of Presentation

District-Wide Statements

The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* present financial information about the District's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety, except those that are fiduciary.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO AUDITED BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2019

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Basis of Presentation – Continued

Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, State and Federal aid, intergovernmental revenues, and other exchange and non-exchange transactions. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents the financial position of the District at fiscal year-end. The *Statement of Activities* presents a comparison between direct program expenses and revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses, principally employee benefits, are allocated to functional areas in proportion to the payroll expended for those areas. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Statements

The fund statements provide information about the District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category (governmental and fiduciary) are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

The District reports the following governmental funds:

General Fund: This is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial transactions that are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds: These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources, such as Federal and State grants, that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes, child nutrition or other activities whose funds are restricted as to use. These legal restrictions may be imposed either by governments that provide the funds, or by outside parties.

Special Aid Fund: Used to account for proceeds received from state and federal grants that are restricted for specific educational programs.

School Food Service Fund: Used to account for child nutrition activities whose funds are restricted as to use.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Basis of Presentation – Continued

Capital Projects Funds: These funds are used to account for the financial resources used for acquisition, construction, or major repair of capital facilities. For these funds, each capital project is assessed to determine whether it is a major or non-major fund. Those capital projects that are determined to be major are reported in separate columns in the financial statements. Those that are determined to be non-major are reported in the supplementary schedules either separately or in the aggregate.

Debt Service Fund: This fund accounts for the accumulation of resources and the payment of principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental activities. When a capital asset is sold and all or a portion of the bonds used to finance the capital asset are outstanding, this fund must be used to account for the proceeds from the sale of capital assets up to the balance of related bonds outstanding.

The District reports the following fiduciary funds:

Fiduciary Funds: Fiduciary activities are those in which the District acts as trustee or agent for resources that belong to others. These activities are not included in the District-wide financial statements, because their resources do not belong to the District, and are not available to be used.

The District uses two classes of fiduciary funds:

Private Purpose Trust Funds: These funds are used to account for trust arrangements in which principal and income benefit annual third-party awards and scholarships for students. Established criteria govern the use of the funds and members of the District or representatives of the donors may serve on committees to determine who benefits.

Agency Funds: These funds are strictly custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. Assets are held by the District as agent for various student groups or Extra Classroom Activity Funds and for payroll or employee withholding.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as current financial resources or economic resources. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

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NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting – Continued

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

The fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collectible within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Property Taxes

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education no later than September 1, 2018, and became a lien on August 6, 2018. Taxes are collected during the period September 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018.

Uncollected real property taxes are subsequently enforced by St. Lawrence County, in which the District is located. The County pays an amount representing uncollected real property taxes transmitted to the County for enforcement to the District no later than the following April 1.

Restricted Resources

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, the District's policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use, and with the associated legal requirements, many of which are described elsewhere in these Notes.

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June 30, 2019

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Cash and Cash Equivalents – Continued

Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by FDIC insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and Districts.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are shown gross, with uncollectible amounts recognized under the direct write-off method. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided since it is believed that such allowance would not be material.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories of food in the School Food Service Fund are recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis, or in the case of surplus food, at stated value, which approximates market. Purchases of inventorable items in other funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase and are considered immaterial in amount.

Prepaid items represent payments made by the District for which benefits extend beyond year-end. These payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the district-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the Statement of Net Position or Balance Sheet using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of purchase, and an expense/expenditure is reported in the year the goods or services are consumed.

A prepaid item was recorded in the General Fund in the amount of \$4,903, which represents the District's contribution to the School and Municipal Energy Cooperative of WNY (SMEC). Contributions made by member districts are recorded by SMEC as a current liability, and members are allocated a share of the organization's net assets based on each participant share of premiums paid for the year.

A portion of the fund balance in the amount of these non-liquid assets (inventories and prepaid items) has been identified as not available for other subsequent expenditures.

Other Assets

In the district-wide financial statements, bond discounts and premiums, and any prepaid bond insurance costs are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt issue. Bond issuance costs are recognized as an expense in the period incurred.

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June 30, 2019

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued**Capital Assets**

Capital assets are reported at actual cost or estimated historical cost. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the time received.

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

Capitalization thresholds (the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital assets accounts), depreciation methods, and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the District-wide statements are as follows:

	Capitalization Threshold	Depreciation Method	Estimated Useful Life
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 5,000	SL	40-50 Years
Site Improvements	5,000	SL	20 Years
Furniture and Equipment	5,000	SL	5-15 Years
Vehicles	5,000	SL	8 Years

The District does not possess any infrastructure.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the *Statement of Net 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 and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. First is the deferred charge on refunding reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The second item is related to pensions reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability and difference during the measurement period between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The third item is the District contributions to the New York State Teachers' and Employees' pension systems and to Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) plan subsequent to the measurement date.

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June 30, 2019

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources – Continued

In addition to liabilities, the *Statement of Net Position* or Balance Sheet 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 or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting and is reported as unavailable revenue – Smart Schools – grant monies. This represents a deferred inflow only on the Balance Sheet in the governmental funds and revenue on the district-wide Statement of Net Position. The second item is related to pensions reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability and difference during the measurement periods between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The third item is related to OPEB reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net changes of assumptions or other inputs and the net change in the actual and expected experience.

Unearned Revenue

The District reports unearned revenues on its Statement of Net Position and its Balance Sheet. On the Statement of Net Position, unearned revenue arises when resources are received by the District before it has legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when the District has legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed and revenue is recognized.

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NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Vested Employee Benefits

Compensated Absences

Compensated absences consist of unpaid accumulated annual sick leave and vacation time.

Sick leave eligibility and accumulation is specified in negotiated labor contracts and in individual employment contracts. Upon retirement or resignation, employees may contractually receive a payment based on unused accumulated sick leave.

District employees are granted vacation in varying amounts, based primarily on length of service and service position. Some earned benefits may be forfeited if not taken within varying time periods.

Consistent with GASB Statement 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, the liability has been calculated using the vesting/termination method and an accrual for that liability is included in the district-wide financial statements. The compensated absences liability is calculated based on the pay rates in effect at year-end.

In the fund statements, only the amount of matured liabilities is accrued within the General Fund based upon expendable and available financial resources. These amounts are expensed on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Other Benefits

District employees participate in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System or the New York State Teachers' Retirement System.

District employees may choose to participate in the District's elective deferred compensation plans established under Internal Revenue Code Sections 403(b) and 457.

In addition to providing pension benefits, the District provides post-employment health insurance coverage to retired employees in accordance with the provision of various employment contracts in effect at the time of retirement. Substantially all of the District's employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the District. Health care benefits are provided through plans whose premiums are based on the benefits paid during the year. The cost of providing post-retirement benefits is shared between the District and the retired employee. The District recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums as an expenditure.

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June 30, 2019

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued**Short-Term Debt**

The District may issue Revenue Anticipation Notes (RAN) and Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN) in anticipation of the receipt of revenues. These notes are recorded as a liability of the fund that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of the notes. The RAN's and TAN's represent a liability that will be extinguished by the use of expendable, available resources of the fund.

The District may issue budget notes up to an amount not to exceed 5% of the amount of the annual budget during any fiscal year for expenditures for which there is an insufficient or no provision made in the annual budget. The budget note must be repaid no later than the close of the second fiscal year succeeding the year in which the note was issued.

The District may issue Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) in anticipation of proceeds from the subsequent sale of bonds. These notes are recorded as current liabilities of the funds that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of bonds. State law requires that BAN's issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term financing within five years after the original issue date.

The District may issue deficiency notes up to an amount not to exceed 5% of the amount of that same year's annual budget in any fund or funds arising from revenues being less than the amount estimated in the budget for that fiscal year. The deficiency notes may mature no later than the close of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which they were issued. However, they may mature no later than the close of the second fiscal year after the fiscal year in which they were issued, if the notes were authorized and issued after the adoption of the budget for the fiscal year following the year in which they were issued.

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

Payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the District-wide financial statements. In the governmental funds, payables and accrued liabilities are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources. Claims and judgments, other postemployment benefits payable, and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

Long-term obligations represent the District's future obligations or future economic outflows. The liabilities are reported as due in one year or due within more than one year in the Statement of Net Position.

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NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Equity Classifications

District-Wide Statements

In the District-wide statements there are three classes of net position:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, constructions or improvements of those assets.

Restricted Net Position – reports net position when constraints placed on the assets or deferred outflows of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted Net Position – reports the balance of net position that does not meet the definition of the above two classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the District.

Fund Statements

In the fund basis statement, there are five classifications of fund balance:

Nonspendable – includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Nonspendable fund balance includes the inventory recorded in the School Food Service Fund of \$9,217 and a \$4,903 deposit to School and Municipal Energy Cooperative of WNY in the General Fund.

Restricted – includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. All encumbrances of funds other than the General Fund are classified as restricted fund balance. The District has established the following restricted fund balances:

Debt Service

According to General Municipal Law §6-1, the Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service must be established for the purpose of retiring the outstanding obligations upon the sale of District property or capital improvement that was financed by obligations that remain outstanding at the time of sale. The funding of the reserve is from the proceeds of the sale of School District property or capital improvement. This reserve is accounted for in the Debt Service Fund.

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NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Equity Classifications – Continued

Unemployment Insurance

According to General Municipal Law §6-m, must be used to pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments made to claimants where the employer has elected to use the benefit reimbursement method. The reserve may be established by Board action and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. If the District elects to convert to tax (contribution) basis, excess resources in the fund over the sum sufficient to pay pending claims may be transferred to any other reserve fund. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

Retirement Contributions

According to General Municipal Law §6-r, must be used for financing retirement contributions. The reserve must be accounted for separate and apart from all other funds and a detailed report of the operation and condition of the fund must be provided to the Board. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

Insurance

According to General Municipal Law §6-n, must be used to pay liability, casualty and other types of losses, except losses incurred for which the following types of insurance may be purchased: life, accident, health, annuities, fidelity and surety, credit, title residual value and mortgage guarantee. In addition, this reserve may not be used for any purpose for which a special reserve may be established pursuant to law (for example, for unemployment compensation insurance). The reserve may be established by Board action and funded by budgetary appropriations or such other funds as may be legally appropriated. There is no limit on the amount that may be accumulated in the Insurance Reserve; however, the annual contribution to this reserve may not exceed the greater of \$33,000 or 5% of the budget. Settled or compromised claims up to \$25,000 may be paid from the reserve without judicial approval. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

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NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued**Equity Classifications – Continued****Employee Benefit Accrued Liability**

According to General Municipal Law §6-p, must be used for the payment of accrued employee benefit due an employee upon termination of the employee's service. This reserve may be established by a majority vote of the Board and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

Repair

According to General Municipal Law §6-d, must be used to pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment, which repairs are of a type not recurring annually. The Board of Education without voter approval may establish a repair reserve fund by a majority vote of its members. Voter approval is required to fund this reserve (Opinion of the New York State Comptroller 81-401). Expenditures from this reserve may be made only after a public hearing has been held, except in emergency situations. If no hearing is held, the amount expended must be repaid to the reserve fund over the next two subsequent fiscal years. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

Restricted fund balance includes the following at June 30, 2019:

General Fund	
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 89,101
Retirement Contributions	623,612
Insurance	27,823
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	114,431
Repair	79,776
Capital Projects – Campus-Wide	308,189
Debt Service Fund	58,402
Total Restricted Funds	<u>\$ 1,301,334</u>

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June 30, 2019

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Equity Classifications – Continued

Committed – Includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the districts highest level of decision-making authority, i.e., the Board of Education. The District has no committed fund balances as of June 30, 2019.

Assigned – Includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The purpose of the constraint must be narrower than the purpose of the General Fund, and in funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the residual amount of fund balance. Assigned fund balance also includes an amount appropriated to partially fund the subsequent year's budget, as well as encumbrances not classified as restricted at the end of the fiscal year.

Unassigned – Includes all other General Fund amounts that do not meet the definition of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the District and could report a surplus or deficit. In funds other than the General Fund, the unassigned classification is used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted or assigned.

Unassigned Fund Balance

NYS Real Property Tax Law §1318 limits the amount of unexpended surplus funds, excluding the reserve for tax reduction, a school district can retain to no more than 4% of the District's budget for the General Fund for the ensuing fiscal year. Nonspendable and restricted fund balance of the General Fund are excluded from the 4% limitation. Amounts appropriated for the subsequent year, encumbrances and amounts reserved for insurance recoveries are also excluded from the 4% limitation.

Order of Use of Fund Balance

The District's policy is to apply expenditures against nonspendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. For all funds, nonspendable fund balances are determined first and then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined. Any remaining fund balance amounts for funds other than the General Fund are classified as assigned fund balance. In the General Fund, committed fund balance is determined next and then assigned. The remaining amounts are reported as unassigned. Assignments of fund balance cannot cause a negative unassigned fund balance.

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June 30, 2019

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

New Accounting Standards

The District has adopted all current Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) that are applicable. At June 30, 2019, the District implemented the following new statements issued by GASB:

GASB has issued Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2019.

GASB has issued Statement No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2019.

Future Changes in Accounting Standards

GASB has issued Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2020.

GASB has issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2021.

GASB has issued Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2021.

GASB has issued Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests- and amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2020.

GASB has issued Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2022.

The District will evaluate the impact each of these pronouncements may have on its financial statements and will implement them as applicable and when material.

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June 30, 2019

**NOTE 2 – EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN FUND STATEMENTS AND DISTRICT-WIDE
STATEMENTS**

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the fund statements and the District-wide statements, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items. The differences result primarily from the economic focus of the District-wide statements, compared with the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds

Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds vs. Net Position of Governmental Activities

Total fund balances of the District's governmental funds differ from "net position" of governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the solely current financial resources focus of the governmental fund Balance Sheet, as applied to the reporting of capital assets and long-term liabilities, including pensions and other postemployment benefits.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances vs. Statement of Activities

Differences between the funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances and the Statement of Activities fall into one of five broad categories. The amounts shown below represent:

1. Long-Term Revenue Differences:

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered "available", whereas the Statement of Activities reports revenues when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a modified accrual basis, whereas the accrual basis of accounting is used on the Statement of Activities.

2. Capital Related Differences:

Capital related differences include the difference between proceeds for the sale of capital assets reported on governmental fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the Statement of Activities, and the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items in the governmental fund statements and depreciation expense on those items as recorded in the Statement of Activities.

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NOTE 2 – EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FUND STATEMENTS AND DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENTS – Continued

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances vs. Statement of Activities – Continued

3. Long-Term Debt Transaction Differences:

Long-term debt transaction differences occur because both interest and principal payments are recorded as expenditures in the fund statements, whereas interest payments are recorded in the Statement of Activities as incurred, and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

4. Pension Differences:

Pension differences occur as a result of changes in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset (liability) and differences between the District's contributions and its proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension systems.

5. OPEB Differences:

OPEB differences occur as a result of changes in the District's total OPEB liability and differences between the District's contributions and OPEB expense.

NOTE 3 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgets

The District administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the following governmental fund for which legal (appropriated) budgets are adopted:

The voters of the District approved the proposed appropriation budget for the General Fund.

Appropriations are adopted at the program line item level.

Appropriations established by the adoption of the budget constitute a limitation on expenditures (and encumbrances) that may be incurred. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year unless expended or encumbered. Encumbrances will lapse if not expended in the subsequent year.

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June 30, 2019

NOTE 3 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY – Continued

Budgets – Continued

Appropriations authorized for the current year are increased by the planned use of specific reserves, and budget amendments approved by the Board of Education as a result of selected new revenue sources not included in the original budget (when permitted by law). These supplemental appropriations may occur subject to legal restrictions if the Board approves them because of a need that exists which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted. The following supplemental appropriation occurred during the year: voter and board approved transfer of an additional \$450,000 of capital reserve monies to be used in the campus-wide project.

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with GAAP. Appropriations authorized for the year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year.

Budgets are established and used for individual capital project fund expenditures as approved by a special referendum of the District's voters. The maximum project amount authorized is based primarily upon the cost of the project, plus any requirements for external borrowings, not annual appropriations. These budgets do not lapse and are carried over to subsequent fiscal years until the completion of the projects.

Special Revenue Funds have not been included in the comparison because they do not have a legally authorized (appropriated) budget.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is used for budget control and monitoring purposes and is reported as a part of the governmental funds. Under this method, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded to reserve applicable appropriations. Outstanding encumbrances as of year-end are presented as restrictions or assignments of fund balance and do not represent expenditures or liabilities. These commitments will be honored in the subsequent period. Related expenditures are recognized at that time, as the liability is incurred or the commitment is paid.

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June 30, 2019

**NOTE 3 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND
ACCOUNTABILITY – Continued**

Other

The District's unreserved undesignated fund balance was in excess of the New York State Real Property Tax Law §1318 limit, which restricts it to an amount not greater than 4% of the District's budget for the upcoming school year. Actions the District plans to pursue to address this issue include a current appropriated fund balance for subsequent year expenditures for the year ending June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$1,325,805. This appropriation will bring the balance of unreserved undesignated fund balance closer to 4%.

The Capital Projects – Smart Schools Fund shows an unassigned fund balance deficit of \$11,600. This deficit has accumulated over the normal course of operations and will be diminished when funding is received in the next fiscal year from the Smart Schools Bond Act.

**NOTE 4 – CASH (AND CASH EQUIVALENTS) - CUSTODIAL
CREDIT, CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT, INTEREST RATE,
AND FOREIGN CURRENCY RISKS**

Cash

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. While the District does not have a specific policy for custodial credit risk, New York State statutes govern the District's investment policies, as discussed previously in these notes.

The District's aggregate bank balances (disclosed in the financial statements), included balances not covered by depository insurance at year-end, collateralized as follows:

Uncollateralized	<u>\$ -</u>
Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or its trust department or agent, but not in the District's name	<u>\$ 124,580</u>

Restricted cash represents cash and cash equivalents where use is limited by legal requirements. These assets represent amounts required by statute to be reserved for various purposes. Restricted cash as of year-end includes \$1,543,544 within the governmental funds and \$217,896 within the fiduciary funds.

The District does not typically purchase investments for a long enough duration to cause it to believe that it is exposed to any material interest rate risk.

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**NOTE 4 – CASH (AND CASH EQUIVALENTS) – CUSTODIAL
CREDIT, CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT, INTEREST RATE,
AND FOREIGN CURRENCY RISKS – Continued**

Cash – Continued

The District does not typically purchase investments denominated in a foreign currency and is not exposed to foreign currency risk.

Investment Pool

The District participated in a multi-municipal cooperative investment pool agreement pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Article 5-G, §119-0, whereby it holds a portion of the investments in cooperation with other participants. The investments are highly liquid and are considered to be cash equivalents. At June 30, 2019, the School District held \$2,228,177 in the General Fund, \$550,005 in the Capital Projects – Campus-Wide Fund, \$46,162 in the Debt Service Fund, and \$119,059 in the Fiduciary Funds through the cooperative classified as unrestricted and restricted cash.

The above amounts represent the cost of the investment pool shares and are considered to approximate market value. The investment pool is categorically exempt from the New York State collateral requirements. Additional information concerning the cooperative is presented in the annual report of NY Class.

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NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset balances and activity were as follows:

Governmental Activities	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements/ Reclassifications	Ending Balance
Capital Assets That Are Not Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 110,143	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,143
Construction in Progress	-	241,811	-	241,811
Total Nondepreciable Assets	<u>110,143</u>	<u>241,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>351,954</u>
Capital Assets That Are Depreciated:				
Buildings and Improvements	12,964,495	-	-	12,964,495
Furniture and Equipment	3,986,366	262,258	(145,570)	4,103,054
Total Depreciable Assets	<u>16,950,861</u>	<u>262,258</u>	<u>(145,570)</u>	<u>17,067,549</u>
Less - Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings and Improvements	7,135,991	428,615	-	7,564,606
Furniture and Equipment	2,967,747	159,919	(131,981)	2,995,685
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>10,103,738</u>	<u>588,534</u>	<u>(131,981)</u>	<u>10,560,291</u>
Total Depreciated Assets, Net	<u>6,847,123</u>	<u>(326,276)</u>	<u>(13,589)</u>	<u>6,507,258</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 6,957,266</u>	<u>\$ (84,465)</u>	<u>\$ (13,589)</u>	<u>\$ 6,859,212</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General Support	\$ 100,978
Instruction	452,666
Pupil Transportation	34,890
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 588,534</u>

NOTE 6 – SHORT-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS

There were no short-term debt financing transactions during the year ended June 30, 2019.

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NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS

Long-term liability balances and activity for the year are summarized below:

Government Activities	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
Bonds and Notes Payable:					
General Obligation Debt:					
Serial Bonds	\$ 3,252,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 612,000	\$ 2,840,000	\$ 645,000
Premium on Bonds	267,640	-	44,607	223,033	44,607
Total Bonds and Notes Payable	3,519,640	200,000	656,607	3,063,033	689,607
Other Liabilities:					
Compensated Absences Payable	283,312	6,924	-	290,236	-
Other Postemployment Benefits Liability	20,510,953	-	457,497	20,053,456	-
Net Pension Liability - Proportionate Share	84,642	102,922	-	187,564	-
Total Other Liabilities	20,878,907	109,846	457,497	20,531,256	-
Total Governmental Activities	\$24,398,547	\$ 309,846	\$ 1,114,104	\$23,594,289	\$ 689,607

The General Fund has typically been used to liquidate long-term liabilities such as compensated absences and postemployment benefits.

Existing serial and statutory bond obligations:

Description	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Interest Rate (%)	Balance
Serial Bonds - Refunding	9/21/16	6/15/24	2.00-4.00	\$ 2,265,000
Bus Purchase	9/5/18	9/1/23	2.75-2.875	200,000
Bus Purchase	9/1/17	9/1/22	2.25-2.375	150,000
Bus Purchase	9/1/16	9/1/21	1.625-1.75	150,000
Bus Purchase	9/3/15	9/1/20	1.30-2.75	50,000
Bus Purchase	9/4/14	9/1/19	1.875-2.125	25,000
Total Serial Bonds				\$ 2,840,000

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NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS – Continued

The following is a summary of debt service requirements at year-end June 30:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	\$ 645,000	\$ 97,343	\$ 742,343
2021	635,000	76,851	711,851
2022	635,000	54,287	689,287
2023	605,000	31,600	636,600
2024	320,000	8,975	328,975
Totals	<u>\$ 2,840,000</u>	<u>\$ 269,056</u>	<u>\$ 3,109,056</u>

Advance Refunding

In prior years, the District defeased certain general obligation bonds by placing the proceeds of the new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the District's financial statements. At June 30, 2019, the amount of outstanding defeased bonds totaled approximately \$2,325,000.

Interest on long-term debt for the year was composed of:

Interest Paid	\$ 108,291
Plus: Amortization of Deferred Charge on Bond Refunding	26,704
Less: Amortization of Bond Premium	(44,607)
Less: Interest Accrued in the Prior Year	(10,161)
Plus: Interest Accrued in the Current Year	<u>10,182</u>
Total Interest on Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 90,409</u>

The District had no capital lease obligations at June 30, 2019.

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NOTE 8 – PENSION PLANS

General Information

The District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS), and the New York State Employees' Retirement System (NYSERS). These are cost-sharing multiple employer public employee defined benefit retirement systems. The Systems offer a wide range of plans and benefits, which are related to years of service and final average salary, vesting of retirement benefits, death, and disability.

Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) Plan Description

The District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement (NYSTRS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits as well as, death and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York. The System is governed by a 10-member Board of Trustees. System benefits are established under New York State Law. Membership is mandatory and automatic for all full-time teachers, teaching assistants, guidance counselors and administrators employed in New York Public Schools and BOCES who elected to participate in TRS. Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. Additional information regarding the System, may be obtained by writing to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2395 or by referring to the NYSTRS Comprehensive Annual Financial report which can be found on the System's website at www.nystrs.org.

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NOTE 8 – PENSION PLANS – Continued

Employees' Retirement System (ERS) Plan Description

The District participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. The net position of the System is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), which was established to hold all net assets and record changes in plan net position allocated to the System. The Comptroller of the State of New York serves as the trustee of the Fund and is the administrative head of the System. System benefits are established under the provisions of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (RSSL). Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The District also participates in the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. The System is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. That report, including information with regard to benefits provided, may be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php or obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244.

TRS Benefits ProvidedBenefits

The benefits provided to members of the System are established by New York State law and may be amended only by the Legislature with the Governor's approval. Benefit provisions vary depending on date of membership and are subdivided into the following six classes:

Tier 1

Members who last joined prior to July 1, 1973 are covered by the provisions of Article 11 of the Education Law.

Tier 2

Members who last joined on or after July 1, 1973 and prior to July 27, 1976 are covered by the provisions of Article 11 of the Education Law and Article 11 of the Retirement and Social Security Law (RSSL).

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NOTE 8 – PENSION PLANS – Continued

TRS Benefits Provided – Continued

Tier 3

Members who last joined on or after July 27, 1976 and prior to September 1, 1983 are covered by the provisions of Article 14 and Article 15 of the RSSL.

Tier 4

Members who last joined on or after September 1, 1983 and prior to January 1, 2010 are covered by the provisions of Article 15 of the RSSL.

Tier 5

Members who joined on or after January 1, 2010 and prior to April 1, 2012 are covered by the provisions of Article 15 of the RSSL.

Tier 6

Members who joined on or after April 1, 2012 are covered by the provisions of Article 15 of the RSSL.

Service Retirements

Tier 1 members are eligible, beginning at age 55, for a service retirement allowance of approximately 2% per year of credited service times final average salary.

Under Article 19 of the RSSL, eligible Tier 1 and 2 members can receive additional service credit of one-twelfth of a year for each year of retirement credit as of the date of retirement or death up to a maximum of 2 additional years.

Tiers 2 through 5 are eligible for the same but with the following limitations: (1) Tiers 2 through 4 members receive an unreduced benefit for retirement at age 62 or retirement at ages 55 through 61 with 30 years of service or reduced benefit for retirement at ages 55 through 61 with less than 30 years of service. (2) Tier 5 members receive an unreduced benefit for retirement at age 62 or retirement at ages 57 through 61 with 30 years of service. They receive a reduced benefit for retirement at age 55 and 56 regardless of service credit, or ages 57 through 61 with less than 30 years of service.

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NOTE 8 – PENSION PLANS – Continued

TRS Benefits Provided – Continued

Tier 6 members are eligible for a service retirement allowance of 1.75% per year of credited service for the first 20 years of service plus 2% per year for years of service in excess of 20 years times final average salary. Tier 6 members receive an unreduced benefit for retirement at age 63. They receive a reduced benefit at ages 55-62 regardless of service credit.

Vested Benefits

Retirement benefits vest after 5 years of credited service except for Tier 5 and 6 where 10 years of credited service are required. Benefits are payable at age 55 or greater with the limitations previously noted for service retirements.

Disability Retirement

Members are eligible for disability retirement benefits after 10 years of credited New York State service except for Tier 3 where disability retirement is permissible after 5 years of credited New York State service pursuant to the provisions of Article 14 of the RSSL. The Tier 3 benefit is integrated with Social Security.

Death Benefits

Death benefits are paid to the beneficiary of active members who die in service. The benefit is based on final salary and the number of years of credited service.

Prior Service

After 2 years of membership, members of all tiers may claim and receive credit for prior New York State public or teaching service. Only Tier 1 and 2 members may, under certain conditions, claim out-of-state service.

Tier Reinstatement

In accordance with Chapter 640 of the Laws of 1998, any active member who had a prior membership may elect to be reinstated to their original date and Tier of membership.

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NOTE 8 – PENSION PLANS – Continued

TRS Benefits Provided – Continued

Permanent Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)

Section 532-a of the Education Law provides a permanent cost-of-living benefit to both current and future retired members. This benefit will be paid commencing September of each year to retired members who have attained age 62 and have been retired for 5 years or attained age 55 and have been retired for 10 years. Disability retirees must have been retired for 5 years, regardless of age, to be eligible. The annual COLA percentage is equal to 50% of the increase in the consumer price index, not to exceed 3% nor be lower than 1%. It is applied to the first eighteen thousand dollars of annual benefit. The applicable percentage payable beginning September 2018 is 1.2%. Members who retired prior to July 1, 1970 are eligible for a minimum benefit of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars for 35 years of credited full-time New York State service. Certain members who retire pursuant to the provisions of Article 14 of the RSSL are eligible for automatic cost-of-living supplementation based on the increase in the consumer price index with a maximum per annum increase of 3%.

ERS Benefits Provided

Benefits

The System provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits.

Tiers 1 and 2

Eligibility: Tier 1 members, with the exception of those retiring under special retirement plans, must be at least age 55 to be eligible to collect a retirement benefit. There is no minimum service requirement for Tier 1 members. Tier 2 members, with the exception of those retiring under special retirement plans, must have 5 years of service and be at least age 55 to be eligible to collect a retirement benefit. The age at which full benefits may be collected for Tier 1 is 55, and the full benefit age for Tier 2 is 62.

Benefit Calculation: Generally, the benefit is 1.67 percent of final average salary for each year of service if the member retires with less than 20 years. If the member retires with 20 or more years of service, the benefit is 2 percent of final average salary for each year of service. Tier 2 members with five or more years of service can retire as early as age 55 with reduced benefits. Tier 2 members age 55 or older with 30 or more years of service can retire with no reduction in benefits. As a result of Article 19 of the RSSL, Tier 1 and Tier 2 members who worked continuously from April 1, 1999 through October 1, 2000 received an additional month of service credit for each year of credited service they have at retirement, up to a maximum of 24 additional months.

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NOTE 8 – PENSION PLANS – Continued

ERS Benefits Provided – Continued

Final average salary is the average of the wages earned in the 3 highest consecutive years of employment. For Tier 1 members who joined on or after June 17, 1971, each year's compensation in the final average salary calculation is limited to no more than 20 percent greater than the previous year. For Tier 2 members, each year of final average salary is limited to no more than 20 percent of the average of the previous 2 years.

Tiers 3, 4, and 5

Eligibility: Tier 3 and 4 members, with the exception of those retiring under special retirement plans, must have 5 years of service and be at least age 55 to be eligible to collect a retirement benefit. Tier 5 members, with the exception of those retiring under special retirement plans, must have 10 years of service and be at least age 55 to be eligible to collect a retirement benefit. The full benefit age for Tier 3, 4 and 5 is 62.

Benefit Calculation: Generally, the benefit is 1.67 percent of final average salary for each year of service if the member retires with less than 20 years. If a member retires with between 20 and 30 years of service, the benefit is 2 percent of final average salary for each year of service. If a member retires with more than 30 years of service, an additional benefit of 1.5 percent of final average salary is applied for each year of service over 30 years. Tier 3 and 4 members with five or more years of service and Tier 5 members with 10 or more years of service can retire as early as age 55 with reduced benefits. Tier 3 and 4 members age 55 or older with 30 or more years of service can retire with no reduction in benefits.

Final average salary is the average of the wages earned in the 3 highest consecutive years of employment. For Tier 3, 4 and 5 members, each year's compensation used in the final average salary calculation is limited to no more than 10 percent greater than the average of the previous 2 years.

Tier 6

Eligibility: Tier 6 members, with the exception of those retiring under special retirement plans, must have 10 years of service and be at least age 55 to be eligible to collect a retirement benefit. The full benefit age for Tier 6 is 63 for ERS members.

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NOTE 8 – PENSION PLANS – Continued

ERS Benefits Provided – Continued

Benefit Calculation: Generally, the benefit is 1.67 percent of final average salary for each year of service if the member retires with less than 20 years. If a member retires with 20 years of service, the benefit is 1.75 percent of final average salary for each year of service. If a member retires with more than 20 years of service, an additional benefit of 2 percent of final average salary is applied for each year of service over 20 years. Tier 6 members with 10 or more years of service can retire as early as age 55 with reduced benefits.

Final average salary is the average of the wages earned in the 5 highest consecutive years of employment. For Tier 6 members, each year's compensation used in the final average salary calculation is limited to no more than 10 percent greater than the average of the previous 4 years.

Vested Benefits

Members who joined the System prior to January 1, 2010 need five years of service to be 100 percent vested. Members who joined on or after January 1, 2010 require ten years of service credit to be 100 percent vested.

Disability Retirement Benefits

Disability retirement benefits are available to ERS members unable to perform their job duties because of permanent physical or mental incapacity. There are three general types of disability benefits: ordinary, performance of duty, and accidental disability benefits. Eligibility, benefit amounts, and other rules such as any offset of other benefits depend on a member's tier, years of service, and plan.

Ordinary Death Benefits

Death benefits are payable upon the death, before retirement, of a member who meets eligibility requirements as set forth by law. The first \$50,000 of an ordinary death benefit is paid in the form of group term life insurance. The benefit is generally three times the member's annual salary. For most members, there is also a reduced post-retirement ordinary death benefit available.

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NOTE 8 – PENSION PLANS – Continued**ERS Benefits Provided – Continued****Post-Retirement Benefit Increases**

A cost-of-living adjustment is provided annually to: (i) all retirees who have attained age 62 and have been retired for five years; (ii) all retirees who have attained age 55 and have been retired for 10 years; (iii) all disability retirees, regardless of age, who have been retired for five years; (iv) ERS recipients of an accidental death benefit, regardless of age, who have been receiving such benefit for five years and (v) the spouse of a deceased retiree receiving a lifetime benefit under an option elected by the retiree at retirement. An eligible spouse is entitled to one-half the cost-of-living adjustment amount that would have been paid to the retiree when the retiree would have met the eligibility criteria. This cost-of-living adjustment is a percentage of the annual retirement benefit of the eligible retiree as computed on a base benefit amount not to exceed \$18,000 of the annual retirement benefit. The cost-of-living percentage shall be 50 percent of the annual Consumer Price Index as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor but cannot be less than 1 percent or exceed 3 percent.

Funding Policies

The Systems are noncontributory except for employees who joined after July 27, 1976, who contribute 3 percent of their salary for the first ten years of membership, and employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010 who generally contribute 3.0% to 3.5% of their salary for their entire length of service. In addition, employee contribution rates under ERS tier VI vary based on a sliding salary scale. For TRS, contribution rates are established annually by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board pursuant to Article 11 of the Education Law. For ERS, the Comptroller annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions for the ERS' fiscal year ended March 31. The District paid 100% of the required contributions as billed by the TRS and ERS for the current year and each of the two preceding years. (The District chose to prepay the required contributions by December 15, 2018 and received an overall discount of \$1,066).

The District's share of the required contributions, based on covered payroll paid for the current and two preceding years, were:

	NYSTRS	NYSERS
2018-2019	\$ 282,829	\$ 125,534
2017-2018	312,483	127,807
2016-2017	340,643	127,871

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NOTE 8 – PENSION PLANS – Continued**Funding Policies – Continued**

Since 1989, the NYSERS billings have been based on Chapter 62 of the Laws of 1989 of the State of New York. This legislation requires participating employers to make payments on a current basis, while amortizing existing unpaid amounts relating to the System's fiscal years ending March 31, 1988 and 1989 over a 17-year period, with an 8.75% interest factor added. Local governments were given the option to prepay this liability, which the District exercised.

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

At June 30, 2019, the District reported the following asset (liability) for its proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) for each of the Systems. The net pension asset (liability) was measured as of March 31, 2019 for ERS and June 30, 2018 for TRS. The total pension asset (liability) used to calculate the net pension asset (liability) was determined by an actuarial valuation. The District's proportion of the net pension asset (liability) was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the Systems relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. This information was provided by the ERS and TRS Systems in reports provided to the District.

	ERS	TRS
Measurement Date	March 31, 2019	June 30, 2018
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability)	\$ (187,564)	\$ 320,383
District's Portion (%) of the Plan's Total Net Pension Asset (Liability)	0.0026472%	0.017718%
Change in Proportion (%) Since the Prior Measurement Date	0.0000246%	0.000893%

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NOTE 8 – PENSION PLANS – Continued

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

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the District's recognized pension expense (credit) of \$6,677 for ERS and \$(76,215) for TRS. At June 30, 2019, the District's reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>		<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	
	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 36,935	\$ 239,419	\$ 12,591	\$ 43,368
Changes of Assumptions	47,146	1,119,948	-	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	-	-	48,139	355,649
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between the District's Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	41,023	4,326	10,261	87,716
District's Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	39,636	309,993	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 164,740</u>	<u>\$ 1,673,686</u>	<u>\$ 70,991</u>	<u>\$ 486,733</u>

District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension asset (liability) in the year ended June 30, 2020, if applicable. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense for the year ended as follows:

	ERS	TRS
2020	\$ 48,925	\$ 305,861
2021	(27,801)	202,760
2022	3,071	7,724
2023	29,918	202,005
2024	-	134,695
Thereafter	-	23,915

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NOTE 8 – PENSION PLANS – Continued**Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension asset (liability) as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension asset (liability) to the measurement date.

Significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuations were as follows:

	ERS	TRS
Measurement Date	March 31, 2019	June 30, 2018
Actuarial Valuation Date	April 1, 2018	June 30, 2017
Interest Rate	7.00%	7.25%
Salary Scale	4.2%	1.9% - 4.72%
Decrement Tables	April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2015 System's Experience	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2014 System's Experience
Inflation Rate	2.5%	2.25%

For ERS, annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2015 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2014. For TRS, annuitant mortality rates are based on July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2014.

For ERS, the actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2018 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2015. For TRS, the actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTE 8 – PENSION PLANS – Continued

Actuarial Assumptions – Continued

The long-term 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 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 each target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of the arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation are summarized below:

	ERS	TRS
Measurement Date	March 31, 2019	June 30, 2018
Asset Type		
Domestic Equity	4.55%	5.80%
International Equity	6.35%	7.30%
Private Equity	7.50%	8.90%
Global Equity		6.70%
Real Estate	5.55%	4.90%
Absolute Return Strategies	3.75%	
Opportunistic Portfolio	5.68%	
Real Assets	5.29%	
Bonds and Mortgages	1.31%	
Cash	-0.25%	
Inflation - Indexed Bonds	1.25%	
Private Debt		6.80%
Real Estate Debt		2.80%
Domestic Fixed Income Securities		1.30%
Global Fixed Income Securities		0.90%
Short-Term		0.30%
High-Yield Fixed Income Securities		3.50%

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NOTE 8 - PENSION PLANS – Continued

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to calculate the total pension asset (liability) was 7.00% for ERS and 7.25% for TRS. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based upon the assumptions, the Systems' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension asset (liability).

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability) to the Discount Rate Assumption

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) calculated using the discount rate of 7.00% for ERS and 7.25% for TRS, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.00% for ERS and 6.25% for TRS) or 1-percentage point higher (8.00% for ERS and 8.25% for TRS) than the current rate:

ERS	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Assumption (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability)	\$ (820,058)	\$ (187,564)	\$ 343,777
TRS	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Assumption (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability)	\$ (2,201,081)	\$ 320,383	\$ 2,432,669

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NOTE 8 - PENSION PLANS – Continued

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

The components of the current-year net pension asset (liability) of the employers as of the respective measurement dates, were as follows:

	(In Thousands)		
	ERS	TRS	Total
Measurement Date	March 31, 2019	June 30, 2018	
Employer's Total Pension Asset (Liability)	\$ (189,803,429)	\$ (118,107,254)	\$ (307,910,683)
Plan Net Position	<u>182,718,124</u>	<u>119,915,518</u>	<u>302,633,642</u>
Employer's Net Pension Asset (Liability)	<u>\$ (7,085,305)</u>	<u>\$ 1,808,264</u>	<u>\$ (5,277,041)</u>
Ratio of Plan Net Position to the Employer's Total Pension Asset (Liability)	96.27%	101.53%	

Payables to the Pension Plan

For ERS, employer contributions are paid annually based on the System's fiscal year which ends on March 31. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2019 represent the projected employer contribution for the period of April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 based on paid ERS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2019 amounted to \$39,636.

For TRS, employer and employee contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 are paid to the System in September, October and November 2019 through a state aid intercept. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2019 represent employee and employer contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 based on paid TRS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier and employee contributions for the fiscal year as reported to the TRS System. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2019 amounted to \$323,319.

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NOTE 9 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Interfund balances at June 30, 2019 are as follows:

	Interfund		Interfund	
	Receivables	Payables	Revenues	Expenditures
General	\$ 522,241	\$ 39,771	\$ -	\$ 569,756
Special Aid	39,771	327,443	6,756	-
Debt Service	12,240	-	7,233	-
School Food Service	-	36,316	13,000	-
Capital Projects - Campus-Wide	-	155,345	550,000	-
Capital Projects - Bus Purchases	-	-	-	7,233
Capital Projects - Smart Schools	-	11,600	-	-
Total Government Activities	574,252	570,475	576,989	576,989
Fiduciary	-	3,777	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 574,252</u>	<u>\$ 574,252</u>	<u>\$ 576,989</u>	<u>\$ 576,989</u>

The District typically transfers resources between funds for the purpose of mitigating the effects of transient cash flow issues. The General Fund advanced funds to the Special Aid Fund to provide temporary cash until New York State has reimbursed the grant programs. Unexpended funds from a capital project are transferred to the Debt Service Fund upon completion.

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NOTE 10 – FUND BALANCE EQUITY

The following is a summary of the Governmental Funds fund balances of the District at the year ended June 30, 2019.

FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	General	Capital Projects - Campus- Wide	Non-Major	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable				
School Food Service Inventory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,217	\$ 9,217
Prepaid Expenditures	4,903	-	-	4,903
Restricted				
Debt Service	-	-	58,402	58,402
Unemployment Insurance	89,101	-	-	89,101
Retirement Contributions	623,612	-	-	623,612
Insurance	27,823	-	-	27,823
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	114,431	-	-	114,431
Repair	79,776	-	-	79,776
Capital Projects - Campus-Wide	-	308,189	-	308,189
Assigned				
General Support	125	-	-	125
Designated for Next Fiscal Year	1,325,805	-	-	1,325,805
School Food Service Fund	-	-	15,466	15,466
Unassigned (Deficit)				
Capital Projects - Smart Schools	-	-	(11,600)	(11,600)
General Fund	637,415	-	-	637,415
Total Governmental Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,902,991</u>	<u>\$ 308,189</u>	<u>\$ 71,485</u>	<u>\$ 3,282,665</u>

**NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT (HEALTH INSURANCE)
BENEFITS**

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan Description – The District’s defined benefit OPEB plan, provides OPEB for all permanent full-time employees of the District. The plan is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the District. Article 11 of the State Compiled Statutes grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms and financing requirements to the District Board. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 75.

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NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT (HEALTH INSURANCE)**BENEFITS – Continued**

General Information about the OPEB Plan - Continued

Benefits Provided – The District provides healthcare benefits for retirees and their dependents. The benefit terms are dependent on which contract each employee falls under. The specifics of each contract are on file at the District offices and are available upon request.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms – At June 30, 2019, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	52
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	<u>61</u>
Total Covered Employees	<u><u>113</u></u>

The District recognizes the cost of providing health insurance annually as expenditures in the General Fund of the fund financial statements as payments are made. For the year ended June 30, 2019, the District recognized approximately \$1,650,000 for its share of insurance premiums for currently enrolled retirees.

The District participates in the St. Lawrence-Lewis Health Insurance Consortium (the Plan). The Plan allows eligible District employees and spouses to continue health coverage upon retirement. The Plan does issue a publicly available financial report.

The District provides postemployment health insurance coverage to retired employees in accordance with the provisions of various employment contracts. The benefit levels, employee contributions, and employer contributions are governed by the District's contractual agreements. Under both instructional and non-instructional contracts, the District's employees will continue to pay a portion of the total cost of health insurance coverage after retirement. The District remains responsible for the remaining cost with the exception of one employee where the District assumes the full cost of health insurance coverage after retirement.

Eligible teachers are those who are at least age 55 with 10 years of service. Employees must also be eligible to retire under the TRS. Current and future retirees in the teacher employee group contribute 20% of the premium for both individual and spousal coverage. Surviving spouses do not receive health care coverage.

Eligible employees are those who are members of the CSEA employee group are at least age 55 and have 10 years of service. Employees must also be eligible under the ERS for this group. Current and future retirees contribute 30% of the plan premium for individual coverage and 50% for spousal coverage. Surviving spouses do not receive health care coverage under this plan.

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NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT (HEALTH INSURANCE)**BENEFITS – Continued****Total OPEB Liability**

The District has obtained an actuarial valuation report as of June 30, 2019 which indicates that the total liability for other postemployment benefits is \$20,053,456 which is reflected in the Statement of Net Position. The OPEB liability was measured as of July 1, 2018 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2017.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs – The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Measurement Date	07/01/18
Rate of Compensation Increase	3.00%
Inflation Rate	2.20%
Discount Rate	3.87%

Assumed Medical and Prescription Trend Rates at June 30

Health Care Cost Trend Rate Assumed for Next Fiscal Year	6.50%
Rate to Which the Cost Trend Rate is Assumed to Decline (the Ultimate Trend Rate)	3.84%
Fiscal Year that the Rate Reaches the Ultimate Trend Rate	2078

Additional Information

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Percentage
Amortization Period (in Years)	5.45
Method used to determine Actuarial Value of Assets	N/A

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer Weekly 20-Bond GO Index as of July 1, 2018.

Mortality rates were based on the sex-distinct RPH-2014 Mortality Tables for employees and healthy annuitants, adjusted backwards to 2006 with scale MP-2014, and projected forward with scale MP-2018.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

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NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT (HEALTH INSURANCE)**BENEFITS – Continued****Changes in the Total OPEB Liability**

Balance at June 30, 2018	\$ 20,510,953
Changes for the Year	
Service Cost	666,783
Interest	751,946
Changes of Benefit Terms	(128,168)
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	(1,167,380)
Benefit Payments	<u>(580,678)</u>
Net Changes	<u>(457,497)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2019	<u><u>\$ 20,053,456</u></u>

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.60 percent on July 1, 2017 to 3.87 percent on July 1, 2018.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.87 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (4.87 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.87%)	Discount Rate (3.87%)	1% Increase (4.87%)
Total OPEB Liability	<u><u>\$ 23,490,016</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 20,053,456</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,288,097</u></u>

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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June 30, 2019

**NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT (HEALTH INSURANCE)
BENEFITS – Continued****Changes in the Total OPEB Liability – Continued**

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (2.84 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (4.84 percent) than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

	1% Decrease (Trend Less 1% Decreasing to 2.84%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates (Trend Decreasing to 3.84%)	1% Increase (Trend Plus 1% Decreasing to 4.84%)
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 16,872,738</u>	<u>\$ 20,053,456</u>	<u>\$ 24,131,600</u>

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources
Related to OPEB**

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the District recognized OPEB credit of \$(726,470). At June 30, 2019, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ -	\$ 1,516,996
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	-	3,670,796
Benefit Payments Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>571,841</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 571,841</u>	<u>\$ 5,187,792</u>

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June 30, 2019

**NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT (HEALTH INSURANCE)
BENEFITS – Continued**

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources
Related to OPEB – Continued**

District benefit payments subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2020. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,

2020	\$ (1,445,190)
2021	(1,445,190)
2022	(1,445,190)
2023	(755,832)
2024 and Thereafter	<u>(96,390)</u>
	<u>\$ (5,187,792)</u>

NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT

General

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage, injuries, errors and omissions, natural disasters, and other risks. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past two years.

Pooled Non-Risk-Retained

The District incurs costs related to an employee health insurance plan (Plan) sponsored by St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES and its component districts. The Plan's objectives are to formulate, develop and administer a program of insurance to obtain lower costs for that coverage, and to develop a comprehensive loss control program. Districts joining the Plan must remain members for a minimum of one (1) year; a member may withdraw from the Plan after that time by advance written notification to the Plan's Board of Directors. Plan members include eighteen (18) districts and the BOCES with the Hermon-Dekalb Central School District bearing a 2.45% share of the Plan's assets and claims liabilities.

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NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT – Continued

Pooled Non-Risk-Retained – Continued

Plan members are subject to a supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies. If the Plan's assets were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the plan's liabilities. The Plan uses a reinsurance agreement to reduce its exposure to large losses on insured events. Reinsurance permits recovery of a portion of losses from the reinsurer, although it does not discharge the liability of the Plan as direct insurer of the risks reinsured. The Plan establishes a liability for both reported and unreported insured events, which includes estimates of both future payments of losses and related claim adjustment expenses. However, because actual claim costs depend on complex factors, the process used in computing claims liabilities does not necessarily result in an exact amount. Such claims are based on the ultimate cost of claims (including future claim adjustment expenses) that have been reported but not settled and claims that have been incurred but not reported. Adjustments to claims liabilities are charged or credited to expense in the periods in which they are made.

The Plan issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained in writing: St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School District Employee Medical Plan, Post Office Box 697, Canton, New York 13617.

The District participates in the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School District Employees Workers' Compensation Plan, a risk-sharing pool, to insure Workers' Compensation claims. This is a public entity risk pool created under Article 5 of the Workers' Compensation Law to finance liability and risks related to Workers' Compensation claims. The District share of the liability for unbilled and open claims is \$0.

NOTE 13 - CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

The District has received grants, which are subject to audit by agencies of the State and Federal governments. Such audits may result in disallowances and a request for a return of funds. Based on prior years' experience, the District's administration believes disallowances, if any, will be immaterial.

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NOTE 14 – DONOR RESTRICTED ENDOWMENTS

The District administers endowment funds, which are restricted by the donor for the purposes of Scholarships.

Donor-restricted endowments are reported at fair value.

The District authorizes expenditures from donor-restricted endowments in compliance with the wishes expressed by the donor, which varies among the unique endowments administered by the District.

NOTE 15 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 10, 2019, which is the date of the issuance of the financial statements.

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HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION****SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS****LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS**

Ended June 30, 2019

Total OPEB Liability	2019	2018
Service Cost	\$ 666,783	\$ 775,116
Interest	751,946	746,432
Changes in Benefit Terms	(128,168)	-
Difference between Expected and Actual Experience	-	(2,398,972)
Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs	(1,167,380)	(4,297,622)
Benefit Payments	(580,678)	541,093
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	<u>(457,497)</u>	<u>(4,633,953)</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	<u>20,510,953</u>	<u>25,144,906</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u><u>\$ 20,053,456</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 20,510,953</u></u>
Covered Payroll	\$ 3,963,354	\$ 3,521,240
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	505.97%	582.49%

10 years of historical information was not available upon implementation. An additional year of historical information will be added each year subsequent to the year of implementation until 10 years of historical data is available.

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditor's report.

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET (NON-GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND**

Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Original Budget	Final Budget
REVENUES		
Local Sources		
Real Property Taxes	\$ 2,093,260	\$ 2,093,260
Other Tax Items	444,695	444,695
Charges for Services	-	-
Use of Money and Property	25,000	25,000
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-
Total Local Sources	<u>2,562,955</u>	<u>2,562,955</u>
State Sources	7,050,775	7,050,775
Medicaid Reimbursement	10,000	10,000
Total Revenues	<u>9,623,730</u>	<u>9,623,730</u>
EXPENDITURES		
General Support		
Board of Education	10,225	10,225
Central Administration	142,907	141,478
Finance	264,892	264,890
Staff	55,819	74,394
Central Services	585,349	582,631
Special Items	276,614	276,614
Total General Support	<u>1,335,806</u>	<u>1,350,232</u>
Instruction		
Instruction, Administration and Improvement	271,247	276,409
Teaching - Regular School	2,264,058	2,363,862
Programs for Children with Handicapping Conditions	1,845,852	1,686,989
Occupational Education	257,629	257,629
Teaching - Special School	97,293	97,293
Instructional Media	411,971	412,816
Pupil Services	403,631	403,631
Total Instruction	<u>5,551,681</u>	<u>5,498,629</u>
Pupil Transportation	430,757	469,383
Community Service	1,795	1,795
Employee Benefits	2,532,470	2,532,470
Debt Service	720,292	720,292
Total Expenditures	<u>10,572,801</u>	<u>10,572,801</u>
OTHER FINANCING USES		
Operating Transfers to Other Funds	145,000	595,000
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>10,717,801</u>	<u>11,167,801</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,094,071)	(1,544,071)
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	3,048,657	3,048,657
Fund Balances - End of Year	<u>\$ 1,954,586</u>	<u>\$ 1,504,586</u>

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Actual		Final Budget Variance With Actual	
\$	2,093,810	\$	550
	454,605		9,910
	42,912		42,912
	65,543		40,543
	7,146		7,146
	<u>168,452</u>		<u>168,452</u>
	2,832,468		269,513
	7,250,728		199,953
	14,263		4,263
	<u>10,097,459</u>	\$	<u>473,729</u>
		Final Budget Variance With Actual And Encumbrances	
	4,899	\$	5,326
	138,911		2,442
	262,937		1,953
	60,398		13,996
	570,223		12,408
	<u>272,527</u>		<u>4,087</u>
	<u>1,309,893</u>		<u>40,212</u>
	271,959		4,450
	2,216,915		146,947
	1,318,219		368,770
	257,629		-
	77,489		19,804
	402,581		10,235
	<u>361,104</u>		<u>42,527</u>
	<u>4,905,896</u>		<u>592,733</u>
	410,661		58,722
	1,663		132
	2,336,029		196,441
	<u>709,227</u>		<u>11,065</u>
	<u>9,673,369</u>		<u>899,305</u>
	569,756		25,244
	<u>10,243,125</u>	\$	<u>924,549</u>
	(145,666)		
	<u>3,048,657</u>		
\$	<u>2,902,991</u>		

Note to Required Supplementary Information Budget Basis of Accounting: Budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditor's report.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION ASSET (LIABILITY) - NYSLRS PENSION PLAN
LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS**

Ended June 30, 2019

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)					
District's Proportion of the Net Pension Asset (Liability)	0.017718%	0.016825%	0.016648%	0.016316%	0.015740%
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability)	\$ 320,383	\$ 127,888	\$ (178,307)	\$ 1,694,679	\$ 1,753,390
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 2,891,593	\$ 2,675,195	\$ 2,568,772	\$ 2,470,842	\$ 2,336,353
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	<u>11.08%</u>	<u>4.78%</u>	<u>6.94%</u>	<u>68.59%</u>	<u>75.05%</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Asset (Liability)	101.53%	100.66%	99.01%	110.46%	111.48%
Employees' Retirement System (ERS)					
District's Proportion of the Net Pension Asset (Liability)	0.0026472%	0.0026226%	0.0028900%	0.0029169%	0.0031027%
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability)	\$ (187,564)	\$ (84,642)	\$ (271,550)	\$ (468,171)	\$ (104,816)
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 893,460	\$ 865,863	\$ 854,222	\$ 810,716	\$ 838,142
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	<u>20.99%</u>	<u>9.78%</u>	<u>31.79%</u>	<u>57.75%</u>	<u>12.51%</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Asset (Liability)	96.27%	98.24%	94.70%	90.68%	97.95%

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HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS – NYSLRS PENSION PLAN**LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS**

Ended June 30, 2019

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)					
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 282,829	\$ 312,483	\$ 340,643	\$ 429,632	\$ 419,750
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>282,829</u>	<u>312,483</u>	<u>340,643</u>	<u>429,632</u>	<u>419,750</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 2,891,593	\$ 2,675,195	\$ 2,568,772	\$ 2,470,842	\$ 2,336,353
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	9.78%	11.68%	13.26%	17.39%	17.97%
Employees' Retirement System (ERS)					
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 125,534	\$ 127,807	\$ 127,871	\$ 136,237	\$ 167,627
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>125,534</u>	<u>127,807</u>	<u>127,871</u>	<u>136,237</u>	<u>167,627</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 893,460	\$ 865,863	\$ 854,222	\$ 810,716	\$ 838,142
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.05%	14.76%	14.97%	16.80%	20.00%

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HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**SCHEDULE OF CHANGE FROM ADOPTED BUDGET TO FINAL BUDGET AND THE REAL
PROPERTY TAX LIMIT – GENERAL FUND**

June 30, 2019

CHANGE FROM ADOPTED BUDGET TO FINAL BUDGET

Adopted Budget	\$ 10,717,317
Add: Prior Year's Encumbrances	<u>484</u>
Original Budget	10,717,801
Budget Revisions	<u>450,000</u>
Final Budget	<u><u>\$ 11,167,801</u></u>

SECTION 1318 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW CALCULATION

2019-2020 Voter Approved Expenditure Budget	<u><u>\$ 11,336,755</u></u>
Maximum Allowed 4% of 2019-2020 Budget	<u><u>\$ 453,470</u></u>
General Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law	
Unrestricted Fund Balance:	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 1,325,930
Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>637,415</u>
Total Unrestricted Fund Balance	<u>1,963,345</u>
Less:	
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,325,805
Encumbrances Included in Assigned Fund Balance	<u>125</u>
Total Adjustments	<u>1,325,930</u>
General Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law	<u><u>\$ 637,415</u></u>
Actual Percentage	<u><u>5.62%</u></u>

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HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - PROJECTS EXPENDITURES AND FINANCING RESOURCES

Year Ended June 30, 2019

PROJECT	Expenditures						Methods of Financing						Transfer to Debt Service Fund	Fund Balance (Deficit) 6/30/2019
	Original Appropriation	Revised Appropriation	Prior Year	Current Year	Total	Unexpended Balance	BANS	Proceeds	State Aid	Local Sources	Total			
							Redeemed From Appropriations	Of Obligations						
Buses 6/30/19	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 192,767	\$ 192,767	\$ 7,233	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 7,233	\$ -	
Smart Schools	220,137	220,137	-	11,600	11,600	208,537	-	-	-	-	-	-	(11,600)	
Capital Project - Campus-Wide	15,000,000	15,000,000	-	241,811	241,811	14,758,189	-	-	-	550,000	550,000	-	308,189	
Totals	\$ 15,420,137	\$ 15,420,137	\$ -	\$ 446,178	\$ 446,178	\$ 14,973,959	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 550,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 7,233	\$ 296,589	

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditor's report.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET – NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2019

	<u>School Food Service</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects - Buses</u>	<u>Capital Projects - Smart Schools</u>	<u>Total Non-Major Funds</u>
ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents					
Unrestricted	\$ 39,387	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,387
Restricted	-	46,162	-	-	46,162
Receivables					
Due From Other Funds	-	12,240	-	-	12,240
State and Federal Aid	13,933	-	-	11,600	25,533
Inventories	9,217	-	-	-	9,217
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 62,537</u>	<u>\$ 58,402</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,600</u>	<u>\$ 132,539</u>
LIABILITIES					
Payables					
Accrued Liabilities	\$ 107	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 107
Due to Other Funds	36,316	-	-	11,600	47,916
Due to Other Governments	132	-	-	-	132
Unearned Credits					
Unearned Revenues	1,299	-	-	-	1,299
Total Liabilities	<u>37,854</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,600</u>	<u>49,454</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unearned Revenue	-	-	-	11,600	11,600
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,600</u>	<u>11,600</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	9,217	-	-	-	9,217
Restricted	-	58,402	-	-	58,402
Assigned	15,466	-	-	-	15,466
Unassigned (Deficit)	-	-	-	(11,600)	(11,600)
Total Fund Balances (Deficit)	<u>24,683</u>	<u>58,402</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,600)</u>	<u>71,485</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 62,537</u>	<u>\$ 58,402</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,600</u>	<u>\$ 132,539</u>

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditor's report.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINED REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Year Ended June 30, 2019

	School Food Service	Debt Service	Capital Projects - Buses	Capital Projects - Smart Schools	Total Non-Major Funds
REVENUES					
Use of Money and Property	\$ 4	\$ 6,396	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,400
State Sources	6,147	-	-	-	6,147
Federal Sources	188,844	-	-	-	188,844
Sales - School Food Service	49,847	-	-	-	49,847
Miscellaneous	8,460	-	-	-	8,460
Total Revenues	<u>253,302</u>	<u>6,396</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>259,698</u>
EXPENDITURES					
General Support	88,422	-	-	-	88,422
Instruction	-	-	-	-	-
Employee Benefits	55,619	-	-	-	55,619
Debt Service:					
Principal	-	10,345	-	-	10,345
Interest	-	719	-	-	719
Cost of Sales	122,234	-	-	-	122,234
Capital Outlay	-	-	192,767	11,600	204,367
Total Expenditures	<u>266,275</u>	<u>11,064</u>	<u>192,767</u>	<u>11,600</u>	<u>481,706</u>
Deficiency of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(12,973)</u>	<u>(4,668)</u>	<u>(192,767)</u>	<u>(11,600)</u>	<u>(222,008)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND (USES)					
Serial Bonds Issued	-	-	200,000	-	200,000
Operating Transfers In	13,000	7,233	-	-	20,233
Operating Transfers (Out)	-	-	(7,233)	-	(7,233)
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	<u>13,000</u>	<u>7,233</u>	<u>192,767</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>213,000</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	27	2,565	-	(11,600)	(9,008)
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>24,656</u>	<u>55,837</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,493</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit) - End of Year	<u>\$ 24,683</u>	<u>\$ 58,402</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (11,600)</u>	<u>\$ 71,485</u>

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditor's report.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS

Year Ended June 30, 2019

Capital Assets, Net		\$	6,859,212
Add:			
Deferred Charge on Bond Refunding			135,233
Deduct:			
Premium on Bonds Payable	\$	223,033	
Short-Term Portion of Bonds Payable		645,000	
Long-Term Portion of Bonds Payable		<u>2,195,000</u>	<u>3,063,033</u>
Net Investment in Capital Assets		\$	<u><u>3,931,412</u></u>

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditor's report.



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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 EDUCATION
HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards of generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hermon-DeKalb Central School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Hermon-DeKalb Central School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 10, 2019.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is 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.

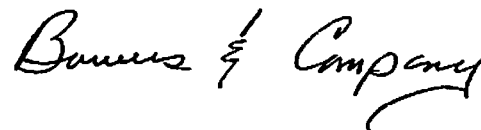
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not 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 Hermon-DeKalb Central School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statements 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Banner & Company". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Watertown, New York
October 10, 2019

EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS



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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS

**TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the Extra Classroom Activity Funds of Hermon-DeKalb Central School District for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related note to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for 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 an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Appendix E of the Minimum Program for Audit of Financial Records of New York State School Districts. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, 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 statement 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 statement.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to in the first paragraph presents fairly, in all material respects, the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of Extra Classroom Activity Funds of Hermon-DeKalb Central School District for the year ended June 30, 2019, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statement, which describes the basis of accounting. This financial statement is prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Bowers & Company

Watertown, New York
October 10, 2019

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS – STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Cash Balance 7/1/2018	Cash Receipts	Cash Disbursements	Cash Balance 6/30/2019
Class of:				
2016	\$ 1,360	\$ -	\$ 1,360	\$ -
2018	1,273	-	1,273	-
2019	5,115	14,775	19,677	213
2020	11,941	8,574	6,249	14,266
2021	4,886	12,323	8,180	9,029
2022	-	8,604	4,479	4,125
Art Club	287	-	-	287
Athletic Account	1,303	2,175	2,685	794
Cheerleading	40	-	-	40
Drama Club	2,797	1,577	1,455	2,919
Fine Arts Club	1,193	679	148	1,724
Interest Account	65	10	-	75
National Honor Society	940	640	795	786
Newspaper	216	-	-	216
NYS Sales Tax	317	1,493	1,519	292
Outing Club	3,599	6,654	5,349	4,904
Student Council	3,895	5,660	4,722	4,833
Yearbook	4,124	4,400	3,005	5,518
Total	\$ 43,351	\$ 67,564	\$ 60,895	\$ 50,020

See note to the financial statement.

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS - NOTE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30, 2019

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Extra Classroom Activity Funds of the Hermon-DeKalb Central School District represents funds of the students of the School District. The Board of Education exercises general oversight of these funds. The Extra Classroom Activity Funds are independent of the School District with respect to its financial transactions and the designation of student management.

The accounts of the Extra Classroom Activity Funds of the Hermon-DeKalb Central School District are maintained on a cash basis and the statement of cash receipts and disbursements reflects only cash received and disbursed. Therefore, receivables and payables, inventories, long-lived assets and accrued income and expenses, which would be recognized under generally accepted accounting principles and, which may be material in amount, are not recognized in the accompanying financial statement.



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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

To the Board of Education
Hermon-DeKalb Central School District

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Hermon-DeKalb Central School District for the year ended June 30, 2019, we considered the District's internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

However, during our audit we became aware of certain matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The following summarizes our comments and recommendations regarding the matters:

Fund Balance:

Condition

Real Property Tax Law 1318 states that the tax rate must reflect the return of all unexpended funds to the taxpayer except for an amount equal to 4% of the current budget, which may be retained as surplus. The District's unreserved, undesignated fund balance was in excess of the 4% limit for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Recommendation

We recommend District officials review fund balance during the budget process to ensure compliance with Real Property Tax Law.

Management's Response

District officials, including the Superintendent and Board of Education, review the fund balance frequently during the budget process. The application of fund balance towards the next year's tax levy is determined by the Board of Education. The 2019-2020 budget includes a \$300,000 transfer to Capital Fund to help pay for the upcoming Capital Project.

Extra Classroom Activity Funds:

Condition

The following items were noted during our audit of the Extra Classroom Activity Fund:

- Profit and Loss Statements should be used for sales and events.
- We examined ten receipts and noted that eight transactions did not have supporting documentation attached to the receipt form.
- We examined ten disbursements and noted that six transactions did not have supporting evidence of receiving goods.

Recommendation

We suggest the treasurer and advisors review the NYS SED Publication, *The Safeguarding, Accounting and Auditing of Extra Classroom Activity Funds*, which outlines the procedures that should be followed regarding receipts, disbursements, profit and loss statements and record keeping within the Extra Classroom Activity Fund.

Management's Response

The District will review the referenced publication and will endeavor to improve documentation. However, we recognize the inherent risk with the cash management of extra classroom activity.

Capital Asset Tracking:

Condition

It is the responsibility of management to prepare and maintain capital asset schedules and to ensure that appropriate capital asset accounting and financial reporting policies are in place that conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Policies (GAAP).

Recommendation

We recommend that the District considers reviewing the need for appraisals and consider using an external party (Bowers) to maintain the capital asset schedules.

Management's Response

The District is considering using an external party (Bowers) to maintain the capital asset schedules.

Condition: Documentation Procedures Relating to Time Certification of Federal Programs

Personnel costs charged to federal award programs need to be supported by a system of internal controls that provides assurance that personnel costs incurred are accurate, allowable and properly allocated. The District's practice is to prepare time certifications signed by the employees to provide assurance that personnel costs are accurate, allowable and properly allocated. However, the time certifications were inadvertently not completed in the current year.

Recommendation

We recommended that the District should resume using time certifications to document personnel time and effort requirements. There are two types of documentation requirements – semi-annual certifications and personnel activity reports. Semi-annual certifications are required for an employee who works on a single federal program. The semi-annual certification should be signed by the employee or supervisory official having firsthand knowledge of the work performed. Personnel activity reports are required for an employee who works on multiple activities or cost objectives and requires a distribution of the employee's salary and wages. The personnel activity report needs to be prepared at least monthly, include an after-the-fact distribution of actual activity of the employee, and signed by the employee.

Management's Response

The District will prepare the appropriate documentation to support salaries and wages charged to federal awards in accordance with the requirements of Uniform Guidance.

We appreciate the opportunity to conduct the audit and would like to express our thanks to the staff for the fine cooperation extended to us during the course of the audit.

Bowers & Company

Watertown, New York
October 10, 2019



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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

October 10, 2019

To the President and Members of the
Board of Education of the
Hermon-DeKalb Central School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hermon-DeKalb Central School District for the year ended June 30, 2019. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 1, 2019. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Hermon-DeKalb Central School District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2019. We noted no transactions entered into by Hermon-DeKalb Central School District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the depreciation expense is based on estimated useful lives of capital assets.

Management estimates actuarial assumptions that are used to determine pension asset (liabilities) and annual pension cost for the year in accordance with GASB Statement No. 68.

Management estimates actuarial assumptions that are used to determine annual postretirement cost for the year in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimated useful lives of capital assets in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. The attached material misstatements, detected as a result of audit procedures, were corrected by management.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 10, 2019.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to Hermon-DeKalb Central School District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as Hermon-DeKalb Central School District's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to *Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget (Non-GAAP) and Actual – General Fund, the Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability) – NYSLRS Pension Plan, and the Schedule of District's Contributions – NYSLRS Pension Plan*, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on *the Schedule of Change from Adopted Budget to Final Budget and Real Property Tax Limit – General Fund, the Schedule of Capital Projects Fund – Project Expenditures and Financing Resources, Combined Balance Sheet – Non-Major Governmental Funds, Combined Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Non-Major Governmental Funds, and Net Investment in Capital Assets*, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of Board of Education and management of Hermon-DeKalb Central School District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Bowers & Company