

**BERTIE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Windsor, North Carolina**

*Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2021*

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Bertie County Board of Education
Windsor, North Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bertie County Board of Education, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021 and the related notes to the basic financial statements, which collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bertie County Board of Education as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General, State Public School, Special Restricted and Federal Grants funds 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 Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 through 9 and the Schedules of the Board's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, OPEB Liability and OPEB Asset and the Schedules of Board Contributions on pages 46 through 51, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management 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.

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Bertie County Board of Education's basic financial statements. The individual fund budgetary schedules and the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The individual fund budgetary schedules and the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the individual fund budgetary schedules and the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 14, 2021 on our consideration of the Bertie County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 Bertie County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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September 14, 2021
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BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of the Bertie County Board of Education's (the "Board") financial report represents our discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Board for the year ended June 30, 2021. This information should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements included in this report.

Impact of Coronavirus on District

During the fiscal year, the state and nation continued to be affected by the spread of a coronavirus (COVID-19). Educational services were provided to students remotely, within the traditional classroom environment or a hybrid method incorporating on-site instruction and remote learning. The Board incurred additional expenses as a result of COVID-19 including: purchase of personal protective equipment and remote learning educational tools. In addition, the Board received grants from the federal government to assist with these additional expenses incurred due to COVID-19.

Financial Highlights

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the Board's total government-wide net position increased by \$3.6 million. Governmental activities net position increased by \$3.5 million and business-type activities net position increased by \$83,000.

- Total government-wide net investment in capital assets decreased by \$106,000, or 2.0%, from the prior year. Governmental activities net investment in capital assets decreased by \$94,000 and business-type activities investment in capital assets decreased by \$12,000.
- Total governmental activities restricted net position increased by \$228,000 over the prior year.
- The Board's total government-wide unrestricted net position at June 30, 2021 reported an increase of \$3.5 million over the prior year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The audited financial statements of the Bertie County Board of Education consist of five components. They are as follows:

- *Independent Auditors' Report*
- *Management's Discussion and Analysis (required supplementary information)*
- *Basic Financial Statements*
- *Required supplemental section that presents the Schedules of the Board's Proportionate Share of Net Pension and OPEB Liabilities (Assets) and the Schedules of Board Contributions.*
- *Supplementary section that presents budgetary schedules for governmental and enterprise funds*

The *Basic Financial Statements* include two types of statements that present different views of the Board's finances. The first is the *Government-wide Statements*. The government-wide statements are presented on the full accrual basis of accounting and include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. The statement of net position includes all of the Board's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Assets and liabilities are classified in the order of relative liquidity for assets and due date for liabilities. This statement provides a summary of the Board's investment in assets, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and obligations to creditors. Liquidity and financial flexibility can be evaluated using the information contained in this statement. The statement of activities summarizes the Board's revenues and expenses for the current year. A net (expense) revenue format is used to indicate to what extent each function is self-sufficient.

The second set of statements included in the basic financial statements is the *Fund Financial Statements*, which are presented for the Board's governmental funds and proprietary fund. These statements present the governmental funds on the modified accrual basis of accounting, measuring the near-term inflows and

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outflows of financial resources and what is available at year-end to spend in the next fiscal year. The proprietary funds are presented on the full accrual basis of accounting.

The fund financial statements focus on the Board's most significant funds. Because a different basis of accounting is used in the government-wide statements, reconciliation from the governmental fund financial statements to the government-wide statements is required. The government-wide statements provide information about the Board as an economic unit while the fund financial statements provide information on each of the financial resources of each of the Board's major funds.

Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the unit as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the Board's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. 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 government-wide statements report the Board's net position and how it has changed. Net position is the difference between the Board's assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources. This is one way to measure the unit's financial health or position.

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

The unit's activities are divided into two categories in the government-wide statements:

- *Governmental activities:* Most of the Board's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation, and administration. County funding and State and federal aid finance most of these activities.
- *Business-type activities:* The Board charges fees to help it cover the costs of certain services it provides. School food service is included here.

The government-wide statements are shown as Exhibits 1 and 2 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Board's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds. Funds are accounting devices the Board uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs.

- Some funds are required by State law, such as the State Public School Fund.
- The Board has established other funds to control and manage money for a particular purpose or to show that it is properly using certain revenues, such as in the Federal Grants Fund.

Bertie County Board of Education has two types of funds:

Governmental funds: Most of the Board's basic services are included in the governmental funds, which generally focus on two things – 1) how cash and other 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. As a result of this focus, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the coming year to finance the Board's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental fund statements,

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in the form of a reconciliation, explains the relationship (or differences) between the government-wide and the fund financial statements. The Board has several governmental funds: the General Fund, the State Public School Fund, the Individual Schools Fund, the Capital Outlay Fund, the Special Restricted Fund and the Federal Grants Fund.

The governmental fund statements are shown as Exhibits 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this report.

Proprietary fund: Services for which the Board charges a fee are generally reported in the proprietary funds. The proprietary fund statements are reported on the same full accrual basis of accounting as the government-wide statements. The Bertie County Board of Education's only proprietary fund is an enterprise fund, the School Food Service Fund.

The proprietary fund statements are shown as Exhibits 7, 8, and 9 of this report.

Financial Analysis of the Board as a Whole

Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$27.7 million as of June 30, 2021 as compared to \$31.3 million as of June 30, 2020.

Following is a summary of the Statement of Net Position at June 30, 2021 and 2020:

**Table 1
Condensed Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2021 and 2020**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	6/30/21	6/30/20	6/30/21	6/30/20	6/30/21	6/30/20
Current assets	\$ 4,634,631	\$ 3,576,253	\$ 711,600	\$ 872,321	\$ 5,346,231	\$ 4,448,574
Capital assets	5,283,554	5,559,710	146,500	158,353	5,430,054	5,718,063
Total assets	9,918,185	9,135,963	858,100	1,030,674	10,776,285	10,166,637
Deferred outflows of resources	5,461,210	5,266,818	235,584	248,032	5,696,794	5,514,850
Current liabilities	1,402,627	1,641,401	27,030	32,784	1,429,657	1,674,185
Long-term liabilities	27,856,491	30,679,936	1,201,838	1,436,292	29,058,329	32,116,228
Total liabilities	29,259,118	32,321,337	1,228,868	1,469,076	30,487,986	33,790,413
Deferred inflows of resources	13,087,599	12,570,451	564,572	591,980	13,652,171	13,162,431
Net investment in capital assets	5,053,895	5,147,662	146,500	158,353	5,200,395	5,306,015
Restricted net position	1,218,013	990,042	3,184	4,250	1,221,197	994,292
Unrestricted net position (deficit)	(33,239,230)	(36,626,711)	(849,440)	(944,953)	(34,088,670)	(37,571,664)
Total net position (deficit)	\$ (26,967,322)	\$ (30,489,007)	\$ (699,756)	\$ (782,350)	\$ (27,667,078)	\$ (31,271,357)

Net position is an indicator of the fiscal health of the Board. The net position of the Board's governmental activities increased \$3.5 million during the year, from \$(30.5) million at June 30, 2020 to \$(27.0) million at June 30, 2021, indicating an improvement in the financial condition of the Board. Restricted net position increased by \$228,000 while unrestricted net position increased by \$3.4 million over the prior year. Net investment in capital assets decreased \$94,000 from the prior year. Deferred outflows and inflows of resources relate entirely to the pension and OPEB plans which the Board participates in. The Board is required to record its proportionate share of these items along with its proportionate share of the plan liabilities. See Note 2 of the basic financial statements for more details regarding these plans.

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The net position of the Board's business-type activities increased \$83,000 during the year. This increase is the amount of net profit generated by our school food service operations during the 2021 fiscal year.

The following table shows the revenues and expenses for the Board for the current and prior fiscal years:

Table 2
Condensed Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	6/30/21	6/30/20	6/30/21	6/30/20	6/30/21	6/30/20
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 76,725	\$ 262,828	\$ 8,234	\$ 126,679	\$ 84,959	\$ 389,507
Operating grants and contributions	20,650,316	18,349,237	1,845,296	1,921,744	22,495,612	20,270,981
Capital grants and contributions	244,597	320,851	-	-	244,597	320,851
General revenues:						
Other revenues	6,561,557	6,689,791	-	-	6,561,557	6,689,791
Total revenues	<u>27,533,195</u>	<u>25,622,707</u>	<u>1,853,530</u>	<u>2,048,423</u>	<u>29,386,725</u>	<u>27,671,130</u>
Expenses:						
Governmental activities:						
Instructional services	17,505,470	17,020,152	-	-	17,505,470	17,020,152
System-wide support services	5,983,248	6,486,157	-	-	5,983,248	6,486,157
Ancillary services	76,105	107,724	-	-	76,105	107,724
Payments to other governments	55,023	70,050	-	-	55,023	70,050
Interest on long-term debt	6,328	7,753	-	-	6,328	7,753
Unallocated depreciation	322,828	322,371	-	-	322,828	322,371
Business-type activities:						
School food service	-	-	1,833,444	2,039,519	1,833,444	2,039,519
Total expenses	<u>23,949,002</u>	<u>24,014,207</u>	<u>1,833,444</u>	<u>2,039,519</u>	<u>25,782,446</u>	<u>26,053,726</u>
Excess before transfers	3,584,193	1,608,500	20,086	8,904	3,604,279	1,617,404
Transfers in (out)	<u>(62,508)</u>	<u>(45,402)</u>	<u>62,508</u>	<u>45,402</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase in net position	3,521,685	1,563,098	82,594	54,306	3,604,279	1,617,404
Beginning net position (deficit)	<u>(30,489,007)</u>	<u>(32,052,105)</u>	<u>(782,350)</u>	<u>(836,656)</u>	<u>(31,271,357)</u>	<u>(32,888,761)</u>
Ending net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (26,967,322)</u>	<u>\$ (30,489,007)</u>	<u>\$ (699,756)</u>	<u>\$ (782,350)</u>	<u>\$ (27,667,078)</u>	<u>\$ (31,271,357)</u>

Total governmental activities generated revenues of \$27.5 million while expenses in this category totaled \$23.9 million for the year ended June 30, 2021, resulting in an increase in net position of \$3.5 million (including transfers to business-type activities of \$63,000). Comparatively, revenues were \$25.6 million and expenses totaled \$24.0 million for the year ended June 30, 2020, resulting in an increase in net position of \$1.6 million (including transfers to business-type activities of \$45,000). In comparing the two years, revenues increased by \$1.9 million, or 7.5%, due primarily to the receipt of COVID-19 federal grants. Expenses were comparable to the prior year, decreasing slightly by \$65,000, or 0.3%.

The Board's primary sources of revenues were funding from the State of North Carolina, Bertie County, and the United States Government, which respectively comprised 67.5%, 12.3% and 16.4% of our total revenues. As would be expected, the major component of our expenses was instructional services which accounted for 73.1% of our total expenses during the most recent fiscal year. Of the remaining 26.9% of our total expenses, 25.0% was attributable to system-wide support services.

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Our business-type activities generated revenues of \$1.9 million while expenses in this category totaled \$1.8 million for the year ended June 30, 2021. For the year, net position increased by \$83,000 (including transfers in of \$63,000). Comparatively, revenues were \$2.0 million, expenses were \$2.0 million and transfers in were \$45,000 for the year ended June 30, 2020, resulting in an increase in net position of \$54,000. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and student instruction being provided remotely most of the year, fewer meals were served resulting in a decline in revenues. As would be expected with the decline in meals served, food costs and salaries and benefits also decreased during the year which contributed to the overall decrease in expenses. The program paid \$125,000 in indirect cost during the current year compared to \$0 in the prior year.

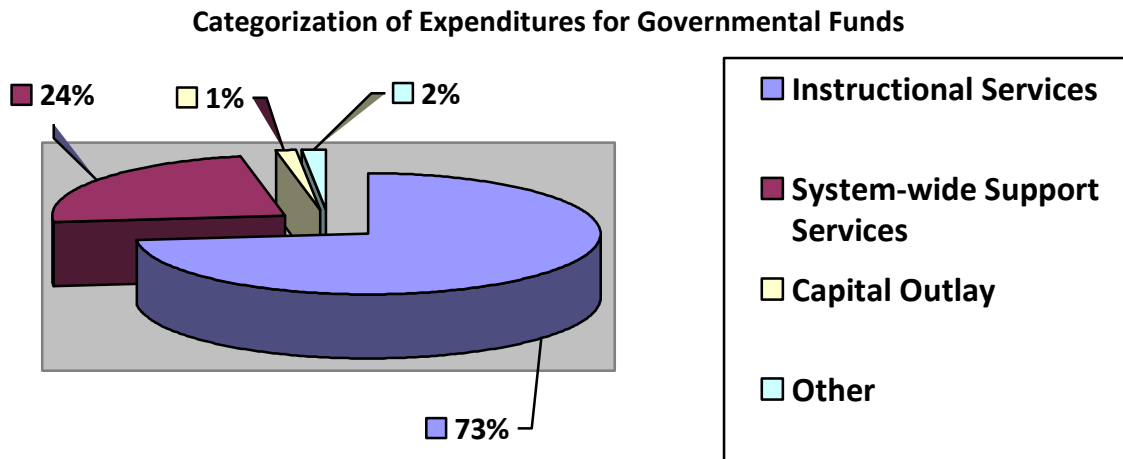
Financial Analysis of the Board's Funds

Governmental Funds: The focus of Bertie County Board of Education's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Board's financing requirements.

The Board's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$3.9 million at June 30, 2021, an increase of \$1.2 million over the amount reported at June 30, 2020. The Board's General and Special Restricted funds each reported increases in fund balance for the year ended June 30, 2021 of \$750,000 and \$463,000, respectively. The Individual Schools Fund reported a \$36,000 decline in fund balance for the year while fund balance in the Capital Outlay Fund was unchanged, ending the year at \$233,000. Overall, total governmental fund revenues increased by \$2.1 million, or 8.0%, over the prior year while expenditures increased by \$1.2 million, or 4.9%. Changes in revenues and expenditures are primarily attributable to the receipt of COVID-19 federal grants used to help offset increased costs incurred by the district due to the pandemic.

The Special Restricted Fund reported an increase in fund balance of \$463,000 in the 2021 year compared to an increase of \$38,000 in the 2020 year. The year-over-year change is primarily attributable to an increase in revenues from Medicaid reimbursement programs.

The State Public School Fund and Federal Grants Fund do not carry fund balance. All revenues in these funds are expended in the year received. Revenues (and expenditures) in the State Public School Fund decreased \$270,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 while revenues (and expenditures) in the Federal Grants Fund increased by \$2.2 million. Revenues and allocations in these two funds are directly impacted by the district's average daily membership. The increase in Federal Grants Fund revenues is primarily attributable to the receipt of grant funding from the federal government to help pay for increased costs associated with COVID-19.



Expenditures presented on modified accrual basis of accounting.

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Proprietary Fund: The Board's business-type fund, the School Food Service Fund, reported an increase in net position of \$83,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 compared to an increase of \$54,000 for the same 2020 period. See the discussion above under "*Financial Analysis of the Board as a Whole*" for further details regarding the year-over-year change in operating results for this fund.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the Board revised the budget several times to account for changes in program allocations. Since several revenue sources are either unknown or uncertain at the beginning of the fiscal year when the original budget is adopted, budget revisions are often necessary throughout the year to recognize these adjustments. However, during the year ended June 30, 2021, no significant budget revisions were made in the General Fund as revenue and expenditure expectations remained consistent throughout the year. Variances between actual expenditures and final budget amounts relate to conservative budgeting practices and cost containment strategies.

The Board added \$750,000 to fund balance during the year compared to an increase of \$219,000 in the prior year. Several factors contributed to the increase in fund balance. The District was able to generate cost savings in some operational areas during the 2021 school year due to students not being in classroom for the majority of the year, while expenditures increased in other areas in response to the pandemic. The District received federal COVID-19 grants which were used to help offset increased costs incurred due to COVID-19. The district also received additional funding during the year from sales tax revenue.

Capital Assets

Total primary government capital assets were \$5.4 million at June 30, 2021, a decrease of \$288,000 from the balance reported at June 30, 2020. More detailed information about the Board's capital assets is contained in the note 2.A.3 to the basic financial statements.

The following is a summary of the Board's capital assets, net of depreciation, at June 30, 2021 and 2020:

**Table 3
Summary of Capital Assets
As of June 30, 2021 and 2020**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	6/30/21	6/30/20	6/30/21	6/30/20	6/30/21	6/30/20
Land	\$ 70,730	\$ 70,730	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,730	\$ 70,730
Buildings and improvements	2,881,478	3,010,216	-	-	2,881,478	3,010,216
Equipment, furniture and vehicles	2,331,346	2,478,764	146,500	158,353	2,477,846	2,637,117
Total	<u>\$ 5,283,554</u>	<u>\$ 5,559,710</u>	<u>\$ 146,500</u>	<u>\$ 158,353</u>	<u>\$ 5,430,054</u>	<u>\$ 5,718,063</u>

Debt Outstanding

During the year, the Board's long-term debt decreased from \$412,000 at June 30, 2020 to \$230,000 at June 30, 2021. The Board is limited by North Carolina General Statutes with regards to the types of debt it can issue and for what purpose that debt can be used. The County holds virtually all debt issued for school capital construction. More detailed information about the Board's outstanding debt is contained in the note 2.B.5 to the financial statements.

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Economic Factors

County funding is a major source of income for the Board; therefore the County's economic outlook directly affects the school district. The following factors have affected the economic outlook of Bertie County:

- As of June 30, 2021, Bertie County experienced an unemployment rate of approximately 6.1%, a slight increase compared to an unemployment rate of approximately 5.9% at June 30, 2020. Bertie County's unemployment rate is slightly above the June 30, 2021 State of N.C. unemployment rate of 4.9% and consistent with the national unemployment which was also 6.1% at June 30, 2021.
- Due to limited regional growth the Board does not expect enrollment to increase for the next year.

Requests for Information

This report is intended to provide a summary of the financial condition of Bertie County Board of Education. Questions or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

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BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2021

Exhibit 1

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,024,451	\$ 572,224	\$ 4,596,675
Due from other governments	578,295	76,793	655,088
Net OPEB asset	31,885	1,375	33,260
Inventories	-	61,208	61,208
Capital assets:			
Land	70,730	-	70,730
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	5,212,824	146,500	5,359,324
Total capital assets	5,283,554	146,500	5,430,054
Total assets	9,918,185	858,100	10,776,285
Deferred Outflows of Resources	5,461,210	235,584	5,696,794
Liabilities			
Bank overdraft	84,540	-	84,540
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	106,092	993	107,085
Accrued salaries and wages payable	532,890	-	532,890
Unearned revenue	-	935	935
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	679,105	25,102	704,207
Due in more than one year	27,856,491	1,201,838	29,058,329
Total liabilities	29,259,118	1,228,868	30,487,986
Deferred Inflows of Resources	13,087,599	564,572	13,652,171
Net position			
Net investment in capital assets	5,053,895	146,500	5,200,395
Restricted for:			
Stabilization by State statute	64,465	-	64,465
School capital outlay	233,040	-	233,040
Instructional services	743,656	-	743,656
Individual schools activities	103,029	-	103,029
DIPNC OPEB plan	73,823	3,184	77,007
Unrestricted (deficit)	(33,239,230)	(849,440)	(34,088,670)
Total net position (deficit)	\$ (26,967,322)	\$ (699,756)	\$ (27,667,078)

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

BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Exhibit 2

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government		
					Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
Instructional services:							
Regular instructional	\$ 8,488,815	\$ -	\$ 9,206,632	\$ -	\$ 717,817	\$ -	\$ 717,817
Special populations	2,389,588	-	2,886,970	-	497,382	-	497,382
Alternative programs	2,618,426	-	2,123,524	-	(494,902)	-	(494,902)
School leadership	1,601,350	-	1,252,249	-	(349,101)	-	(349,101)
Co-curricular	181,240	56,225	2,582	-	(122,433)	-	(122,433)
School-based support	2,226,051	-	1,872,353	-	(353,698)	-	(353,698)
System-wide support services:							
Support and development	433,368	-	337,893	-	(95,475)	-	(95,475)
Special population support and development	209,613	-	209,043	-	(570)	-	(570)
Alternative programs and services support and development	148,400	-	101,422	-	(46,978)	-	(46,978)
Technology support	18,825	-	28,688	-	9,863	-	9,863
Operational support	4,193,792	-	2,133,240	244,597	(1,815,955)	-	(1,815,955)
Financial and human resource services	521,244	20,500	242,653	-	(258,091)	-	(258,091)
Policy, leadership and public relations	458,006	-	166,219	-	(291,787)	-	(291,787)
Ancillary services	76,105	-	86,848	-	10,743	-	10,743
Non-programmed charges	55,023	-	-	-	(55,023)	-	(55,023)
Interest on long-term debt	6,328	-	-	-	(6,328)	-	(6,328)
Unallocated depreciation expense**	322,828	-	-	-	(322,828)	-	(322,828)
Total governmental activities	23,949,002	76,725	20,650,316	244,597	(2,977,364)	-	(2,977,364)
Business-type activities:							
School food service	1,833,444	8,234	1,845,296	-	-	20,086	20,086
Total primary government	\$ 25,782,446	\$ 84,959	\$ 22,495,612	\$ 244,597	(2,977,364)	20,086	(2,957,278)
General revenues:							
Unrestricted county appropriations - operating					3,294,430	-	3,294,430
Unrestricted county appropriations - capital					374,992	-	374,992
Unrestricted State appropriations - operating					2,641,020	-	2,641,020
Investment earnings, unrestricted					736	-	736
Miscellaneous, unrestricted					250,379	-	250,379
Transfers					(62,508)	62,508	-
Total general revenues and transfers					6,499,049	62,508	6,561,557
Change in net position					3,521,685	82,594	3,604,279
Net position (deficit) - beginning					(30,489,007)	(782,350)	(31,271,357)
Net position (deficit) - ending					\$ (26,967,322)	\$ (699,756)	\$ (27,667,078)

**This amount excludes the depreciation that is included in the direct expenses of the various programs.

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

BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2021

Exhibit 3

	Major Funds					Non-major Fund	Total
	General	State Public School	Federal Grants	Special Restricted	Capital Outlay	Individual Schools	Governmental Funds
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,200,287	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,488,095	\$ 233,040	\$ 103,029	\$ 4,024,451
Due from other governments	64,465	477,776	36,054	-	-	-	578,295
Due from other funds	-	84,540	-	-	-	-	84,540
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,264,752</u>	<u>\$ 562,316</u>	<u>\$ 36,054</u>	<u>\$ 1,488,095</u>	<u>\$ 233,040</u>	<u>\$ 103,029</u>	<u>\$ 4,687,286</u>
Liabilities and Fund balances							
Liabilities:							
Bank overdraft	\$ -	\$ 84,540	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,540
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	106,038	-	-	54	-	-	106,092
Accrued salaries and wages payable	-	477,776	36,054	19,060	-	-	532,890
Due to other funds	84,540	-	-	-	-	-	84,540
Total liabilities	<u>190,578</u>	<u>562,316</u>	<u>36,054</u>	<u>19,114</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>808,062</u>
Fund balances:							
Restricted:							
Stabilization by State statute	64,465	-	-	-	-	-	64,465
School capital outlay	-	-	-	-	233,040	-	233,040
Instructional services	-	-	-	743,656	-	-	743,656
Individual schools	-	-	-	-	-	103,029	103,029
Assigned:							
Subsequent year's expenditures	650,000	-	-	-	-	-	650,000
Special revenues	-	-	-	725,325	-	-	725,325
Unassigned	1,359,709	-	-	-	-	-	1,359,709
Total fund balances	<u>2,074,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,468,981</u>	<u>233,040</u>	<u>103,029</u>	<u>3,879,224</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 2,264,752</u>	<u>\$ 562,316</u>	<u>\$ 36,054</u>	<u>\$ 1,488,095</u>	<u>\$ 233,040</u>	<u>\$ 103,029</u>	<u>\$ 4,687,286</u>

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

**BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2021**

Exhibit 3 (continued)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (Exhibit 1) are different because:

Total fund balances of governmental funds	\$ 3,879,224
Net OPEB asset	31,885
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	5,283,554
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	3,718,329
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	1,742,881
Some liabilities, including those for compensated absences and installment purchases, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds	(1,644,219)
Net pension liability	(9,103,734)
Net OPEB liability	(17,787,643)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(339,253)
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(12,748,346)</u>
Net position (deficit) of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ (26,967,322)</u></u>

BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Exhibit 4

	Major Funds					Non-major Fund	Total Governmental Funds
	General	State Public School	Federal Grants	Special Restricted	Capital Outlay	Individual Schools	
Revenues:							
State of North Carolina	\$ -	\$ 17,935,391	\$ -	\$ 527,938	\$ 244,597	\$ -	\$ 18,707,926
Bertie County:							
Local current expense	3,027,671	-	-	-	-	-	3,027,671
Other	-	-	-	-	374,992	-	374,992
U.S. Government	-	621,697	3,889,930	44,363	-	-	4,555,990
Other	325,290	-	-	664,791	-	56,225	1,046,306
Total revenues	<u>3,352,961</u>	<u>18,557,088</u>	<u>3,889,930</u>	<u>1,237,092</u>	<u>619,589</u>	<u>56,225</u>	<u>27,712,885</u>
Expenditures:							
Current:							
Instructional services:							
Regular instructional	433,482	8,394,222	750,934	55,520	-	-	9,634,158
Special populations	209	1,940,130	729,265	1,740	-	-	2,671,344
Alternative programs	2,128	712,468	1,421,857	702,728	-	-	2,839,181
School leadership	2,715	1,725,562	61,143	-	-	-	1,789,420
Co-curricular	33,545	67,582	2,582	-	-	92,077	195,786
School-based support	5,035	1,896,419	343,528	-	97,544	-	2,342,526
System-wide support services:							
Support and development	12,144	443,928	12,913	-	-	-	468,985
Special population support and development	-	125,086	83,957	-	-	-	209,043
Alternative programs and services							
support and development	71,161	5,934	95,488	-	-	-	172,583
Technology support	4,788	40,120	-	-	-	-	44,908
Operational support	1,562,320	2,442,611	169,400	9,523	-	-	4,183,854
Financial and human resource services	120,912	479,919	88,866	4,464	-	-	694,161
Policy, leadership and public relations	276,403	214,636	5,165	-	-	-	496,204
Ancillary services	-	16,706	70,142	-	-	-	86,848
Non-programmed charges	55,023	-	54,690	-	-	-	109,713
Debt service:							
Principal retirement	11,358	-	-	-	268,575	-	279,933
Interest and fees	2,034	-	-	-	4,294	-	6,328
Capital outlay	9,704	-	-	-	346,728	-	356,432
Total expenditures	<u>2,602,961</u>	<u>18,505,323</u>	<u>3,889,930</u>	<u>773,975</u>	<u>717,141</u>	<u>92,077</u>	<u>26,581,407</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>750,000</u>	<u>51,765</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>463,117</u>	<u>(97,552)</u>	<u>(35,852)</u>	<u>1,131,478</u>
Other financing sources (uses):							
Transfers to other funds	-	(51,765)	-	-	-	-	(51,765)
Installment purchase obligations issued	-	-	-	-	97,544	-	97,544
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>(51,765)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,779</u>
Net change in fund balance	750,000	-	-	463,117	(8)	(35,852)	1,177,257
Fund balances:							
Beginning of year	<u>1,324,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,005,864</u>	<u>233,048</u>	<u>138,881</u>	<u>2,701,967</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 2,074,174</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,468,981</u>	<u>\$ 233,040</u>	<u>\$ 103,029</u>	<u>\$ 3,879,224</u>

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

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

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

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 1,177,257
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period.	(276,156)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	
OPEB nonemployer contributions	304,702
Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	1,901,386
Contributions to the OPEB plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	870,933
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	182,389
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	
Pension (expense) benefit	(2,325,957)
OPEB (expense) benefit	1,757,287
Compensated absences	<u>(70,156)</u>
Total changes in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,521,685</u>

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BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Exhibit 6

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:				
Bertie County	\$ 3,027,671	\$ 3,027,671	\$ 3,027,671	\$ -
Other	<u>270,000</u>	<u>270,000</u>	<u>325,290</u>	<u>55,290</u>
Total revenues	<u>3,297,671</u>	<u>3,297,671</u>	<u>3,352,961</u>	<u>55,290</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	1,082,720	1,042,720	477,114	565,606
System-wide support services	2,268,456	2,285,064	2,047,728	237,336
Non-programmed charges	96,495	96,495	55,023	41,472
Debt service	-	13,392	13,392	-
Capital Outlay	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>9,704</u>	<u>296</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,447,671</u>	<u>3,447,671</u>	<u>2,602,961</u>	<u>844,710</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(150,000)	(150,000)	750,000	900,000
Fund balance appropriated	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(150,000)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	750,000	<u>\$ 750,000</u>
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			<u>1,324,174</u>	
End of year			<u>\$ 2,074,174</u>	

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

BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**Exhibit 6 (continued)****STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -****BUDGET AND ACTUAL****GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS****For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	State Public School Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:				
State of North Carolina	\$ 18,491,780	\$ 18,591,033	\$ 17,935,391	\$ (655,642)
U.S. Government	-	621,697	621,697	-
Total revenues	<u>18,491,780</u>	<u>19,212,730</u>	<u>18,557,088</u>	<u>(655,642)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	14,859,960	15,111,797	14,736,383	375,414
System-wide support services	3,494,552	3,974,683	3,752,234	222,449
Ancillary services	<u>81,564</u>	<u>70,546</u>	<u>16,706</u>	<u>53,840</u>
Total expenditures	<u>18,436,076</u>	<u>19,157,026</u>	<u>18,505,323</u>	<u>651,703</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	55,704	55,704	51,765	(3,939)
Other financing uses:				
Transfers to other funds	<u>(55,704)</u>	<u>(55,704)</u>	<u>(51,765)</u>	<u>3,939</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	-	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			-	
End of year			<u>\$ -</u>	

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BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**Exhibit 6 (continued)****STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -****BUDGET AND ACTUAL****GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS****For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	Federal Grants Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:				
U.S. Government	\$ 2,133,574	\$ 17,411,686	\$ 3,889,930	\$ (13,521,756)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	1,836,428	13,459,685	3,309,309	10,150,376
System-wide support services	213,390	2,888,123	455,789	2,432,334
Ancillary services	75,200	75,200	70,142	5,058
Non-programmed charges	8,556	988,678	54,690	933,988
Total expenditures	2,133,574	17,411,686	3,889,930	13,521,756
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			-	
End of year			\$ -	

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BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**Exhibit 6 (continued)****STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -****BUDGET AND ACTUAL****GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS****For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	Special Restricted Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:				
State of North Carolina	\$ 381,768	\$ 482,900	\$ 527,938	\$ 45,038
U.S. Government	59,000	70,000	44,363	(25,637)
Other	<u>478,632</u>	<u>366,500</u>	<u>664,791</u>	<u>298,291</u>
Total revenues	<u>919,400</u>	<u>919,400</u>	<u>1,237,092</u>	<u>317,692</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	676,518	816,518	759,988	56,530
System-wide support services	<u>242,882</u>	<u>102,882</u>	<u>13,987</u>	<u>88,895</u>
Total expenditures	<u>919,400</u>	<u>919,400</u>	<u>773,975</u>	<u>145,425</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	463,117	<u>\$ 463,117</u>
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			<u>1,005,864</u>	
End of year			<u>\$ 1,468,981</u>	

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

BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
June 30, 2021

Exhibit 7

	Enterprise Fund
	<u>Major Fund</u>
	<u>School Food</u>
	<u>Service</u>
Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 572,224
Due from other governments	76,793
Net OPEB asset	1,375
Inventories	<u>61,208</u>
Total current assets	<u>711,600</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets:	
Furniture and office equipment, net	<u>146,500</u>
Total assets	<u>858,100</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>235,584</u>
Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	993
Compensated absences	25,102
Unearned revenue	<u>935</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>27,030</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Net pension liability	392,716
Net OPEB liability	767,322
Compensated absences	<u>41,800</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>1,201,838</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,228,868</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>564,572</u>
Net position	
Investment in capital assets	146,500
Restricted for DIPNC OPEB plan	3,184
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(849,440)</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (699,756)</u>

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

BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Exhibit 8

	Enterprise Fund Major Fund School Food Service
Operating revenues:	
Food sales	\$ 8,234
Operating expenses:	
Food cost:	
Purchase of food	665,391
Donated commodities	174,286
Salaries and benefits	772,209
Indirect costs	125,000
Materials and supplies	22,126
Repairs and maintenance	9,826
Depreciation	20,212
Contracted services	8,109
Loss on disposal of capital assets	2,384
Other	33,901
Total operating expenses	1,833,444
Operating loss	(1,825,210)
Nonoperating revenues:	
Federal reimbursements	1,671,010
Federal commodities	174,286
Total nonoperating revenues	1,845,296
Income before transfers and contributions	20,086
Transfers from other funds	51,765
Capital contributions	10,743
Change in net position	82,594
Net position (deficit), beginning of year	(782,350)
Net position (deficit), end of year	\$ (699,756)

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

BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Exhibit 9

	Enterprise Fund Major Fund School Food Service
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 6,105
Cash paid for goods and services	(820,780)
Cash paid to employees for services	(973,227)
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(1,787,902)</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Federal and State reimbursements	<u>1,707,123</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(80,779)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>653,003</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 572,224</u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Operating loss	\$ (1,825,210)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Depreciation	20,212
Donated commodities	174,286
Salaries paid by State Public School Fund	51,765
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in net OPEB asset	12
Decrease in inventories	43,817
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(244)
Decrease in unearned revenue	(2,129)
Increase in net pension liability	9,082
Decrease in net OPEB liability	(248,651)
Decrease in deferred outflows	12,448
Decrease in deferred inflows	(27,408)
Increase in compensated absences payable	1,734
Total adjustments	<u>37,308</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>\$ (1,787,902)</u>

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

BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Exhibit 9 (continued)

NONCASH OPERATING AND NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

The School Food Service Fund received donated commodities with a value of \$174,286 during the fiscal year. The receipt of these commodities is reflected as a nonoperating revenue on Exhibit 8. The consumption of these commodities is recorded as an operating expense.

The State Public School Fund paid salaries and benefits of \$51,765 to personnel of the School Food Service Fund during the fiscal year. The payment is reflected as a transfer in and an operating expense on Exhibit 8.

School Food Service capital assets with a value of \$10,743 were purchased by the State Public School Fund during the year. The value of these assets is reflected as a capital contribution on Exhibit 8.

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

BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Bertie County Board of Education conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity

The Bertie County Board of Education (Board) is a Local Education Agency empowered by State law [Chapter 115C of the North Carolina General Statutes] with the responsibility to oversee and control all activities related to public school education in Bertie County, North Carolina. The Board receives State, local, and federal government funding and must adhere to the legal requirements of each funding entity. The Board has no component units.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Board. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the effect of internal activities upon revenues and expenses. Interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation. These statements distinguish between the *governmental* and *business-type activities* of the Board. Governmental activities generally are financed through intergovernmental revenues and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the different business-type activities of the Board and for each function of the Board's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the Board's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – *governmental and proprietary* – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities. All expenses are considered to be operating expenses.

The Board reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Board. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund. This fund is the "Local Current Expense Fund," which is mandated by State law [G.S. 115C-426].

State Public School Fund. The State Public School Fund includes appropriations from the Department of Public Instruction for the current operating expenditures of the public school system.

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Federal Grants Fund. The Federal Grants Fund includes appropriations from the U.S. Government for the current operating expenditures of the public school system.

Special Restricted Fund. The Special Restricted Fund is used to account for revenues from reimbursements, including indirect costs, fees for actual costs, tuition, sales tax refunds, gifts and grants restricted as to use, federal and State grants restricted as to use, federal and State appropriations made directly to local school administrative units, funds received for prekindergarten programs and special programs.

Capital Outlay Fund. The Capital Outlay Fund accounts for financial resources to be used for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds). It is mandated by State law [G.S.115C-426]. Capital projects are funded by Bertie County appropriations, restricted sales tax moneys, proceeds of county debt issued for public school construction, lottery proceeds as well as certain State assistance.

The Board reports the following nonmajor governmental fund:

Individual Schools Fund. The Individual Schools Fund includes revenues and expenditures of the activity funds of the individual schools. The primary revenue sources include funds held on the behalf of various clubs and organizations, receipts from athletic events, and proceeds from various fundraising activities. The primary expenditures are for athletic teams, club programs, activity buses, and instructional needs.

The Board reports the following major enterprise fund:

School Food Service Fund. The School Food Service Fund is used to account for the food service program within the school system.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Government-wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements. The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Board gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include grants and donations. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements. Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Board considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. These could include federal, State, and county grants, and some charges for services. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for 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. Acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Board funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there is both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Board's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs and then general revenues.

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D. Budgetary Data

The Board's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. Annual budgets are adopted for all funds, except for the individual schools special revenue funds, as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. No budget is required by State law for individual school funds. All appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The Superintendent is authorized to transfer amounts between functions, sub-functions and objects of expenditure within a function without limitations and without a report being required. The Superintendent may transfer amounts between purpose codes of the same fund with a semi-annual report to the Board. Amendments are required for any revisions that alter total expenditures of any fund or increase/decrease DPI program allotments. All amendments must be approved by the governing board. During the year, several amendments to the original budget were necessary. The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

E. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the Board are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State law [G.S. 115C-444]. The Board may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Board may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. The Board also has money credited in its name with the State Treasurer and may issue State warrants against these funds.

State law [G.S. 115C-443] authorizes the Board to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies; certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances; the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT), an SEC-registered (2a-7) money market mutual fund; and the North Carolina State Treasurer's Short Term Investment Fund (STIF). The STIF is managed by the staff of the Department of State Treasurer and operated in accordance with State laws and regulations. It is not registered with the SEC. It consists of an internal portion and an external portion in which the Board participates. Investments are restricted to those enumerated in G.S. 147-69.1. The Board has no investments in the NCCMT or STIF as of June 30, 2021.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Board pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income. Therefore, all cash and investments are essentially demand deposits and are considered cash and cash equivalents.

3. Inventories

The inventories of the Board are valued at cost and the Board uses the first-in, first-out (FIFO) flow assumption in determining cost. Proprietary Fund inventories consist of food and supplies and are recorded as expenses when consumed.

4. Capital Assets

Donated assets received prior to June 30, 2015 are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation or forfeiture. Donated capital assets received after June 30, 2015 are recorded at acquisition value. All other capital assets are recorded at original cost. Improvements are capitalized and

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depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Certain items acquired before July 1, 1990 are recorded at an estimated original historical cost. The total of these estimates is not considered large enough that any errors would be material when capital assets are considered as a whole.

For capital assets utilized in both governmental and business-type activities, it is the policy of the Board to capitalize those assets costing more than \$5,000 with an estimated useful life of two or more years. In addition, other items that are purchased and used in large quantities such as student desks are capitalized. The cost of normal repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives is not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	20 - 50
Equipment and furniture	5 - 10
Vehicles	6 - 20
Computer equipment	3

Depreciation for assets that serve multiple purposes cannot be allocated ratably and is therefore reported as "unallocated depreciation" on the Statement of Activities.

5. Deferred outflows and inflows of resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Board has two items that meet this criterion – pension and other post-employment benefit-related deferrals. The statement of financial position also reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Board has two items that meet this criterion – pension and other post-employment benefit-related deferrals.

6. Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities.

7. Compensated Absences

The Board follows the State's policy for vacation and sick leave. Employees may accumulate up to thirty (30) days earned vacation leave with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the Board, the current portion of the accumulated vacation pay is not considered to be material. The Board's liability for accumulated earned vacation and the salary-related payments as of June 30, 2021 is recorded in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements on a FIFO basis. An estimate has been made based on prior years' records of the current portion of compensated absences.

The sick leave policy of the Board provides for an unlimited accumulation of earned sick leave. Sick leave does not vest, but any unused sick leave accumulated at the time of retirement may be used in the determination of length of service for retirement benefit purposes. Since the Board has no obligation for accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made.

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8. Net Position/Fund Balances

Net Position

Net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements is classified as net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. Restricted net position represents constraints on resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through State statute.

Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is composed of three classifications designed to disclose the hierarchy of constraints placed on how fund balance can be spent.

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

Restricted fund balance – This classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes externally imposed by creditors or imposed by law.

Restricted for Stabilization by State statute - North Carolina G.S. 115C-425(a) prohibits boards of education from budgeting or spending a portion of their fund balance. Restricted by State statute (RSS) is calculated at the end of each fiscal year. The amount of fund balance not available for appropriation is what is known as “restricted by State statute”. Appropriated fund balance in any fund shall not exceed the sum of cash and investments minus the sum of liabilities, encumbrances, and deferred revenues arising from cash receipts, as those figures stand at the close of the fiscal year next preceding the budget year. RSS is reduced by inventories and prepaids as they are classified as nonspendable. Outstanding encumbrances are included within RSS.

Restricted for school capital outlay - portion of fund balance that can only be used for school capital outlay. [G.S. 159-18 through 22]

Restricted for instructional services – grant and other revenues restricted for expenditure for various instructional services, as allowable by the funding source.

Restricted for Individual Schools – revenue sources restricted for expenditures for the various clubs and organizations, athletic events, and various fund raising activities for which they were collected.

Assigned fund balance – portion of fund balance that the Board of Education intends to use for specific purposes. The Board of Education is authorized to approve appropriations of fund balance in accordance with restrictions established by NC General Statutes.

Subsequent year's expenditures – portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next year's budget that is not already classified in restricted. The Board of Education approves the appropriation.

Special revenues – portion of fund balance that represents the residual amount of revenues from certain grants, reimbursements, indirect costs and other financial resources in excess of related expenditures that will be used for instructional services, system-wide support services, ancillary services or non-programmed charges, as determined by the Board of Education.

Unassigned fund balance – the portion of fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes or other funds. A negative unassigned fund balance may be reported in other governmental funds if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed or assigned to those purposes.

The Board of Education does not have a formal management policy for revenue spending that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources. The procedure followed by the Board has been for the Finance Officer to pay expenditures from restricted revenue sources first and then from general unrestricted revenues.

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9. Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

a. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between *fund balance - total governmental funds* and *net position – governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. The net adjustment of \$(30,846,546) consists of several elements as follows:

Description	Amount
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are therefore not reported in the funds (total capital assets on government-wide statement in governmental activities column)	\$ 19,677,639
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(14,394,085)</u>
Net capital assets	5,283,554
Net OPEB asset	31,885
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	3,718,329
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	1,742,881
Liabilities that, because they are not due and payable in the current period, do not require current resources to pay and are therefore not recorded in the fund statements:	
Installment purchases	(229,659)
Compensated absences	(1,414,560)
Net pension liability	(9,103,734)
Net OPEB liability	(17,787,643)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(339,253)
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(12,748,346)</u>
Total adjustment	<u>\$ (30,846,546)</u>

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b. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance and the government-wide statement of activities

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes a reconciliation between *net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds* and *changes in net position of governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. There are several elements of that total adjustment of \$2,344,428 as follows:

Description	Amount
Capital outlay expenditures recorded in the fund statements but capitalized as assets in the statement of activities	\$ 175,410
Depreciation expense, the allocation of those assets over their useful lives, that is recorded on the statement of activities but not in the fund statements	(451,566)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	
OPEB nonemployer contributions	304,702
New debt issued during the year is recorded as a source of funds on the fund statements; it has no effect on the statement of activities - it affects only the government-wide statement of net position	(97,544)
Principal payments on debt owed are recorded as a use of funds on the fund statements but affect only the statement of net position on the government-wide statements	279,933
Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	1,901,386
Contributions to the OPEB plans in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	870,933
Expenses reported in the Statement of Activities that do not require the use of current resources to pay are not recorded as expenditures in the fund statements	
Pension (expense) benefit	(2,325,957)
OPEB (expense) benefit	1,757,287
Compensated absences are accrued in the government-wide statements but not in the fund statements because they do not use current resources	(70,156)
Total adjustment	<u>\$ 2,344,428</u>

10. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS), the Retiree Health Benefit Fund (RHBF), and the Disability Income Plan of NC (DIPNC) and additions to/deductions from TSERS, RHBF, and DIPNC's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TSERS, RHBF, and DIPNC. For this purpose, plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The Board's employer contributions are recognized when due and the Board has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and

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payable in accordance with the terms of TSERS, RHBF, and DIPNC. Investments are reported at fair value.

NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Assets

1. Deposits

All of the Board's deposits are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits exceeding the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the Board's agents in the unit's name. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the Board, these deposits are considered to be held by the agent in the entity's name. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the Board or with the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amount of collateral pledged for the Board under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under-collateralization, and this risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The Board has no policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits.

At June 30, 2021, the Board had deposits with banks and savings and loans with a carrying amount of \$4,596,400 and an overdraft balance with the State Treasurer of \$(84,540). The bank balances with the financial institutions and the State Treasurer were \$4,661,704 and \$1,050,093, respectively. Of these balances, \$356,926 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$5,354,871 was covered by collateral held by authorized escrow agents in the name of the State Treasurer. The Board also had petty cash on hand at year end totaling \$275.

2. Accounts Receivable

Receivables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

	Due from (to) other funds (Internal Balances)	Due from other governments	Total
Governmental activities:			
General Fund	\$ (84,540)	\$ 64,465	\$ (20,075)
Other governmental activities	84,540	513,830	598,370
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 578,295</u>	<u>\$ 578,295</u>
Business-type activities:			
School Food Service Fund	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 76,793</u>	<u>\$ 76,793</u>

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Due from other governments consists of the following:

Governmental activities:		
General Fund	\$ 64,465	Amounts due from County
State Public School Fund	477,776	Operating Funds from DPI
Federal Grants Fund	36,054	Federal grant funds
Total	<u>\$ 578,295</u>	
Business-type activities:		
School Food Service Fund	<u>\$ 76,793</u>	Federal grant funds

3. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2021 was as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 70,730	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,730
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	13,527,847	-	-	13,527,847
Equipment, furniture and vehicles	5,955,159	175,410	(51,507)	6,079,062
Total capital assets being depreciated	19,483,006	175,410	(51,507)	19,606,909
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	10,517,631	128,738	-	10,646,369
Equipment, furniture and vehicles	3,476,395	322,828	(51,507)	3,747,716
Total accumulated depreciation	13,994,026	451,566	(51,507)	14,394,085
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	5,488,980	(276,156)	-	5,212,824
Governmental activity capital assets, net	<u>\$ 5,559,710</u>	<u>\$ (276,156)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,283,554</u>
Business-type activities:				
School Food Service Fund:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Equipment, furniture and vehicles	\$ 541,646	\$ 10,743	\$ (100,345)	\$ 452,044
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Equipment, furniture and vehicles	383,293	20,212	(97,961)	305,544
School Food Service capital assets, net	<u>\$ 158,353</u>	<u>\$ (9,469)</u>	<u>\$ (2,384)</u>	<u>\$ 146,500</u>

Depreciation was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instructional services	\$ 128,738
Unallocated depreciation	<u>322,828</u>
Total	<u>\$ 451,566</u>

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B. Liabilities

1. Pension Plan and Other Postemployment Obligations

a. Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description. The Board is a participating employer in the statewide Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Carolina. TSERS membership is comprised of employees of the State (state agencies and institutions), universities, community colleges, and certain proprietary component units along with the employees of Local Education Agencies and charter schools. Article 1 of G.S. Chapter 135 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the TSERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the state Senate, one appointed by the state House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System is included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's ACFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for TSERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, by calling (919) 981-5454, or at www.osc.nc.gov.

Benefits Provided. TSERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.82% of the member's average final compensation times the member's years of creditable service. A member's average final compensation is calculated as the average of a member's four highest consecutive years of compensation. General employee plan members are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 65 with five years of creditable service, at age 60 with 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. General employee plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 20 years of creditable service or at age 60 with five years of creditable service. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Increases are contingent upon actuarial gains of the plan.

TSERS plan members who are LEOs are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 55 with five years of creditable service as an officer, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. LEO plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 15 years of creditable service as an officer. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of LEO members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who also have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age, or have completed 15 years of service as a LEO and have reached age 50, or have completed five years of creditable service as a LEO and have reached age 55, or have completed 15 years of creditable service as a LEO if killed in the line of duty. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions.

Contributions. Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 135-8 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Board employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the TSERS Board of Trustees. The Board's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2021, was 14.78% of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the Board were \$1,983,407 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Refunds of Contributions – Board employees who have terminated service as a contributing member of TSERS, may file an application for a refund of their contributions. By state law, refunds to members with

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at least five years of service include 4% interest. State law requires a 60-day waiting period after service termination before the refund may be paid. The acceptance of a refund payment cancels the individual's right to employer contributions or any other benefit provided by TSERS.

At June 30, 2021, the Board reported a liability of \$9,496,450 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2020 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Board's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Board's long-term share of future payroll covered by the pension plan, relative to the projected future payroll covered by the pension plan of all participating TSERS employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the Board's proportion was 0.0786% and 0.0823%, respectively.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Board recognized pension expense of \$2,405,331. At June 30, 2021, the Board reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 523,305	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	321,808	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,050,210	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	353,888
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,983,407	-
Total	<u>\$ 3,878,730</u>	<u>\$ 353,888</u>

\$1,983,407 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year ended June 30:</u>		
2022	\$	427,313
2023		433,803
2024		367,452
2025		<u>312,867</u>
Total	\$	<u>1,541,435</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0 percent
Salary increases	3.5 to 8.1 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	7.00 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

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The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. general, law enforcement officer) and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study prepared as of December 31, 2014 and adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 21, 2016.

Future ad hoc COLA amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are therefore not included in the measurement.

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2020 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	29.0%	1.4%
Global Equity	42.0%	5.3%
Real Estate	8.0%	4.3%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.9%
Credit	7.0%	6.0%
Inflation Protection	6.0%	4.0%
Total	100%	

The information above is based on 30-year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2017 asset liability and investment policy study for the North Carolina Retirement Systems, including TSERS. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 3.00%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability reported at June 30, 2021 and 2020 was 7.00% for both years. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the 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 liability.

Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net pension asset to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent, as well as what the Board's proportionate share of the net pension asset or net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

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	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 17,091,379	\$ 9,496,450	\$ 3,125,876

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the State of North Carolina.

b. Other Postemployment Benefits

1. Healthcare Benefits

Plan description. The Retiree Health Benefit Fund (RHBF) has been established as a fund to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries. RHBF is established in Chapter 135, Article 1 of the General Statutes. It is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit healthcare plan, exclusively for the benefit of former employees of the State, the University of North Carolina System, and community colleges. In addition, LEAs, charter schools, and some select local governments also participate.

Management of the plan is vested in the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – eight appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer the State Superintendent and the Director of the Office of State Human Resources who serve as ex-officio members. RHBF is supported by a percent of payroll contribution from participating employing units. Each year the percentage is set in legislation, as are the maximum per retiree contributions from RHBF to the State Health Plan. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, then sets the employer contributions (subject to the legislative cap) and the premiums to be paid by retirees, as well as the health benefits to be provided through the State Health Plan.

The financial statements and other required disclosures for the plan are presented in the State of North Carolina's ACFR, which can be found at <https://www.osc.nc.gov/public-information/reports>.

Benefits provided. Plan benefits received by retired employees and disabled employees from RHBF are OPEB. The healthcare benefits for retired and disabled employees who are not eligible for Medicare are the same as for active employees. The plan options change when former employees become eligible for Medicare. Medicare retirees have the option of selecting one of two fully-insured Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PDP) options of the self-funded Traditional 70/30 preferred Provider Organization plan option that is also offered to non-Medicare members. If the Traditional 70/30 Plan is selected by a Medicare retiree, the self-funded State Health Plan coverage is secondary to Medicare.

Those former employees who are eligible to receive medical benefits from RHBF are long-term disability beneficiaries of the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC) and retirees of the TSERS, the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System (CJRS), the Legislative Retirement System (LRS), the University Employees' Optional Retirement Program (ORP), and a small number of local governments, with five or more years of contributory membership service in their retirement system prior to disability or retirement, with the following exceptions: for employees first hired on or after October 1, 2006, and members of the General Assembly first taking office on or after February 1, 2007, future coverage as retired employees and retired members of the General Assembly is subject to the requirement that the future retiree have 20 or more years of retirement service credit in order to receive coverage on a noncontributory basis. Employees first hired on or after October 1, 2006 and members of the General Assembly first taking office on or after February 1, 2007 with 10 but less than 20 years of retirement

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service credit are eligible for coverage on a partially contributory basis. For such future retirees, the State will pay 50% of the State Health Plan's noncontributory premium.

Section 35.21 (c) and (d) of Session Law 2017-57 repeals retiree medical benefits for employees first hired January 1, 2021. The new legislation amends Article 3B of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes to require that retirees must earn contributory retirement service in TSERS (or in an allowed local system unit), CJRS, or LRS prior to January 1, 2021, and not withdraw that service, in order to be eligible for retiree medical benefits under the amended law. Consequently, members first hired on and after January 1, 2021 will not be eligible to receive retiree medical benefits.

RHBF's benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135, Article 1 and Chapter 135, Article 3B of the General Statutes and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. RHBF does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases.

Contributions. By General Statute, accumulated contributions from employers to RHBF and any earnings on those contributions shall be used to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries. By statute, contributions to RHBF are irrevocable. Also, by law, fund assets are dedicated to providing benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries and are not subject to the claims of creditors of the employers making contributions to RHBF. However, RHBF assets may be used for reasonable expenses to administer the RHBF, including costs to conduct required actuarial valuations of state—supported retired employees' health benefits. Contribution rates to RHBF, which are intended to finance benefits and administrative expenses on a pay-as-you-go basis are determined by the General Assembly in the Appropriations Bill. For the current fiscal year, the Board contributed 6.68% of covered payroll which amounted to \$896,425. During the current fiscal year, the plan also recognized a one-time transfer of excess funding from the Public Employees Health Benefits Fund totaling \$475.2 million, which was isolated from the OPEB expense and allocated to participating employers as a separate revenue item. The Board's proportionate share of this allocation totaled \$317,846.

At June 30, 2021, the Board reported a liability of \$18,554,965 for its proportionate share of the net RHBF OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019. The total OPEB liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2020 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the Board's present value of future salary, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the Board's proportion was 0.0669% and 0.0714%, respectively.

\$896,425 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2022	\$ (4,096,194)
2023	(4,094,157)
2024	(2,429,014)
2025	(894,507)
2026	<u>(906,519)</u>
Total	\$ <u>(12,420,391)</u>

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Actuarial assumptions. Common actuarial assumptions for both OPEB plans follow individual note disclosures for each OPEB plan.

Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	3.50-8.10%, include 3.5% inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	7.00%

Healthcare cost trend rates:

Medical	5.00-6.50%
Prescription drug	5.00-9.50%
Administrative costs	3.00%
Post-retirement mortality rates	RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for males and females, adjusted for Collar for some Participants, further adjusted with scaling factors varying before and after age 78 and projected for mortality improvement using Scale MP-2015

Discount rate. The discount rates used to measure the total OPEB liability for the RHBF at June 30, 2021 and 2020 were 2.21% and 3.50%, respectively. The projection of cash flow used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from employers would be made at the current statutorily determined contribution rate. Based on the above assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. As a result, a municipal bond rate of 2.21% was used as the discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability. The 2.21% rate is based on the Bond Buyer 20-year General Obligation Index as of June 30, 2020.

Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (1.21 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (3.21 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% decrease (1.21%)	Discount Rate (2.21%)	1% Increase (3.21%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 22,005,014	\$ 18,554,965	\$ 15,775,375

Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare trend rates. The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current healthcare trend rates:

	Healthcare Trend Rates		
	1% Decrease (Medical - 4.00-5.50%, Pharmacy - 4.00-8.50%, Medicare Advantage - 4.00%, Administrative - 2.00%)	(Medical -5.00-6.50%, Pharmacy - 5.00-9.50%, Medicare Advantage - 5.00%, Administrative - 3.00%)	1% increase (Medical -6.00- 7.50%, Pharmacy - 6.00- 10.50%, Medicare Advantage - 6.00%, Administrative - 4.00%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 14,958,657	\$ 18,554,965	\$ 23,361,915

OPEB plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ACFR for the State of North Carolina.

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2. Disability Benefits

Plan description. Short-term and long-term disability benefits are provided through the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan, to the eligible members of TSERS which includes employees of the State, the University of North Carolina System, community colleges, certain Local Education Agencies, and ORP.

Management of the plan is vested in the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – eight appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer the State Superintendent and the Director of the Office of State Human Resources who serve as ex-officio members. Management of the plan is vested in the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – eight appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer the State Superintendent and the Director of the Office of State Human Resources who serve as ex-officio members.

The financial statements and other required disclosures for the plan are presented in the State of North Carolina's ACFR, which can be found at <https://www.osc.nc.gov/public-information/reports>.

Benefits Provided. Long-term disability benefits are payable as an OPEB from DIPNC after the conclusion of the short-term disability period or after salary continuation payments cease, whichever is later, for as long as an employee is disabled. An employee is eligible to receive long-term disability benefits provide the following requirements are met: (1) the employee has five or more years of contributing membership service in TSERS or ORP, earned within 96 months prior to the end of the short-term disability period or cessation of salary continuation payments, whichever is later; (2) the employee must make application to receive long-term benefits within 180 days after the conclusion of the short-term disability period or after salary continuation payments cease or after monthly payments for Workers' Compensation cease (excluding monthly payments for permanent partial benefits), whichever is later; (3) the employee must be certified by the Medical Board to be mentally or physically disabled for the further performance of his/her usual occupation; (4) the disability must have been continuous, likely to be permanent, and incurred at the time of active employment; (5) the employee must not be eligible to receive an unreduced retirement benefit from TSERS after (1) reaching the age of 65 and completing 5 years of membership service, or (2) reaching the age of 60 and completing 25 years of creditable service, or (3) completing 30 years of service at any age.

Contributions. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135, Article 6, of the General Statutes and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Disability income benefits are funded by actuarially determined employer contributions that are established in the Appropriations Bill by the General Assembly and coincide with the State fiscal year. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, employers made a statutory contribution of 0.09% of covered payroll which was equal to the actuarially required contribution. Board contributions to the plan were \$12,078 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

The contributions cannot be separated between the amounts that relate to other postemployment benefits and employment benefits for active employees. Those individuals who are receiving extended short-term disability benefit payments cannot be separated from the number of members currently eligible to receive disability benefits as an other postemployment benefit.

At June 30, 2021, the Board reported an asset of \$33,260 for its proportionate share of the net DIPNC OPEB asset. The net OPEB asset was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019. The total OPEB liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2020 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Board's proportion of the net OPEB asset was based on a projection of the Board's present value of future salary, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the Board's proportion was 0.0676% and 0.0715%, respectively.

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\$12,078 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of the net OPEB asset in the year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2022	\$	9,214
2023		6,951
2024		4,651
2025		6,114
2026		1,277
Thereafter		<u>3,462</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>31,669</u></u>

Actuarial assumptions. Common actuarial assumptions for both OPEB plans follow individual note disclosures for each OPEB plan.

Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	3.5%-8.10%, include 3.5% inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	3.75%, net of OPEB plan expense, including inflation

Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (2.75 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (4.75 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.75%)	Discount Rate (3.75%)	1% Increase (4.75%)
Net OPEB asset	\$ 28,725	\$ 33,260	\$ 37,663

Common actuarial assumptions for both OPEB plans. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation performed as of December 31, 2019 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement, unless otherwise specified. The total OPEB liability was calculated through the use of update procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2020. The update procedures incorporated the actuarial assumptions used in the valuation. The entry age normal cost method was utilized.

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. teacher, general, law enforcement officer), and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions were based on the results of an actuarial experience review for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014.

DIPNC is primarily invested in the Bond Index Investment Pool as of June 30, 2020. The long-term expected rate of return was determined based on the combination of expected future real rates of return and expected inflation. The long-term expected real rate of return for the Bond Index Investment Pool as of June 30, 2020 is 1.2%.

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Following is information related to OPEB expense, proportionate share, assets, liabilities, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources reported by the Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021:

	<u>RHBF</u>	<u>DIPNC</u>	<u>Total</u>
OPEB expense (benefit)	\$ (1,988,008)	\$ 29,565	\$ (1,958,443)
OPEB liability (asset)	18,554,965	(33,260)	18,521,705
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.0669%	0.0676%	
Deferred Outflows of Resources:			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 16,809	\$ 24,094	\$ 40,903
Changes of assumptions	813,741	2,586	816,327
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	39,088	-	39,088
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	13,243	13,243
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	896,425	12,078	908,503
Totals	<u>\$ 1,766,063</u>	<u>\$ 52,001</u>	<u>\$ 1,818,064</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 725,893	\$ -	\$ 725,893
Changes of assumptions	7,529,898	2,619	7,532,517
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	-	5,635	5,635
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	5,034,238	-	5,034,238
Totals	<u>\$ 13,290,029</u>	<u>\$ 8,254</u>	<u>\$ 13,298,283</u>

2. Accounts Payable

Accounts payable as of June 30, 2021 are as follows:

	<u>Vendors and Other</u>	<u>Salaries and Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
Governmental activities:			
General Fund	\$ 106,038	\$ -	\$ 106,038
Other governmental activities	54	532,890	532,944
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 106,092</u>	<u>\$ 532,890</u>	<u>\$ 638,982</u>
Business-type activities:			
School Food Service Fund	<u>\$ 993</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 993</u>

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3. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

The balances in deferred outflows and inflows of resources at year-end are composed of the following:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 564,208	\$ 725,893
Changes of assumptions	1,138,135	7,532,517
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension and OPEB plan investments	1,089,298	5,635
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	13,243	5,388,126
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,891,910	-
Total	<u>\$ 5,696,794</u>	<u>\$ 13,652,171</u>

4. Risk Management

The Board is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Board participates in the North Carolina School Boards Trust (the Trust), a member funded risk management program administered by the North Carolina School Boards Association. Through the Trust, the Board maintains general liability and errors and omissions coverage of \$1,000,000 each claim made/\$3,150,000 coverage period aggregate. Of the total limit of coverage provided to the Board by the Trust, the Trust is reinsured through commercial companies for losses in excess of \$150,000 for errors and omissions and general liability coverage.

Statutory workers' compensation coverage is purchased through a private insurer for employees to the extent they are paid from federal and local funds. Workers' compensation coverage is provided by the State of North Carolina through a self-insured fund, to the extent employees are paid from State funds.

The Board also participates in the State Public Education Property Insurance Fund (the Fund), a voluntary, self-insured risk control and risk financing fund administered by the North Carolina Department of Insurance. The Fund insures the tangible property assets of the Board. Coverage is provided on an "all risk" perils contract. Buildings and contents are insured on a replacement cost basis. The Fund purchases excess reinsurance to protect the assets of the Fund in the event of a catastrophic event. The Fund maintains a self-insured retention of \$10 million. Excess reinsurance is purchased through commercial insurers. A limit of \$5 million per occurrence is provided on flood, earthquake, business interruption and extra expense. \$10 million per occurrence is provided on increased cost of construction.

The Board also participates in the Teachers' and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan, a self-funded risk financing pool of the State administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina. Through the Plan, permanent full-time employees of the Board are eligible to receive health care benefits. The Board pays most of the cost of coverage for employees enrolled in the Comprehensive Major Medical Plan.

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In accordance with G.S. 115C-442, the Board's employees who have custody of the Board's monies at any given time are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The finance officer is bonded for \$50,000.

The Board carries commercial coverage for all other risks of loss. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the prior year, and claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

5. Long-Term Obligations

a. Direct Placement Installment Purchases

The Board is authorized to finance the purchase of school buses under G.S. 115C-528(a). Session law 2003-284, section 7.25 authorized the State Board of Education to allot monies for the payments on financing contracts entered into pursuant to G.S. 115C-528. The State has accepted the bid to purchase Thomas Built Buses through special third-party direct placement financing arrangements. During the current and prior fiscal years, the Board entered into two such financing contracts for the purchase of school buses. The buses are pledged as collateral for the debt while the debt is outstanding. The gross amount of buses capitalized under the outstanding installment purchase contracts totaled \$360,387 at June 30, 2021. The financing contracts each require four equal principal-only payments with the first payment due within 10 days of receipt of the bus and the following 3 payments due on the next 3 immediately following November 15th dates.

During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the Board entered into a direct placement installment purchase contract for the purchase of activity buses. The district capitalized activity buses totaling \$184,422 under this installment purchase contract. The financing contract requires annual principal and interest payments for five years beginning in the fiscal year 2019-2020 with an interest rate of 4.204 percent.

The future minimum payments of the installment purchases as of June 30, 2021 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30:</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2022	\$ 126,920	\$ 4,842
2023	62,756	3,294
2024	39,983	1,681
Totals	<u>\$ 229,659</u>	<u>\$ 9,817</u>

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b. Long-Term Obligation Activity

The following is a summary of changes in the Board's long-term obligations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021:

	July 1, 2020	Increases	Decreases	June 30, 2021	Current Portion
Governmental activities:					
Direct placement installment purchases	\$ 412,048	\$ 97,544	\$ 279,933	\$ 229,659	\$ 126,920
Net pension liability	8,146,298	957,436	-	9,103,734	-
Net OPEB liability	21,573,758	-	3,786,115	17,787,643	-
Compensated absences	1,344,404	975,908	905,752	1,414,560	552,185
Total	<u>\$ 31,476,508</u>	<u>\$ 2,030,888</u>	<u>\$ 4,971,800</u>	<u>\$ 28,535,596</u>	<u>\$ 679,105</u>
Business-type activities:					
Net pension liability	\$ 383,634	\$ 9,082	\$ -	\$ 392,716	\$ -
Net OPEB liability	1,015,973	-	248,651	767,322	-
Compensated absences	65,168	41,910	40,176	66,902	25,102
Total	<u>\$ 1,464,775</u>	<u>\$ 50,992</u>	<u>\$ 288,827</u>	<u>\$ 1,226,940</u>	<u>\$ 25,102</u>

Compensated absences, net pension and net OPEB liabilities related to governmental activities are typically liquidated by the General, State Public School, Federal Grants and Special Restricted funds. Installment purchases are typically liquidated by the General and Capital Outlay funds.

C. Interfund Activity

1. Interfund Balances

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2021 is as follows:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
State Public School Fund	General Fund	<u>\$ 84,540</u>

The General Fund owes the State Public School Fund \$84,540 to cover bank overdrafts incurred by the State Public School Fund during the year.

2. Transfers to/from other Funds

Transfers to/from other funds during the year ended June 30, 2021 consisted of the following:

From the State Public School Fund to the School Food Service Fund for personnel costs	<u>\$ 51,765</u>
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During the year ended June 30, 2021, the State Public School Fund purchased capitalized equipment for the School Food Service Fund totaling \$10,743. This amount is presented as a transfer between governmental and business-type activities in Exhibit 2 and as contributed capital in Exhibit 8.

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D. Fund Balance

The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of General fund balance that is available for appropriation.

Total fund balance - General Fund	\$ 2,074,174
Less:	
Stabilization by State statute	(64,465)
Appropriated Fund Balance in 2021-2022 budget	<u>(650,000)</u>
Remaining fund balance	<u>\$ 1,359,709</u>

NOTE 3 - SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES

Federal and State Assisted Programs

The Board has received proceeds from several federal and State grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant moneys to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant moneys.

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SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS***

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Board's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.079%	0.082%	0.085%	0.097%	0.104%
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 9,496,450	\$ 8,529,932	\$ 8,441,768	\$ 7,688,473	\$ 9,597,277
Board's covered payroll	\$ 13,175,412	\$ 13,156,347	\$ 13,292,226	\$ 14,415,411	\$ 15,087,355
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	72.08%	64.84%	63.51%	53.34%	63.61%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	85.98%	87.56%	87.61%	89.51%	87.32%
	2016	2015	2014		
Board's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.113%	0.115%	0.109%		
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 4,145,111	\$ 1,342,422	\$ 6,623,482		
Board's covered payroll	\$ 15,213,290	\$ 15,565,190	\$ 16,708,191		
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	27.25%	8.62%	39.64%		
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	94.64%	98.24%	90.60%		

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ending June 30.

Note: This is a ten year schedule. However, GASB 68 was not adopted until the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Therefore, there are only eight years of data presented.

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SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS
TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,983,407	\$ 1,708,851	\$ 1,616,915	\$ 1,432,902	\$ 1,438,658
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>1,983,407</u>	<u>1,708,851</u>	<u>1,616,915</u>	<u>1,432,902</u>	<u>1,438,658</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 13,419,533	\$ 13,175,412	\$ 13,156,347	\$ 13,292,226	\$ 14,415,411
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	14.78%	12.97%	12.29%	10.78%	9.98%
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,380,493	\$ 1,392,016	\$ 1,352,615	\$ 1,217,357	\$ 1,089,174
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>1,380,493</u>	<u>1,392,016</u>	<u>1,352,615</u>	<u>1,217,357</u>	<u>1,089,174</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 15,087,355	\$ 15,213,290	\$ 15,565,190	\$ 14,614,132	\$ 14,639,440
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.15%	9.15%	8.69%	8.33%	7.44%

**BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT FUND
LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS***

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.067%	0.071%	0.074%	0.086%	0.088%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 18,554,965	\$ 22,589,731	\$ 21,088,270	\$ 28,066,714	\$ 38,128,055
Board's covered payroll	\$ 13,175,412	\$ 13,156,347	\$ 13,292,226	\$ 14,415,411	\$ 15,087,355
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	140.83%	171.70%	158.65%	194.70%	252.72%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	6.92%	4.40%	4.40%	3.52%	2.41%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ending June 30.

Note: This is a ten year schedule. However, GASB 75 was not adopted until the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Therefore, there are only five years of data presented.

**BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS
RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT FUND
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 896,425	\$ 852,449	\$ 824,903	\$ 804,180	\$ 831,513
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>896,425</u>	<u>852,449</u>	<u>824,903</u>	<u>804,180</u>	<u>831,513</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 13,419,533	\$ 13,175,412	\$ 13,156,347	\$ 13,292,226	\$ 14,415,411
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	6.68%	6.47%	6.27%	6.05%	5.81%
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 839,820	\$ 835,210	\$ 840,520	\$ 774,549	\$ 731,972
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>839,820</u>	<u>835,210</u>	<u>840,520</u>	<u>774,549</u>	<u>731,972</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 15,087,355	\$ 15,213,290	\$ 15,565,190	\$ 14,614,132	\$ 14,639,440
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	5.60%	5.49%	5.40%	5.30%	5.00%

**BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB ASSET
DISABILITY INCOME PLAN OF NORTH CAROLINA
LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS***

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Board's proportion of the net OPEB asset	0.068%	0.072%	0.074%	0.084%	0.092%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 33,260	\$ 30,844	\$ 22,518	\$ 51,469	\$ 57,126
Board's covered payroll	\$ 13,175,412	\$ 13,156,347	\$ 13,292,226	\$ 14,415,411	\$ 15,087,355
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	0.25%	0.23%	0.17%	0.36%	0.38%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB asset	115.57%	113.00%	108.47%	116.23%	116.06%

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Note: This is a ten year schedule. However, GASB 75 was not adopted until the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Therefore, there are only five years of data presented.

**BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS
DISABILITY INCOME PLAN OF NORTH CAROLINA
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Contractually required contribution	\$ 12,078	\$ 13,175	\$ 18,419	\$ 18,609	\$ 54,385
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>12,078</u>	<u>13,175</u>	<u>18,419</u>	<u>18,609</u>	<u>54,385</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 13,419,533	\$ 13,175,412	\$ 13,156,347	\$ 13,292,226	\$ 14,415,411
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.09%	0.10%	0.14%	0.14%	0.38%
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Contractually required contribution	\$ 61,487	\$ 62,374	\$ 68,487	\$ 64,302	\$ 76,125
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>61,487</u>	<u>62,374</u>	<u>68,487</u>	<u>64,302</u>	<u>76,125</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 15,087,355	\$ 15,213,290	\$ 15,565,190	\$ 14,614,132	\$ 14,639,440
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.41%	0.41%	0.44%	0.44%	0.52%

BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:			
Bertie County:			
County appropriation	\$ 3,027,671	\$ 3,027,671	\$ -
Other:			
Fines and forfeitures	70,000	57,618	(12,382)
Local sales tax	200,000	266,759	66,759
Interest earned on investment	-	736	736
Miscellaneous	-	177	177
Total other	270,000	325,290	55,290
Total revenues	3,297,671	3,352,961	55,290
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instructional services:			
Regular instructional		433,482	
Special populations		209	
Alternative programs		2,128	
School leadership		2,715	
Co-curricular		33,545	
School-based support		5,035	
Total instructional services	1,042,720	477,114	565,606
System-wide support services:			
Support and development		12,144	
Alternative programs and services			
support and development		71,161	
Technology support		4,788	
Operational support		1,562,320	
Financial and human resource services		120,912	
Policy, leadership and public relations		276,403	
Total system-wide support services	2,285,064	2,047,728	237,336
Non-programmed charges:			
Payments to other governments	96,495	55,023	41,472
Debt service:			
Principal retirement		11,358	
Interest and fees		2,034	
Total debt service	13,392	13,392	-
Capital outlay	10,000	9,704	296
Total expenditures	3,447,671	2,602,961	844,710
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(150,000)	750,000	900,000
Fund balance appropriated	150,000	-	(150,000)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	750,000	\$ 750,000
Fund balance:			
Beginning of year		1,324,174	
End of year		\$ 2,074,174	

BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
Revenues:			
State of North Carolina:			
State appropriations - buses	\$ 244,597	\$ 244,597	\$ -
Bertie County:			
County appropriations	<u>375,000</u>	<u>374,992</u>	<u>(8)</u>
Total revenues	<u>619,597</u>	<u>619,589</u>	<u>(8)</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instructional services:			
School-based support	<u>97,544</u>	<u>97,544</u>	<u>-</u>
Debt service:			
Principal retirement		268,575	
Interest and fees		4,294	
Total debt service	<u>272,869</u>	<u>272,869</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital outlay	<u>346,728</u>	<u>346,728</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>717,141</u>	<u>717,141</u>	<u>-</u>
Revenues under expenditures	(97,544)	(97,552)	(8)
Other financing sources:			
Installment purchase obligations issued	<u>97,544</u>	<u>97,544</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	(8)	<u>\$ (8)</u>
Fund balance:			
Beginning of year		<u>233,048</u>	
End of year		<u>\$ 233,040</u>	

BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP)
SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Operating revenues:			
Food sales	\$ 155,000	\$ 8,234	\$ (146,766)
Operating expenditures:			
Business support services:			
Purchase of food		621,574	
Donated commodities		174,286	
Salaries and benefits		1,024,992	
Indirect costs		125,000	
Materials and supplies		22,126	
Repairs and maintenance		9,826	
Contracted services		8,109	
Other		33,901	
Total operating expenditures	2,308,700	2,019,814	288,886
Operating loss	(2,153,700)	(2,011,580)	142,120
Nonoperating revenues:			
Federal reimbursements and grants		1,671,010	
Federal commodities		174,286	
Total nonoperating revenues	1,953,700	1,845,296	(108,404)
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures before other financing sources and fund balance appropriated	(200,000)	(166,284)	33,716
Other financing sources:			
Transfers from other funds	-	51,765	51,765
Fund balance appropriated	200,000	-	(200,000)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	(114,519)	\$ (114,519)
Reconciliation of modified accrual to full accrual basis:			
Reconciling items:			
Depreciation		(20,212)	
Net OPEB asset		(12)	
Net pension liability		(9,082)	
Net OPEB liability		248,651	
Deferred outflows - pension and OPEB		(12,448)	
Deferred inflows - pension and OPEB		27,408	
Capital contributions		10,743	
Loss on disposal of capital assets		(2,384)	
Increase in compensated absences payable		(1,734)	
Decrease in inventories		(43,817)	
Change in net position (full accrual)		\$ 82,594	



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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*

To the Bertie County Board of Education
Windsor, North Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bertie County Board of Education, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the basic financial statements, which collectively comprises the Bertie County Board of Education, North Carolina's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 14, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control 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 material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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.

Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC

*September 14, 2021
Rockingham, North Carolina*



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Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Report On Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Federal Program and Internal Control Over Compliance; In Accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act

To the Bertie County Board of Education
Windsor, North Carolina

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Bertie County Board of Education, North Carolina's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission, that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Board's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. The Bertie County Board of Education's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Bertie County Board of Education's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Bertie County Board of Education complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Bertie County Board of Education is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Bertie County Board of Education's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program to determine the auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bertie County Board of Education's internal control over compliance.

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

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

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

Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC

*September 14, 2021
Rockingham, North Carolina*



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Report On Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major State Program and Internal Control Over Compliance; In Accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act

To the Bertie County Board of Education
Windsor, North Carolina

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

We have audited Bertie County Board of Education, North Carolina's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Board's major State programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. The Bertie County Board of Education's major State programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Bertie County Board of Education's major State programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and applicable sections of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), as described in the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Those standards, the Uniform Guidance, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major State program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Bertie County Board of Education's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major State program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Bertie County Board of Education's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major State Program

In our opinion, the Bertie County Board of Education complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major State programs for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Bertie County Board of Education is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Bertie County Board of Education's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major State program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance for each major state program and to test and report on internal control over compliance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bertie County Board of Education's internal control over compliance.

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

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

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

Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC

*September 14, 2021
Rockingham, North Carolina*

**BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance to GAAP:

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? *No*
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? *None Identified for Reporting*

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? *No*
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? *None Identified for Reporting*

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal programs:

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

No

Identification of major federal programs:

CFDA Numbers	Names of Federal Program or Cluster
84.010	Title I, Grants to Local Educational Agencies
84.425	COVID-19 – Education Stabilization Fund

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs

\$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

Yes

**BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results (Continued)

State Awards

Internal control over major State programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None Identified for Reporting

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance
for major State programs:

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be
reported in accordance with the State Single Audit
Implementation Act?

No

Identification of major State programs:

Program Name

State Public School Fund

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

None reported.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None reported.

Section IV - State Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None reported.

**BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

No findings were reported in the prior year.

BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

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<u>Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>State/ Pass-through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Federal Grants:			
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>			
Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction:			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
Noncash Assistance (Commodities):			
National School Lunch Program	10.555	PRC 035	\$ 174,286
Cash Assistance:			
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	PRC 035	<u>1,651,697</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>1,825,983</u>
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant	10.582	PRC 035	<u>19,313</u>
Total School Nutrition Program (Note 3)			<u>1,845,296</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>1,845,296</u>
<u>U.S. Department of the Treasury</u>			
Passed-through the N.C. Office of State Management and Budget:			
N.C. Pandemic Recovery Office:			
Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction:			
COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund:			
Summer Learning Program		PRC 121	128,560
Contracting Mental Health Professional		PRC 122	2,520
Student Computers and Devices		PRC 124	106,275
School Nutrition		PRC 125	70,546
Personnel Computers and Devices		PRC 126	6,797
Bus WiFi		PRC 127	11,006
Home and Community WiFi		PRC 128	23,180
Grants for Exceptional Children Services		PRC 132	53,592
Low Wealth Supplemental Funds		PRC 134	87,266
Cybersecurity		PRC 135	6,564
COVID Direct Appropriations		PRC 136	107,212
Personal Protective Equipment		PRC 137	<u>18,179</u>
Total COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019		<u>621,697</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>			
Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction:			
Title I, Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	PRC 050	1,121,098
Migrant Education (Title I of IASA)	84.011	PRC 051	3,749
School Improvement 1003G	84.377	PRC 117	460,328
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant	84.367	PRC 103	96,666
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	PRC 108	61,504

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COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund:			
CARES Act:			
COVID-19 - K-12 Emergency Relief Fund - ESSER I	84.425D	PRC 163	491,658
CRRSA:			
COVID-19 - K-12 Emergency Relief Fund - ESSER II	84.425D	PRC 171	808,674
Total COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425		<u>1,300,332</u>
Rural and Low Income Schools	84.358	PRC 109	37,229
Special Education Cluster:			
Grants to States - IDEA, Part B (611)	84.027	PRC 060	675,682
Special Needs Targeted Assistance	84.027	PRC 118	1,528
Preschool Grants - IDEA, Part B (619)	84.173	PRC 049	<u>37,487</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>714,697</u>
Special Education - State Personnel Development	84.323	PRC 082	12,915
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States Program Development	84.048	PRC 017	<u>52,812</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>3,861,330</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>			
Health Resources and Services Administration			
Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction:			
Abstinence Education	93.235	PRC 101	28,600
Administration for Youth and Families			
Passed-through the Choanoke Area Development Association, Inc.:			
Head Start	93.600		<u>5,917</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>34,517</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Defense</u>			
Direct Program:			
ROTC	12.000		<u>38,446</u>
Total Federal Assistance			<u>6,401,286</u>

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State Grants:			
<u>N.C. Department of Public Instruction:</u>			
Cash Assistance:			
State Public School Fund		Various	16,907,803
Career and Technical Education:			
State Months of Employment		PRC 013	822,353
Program Support Funds		PRC 014	184,844
Driver Training		PRC 012	9,130
School Technology Fund		PRC 015	<u>11,261</u>
Cash assistance subtotal			<u>17,935,391</u>
Non-Cash Assistance:			
State Buses Appropriation			<u>244,597</u>
Total N.C. Department of Public Instruction			<u>18,179,988</u>
<u>N.C. Department of Health and Human Services:</u>			
Division of Child Development:			
N.C. Pre-Kindergarten Program			<u>503,038</u>
<u>N.C. Department of Public Safety</u>			
Division of Juvenile Justice:			
Student Assistance Program			<u>24,900</u>
Total State Assistance			<u>18,707,926</u>
Total Federal and State Assistance			<u>\$ 25,109,212</u>

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Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards:

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards (SEFSA) includes the federal and State grant activity of Bertie County Board of Education under the programs of the federal government and the State of North Carolina for the year ended June 30, 2021. The information in this SEFSA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Bertie County Board of Education, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of Bertie County Board of Education.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported in the SEFSA are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Bertie County Board of Education has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Note 3. Cluster of Programs

The School Nutrition Program is clustered by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction and is treated separately for state audit requirement purposes.