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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDIT REPORTING PACKAGE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

***FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION***

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

***WITH REPORT OF
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS***

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the President and Members of
The Board of Education
Belfast Central School District
Belfast, New York**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of *Belfast Central School District* as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the *Belfast Central School District's* basic financial statements as listed in the accompanying table of contents. We have also audited the fiduciary fund types of the *Belfast Central School District* as of June 30, 2019, as displayed in the District's basic financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and aggregate remaining fund information of *Belfast Central School District* as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the *Belfast Central School District's* June 30, 2018 financial statements, and our report dated October 9, 2018, expressed unmodified opinions on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities each major fund and aggregate remaining fund information. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended, June 30, 2019, is consistent in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

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Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis (pages 3 through 9), budgetary comparison information (pages 38 through 39), schedule of changes in the District's net OPEB liability and related ratios (page 45), schedule of District's contributions – OPEB (page 46), schedule of the District's contributions for defined benefit pension plans on (page 47), and the schedule of the District's share of the net pension asset/liability (page 48), be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the **Belfast Central School District's** basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and other schedules (pages 40 through 44) listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 10, 2019 on our consideration of **Belfast Central School District's** internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering **Belfast Central School District's** internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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**Olean, New York
September 10, 2019**

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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I. Discussion and Analysis

The following is a discussion and analysis of the **Belfast Central School District's** financial performance for the year ended June 30, 2019. This section is a summary of the District's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, or conditions. It is based on both the government-wide and fund-based financial statements. The results of the current year are discussed in comparison with the prior year, with an emphasis placed on the current year. This section is only an introduction and should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follows this section.

II. Financial Highlights

The following items are the financial highlights experienced by the **Belfast Central School District** during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019:

- Overall net position of the District from operations increased during the current year in the amount of \$798,000 as compared to an increase of \$323,000 during the prior fiscal year.
- The District's total revenue increased 7% from \$10,308,000 during June 30, 2018 to \$10,978,000 during June 30, 2019. This increase was primarily the result of increases in state aid, BOCES aid and Title I funding. In addition, federal and state subsidy increased in the cafeteria fund related to the District enrolling in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP).
- The District's total expenses increased 2% from \$9,985,000 during the year ended June 30, 2018 to \$10,180,000 during the year ended June 30, 2019. This was related to an increase in salaries and benefits, and increases in equipment and material and supply purchases.
- The District's had capital outlays during the current year in the amount of \$927,000, which primarily related to costs associated with the athletic capital project, construction project, and Smart Bond Act project, along with vehicle purchases.

III. Overview of the Financial Statements

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

III. Overview of the Financial Statements (continued)

A. Reporting the School District as a Whole (District-wide Financial Statements):

The district-wide statements report information about the School District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. Activities that are fiduciary in nature are not included in these statements.

1. Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position (page 10) shows the "assets" (what is owned), "liabilities" (what is owed) and the "net position" (the resources that would remain if all obligations were settled) of the District. The Statement categorizes assets to show that some assets are very liquid, such as cash and cash equivalents. Some assets are restricted for certain purposes or reserved for emergencies and cash flow purposes. Some assets are invested in "fixed" or "capital" assets, such as buildings, equipment and other long-lived property; and some assets are available to fund budgets of the following year.

2. Statement of Activities

The Statement of Activities (page 11) shows the amounts of program-specific and general District revenue used to support the District's various functions.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities divide the activities of the District into two categories: governmental activities (the school functions, including general support, instruction, transportation, administration, etc.; property taxes, state and federal revenue usually support most of these functions) and proprietary activities. The District only had governmental activities during the current fiscal year.

The two district-wide statements report the School District's net position and how they have changed. Net position – the difference between the District's assets and liabilities – is one way to measure the District's financial health or position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively. To assess the District's overall health, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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**III. Overview of the Financial Statements
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B. Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds (Fund Financial Statements):

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, focusing on its most significant or major funds – not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs. Significance of funds is determined based on the proportional size of the funds, the relative importance of the activities of the funds to the District's operations, and the existence of legal budget requirements. Internal Service funds are never reported as major funds, but are combined and presented in a separate column.

The District has two kinds of funds:

1. Governmental Funds

Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently the governmental funds

**III. Overview of the Financial Statements
(continued)**

B. Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds (Fund Financial Statements)(continued):

1. Governmental Funds (continued)

statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the district-wide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

2. Fiduciary Funds

The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others, such as the scholarship fund and the student activities funds. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The District excludes these activities from the district-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

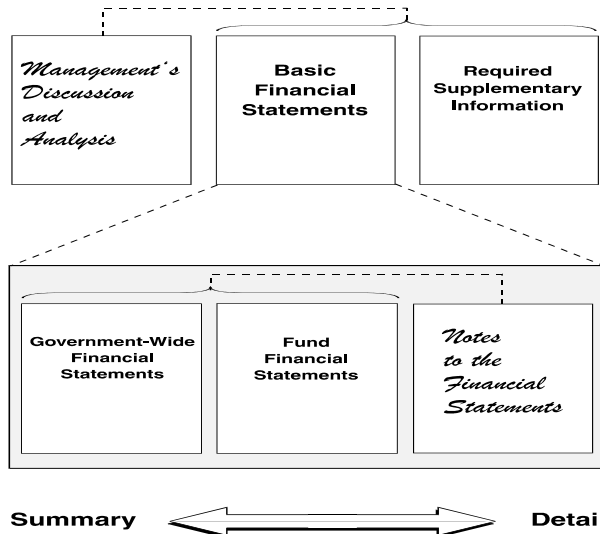
Figure A-1 - Major Features of the District-Wide Statements and Fund Financial Statements

	District-Wide	Fund Financial Statements	
		Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire district (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the District that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as special education and building maintenance	Instances in which the District administers resources on behalf of someone else, such as scholarship programs and student activities monies
Required financial statements	Statement of Net Position Statement of Activities	Balance Sheet Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, all assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term; funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	All additions and deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

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Figure A-2 - Required Components of the District's Annual Financial Report



IV. Financial Analysis of the School District as a Whole

Net Position

The District's total reporting entity net position was approximately \$9,532,000. The components of net position include: net investment in capital assets, of \$7,072,000; restricted net position of \$792,000; and unrestricted net position of \$1,668,000 as of June 30, 2019.

Changes in Net Position

The District's total government-wide revenue increased by approximately 6% to \$10,978,000. Approximately 17%, 8% and 72% of total revenue is derived from the property taxes, operating grants and state aid, respectively. The remaining 3% comes from federal aid, use of money and property, miscellaneous, charges for services and other operating grants and contributions.

The total cost of all programs and services of the District increased 2% to \$10,180,000. The District's expenses cover a range of services, with 68% related to instruction and 18% related to general support. Figure A-4 through figure A-8 and the narrative that follows considers the operations of governmental activities, along with revenue and net costs percentages for governmental activities.

IV. Financial Analysis of the School District as a Whole (continued)

Governmental Activities

Revenue of the District's governmental activities increased 6%, while total expenses increased 2%. The District's total net position increased approximately \$798,000 from operations during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

Figure A-4 presents the major sources of revenue of the District. Revenue of the District totaled \$10,978,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The most significant changes in the District's governmental revenue are more thoroughly discussed as follows:

- Property tax revenue which represents approximately 17% of the District's total revenue for governmental activities decreased approximately 1% during the year ended June 30, 2019. This decrease was related to a decrease in the tax levy.
- The District's most significant revenue is state sources which represent \$7,824,000 or 72% of total governmental revenue. The District's state sources increased approximately 6% which was primarily related to an increase in state aid and BOCES aid.
- During the year ended June 30, 2019, the District saw an increase in program revenue in the amount of \$156,000 which primarily related to an increase in operating grants and contributions which increased by \$184,000. This increase was primarily related to additional Title I funding and an increase in federal and state subsidy in the cafeteria fund related to the District enrolling in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP). The CEP also impacted charges for services which decreased \$28,000 because meals served are reimbursed by the federal and state government rather than paid.

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IV. Financial Analysis of the School District as a Whole (continued)

Expenses

Figure A-8 presents the cost of each of the District's five largest expenditure-type, which include; general support, instruction, transportation, debt service and cost of sales; as well as each expenditure-type's net cost (total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid). The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the District's taxpayers and NYS by each of these functions. Total costs of the District's governmental activities were \$10,180,000. The most significant changes in the District's governmental expenses are more thoroughly discussed as follows:

- The District's general support increased by approximately \$141,000 or 9% which was primarily due to employee benefits and depreciation.
- The District's instruction costs increased by approximately \$187,000 or 3%. This increase was the result of the purchases of equipment, materials and supplies offset by a decrease in contractual expenses.
- Debt service of the District decreased approximately \$153,000 during the year ended June 30, 2019 resulting from bond issuance costs incurred in the prior year from the bond refunding.
- Transportation costs of the District decreased approximately \$67,000 during the year ended June 30, 2019 related to depreciation costs.
- The District's cost of sales (food service fund) totaled \$401,000 during the current year as compared to \$322,000 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. This increase is related to an increase in participation from enrolling in the Community Eligibility Program which resulted in an increase in food costs and additional staffing.
- The District received approximately \$912,000 of operating grants and charges for services from its state and federal grants and tuition and transportation aid which subsidized certain programs of the District.
- Most of the District's net costs (\$9.3 million) were financed by real property taxes and state aid.

Figure A-3 – Condensed Statement of Net Position

Belfast Central School District			
Condensed Statement of Net Position (in thousands of dollars)			
	Governmental Activities and Total District-wide		
	2019	2018	% Change
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 2,039	\$ 2,518	-19%
Capital assets	16,517	16,311	1%
Total assets	18,556	18,829	-1%
Deferred outflows of resources			
Deferred outflows pensions, refunding, and OPEB	2,309	2,566	-10%
Total deferred outflows of resources and assets	\$ 20,865	\$ 21,395	-2%
Liabilities			
Other liabilities	\$ 2,643	\$ 2,759	-4%
Long-term debt outstanding	8,140	9,200	-12%
Total liabilities	10,783	11,959	-10%
Deferred inflows of resources			
Deferred inflows related to pensions and OPEB	550	702	-22%
Total deferred inflows of resources and liabilities	11,333	12,661	-10%
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	7,072	5,926	19%
Restricted	792	778	2%
Unrestricted	1,668	2,030	-18%
Total net position	9,532	8,734	9%
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$ 20,865	\$ 21,395	-2%

Figure A-4 – Changes in Net Position

Belfast Central School District			
Changes in Net Position from Operating Results (in thousands of Dollars)			
	Governmental Activities and Total District-wide		
	2019	2018	% Change
Revenue			
Program revenue			
Charges for services	\$ 45	\$ 73	-39%
Operating grants and contributions	867	683	27%
General revenue			
Real property taxes	1,859	1,887	-1%
Use of money & property	17	5	258%
Sale of property & comp for loss	52	7	699%
State sources	7,824	7,392	6%
Federal sources	47	37	27%
Miscellaneous	267	224	19%
Total revenue	10,978	10,308	7%
Expenses			
General support	1,795	1,654	9%
Instruction	6,920	6,733	3%
Transportation	618	685	-10%
Community services	56	48	100%
Debt service - interest	390	543	-28%
Cost of sales	401	322	25%
Total expenses	10,180	9,985	2%
Change in net position	\$ 798	\$ 323	

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Figure A-5 – Sources of Revenue

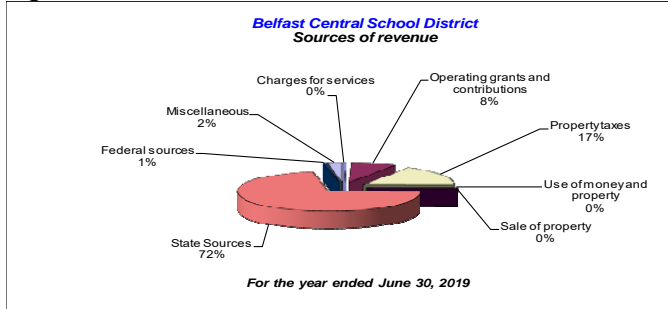


Figure A-6 - Expenses

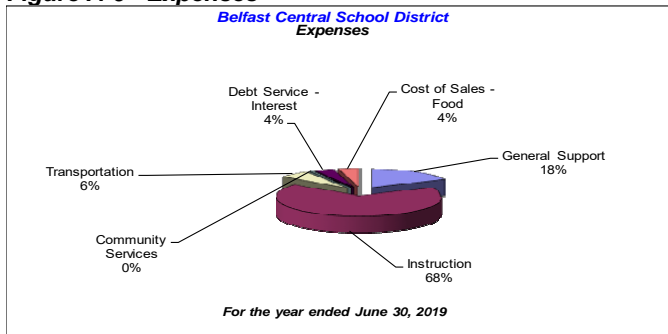


Figure A-7 – Expenditures Supported with Program Revenue

	Belfast Central School District Expenditures supported with program revenue (in thousands of dollars)			
	Governmental Activities & Total District 2019		2018	
Expenditures supported with general revenue (from taxes & other sources)	\$ 9,268	91%	\$ 9,229	92%
Expenditures supported with program revenue	912	9%	756	8%
Total expenditures related to governmental activities	\$ 10,180	100%	\$ 9,985	100%

Figure A-8 – Net Cost of Governmental Activities

	Total cost of services			Net cost of services		
	2019	2018	Change	2019	2018	Change
General support	\$ 1,796	\$ 1,654	\$ 142	\$ 1,795	\$ 1,654	\$ 141
Instruction	6,919	6,733	186	6,272	6,198	74
Transportation	618	685	(67)	618	685	(67)
Community Services	56	48	8	56	48	8
Debt service - interest	390	543	(153)	390	543	(153)
Cost of sales - food	401	322	79	137	101	36
Total	\$ 10,180	\$ 9,985	\$ 195	\$ 9,268	\$ 9,229	\$ 39

V. Financial Analysis of the School District's Funds

It is important to note that variances between years for the governmental fund financial statements (Balance Sheets and Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Equity) are not the same as variances between years for the District-wide financial statements (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities). The District's governmental funds are presented on the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, while the statement of net position is presented on the full accrual method of accounting. Therefore, governmental funds do not include long-term debt liabilities for the funds' projects and capital assets purchased by the funds. Governmental funds will include the proceeds received from the issuance of debt, the current payments for capital assets, and the current payments for debt. Below is a description of the most significant changes to the fund financial statements from that reported in the previous year.

General Fund

- The District's general fund revenue and other uses exceeded its expenditures and other sources by approximately \$130,000.
- The District's general fund unassigned fund balance equated to approximately \$439,000 at June 30, 2019.
- The District established many fund balance reserves during the year ended June 30, 2019, and had a total restricted fund balance approximated \$456,000.
- The District's total assets increased approximately \$421,000 as of June 30, 2019. The District's liabilities increased approximately \$551,000. The increase in assets was primarily related to an increase in due from other funds. The increase in liabilities was the result of an increase in due to other funds.
- Total revenue in the District's general fund increased \$546,000, which was primarily related to an increase in state aid and BOCES aid. Total expenditures in the District's general fund increased by \$386,000 primarily as a result of a transfer to the capital project fund in the current year.

Food Service Fund

- The District's food service fund experienced a \$62,000 decrease in fund equity during the current year.
- Revenue in the District's food service fund was \$340,000 during 2019 as compared with \$326,000 in 2018. Expenditures increased approximately \$79,000. These increases are related to the District enrolling in the Community Eligibility Program in the current year, as overall participation in the breakfast and lunch programs increased.

Public Library Fund

- The District had revenue in the public library in the amount of approximately \$50,000 and expenses of approximately \$58,000.

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V. Financial Analysis of the School District's Funds (continued)

Special Aid Fund

- The District's special aid fund revenue and expenditures increased approximately \$94,000 or 21% which was primarily a result of an increase in the Title I and Teachers for Tomorrow grants.

Capital Projects Fund

- The District had expenditures in the amount of \$802,000 in capital projects during the year ended June 30, 2019, which was primarily related to costs associated with the District's athletic capital project, construction project and Smart Bond Act project.

VI. General Fund Budgetary Highlight

Over the course of the year, the District makes many budget transfers, which is the common method utilized to manage the budget throughout the year. Actual expenditures were approximately \$39,000 above the revised budget. The most significant variance was related to operating transfers which was \$350,000 above that budgeted. This was partially offset by instruction which totaled \$132,000 below that budgeted. On the other hand, resources available for appropriations were approximately \$276,000 above the final budgeted amount. Significant variances of revenue items consisted of local sources which were \$298,000 above that budgeted. This was partially offset by state sources which were approximately \$62,000 below that budgeted.

Figure A-9 – Budget vs. Actual Comparison

<i>Belfast Central School District</i> General Fund - Budget vs Actual Comparison (in thousands of dollars)				
	Revised Budget	Actual	Difference	%
Revenue				
Local sources	\$ 1,823	\$ 2,121	\$ 298	16%
State sources	7,887	7,825	(62)	-1%
Federal sources	25	47	22	87%
Interfund revenue	-	18	18	n/a
Total revenue	\$ 9,735	\$ 10,011	\$ 276	3%
Expenditures				
General support	\$ 1,536	\$ 1,463	\$ 73	5%
Instruction	4,669	4,537	132	3%
Transportation	577	558	19	3%
Employee benefits	1,600	1,513	87	5%
Debt service	1,645	1,645	0	0%
Operating transfers	75	425	(350)	-467%
Total expenditures	\$ 10,102	\$ 10,141	(39)	0%

VII. Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

As depicted in Figure A-10, as of June 30, 2019, the District had invested approximately \$16,517,000 in a broad range of capital assets, including reconstruction projects, transportation vehicles and other equipment. Capital additions made during the year ended June 30, 2019, totaled approximately \$927,000 and consisted primarily of costs associated with the District's athletic capital project, construction project, Smart Bond Act project and vehicle purchases. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

Long-term Debt

As depicted in Figure A-11, as of June 30, 2019, the District had approximately \$8,140,000 in bonds, net pension liability, other post-employment benefits liability and compensated absences, a decrease of approximately 12% as compared with the previous year. The decrease in bonds payable was the result of the District making regularly scheduled principal payments. The District's NYS Employees' Retirement System net pension liability and other post-employment benefits liability increased as a result of actuarial updates, while compensated absences increased as additional sick days were accrued.

Figure A-10 – Capital Assets

<i>Belfast Central School District</i> Capital Assets (net of depreciation)			
	Governmental Activities & Total District-wide		
	2019	2018	Change
Land	\$ 83,860	\$ 83,860	0%
Buildings	22,583,631	19,811,141	14%
Construction in progress	256,723	2,385,606	-89%
Equipment	2,425,648	2,141,762	13%
Accumulated depreciation	(8,833,014)	(8,110,965)	9%
Total Capital Assets, net	\$ 16,516,848	\$ 16,311,404	1%

Figure A-11 – Outstanding Long-term Debt

<i>Belfast Central School District</i> Outstanding Long-Term Debt and Liabilities			
	Governmental Activities & Total District-wide		
	2019	2018	Change
Bonds payable	\$ 6,809,642	\$ 8,003,407	-15%
Energy performance contract	450,000	475,000	-5%
Net pension liabilities	180,036	78,544	129%
Other post-employment benefits	552,540	539,134	2%
Compensated absences	147,896	103,535	43%
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 8,140,114	\$ 9,199,620	-12%

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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VIII. Factors Bearing on the District's Future

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of the following existing circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

- The District continues to be uncertain to the level of state aid.

IX. Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, customers and investors and creditors with a general overview of the finances of the District and to demonstrate our accountability with the money we receive. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact:

Belfast Central School District
Attention: Mr. Robert Lingenfelter
District Treasurer
1 King St
Belfast, NY 14711

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

Schedule 1

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	2019	2018
Assets		
Cash		
Unrestricted	\$ 423,500	\$ 1,239,758
Restricted	792,015	777,837
Receivables		
State and federal aid	459,248	366,112
Other receivables	15,018	-
Due from other governments	250	350
Due from other fiduciary funds	44,085	-
Inventories	6,275	6,745
Net pension asset - NYS Teachers' Retirement System	298,299	126,682
Capital assets, net	16,516,848	16,311,404
Total assets	<u>18,555,538</u>	<u>18,828,888</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred outflows related to pensions	1,756,475	1,964,380
Deferred outflows related to bond refunding	491,554	564,125
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	61,264	37,246
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>2,309,293</u>	<u>2,565,751</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 20,864,831</u>	<u>\$ 21,394,639</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 36,879	\$ 30,933
Accrued liabilities	1,642	8,137
Accrued interest	77,000	71,000
Due to fiduciary funds	-	1,238
Due to other governments	407	269
Due to retirement systems	328,891	339,086
Unearned revenue	13,248	9,618
Bond anticipation notes payable	2,184,760	2,299,144
Long-term liabilities		
Portion due or payable within one year		
Bonds payable	770,000	1,095,000
Energy performance contract	25,000	25,000
Portion due or payable after one year		
Bonds payable	6,039,642	6,908,407
Energy performance contract	425,000	450,000
Net pension liability - NYS Employees' Retirement System	180,036	78,544
Other post-employment benefits	552,540	539,134
Compensated absences	147,896	103,535
Total liabilities	<u>10,782,941</u>	<u>11,959,045</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred inflows related to pensions	447,285	620,867
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	102,249	80,710
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>549,534</u>	<u>701,577</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>11,332,475</u>	<u>12,660,622</u>
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	7,072,446	5,925,875
Restricted	792,015	777,837
Unrestricted	1,667,895	2,030,305
Total net position	<u>9,532,356</u>	<u>8,734,017</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	<u>\$ 20,864,831</u>	<u>\$ 21,394,639</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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		Indirect	Program Revenues		2019	2018
	Expenses	Expenses	Charges for	Operating	Net (Expense)	Net (Expense)
		Allocation	Services	Grants	Revenue and	Revenue and
					Changes in	Changes in
					Net Position	Net Position
Functions/Programs						
General support	\$ 1,637,801	\$ 157,673	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,795,474)	\$ (1,653,515)
Instruction	6,425,221	494,263	2,796	643,830	(6,272,858)	(6,198,680)
Pupil transportation	548,084	70,113	-	-	(618,197)	(685,158)
Community services	55,605	-	-	-	(55,605)	(48,301)
Debt service	390,313	-	-	-	(390,313)	(542,675)
Food service program	401,483	-	41,797	223,052	(136,634)	(100,941)
Depreciation	722,049	(722,049)	-	-	-	-
Total functions and programs	\$ 10,180,556	\$ -	\$ 44,593	\$ 866,882	(9,269,081)	(9,229,270)
General Revenues						
Real property taxes					1,858,879	1,886,836
Use of money and property					16,688	4,657
Sale of property and compensation for loss					53,129	7,527
Miscellaneous					267,222	224,268
State sources					7,824,788	7,392,541
Federal sources					46,714	36,802
Total general revenues					10,067,420	9,552,631
Change in net position					798,339	323,361
Net position - beginning of year					8,734,017	7,962,438
Prior period adjustment					-	448,218
Net position - end of year					\$ 9,532,356	\$ 8,734,017

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

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	Governmental Funds						2019	2018
	General	Special Aid	Public Library	Food Service	Debt Service	Capital Projects	(Memo only) Total	(Memo only) Total
Assets								
Unrestricted cash	\$ 713,236	\$ -	\$ 17,771	\$ 3,103	\$ 12,536	\$ 7,303	\$ 753,949	\$ 1,560,878
Restricted cash	456,235	-	5,331	-	-	-	461,566	456,717
Due from other funds	1,054,723	2,473	47,050	-	491,114	458,936	2,054,296	654,954
State and federal aid receivable	161,747	256,831	-	40,670	-	-	459,248	366,112
Other receivables	15,018	-	-	-	-	-	15,018	-
Due from other governments	250	-	-	-	-	-	250	350
Inventories	-	-	-	6,275	-	-	6,275	6,745
Total assets	\$ 2,401,209	\$ 259,304	\$ 70,152	\$ 50,048	\$ 503,650	\$ 466,239	\$ 3,750,602	\$ 3,045,756
Liabilities and Fund Equity								
Liabilities								
Accounts payable	\$ 26,809	\$ 9,175	\$ 754	\$ 141	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,879	\$ 30,933
Accrued liabilities	-	-	-	1,642	-	-	1,642	8,137
Bond anticipation notes payable	-	-	-	-	-	2,184,760	2,184,760	2,299,144
Due to other funds	916,083	241,667	1,370	157,333	167,870	525,888	2,010,211	656,192
Unearned revenue	-	7,917	5,331	-	-	-	13,248	9,618
Due to other governments	-	-	-	407	-	-	407	269
Due to Teachers' Retirement System	297,605	-	-	-	-	-	297,605	309,017
Due to Employees' Retirement System	28,348	545	-	2,393	-	-	31,286	30,069
Total liabilities	1,268,845	259,304	7,455	161,916	167,870	2,710,648	4,576,038	3,343,379
Fund Equity								
Nonspendable	-	-	-	6,275	-	-	6,275	6,745
Restricted	456,235	-	-	-	335,780	-	792,015	777,837
Assigned	237,202	-	62,697	-	-	-	299,899	287,378
Unassigned (deficit)	438,927	-	-	(118,143)	-	(2,244,409)	(1,923,625)	(1,369,583)
Total fund equity (deficit)	1,132,364	-	62,697	(111,868)	335,780	(2,244,409)	(825,436)	(297,623)
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ 2,401,209	\$ 259,304	\$ 70,152	\$ 50,048	\$ 503,650	\$ 466,239	\$ 3,750,602	\$ 3,045,756

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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	Governmental Funds						2019	2018
	General	Special Aid	Public Library	Food Service	Debt Service	Capital Projects	(Memo only) Total	(Memo only) Total
Revenue								
Real property taxes	\$ 1,811,829	\$ -	\$ 47,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,858,879	\$ 1,886,836
Charges for services	2,295	-	501	-	-	-	2,796	7,889
Use of money and property	4,117	-	8	5	12,558	-	16,688	4,657
Sale of property compensation for loss	52,981	-	148	-	-	-	53,129	7,527
Miscellaneous	250,286	-	2,296	-	14,640	-	267,222	224,268
State sources	7,824,788	197,396	-	5,898	-	-	8,028,082	7,563,773
Federal sources	46,714	336,176	-	200,590	-	-	583,480	451,550
Surplus food	-	-	-	16,564	-	-	16,564	10,355
Sales (school food service)	-	-	-	41,797	-	-	41,797	65,242
Total revenue	9,993,010	533,572	50,003	264,854	27,198	-	10,868,637	10,222,097
Expenditures								
General support	1,462,557	-	-	135,886	-	-	1,598,443	1,524,269
Instruction	4,537,432	423,314	-	-	-	-	4,960,746	4,896,618
Pupil transportation	558,093	-	-	-	-	-	558,093	557,235
Community services	-	-	55,605	-	-	-	55,605	48,301
Employee benefits	1,512,882	110,258	2,648	115,161	-	-	1,740,949	1,646,761
Debt service								
Principal	1,251,032	-	-	-	-	-	1,251,032	1,137,991
Interest	393,859	-	-	-	-	-	393,859	372,210
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	801,671	801,671	1,279,396
Cost of sales	-	-	-	150,436	-	-	150,436	112,050
Total expenditures	9,715,855	533,572	58,253	401,483	-	801,671	11,510,834	11,574,831
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	277,155	-	(8,250)	(136,629)	27,198	(801,671)	(642,197)	(1,352,734)
Other sources and uses								
BANS redeemed from appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	114,384	114,384	25,384
Proceeds from advanced refunding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,454,567
Payment to escrow agent - advance refunding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,454,567)
Operating transfers in	17,868	-	-	75,000	-	350,000	442,868	280,829
Operating transfers out	(425,000)	-	-	-	(17,868)	-	(442,868)	(280,829)
Total other sources (uses)	(407,132)	-	-	75,000	(17,868)	464,384	114,384	25,384
Excess (deficiency) of revenue and other sources over expenditures and other uses	(129,977)	-	(8,250)	(61,629)	9,330	(337,287)	(527,813)	(1,327,350)
Fund equity (deficit), beginning of year	1,262,341	-	70,947	(50,239)	326,450	(1,907,122)	(297,623)	944,115
Prior period adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85,612
Fund equity (deficit), end of year	\$ 1,132,364	\$ -	\$ 62,697	\$ (111,868)	\$ 335,780	\$ (2,244,409)	\$ (825,436)	\$ (297,623)

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

Schedule 5

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	Private Purpose Trusts	Agency Funds	Total 06/30/19	(Memo only) Total 06/30/18
Assets				
Cash	\$ 9,327	\$ 137,831	\$ 147,158	\$ 94,945
Due from other funds	-	-	-	30,969
Total assets	\$ 9,327	\$ 137,831	\$ 147,158	\$ 125,914
Liabilities				
Accrued liabilities	\$ -	\$ 23,828	\$ 23,828	\$ 18,595
Due to other funds	-	44,085	44,085	29,731
Student extraclassroom activity funds	-	69,918	69,918	66,926
Total liabilities	-	137,831	137,831	115,252
Net position				
Reserved for scholarships	9,327	-	9,327	10,662
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 9,327	\$ 137,831	\$ 147,158	\$ 125,914

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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	06/30/19	(Memo only) 06/30/18
Additions		
Gifts and contributions	\$ 1,413	\$ 4,114
Interest earnings	2	1
Total additions	1,415	4,115
Deductions		
Scholarships awarded	2,750	2,500
Total deductions	2,750	2,500
Change in net position	(1,335)	1,615
Net position - beginning of year	10,662	9,047
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 9,327</u>	<u>\$ 10,662</u>

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

Total fund balances - governmental funds \$ (825,436)

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. Capital assets consist of the following at year-end:

Cost of the assets	\$ 25,349,862	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(8,833,014)</u>	16,516,848

District's proportionate share of the net pension asset is reported on the statement of net position, whereas in the governmental funds pension costs are based on required contributions.

298,299

Interest on long-term liabilities is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due.

(77,000)

Deferred outflows from the refunding of debt is reported in the statement of net position and is amortized over the refunded debt. In the governmental funds the total sources and payments related to the refunding are recognized in statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund equity.

491,554

Deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to actuarial pension differences are reported on the statement of net position and amortized over the average members' years of service. In the governmental funds pension expense is based on required contributions.

1,309,190

Deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to actuarial OPEB differences are reported on the statement of net position and amortized over the average members' years of service. In the governmental funds OPEB expense is based on required contributions to OPEB plan.

(40,985)

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

Bonds payable	(6,809,642)	
Energy performance contract	(450,000)	
Net pension liability - ERS	(180,036)	
Other post-employment benefits	(552,540)	
Compensated absences	<u>(147,896)</u>	(8,140,114)

Total net position - governmental activities \$ 9,532,356

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	Total Governmental Funds	Long-term Asset and Outflow Transactions	Long-term Liability and Inflow Transactions	Reclassification and Eliminations	Statement of Net Position
Assets					
Cash	\$ 1,215,515	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,215,515
Due from other funds	2,054,296	-	-	(2,010,211)	44,085
State and federal aid receivable	459,248	-	-	-	459,248
Other receivables	15,018	-	-	-	15,018
Due from other governments	250	-	-	-	250
Inventories	6,275	-	-	-	6,275
Net pension asset	-	298,299	-	-	298,299
Capital assets, net	-	16,516,848	-	-	16,516,848
Total assets	3,750,602	16,815,147	-	(2,010,211)	18,555,538
Deferred Outflows of Resources					
Deferred outflows related to pensions	-	1,756,475	-	-	1,756,475
Deferred outflows related to bond refunding	-	491,554	-	-	491,554
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	-	61,264	-	-	61,264
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 3,750,602	\$ 19,124,440	\$ -	\$ (2,010,211)	\$ 20,864,831
Liabilities, Deferred inflows of resources and Fund Equity/Net Position					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 36,879	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,879
Accrued liabilities	1,642	-	-	-	1,642
Accrued interest	-	-	77,000	-	77,000
Due to other funds	2,010,211	-	-	(2,010,211)	-
Unearned revenue	13,248	-	-	-	13,248
Due to other governments	407	-	-	-	407
Due to retirement systems	328,891	-	-	-	328,891
Bond anticipation notes payable	2,184,760	-	-	-	2,184,760
Bonds payable	-	-	6,809,642	-	6,809,642
Energy performance contract	-	-	450,000	-	450,000
Net pension liability	-	-	180,036	-	180,036
Other post-employment benefits	-	-	552,540	-	552,540
Compensated absences	-	-	147,896	-	147,896
Total liabilities	4,576,038	-	8,217,114	(2,010,211)	10,782,941
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Deferred inflows related to pensions	-	-	447,285	-	447,285
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	-	-	102,249	-	102,249
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	4,576,038	-	8,766,648	(2,010,211)	11,332,475
Fund equity and net position	(825,436)	19,124,440	(8,766,648)	-	9,532,356
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund equity/net position	\$ 3,750,602	\$ 19,124,440	\$ -	\$ (2,010,211)	\$ 20,864,831

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds \$ (527,813)

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. Activity for the current fiscal year ended was as follows:

Capital outlays	\$ 927,493	
Depreciation expense	<u>(722,049)</u>	205,444

Repayment of bond principal, including bond refundings, capital lease principal and bond anticipation notes principal is an expenditure the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. 1,235,134

Bond anticipation notes redeemed from appropriations is recorded as revenue and other sources in the governmental funds, whereas the repayment reduces short-term liabilities in the statement of net position. (114,384)

Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus required the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. In addition, premiums received on bonds and bond anticipation notes are recorded as revenue in the governmental funds when received, whereas in the statement of activities, premiums are amortized to interest expense. 19,444

District's proportionate share of actuarial calculated pension expense and net amortization of deferred amounts are recorded in the statement of activities, whereas in the governmental funds pension expense is based on District's required contribution to pension plans. 35,802

District's actuarial calculated OPEB expense and net amortization of deferred outflows and inflows related to OPEB are recorded in the statement of activities, whereas in the governmental funds OPEB expense is based on District's required contribution to the OPEB plan. (10,927)

In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses - compensated absences, are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially the amounts actually paid). This year, compensated absences changed by this amount. (44,361)

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ 798,339

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	Total Governmental Funds	Long-term Asset and Outflow Transactions	Long-term Asset and Inflow Transactions	Reclassification and Eliminations	Statement of Activities Totals
Revenue					
Real property taxes	\$ 1,858,879	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,858,879
Charges for services	2,796	-	-	(2,796)	-
Use of money and property	16,688	-	-	-	16,688
Sale of property compensation for loss	53,129	-	-	-	53,129
Miscellaneous	267,222	-	-	-	267,222
State sources	8,028,082	-	-	(203,294)	7,824,788
Federal sources	583,480	-	-	(536,766)	46,714
Surplus food	16,564	-	-	(16,564)	-
Sales (school food service)	41,797	-	-	(41,797)	-
Total revenue	10,868,637	-	-	(801,217)	10,067,420
Expenditures					
General support	1,598,443	157,673	-	39,358	1,795,474
Instruction	4,960,746	530,369	-	781,743	6,272,858
Pupil transportation	558,093	(47,454)	-	107,558	618,197
Community services	55,605	-	-	-	55,605
Employee benefits	1,740,949	-	(24,875)	(1,716,074)	-
Debt service	1,644,891	-	(1,254,578)	-	390,313
Capital outlay	801,671	(801,671)	-	-	-
Cost of sales	150,436	-	-	(13,802)	136,634
Total expenditures	11,510,834	(161,083)	(1,279,453)	(801,217)	9,269,081
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	(642,197)	161,083	1,279,453	-	798,339
Other sources and uses					
BANs redeemed from appropriation	114,384	-	(114,384)	-	-
Operating transfers in	442,868	-	-	(442,868)	-
Operating transfers out	(442,868)	-	-	442,868	-
Total other sources (uses)	114,384	-	(114,384)	-	-
Net change for year	\$ (527,813)	\$ 161,083	\$ 1,165,069	\$ -	\$ 798,339

**BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

I. Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements of the **Belfast Central School District** have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for governments as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) which is the standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

A. Reporting Entity

The financial statements include all funds and account groups of the School District as well as the component units and other organizational entities determined to be includable in the School District's financial reporting entity.

The decision to include a potential component unit in the School District's reporting entity is based on several criteria including legal standing, fiscal dependency, and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, the following is a brief review of certain entities included in the School District's reporting entity:

1. The Extraclassroom Activity Funds

The extraclassroom activity funds of the **Belfast Central School District** represents funds of the students of the School District. The Board of Education exercises general oversight of these funds. The extraclassroom activity funds are independent of the School District with respect to its financial transactions, and the designation of student management. The cash and investment balances are reported in the Agency Fund of the District. The audited financial statements (cash basis) of the extraclassroom activity funds are available at the District's offices.

B. Joint Venture

The **Belfast Central School District** is a component school districts in the Cattaraugus-Allegany Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). A BOCES is a voluntary, cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that share planning, services, and programs which provide educational and support activities.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. Joint Venture (continued)

BOCES are organized under Section 1950 of the Education Law. A BOCES Board is considered a corporate body. All BOCES property is held by the BOCES Board as a corporation (Section 1950(6)). In addition, BOCES Boards also are considered municipal corporations to permit them to contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under Section 119-n(a) of the General Municipal Law.

A BOCES budget is comprised of separate budgets for administrative, program, and capital costs. Each component school district's share of the administrative and capital cost is determined by resident public school district enrollment as defined in Education Law, Section 1950(4)(b)(7).

There is no authority or process by which a school district can terminate its status as a BOCES component. In addition, component school districts pay tuition or a service fee for programs in which its students participate. Members of a BOCES Board are nominated and elected by their component member boards in accordance with provisions of Section 1950 of the Education Law.

During the year, the District was billed approximately \$2,103,000 for BOCES administration and program costs. The District's share of BOCES aid and refunds amounted to \$1,200,000 for the year ended June 30, 2019. Financial statements for the Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES are available at the BOCES administrative offices in Olean, New York.

C. Basis of Presentation

1. District-wide Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present financial information about the District's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety, except those that are fiduciary. Eliminations have been made to minimize double counting of internal transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, state aid, intergovernmental revenues, and other exchange and non-exchange transactions. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES (continued)**

C. Basis of Presentation (continued)

1. District-wide Statements (continued)

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

2. Fund Financial Statements

The fund statements provide information about the District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category (governmental and fiduciary) are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General - is the general operating fund and is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Aid - is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources such as Federal and State grants, that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes, whose funds are restricted as to use. These legal restrictions may be imposed by either governments that provide the funds or outside parties.

Food Service - is used to account for all revenue and expenditures pertaining to the cafeteria operations.

Capital Projects - is used to account for the financial resources used for acquisition, construction, or major repair of capital facilities.

Debt Service - is used to account for the accumulation of resources and the payment of general long-term debt principal and interest.

Public Library - is used to account for transactions related to the public library in Belfast, New York.

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES (continued)**

C. Basis of Presentation (continued)

2. Fund Financial Statements (continued)

Fiduciary Fund Types - This fund is used to account for fiduciary activities. Fiduciary activities are those in which the District acts as trustee or agent for resources that belong to others. These activities are not included in the District-wide financial statements, because their resources do not belong to the District, and are not available to be used. Included in the Fiduciary Fund are Private Purpose Trust Funds and Agency Funds. Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and generally are accounted for on the cash basis which approximates the modified accrual basis of accounting. Private Purpose Trust Funds are accounted for on the accrual basis of accounting.

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

The governmental fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period, except for real property taxes, which are considered to be available if they are collected within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. Non-expendable trust funds are accounted for on the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)

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

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For financial statement purposes, all highly liquid investments of three months or less are considered as cash equivalents. New York State law governs the District's investment policies. Resources must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. Permissible investments include obligations of the United States Treasury, United States Agencies, repurchase agreements and obligations of New York State or its localities. Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by FDIC insurance.

F. Inventory

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

G. Investments

Investments are stated at current market value.

H. Capital Assets

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

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

H. Capital Assets (continued)

	Capitalization Threshold	Depreciation Method	Estimated Useful Life
Buildings	\$ 1,500	Straight-line	15-40 years
Land			15-40 years
improvements	1,500	Straight-line	years
Furniture and equipment	1,500	Straight-line	5-20 years
Transportation Vehicles	1,500	Straight-line	8 years

I. Due To/From Other Funds

The amounts reported on the Statement of Net Position for due to and from other funds represent amounts due between different fund types (governmental activities, and fiduciary funds). Eliminations have been made for amounts due to and due from within the same fund type. A detailed description of the individual fund balances at year-end is provided subsequently in these notes.

J. Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The government has four items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item is related to pensions reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability and difference during the measurement period between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The second item is the District contributions to the pension systems (TRS and ERS Systems) subsequent to the measurement date. The third item is a deferred charge on the refunding of bonds which results from the difference in carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The last relates to OPEB reporting in the district-wide statement of net position. This represents the actuarial differences that are deferred and amortized and benefits paid after the measurement date.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES (continued)**

**J. Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources
(continued)**

The District has two items that qualify for reporting in this category and is related to pensions reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension liability (TRS and ERS System) and difference during the measurement periods between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The second item relates to OPEB reporting in the district-wide statement of net position. This represents the actuarial differences that are deferred and amortized.

K. Compensated Absences

Sick leave and Retirement Incentive Pay - certain of the District's employee groups have negotiated retirement incentive benefits payable based on accumulated unused sick days. Generally the employee must have accumulated minimum years of service with the District and must be eligible for retirement under the provisions of either the teacher or employee retirement systems. The District has recorded an estimated liability in the District-wide financial statement amounting to \$147,896 to recognize the cost of the incentive benefits for those employees eligible to receive such a benefit. Payment of these benefits is dependent on many factors; therefore, the timing of future payments is not readily determinable.

The District believes sufficient resources and budgetary appropriations will be available as the benefits become payable in future years. The liability for compensated absences is calculated at rates in effect as of the balance sheet date and is recorded in the district-wide financial statements.

L. Post-Employment Benefits

In addition to the retirement benefits described in Note 3VIB, the District provides post-employment health insurance coverage to its retired employees and their survivors in accordance with the provisions of the employment contracts negotiated between the School District and its employee groups. Certain administrators, upon reaching normal retirement age while working for the District, will have the District pay their health insurance premiums from their retirement incentive benefits (until exhausted) in accordance with their respective employment contract.

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES (continued)**

M. Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue is reported on the District's combined balance sheet. Unearned revenue arises when potential revenue does not meet both the measurable and available criteria for recognition in the current period. Unearned revenue also arises when resources are received by the District before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both recognition criteria are met, or when the District has legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed and revenue is recognized. Unearned revenues recorded in the governmental funds are not recorded in the District-wide statements.

N. Fund Equity

1. Governmental Funds

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions* (GASB 54). This Statement defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes.

GASB 54 requires the fund balance amounts to be reported within one of the fund balance categories listed below:

A. Nonspendable

Fund balance associated with assets that are inherently nonspendable in the current period because of their form or because they must be maintained intact, including inventories, prepaids, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for relate (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned). Nonspendable Fund Balance includes the following category:

1. Inventory Reserve

This reserve is used to limit the investment in inventory and to restrict that portion of fund balance which is unavailable for appropriation. This reserve is accounted for in the School Food Service Fund.

B. Restricted

Fund balance amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by constitutional, external resource providers including creditors, grantors, contributors, etc., or through enabling legislation. Restricted Fund Balance includes the following categories:

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES (continued)**

N. Fund Equity (continued)

1. Governmental Funds (continued)

B. Restricted (continued)

1. Debt Service Reserve

This reserve is used to account for proceeds from the sale of property financed by obligations still outstanding, interest and earnings on outstanding obligations, and remaining bond proceeds not to be utilized for the intended purpose. The Board of Education, by resolution, has reserved fund equity to provide for debt service on retirement incentives, retirees' health insurance liabilities and compensated absences. These monies must be used to pay the debt service of the obligations from which they originated or were designated by Board resolution. These reserves are accounted for in the General Fund and Debt Service Fund.

2. Reserve for Employee Benefits

The purpose of this reserve is to reserve funds for the payment of any accrued employee benefit due an employee upon termination of service. This reserve fund may be established by a majority vote of the board of education and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

3. Unemployment Reserve

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

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES (continued)**

N. Fund Equity (continued)

1. Governmental Funds (continued)

B. Restricted (continued)

4. Workers' Compensation Reserve

This reserve is used to accumulate funds for the purpose of paying for compensation benefits and other expenditures authorized under Article 2 of the New York State Workers' Compensation Law, and for payment of expenditures of administering this self-insurance program. Excess reserve amounts may be either transferred to another reserve or applied to the appropriations for the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. The reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

5. Capital Reserve

This reserve is used to accumulate funds to finance all or a portion of future capital projects and vehicles for which bonds may be issued. Voter authorization is required for both the establishment of the reserve and payments from the reserve.

6. Reserve for Repairs

This reserve is used to accumulate funds to finance future costs of major repairs to capital improvements or equipment. Voter authorization is required to fund the reserve. Expenditures from this reserve may be made only after a public hearing has been held. In an emergency, expenditures may be made from the reserve fund without a public hearing with approval of two-thirds of the Board of Education. The emergency expenditure must be repaid within the next two succeeding years. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

7. Endowment Scholarships Reserve

This reserve is used to account for endowments, scholarships and other funds held in trust by the School District. These monies and earnings must be used for the specific purpose of the original contribution.

8. Reserve for Retirement Contributions

This reserve is used to accumulate funds for employee retirement system contributions. The reserve may be established by a majority vote of the Board of Education and is accounted for in the General Fund.

9. Teachers' Retirement Reserve Subfund

This reserve is used to accumulate funds for teachers' retirement system contributions and has limits of 2% annually and 10% in total of teacher retirement system salaries. The reserve may be established by a majority vote of the Board of Education and is accounted for in the General Fund.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES (continued)**

N. Fund Equity (continued)

1. Governmental Funds (continued)

C. Committed

Fund balance amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District's Board of Education, which is the District's highest level of decision-making authority. The District did not have any committed fund balance as of June 30, 2019.

D. Assigned

Fund balance intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but does not meet the criteria to be restricted or committed. Along with the District's Board of Education, the Business Manager and Treasurer has been authorized to assign fund balance amounts for specific purposes through the establishment of an encumbrance.

1. Encumbrance Reserve

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments of the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is used in the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Capital Projects Fund.

The cost of construction contract commitments generally is recorded as an encumbrance of Capital Projects Fund and is presented as a reserve for encumbrances. These committed amounts generally will become liabilities in future periods as the construction work is performed by the contractors. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reported as reservations of fund equity since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities. Reserve for encumbrances totaled \$55,202 as of June 30, 2019.

2. Appropriated Fund Equity

General Fund - The amount of \$182,000 has been designated as the amount estimated to be appropriated to reduce taxes for the year ending June 30, 2020 as allowed by Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.

E. Unassigned

The residual classification of the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES (continued)**

N. Fund Equity (continued)

2. Government-wide financial statements

A. Net investment in capital assets

This designation of net position is used to accumulate the capital asset balance in the statement of net position less accumulated depreciation and outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

B. Restricted

This category represents amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by constitutional, external resource providers including creditors, grantors, contributors, etc., or through enabling legislation.

C. Unrestricted

This category represents net position of the District not restricted for any other purpose.

3. Order of Fund Balance Spending Policy

When more than one classification of fund balance of the District are eligible to be utilized for an expenditure of the District, the order in which the fund balance classifications will be utilized will be as follows:

- a. Restricted fund balance for which action has been taken by the Board of Education, a designated school official, or by the voters of the District, specifically designating funds to the expenditure;
- b. Committed fund balance for which action has been taken by the Board of Education, a designated school official, or by the voters of the District, specifically designating funds to the expenditure;
- c. Assigned fund balance created specifically for the expenditure (encumbered fund balance);
- d. Assigned fund balance within funds other than the General Fund of the District to which the expenditure relates;
- e. Unassigned fund balance.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES (continued)**

O. Budgetary Procedures and Budgetary Accounting

1. Budget Policies

The budget policies are as follows:

- a) The School District administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the General Fund and the School Food Service Fund.
- b) The proposed appropriations budget is approved by the voters within the District.
- c) Appropriations are adopted at the program level.
- d) Appropriations established by adoption of the budget constitute a limitation on expenditures and encumbrances which may be incurred. Appropriations lapse at the fiscal year end. Supplemental appropriations may occur subject to legal restrictions, if the Board approves them because of a need which exists which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted. The District had no supplemental appropriations during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

2. Budget Basis for Accounting

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with the fund financial statements and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Appropriations authorized for the current year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year.

The budget and actual comparison for the Food Service Fund reflects budgeted and actual amounts for funds with legally authorized (appropriated) budgets.

Budgetary controls for the special revenue and capital funds are established in accordance with the applicable grant agreement or authorized project limit which may cover a period other than the District's fiscal year. Consequently, the budgets for such funds have been excluded from the combined schedule of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund equity - budget and actual.

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES (continued)**

P. Property Taxes

1. Calendar

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education no later than September 1 and become a lien on October 31.

2. Enforcement

Uncollected real property taxes are subsequently enforced by the Counties, in which the School District is located. An amount representing uncollected real property taxes transmitted to the County for enforcement is paid by the County to the School District no later than the forthcoming April 1.

Q. Interfund Transfers

The operations of the School District give rise to certain transactions between funds, including transfers to provide services and construct assets.

R. Deferred Compensation Plan

Belfast Central School District offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b) - Tax Sheltered Annuities (TSA). The plan is available to all school employees and permits them to defer taxation on a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred portion is withheld by the District and disbursed to the employees' TSA plan administrator. The TSA plans are owned by the individuals and held in trust by the plan administrator. The School District has a fiduciary responsibility for funds withheld and remittance to trustees.

S. Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the reported revenues and expenses.

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

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

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

Total fund balances of the District's governmental funds differs from "net position" of governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the additional long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the solely current financial resources focus of the governmental fund Balance Sheet.

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

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

1. Long-term Revenue Differences

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

2. Capital Related Differences

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

**NOTE 2 - EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND
DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENTS (continued)**

B. Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance vs. Statement of Activities (continued)

3. Long-term Debt Transaction Differences

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

4. Pension Differences

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

5. OPEB Differences

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

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

I. Cash

The *Belfast Central School District's* investment policies are governed by State statutes. School District monies must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. The District treasurer is authorized to use demand accounts and certificates of deposits. Permissible investments include obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies, repurchase agreements, and obligations of New York State or its localities.

Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by Federal Deposit Insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the state and its municipalities and School Districts.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure the District's deposits may not be returned to it. While the District does not have a specific policy with regards to custodial credit risk, New York State statutes govern the District's investment policies. At June 30, 2019, the District's deposits were fully collateralized.

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NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

I. Cash (continued)

A. Deposits

Deposits are valued at cost or cost plus interest and are categorized as either:

- (1) Insured through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized with securities held by the entity or by its agent in the entity's name;
- (2) Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agency in the entity's name; or
- (3) Uncollateralized

Total financial institution (bank) balances at June 30, 2019 per the bank were approximately \$1,581,000. Deposits on hand at June 30, 2019 are categorized as follows:

Category 1	Category 2	Carrying Value
\$ 257,000	\$ 1,324,000	\$ 1,581,000

II. Interfund Transactions

Interfund balances and transactions as of and during the year ended June 30, 2019 are as follows:

	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
General Fund	\$ 1,054,723	\$ 916,083
Debt Service Fund	491,114	167,870
School Lunch Fund	-	157,333
Special Aid Fund	2,473	241,667
Agency Fund	-	44,085
Capital Fund	458,936	525,888
Library Fund	47,050	1,370
Total	\$ 2,054,296	\$ 2,054,296
	Interfund Revenue	Interfund Expenditures
General Fund	\$ 17,868	\$ 425,000
School Lunch Fund	75,000	-
Debt Service Fund	-	17,868
Capital Fund	350,000	-
Total	\$ 442,868	\$ 442,868

During the year ended June 30, 2019, the District transferred \$75,000 from the general fund to the school lunch fund to subsidize operations. The District transferred prior year bond anticipation note premiums in the amount of \$17,868 from the debt service fund to the general fund. In addition, the District transferred \$350,000 from the general fund to the capital project fund towards the voter approved capital project.

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

III. Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2019 consisted of the following, which are stated at net realizable value. District management has deemed the amounts to be fully collectible.

Fund	Description	Amount
Special Aid	State and Federal Aid	\$ 256,831
Food Service	State and Federal Aid	40,670
Food Service	Other receivables	-
General	State and Federal Aid	161,747
General	Other Receivables	15,018
	Due from Other Governments	250
		<u>\$ 474,516</u>

IV. Capital Assets

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2019 were as follows:

	Beginning Balance 06/30/18	Net change	Ending Balance 06/30/19
Governmental activities:			
Capital assets that are not depreciated:			
Land	\$ 83,860	\$ -	\$ 83,860
Construction-in-progress	2,385,606	(2,128,883)	256,723
Capital assets that are depreciated:			
Buildings and improvements	19,811,141	2,772,490	22,583,631
Furniture and equipment	2,141,762	283,886	2,425,648
Total historical cost	24,422,369	927,493	25,349,862
Less accumulated depreciation:			
Buildings and improvements	6,679,599	545,798	7,225,397
Furniture and equipment	1,431,366	176,251	1,607,617
Total accumulated depreciation	8,110,965	\$ 722,049	8,833,014
Total net book value	<u>\$ 16,311,404</u>		<u>\$ 16,516,848</u>

During the current year the District had fixed asset additions in the amount of \$927,493.

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NOTE 3 – DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

IV. Capital Assets (continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions during the current year as follows:

General support	\$	157,673
Instruction		494,263
Pupil transportation		70,113
	\$	<u>722,049</u>

V. Liabilities

A. Pension Plans

1. Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided

a. Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

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

b. Employees' Retirement System (ERS)

The District participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. The net position of the System is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), which was established to hold all net assets and record changes in plan net position allocated to the System.

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

V. Liabilities (continued)

A. Pension Plans (continued)

1. Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided (continued)

b. Employees' Retirement System (ERS) (continued)

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

2. Contributions

The Systems are noncontributory except for employees who joined after July 27, 1976, who contribute 3 percent of their salary for the first ten years of membership, and employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010 who generally contribute 3.0 to 3.5 percent of their salary for their entire length of service. In addition, employee contribution rates under ERS tier VI vary based on a sliding salary scale. For ERS, the Comptroller annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions based on salaries paid during the Systems' fiscal year ending March 31. For TRS, contribution rates are established annually by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board pursuant to Article 11 of the Education law.

Contributions for the current year and two preceding years were equal to 100 percent of the contributions required, and were as follows:

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NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

V. Liabilities (continued)

A. Pension Plans (continued)

2. Contributions (continued)

Year		TRS		ERS
2019	\$	284,000	\$	120,000
2018		263,000	\$	122,000
2017		310,000		127,000

The School District contributions made to the Systems were equal to 100% of the contributions required for each year.

Since 1989, the TRS' billings have been based on Chapter 62 of the Laws of 1989 of the State of New York. This legislation requires participating employers to make payments on a current basis.

3. Pension Asset (Liability), Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2019, the District reported the following asset (liability) for its proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) for each of the Systems. The net pension asset (liability) was measured as of March 31, 2019 for ERS and June 30, 2018 for TRS. The total pension asset (liability) used to calculate the net pension asset (liability) was determined by an actuarial valuation.

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

V. Liabilities (continued)

A. Pension Plans (continued)

3. Pension Asset (Liability), Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)

The District's proportion of the net pension asset (liability) was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the Systems relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. This information was provided by the ERS and TRS Systems in reports provided to the District.

Actuarial measurement date	ERS 3/31/2019	TRS 6/30/2018
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Net pension asset (liability)	\$ (180,036)	\$ 298,299
District's portion of the Plan's total net pension asset (liability)	.0025410%	.016496%

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the District's recognized pension expense of \$132,902 for ERS and \$263,923 for TRS. At June 30, 2019 the District's reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
	ERS	TRS	ERS	TRS
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 35,453	\$ 222,916	\$ 12,085	\$ 40,379
Changes of assumptions	45,254	1,042,749	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	-	46,207	331,134
Changes in proportion and differences between the Districts contributions and proportionate share of contributions	51,909	42,913	7,747	9,733
District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	31,286	283,995	-	-
Total	\$ 163,902	\$ 1,592,573	\$ 66,039	\$ 381,246

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NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

V. Liabilities (continued)

A. Pension Plans (continued)

3. Pension Asset (Liability), Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)

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

	ERS	TRS
Year ended:		
2020	\$ 53,609	\$ 304,409
2021	(22,328)	208,414
2022	5,709	26,823
2023	29,587	207,712
2024	-	144,754
Thereafter	-	35,220

4. Actuarial Assumptions

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

Significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuations were as follows:

	ERS	TRS
Measurement date	3/31/19	6/30/18
Actuarial valuation date	4/1/18	6/30/17
Interest rate	7%	7.25%
Salary scale	4.2% average 4/1/10 – 3/31/15	1.90% - 4.72% 7/1/09 – 6/30/14
	System's	System's
Decrement tables	Experience	Experience
Inflation rate	2.5%	2.25%

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

V. Liabilities (continued)

A. Pension Plans (continued)

4. Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

For ERS, annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2015 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on MP-2014. For TRS, annuitant mortality rates are based on member experience, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries Scale MP2014, applied on a generational basis. Active members' mortality rates are based on plan members' experience.

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

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

Measurement date	ERS 3/31/19	Expected Rate of Return	TRS 6/30/18	Expected Rate of Return
Asset Type:				
Domestic Equity	36%	4.55%	33%	5.8%
International Equity	14%	6.35%	16%	7.3%
Global Equity	-%	-%	4%	6.7%
Private Equity	10%	7.50%	8%	8.9%
Real Estate	10%	5.55%	11%	4.9%
Absolute return strategies	2%	3.75%	-%	-%
Opportunistic portfolio	3%	5.68%	-%	-%
Real assets	3%	5.29%	-%	-%
Domestic fixed income securities	-%	-%	16%	1.3%
Global fixed income securities	-%	-%	2%	0.9%
Real estate debt	-%	-%	7%	2.8%
Private debt	-%	-%	1%	6.8%
Short-term	-%	-%	1%	0.3%
High-yield fixed income	-%	-%	1%	3.5%
Bonds and Mortgages	17%	1.31%	-%	-%
Cash	1%	(.25%)	-%	-%
Inflation-indexed bonds	4%	1.25%	-%	-%
Total:	100%		100%	

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NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

V. Liabilities (continued)

A. Pension Plans (continued)

5. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to calculate the total pension liability was 7% for ERS and 7.25% for TRS. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially. Based upon the assumptions, the Systems' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension asset (liability).

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

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7% for ERS and 7.25% for TRS, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1- percentage point lower (6% for ERS and 6.25% for TRS) or 1-percentage point higher (8% for ERS and 8.25% for TRS) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6%)	Current Assumption (7%)	1% Increase (8%)
ERS			
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (787,145)	\$ (180,036)	\$ 329,979

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

V. Liabilities (continued)

A. Pension Plans (continued)

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

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Assumption (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
TRS			
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (2,049,360)	\$ 298,299	\$ 2,264,984

7. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

Measurement date	(Dollars in Thousands)	
	ERS 3/31/19	TRS 6/30/18
Employers' total pension asset (liability)	\$ 189,803,429	\$ 118,107,253
Plan net position	\$ 182,718,124	\$ 119,915,517
Employers' net pension asset (liability)	\$ (7,085,305)	\$ 1,808,264
Ratio of plan net position to be Employers' total pension asset (liability)	96.27%	101.53%

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NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

V. Liabilities (continued)

A. Pension Plans (continued)

8. Payables to the Pension Plan

For ERS, employer contributions are paid annually based on the System's fiscal year which ends on March 31st. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2019 represent the projected employer contribution for the period of April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 based on paid ERS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2019 amounted to \$31,286.

For TRS, employer and employee contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 are paid to the System in September, October and November 2019 through a state aid intercept. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2019 represent employee and employer contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 based on paid TRS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier and employee contributions for the fiscal year as reported to the TRS System. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2019 amounted to \$297,605 (employer contribution \$283,995 and employee contributions of \$13,610).

B. Other Post-Employment Benefits

Plan Description

The District maintains a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan (the Plan). The Plan provides medical and dental insurance benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. Benefit provisions are based on bargaining agreements as negotiated from time to time. The Plan does not issue a publicly available financial report. Eligibility for the Plan is established by the District and specified in the District's employment contracts.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 the plan had total active employees of 80 and retirees of 19.

Total OPEB Liability

The District's total OPEB liability of \$552,540 was measured as of July 1, 2018 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

V. Liabilities (continued)

B. Other Post-Employment Benefits (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.5% per year Based on NYSTRS and NYSERS valuations as of June 30, 2017
Salary increases	3.56% as of July 1, 2017 and 3.87% as of July 1, 2018
Discount rate	3.87% as of July 1, 2018
Healthcare cost trend rates	Range from 4.5% to 8.0% from 2019-2022
Retirees' share of benefit-related costs	Varies based on employment contracts

The discount rate was based on a yield for 20 year tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds.

Mortality rates were based on the RPH-2018 Total Dataset Mortality Table fully generational using Scale MP-2015.

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

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Service cost	\$	26,876
Interest		19,804
Differences between expected and actual experience		4,766
Changes in assumptions		(18,425)
Benefit payments		(19,615)
Net changes		13,406
Net OPEB liability – beginning of year		539,134
Net OPEB liability – end of year	\$	552,540

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.56% in 2018 to 3.87% in 2019. Payroll growth rate from NYSTRS and NYSTRS valuations in 2018 to NYSTRS and NYSTRS valuations in 2019. Inflation rate from 1.3% in 2018 to 2.5% in 2019. Health care trend rate from 8.5%-5.0% in 2018 to 8.0%-4.5% in 2019. Mortality rates based on RP-2015 in 2018 to Scale MP-2018 in 2019.

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NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

V. Liabilities (continued)

B. Other Post-Employment Benefits (continued)

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.87%) or 1 percentage point higher (4.87%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.87%)	Current Assumption (3.87%)	1% Increase (4.87%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 592,328	\$ 552,540	\$ 514,955

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease (initial rate of 7.0% decreasing by .5% annually until reaching 3.5%)	Current Assumption (initial rate of 8.0% decreasing by .5% annually until reaching 4.5%)	1% Increase (initial rate of 9.0% decreasing by .5% annually until reaching 5.5%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 499,603	\$ 552,540	\$ 613,548

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

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the District recognized OPEB expense in the amount of \$36,321. At June 30, 2019, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

V. Liabilities (continued)

B. Other Post-Employment Benefits (continued)

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (continued)

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 4,170	\$ 68,528
Benefits paid subsequent to measurement date	24,779	-
Changes in assumptions	32,315	33,721
Total	\$ 61,264	\$ 102,249

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended:	
2020	\$ (10,359)
2021	(10,359)
2022	(10,359)
2023	(10,359)
2024	(10,359)
Thereafter	(13,969)

C. Indebtedness

1. Short-Term Debt

a. Bond Anticipation Notes

Notes issued in anticipation of proceeds from the subsequent sale of bonds is recorded as a current liability of the fund that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of the bonds. State law requires that bond anticipation notes issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term financing within five years after the original issue date. On August 17, 2017, the District issued a bond anticipation notes in the amount of \$1,700,000. The notes matured on August 2, 2018 and had an interest rate of 2.25%. The District also issued a bond anticipation note on 8/2/17 for \$599,144. The notes matured on 8/2/18 and had an interest rate of 1.694%. The District issued notes in the amount of \$2,184,760 on August 2, 2018 with an interest rate of 2.75%. Proceeds were used to pay down BANs that matured on 8/1/18 and the District redeemed BANs in the amount of \$114,384. Below is a schedule of bond anticipation notes outstanding as of June 30, 2019.

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NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

V. Liabilities (continued)

C. Indebtedness (continued)

1. Short-Term Debt (continued)

a. Bond Anticipation Notes (continued)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Outstanding June 30, 2019</u>
Bond anticipation note, issued 8/1/18 with maturity date of 8/1/19, and an interest rate of 2.75%	\$ 2,184,760
Total	<u>\$ 2,184,760</u>

b. Short-Term Debt Interest

Total interest incurred on short-term debt was \$51,635 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

2. Long-Term Debt

a. Serial bonds

The District borrows money in order to acquire or construct buildings and improvements. This enables the cost of these capital assets to be borne by the present and future taxpayers receiving the benefit of capital assets. These long-term liabilities, which are full faith and credit debt of the District, are recorded in the Statement of Net Position. The provisions to be made in future budgets for capital indebtedness represents the amount, exclusive of interest, authorized to be collected in future years from taxpayers and others for liquidation of the long-term liabilities. The District also has issued installment purchase debt over the years to finance the purchase of transportation vehicles and buses.

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

V. Liabilities (continued)

C. Indebtedness (continued)

2. Long-Term Debt (continued)

b. Changes

The changes in the School District's indebtedness during the year ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

	<u>Balance June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2018</u>
Energy performance contract	\$ 450,000	\$ 475,000
2012 refunding bonds	-	345,000
2017 refunding bonds	5,254,642	5,363,407
DASNY 2011 bonds	1,555,000	2,295,000
Compensated absences	147,896	103,535
Net pension liabilities	180,036	78,544
Other postemployment benefits	552,540	539,134
	<u>\$ 8,140,114</u>	<u>\$ 9,199,620</u>

During the year, the District made principal payments on its serial bonds and energy performance contract in the amount of \$1,125,000. Premiums in the amount of \$73,765 were amortized. The net change in compensated absences was a net increase of \$44,361 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The net change in other post-employment benefits was an increase of \$13,406 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. Lastly, the District's proportionate share of the NYSERS net pension liability - ERS increased by \$101,492 during the current year.

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V. Liabilities (continued)

C. Indebtedness (continued)

2. Long-Term Debt (continued)

c. Maturity

1. The following is a summary of long-term debt outstanding:

Description of Issue	June 30, 2019
Energy Performance Contract, issued in with a maturity date of September 2031, bonds carry interest at 3.0012%.	\$ 450,000
Serial Bonds, issued in 2017 through DASNY with a maturity date of June 2039, bonds carry interest at 2.0%-5.0%. Plus: unamortized bond premium on bond issuance.	4,755,000 499,642 \$ 5,254,642
Serial Bonds, issued 2011 through DASNY with a maturity date of June 2021, bonds carry interest at 3.25%-5.00%.	1,555,000 \$ 7,259,642

2. The following is a summary of maturing debt service requirements for serial bonds:

Year	Energy Performance Contract	
	Principal	Interest
2020	\$ 25,000	\$ 13,505
2021	30,000	12,755
2022	30,000	11,855
2023	30,000	10,954
2024	30,000	10,054
2025-2029	180,000	35,264
2030-2032	125,000	7,653
Total	\$ 450,000	\$ 102,040

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

V. Liabilities (continued)

C. Indebtedness (continued)

2. Long-Term Debt (continued)

c. Maturity (continued)

Year	DASNY Serial Bonds - 2017	
	Principal	Interest
2020	\$ 10,000	\$ 217,619
2021	10,000	217,319
2022	840,000	216,819
2023	885,000	174,819
2024	930,000	130,569
2025-2029	880,000	291,845
2030-2034	550,000	159,995
2035-2039	650,000	66,402
Total	\$ 4,755,000	\$ 1,475,387

Year	DASNY Serial Bonds - 2011	
	Principal	Interest
2020	\$ 760,000	\$ 70,150
2021	795,000	39,750
Total	\$ 1,555,000	\$ 109,900

d. Refunding of Long-Term Debt

On October 17, 2017, the District issued DASNY serial bonds 2017 of \$4,815,000 (par value) with interest rates ranging from 2% to 5% to advance refund a portion of the 2011 DASNY serial bonds with interest rates ranging from 4.75% to 5.25%. The net proceeds of \$5,344,214 (after bond premium of \$639,567, bond issuance costs of \$109,700 and cash \$653) were used to purchase government securities. Those securities were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide all future debt service payments on the 2011 DASNY serial bond. As a result, the bonds are considered to be defeased, and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the District's financial statements.

As a result of a difference between the carrying value of the refunded debt and reacquisition price of the new debt, a deferred outflows of resources in the amount of \$629,214 was recognized. During the current year \$72,571 was amortized during the current year, with the remaining balance of \$491,554 to be amortized through June 30, 2039.

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NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

V. Liabilities (continued)

C. Indebtedness (continued)

2. Long-Term Debt (continued)

e. Long-Term Debt Interest

Interest expense on long-term debt amounted to \$339,874 for the year ended June 30, 2019.

f. Premiums, Debt Issuance Costs and Amortization

Net premiums resulting from bond and other debt refinancing are being amortized over the life of the relating debt using the interest method. These premiums are accordingly included in the outstanding principal balances for the bonds. Debt issuance costs related to the bonds were expensed in accordance with GASB 65.

VI. Fund Equity

A. Deficit Fund Balance

School Lunch Fund

As of June 30, 2019, the District had an accumulated deficit in the amount of \$111,868 in the food service fund resulting from current and prior year losses from operations. Management is currently reviewing options to alleviate this deficit.

Capital Projects Fund

The District's capital project fund had an accumulated deficit in the amount of \$2,244,409 as of June 30, 2019. It is not uncommon for school districts to have deficit fund balances in the capital project funds as a result of short-term debt being recorded as liabilities until they are converted to long-term debt (serial bonds) or redeemed at which time such proceeds are recorded as other financing sources revenue.

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

VI. Fund Equity (continued)

B. Classifications

The District's fund equity is comprised of the follow components:

Fund	Reservation Purposes	Balance June 30, 2019
Nonspendable:		
Food Service	Inventory	\$ 6,275
Restricted:		
General	Workers compensation	\$ 27,911
	Unemployment reserve	22,504
	Reserve for retirement system contributions	134,115
	Teachers' Retirement Reserve	20,000
	Repair reserve	30,008
	Employee benefits reserve	221,697
		<u>\$ 456,235</u>
Debt Service	Reserve for debt service	<u>\$ 335,780</u>
Private Purpose	Reserve for endowment scholarships	<u>\$ 9,327</u>
Assigned:		
General	Appropriated fund balance	\$ 182,000
	Reserve for encumbrances	55,202
		<u>\$ 237,202</u>
Public Library	Fund equity	<u>\$ 62,697</u>

C. District-wide Net Position

Net position of the District include restricted net position of \$ 792,015 which represent restricted amounts in the general and debt service funds as presented above.

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NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

VII. Commitments and Contingencies

A. Risk Financing and Related Insurance

1. General Information

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

2. Risk Sharing Pools

For its employee health and accident coverage, **Belfast Central School District** is a participant in the Cattaraugus-Allegany Regional Medical Plan, a public entity risk pool operated for the benefit of 22 individual governmental units located within Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties. The School District pays monthly premiums to the Plan for this health coverage.

The Plan is authorized to assess supplemental premiums to the participating districts. The Plan provides coverage for its members up to \$100,000 per insured event. The Cattaraugus-Allegany Regional Medical Plan obtains independent coverage for insured events in excess of this amount.

The **Belfast Central School District** also participates in a risk sharing pool, Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES, to insure Workers' Compensation claims. This is a public entity risk pool created under Article 5, Workers' Compensation Law, to finance liability and risks related to Workers' Compensation claims. Administrators of the Plan have indicated that the Plan's reserves are believed to be in excess of estimated unbilled and open claims.

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)

VII. Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

B. Federal and State Grants

The District has received grants reported in the special aid fund which are subject to audit by agencies of the state and federal government. Such audits may result in disallowances and a request for a return of funds.

Based on past audits and no known significant areas of non-compliance, the District believes disallowances, if any, will not be material.

C. Compensated Absences

The District does not accrue a liability for accumulating, non-vesting sick leave, since payment is based on an uncontrollable future event (sickness). In accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 16, the value for accumulating, non-vesting sick leave is considered a contingent liability. The District reports approximately \$268,000 as of June 30, 2019 for accumulating non-vesting sick leave.

D. Contingencies

The District, in the normal course of its operations, is involved in various other litigation and arbitration cases. Management is of the opinion that any unfavorable outcome resulting from these actions would not have a material effect on the District's financial position.

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NOTE 4 - CAPITAL PROJECTS

In 2016, *Belfast Central School District* voters of the District approved a \$1.7 million renovation to the athletic facility. The District had expenditures related to the capital project in the amount of \$386,886 during the year ended June 30, 2019.

On October 23, 2018, voters of the District approved a \$5.2 million renovation project. The District had expenditures related to the capital project in the amount of \$256,723 during the year ended June 30, 2019.

The District has also been allocated \$559,939 of funding from the Smart Schools Bond Act. During the current year, expenditures in the amount of \$158,064 were incurred related to this project.

NOTE 5 – BUS LEASE

In September 2016, the District has entered into a bus lease for one 66 passenger buses for the period 2017-2022. Lease payments are being recorded principal (\$15,898) and interest (\$2,350) expenditures in the General Fund for the year ended June 30, 2019 and the District will receive State Aid.

Year	Bus Lease 2017	
	Principal	Interest
2020	\$ 16,369	\$ 1,879
2021	16,855	1,393
2022 *	30,107	3,893
Total	\$ 63,331	\$ 7,165

NOTE 6 – PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the District recorded a prior period adjustment in the district-wide financial statements in the amount of \$362,604 related to compensated absences. The impact of the adjustment was a reduction in the compensated absences liability and an increase in net position. In the current year, the liability reflects only those employees who have vested sick leave and have reached age 55.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the District also recorded a prior period adjustment in the district-wide and general fund in the amount of \$85,612 related to health insurance. The adjustment was to reflect a prepaid expense for health insurance in a prior period and resulted in an increase in beginning of the year net position and fund equity.

NOTE 7 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through September 10, 2019, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND EQUITY - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	Adopted Budget	Final Budget	Current Year's Revenue	Over (Under) Revised Budget
Revenues				
Local Sources:				
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ 1,805,004	\$ 1,805,004	\$ 1,804,887	\$ (117)
Real property tax items	5,000	5,000	6,942	1,942
Charges for services	2,000	2,000	2,295	295
Use of money and property	1,750	1,750	4,117	2,367
Sale of property and compensation for loss	100	100	52,981	52,881
Miscellaneous	10,000	10,000	250,286	240,286
State Sources:				
Basic formula	5,289,214	5,289,214	5,290,941	1,727
BOCES	1,026,994	1,026,994	954,447	(72,547)
Textbooks	29,091	29,091	35,257	6,166
All other aid	1,541,323	1,541,323	1,544,143	2,820
Federal Sources:				
Medicaid reimbursement	25,000	25,000	32,440	7,440
E-rate	-	-	14,274	14,274
Total revenue	9,735,476	9,735,476	9,993,010	257,534
Other Sources				
Operating transfer in	-	-	17,868	17,868
Total revenue and other sources	9,735,476	9,735,476	\$ 10,010,878	\$ 275,402
Appropriated fund equity - use of reserves	150,000	150,000		
Appropriated fund equity and carryover encumbrances	146,825	216,431		
Total revenue, other sources and appropriated fund equity	\$ 10,032,301	\$ 10,101,907		

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	Adopted Budget	Final Budget	Current Year's Expenditures	Encumbrances	Unencumbered Balances
Expenditures					
General Support:					
Board of education	\$ 23,265	\$ 21,066	\$ 18,856	\$ -	\$ 2,210
Central administration	161,097	172,685	172,238	1,065	(618)
Finance	220,949	226,390	225,519	-	871
Staff	143,378	140,259	141,562	-	(1,303)
Central services	733,875	846,688	775,937	22,804	47,947
Special items	139,828	128,530	128,445	-	85
Instructional:					
Instruction, administration and improvement	252,508	262,489	243,756	1,010	17,723
Teaching - regular school	2,552,231	2,504,383	2,458,450	15,436	30,497
Programs for children with handicapping conditions	975,734	1,076,102	1,037,265	153	38,684
Teaching - special schools	6,925	9,020	9,020	-	-
Occupational education	227,155	201,098	200,610	-	488
Instructional media	171,840	193,816	187,474	4,213	2,129
Pupil services	338,453	422,881	400,857	8,158	13,866
Pupil Transportation	600,676	576,548	558,093	-	18,455
Employee Benefits	1,765,794	1,600,059	1,512,882	2,363	84,814
Debt Service:					
Debt service principal	155,282	1,281,232	1,251,032	-	30,200
Debt service interest	1,488,311	363,661	393,859	-	(30,198)
Total expenditures	<u>9,957,301</u>	<u>10,026,907</u>	<u>9,715,855</u>	<u>55,202</u>	<u>255,850</u>
Other Uses:					
Transfer to other funds	75,000	75,000	425,000	-	(350,000)
Total other uses	<u>75,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>425,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(350,000)</u>
Total expenditures and other uses	<u>\$ 10,032,301</u>	<u>\$ 10,101,907</u>	<u>10,140,855</u>	<u>\$ 55,202</u>	<u>\$ (94,150)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue and other sources over expenditures and other uses			<u>\$ (129,977)</u>		

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**Schedule SS1A****COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND EQUITY - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019****Page 39**

	School Food Service Fund		
	Budget (Amended)	Actual	Variance Fav. (Unf.)
Revenue			
Interest income	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ (5)
State sources	9,460	5,898	(3,562)
Federal sources	249,083	200,590	(48,493)
Sales	62,547	41,797	(20,750)
Surplus food	15,300	16,564	1,264
Total revenue	336,400	264,854	(71,546)
Expenditures			
General support	138,952	135,886	3,066
Employee benefits	123,600	115,161	8,439
Cost of sales	153,500	150,436	3,064
Total expenditures	416,052	401,483	14,569
Deficiency of revenue over expenditures	(79,652)	(136,629)	(56,977)
Other sources (uses)			
Transfer from general fund	75,000	75,000	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenue and other sources over expenditures and other uses	<u>\$ (4,652)</u>	<u>(61,629)</u>	<u>\$ (56,977)</u>
Fund deficit, beginning of year		(50,239)	
Fund deficit, end of year		<u>\$ (111,868)</u>	

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF CHANGE FROM ADOPTED BUDGET TO FINAL BUDGET
AND THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIMIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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CHANGE FROM ADOPTED BUDGET TO FINAL BUDGET

Adopted budget	\$ 10,032,301
Additions:	
Prior year encumbrances	<u>69,606</u>
Original Budget	10,101,907
Budget Revisions:	
Supplemental appropriations	<u>-</u>
Final budget	<u><u>\$ 10,101,907</u></u>

SECTION 1318 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW LIMIT CALCULATION

2019-20 voter-approved expenditure budget	\$ 9,998,151
Maximum allowed (4% of 2019-20 budget)	\$ 399,926

General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law*:

Unrestricted fund balance:	
Committed fund balance	\$ -
Assigned fund balance	237,202
Unassigned fund balance	<u>438,927</u>
Total unrestricted fund balance	<u>676,129</u>
Less:	
Appropriated fund balance	182,000
Insurance recovery reserve	-
Tax reduction reserve	-
Encumbrances included in committed and assigned fund balance	<u>55,202</u>
Total adjustments	<u>237,202</u>
General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law	<u><u>\$ 438,927</u></u>
Actual percentage	<u><u>4.4%</u></u>

* Per Office of State Comptroller's "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Type Definitions", Updated April 2011 (Originally Issued November 2010), the portion of the General Fund fund balance subject to Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law is: unrestricted fund balance (i.e., the total of the committed, assigned, and unassigned classifications), minus appropriated fund balance, amounts reserved for insurance recovery, amounts reserved for tax reduction, and encumbrances included in committed and assigned fund balance.

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS EXPENDITURES - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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Project Title	Original Appropriation	Revised Appropriation	Expenditures				Unexpended (Overexpended) Balance	Methods of financing				Fund Balance June 30, 2019
			Prior Years	Current Year	Interfund Transfer	Total		Proceeds of Obligations	State Sources	Local Sources	Total	
EXCEL	\$ 9,977,550	\$ 10,127,550	\$ 10,175,474	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,175,474	\$ (47,924)	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 332,299	\$ 92,337	\$ 10,424,636	\$ 249,162
Steel Building	18,750	18,750	19,894	-	-	19,894	(1,144)	-	-	-	-	(19,894)
Bus Garage	2,530,896	3,383,040	3,187,065	-	-	3,187,065	195,975	3,000,000	-	-	3,000,000	(187,065)
Athletic Project	1,700,000	1,700,000	1,313,116	386,884	-	1,700,000	-	1,700,000	-	-	1,700,000	-
Emergency Project - PA System	50,000	50,000	14,358	-	-	14,358	35,642	-	-	-	-	(14,358)
Construction Improvement Project	5,188,035	5,188,035	-	256,723	-	256,723	4,931,312	-	-	350,000	350,000	93,277
Smart School Bond Act	559,939	559,939	-	158,064	-	158,064	401,875	-	-	-	-	(158,064)
Prior projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(22,707)
	<u>\$ 20,025,170</u>	<u>\$ 21,027,314</u>	<u>\$ 14,709,907</u>	<u>\$ 801,671</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,511,578</u>	<u>\$ 5,515,736</u>	<u>\$ 14,700,000</u>	<u>\$ 332,299</u>	<u>\$ 442,337</u>	<u>\$ 15,474,636</u>	<u>(59,649)</u>
Less: Bond anticipation notes outstanding												(2,184,760)
Ending fund equity (deficit) balance as of June 30, 2019												<u>\$ (2,244,409)</u>

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Schedule SS4A

BUDGET COMPARISON STATEMENT FOR STATE AND OTHER GRANT PROGRAMS - SPECIAL AID AND FOOD SERVICE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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Grant Title	Grantors Project No.	Grant Period	Award/ Program Budget	Total Revenue	Total Expenditures
Summer school	N/A	2019	\$ 25,162	\$ 25,162	\$ 25,162
Teachers of Tomorrow grant	0644-19-0034	2019	40,800	32,172	32,172
Universal Pre-kindergarten	0409-19-7042	2019	105,638	105,638	105,638
Elementary grant	N/A	2019	25,800	25,800	25,800
Equipment grant	0640-19-3062	2019	8,624	8,624	8,624
School breakfast programs	N/A	2019	2,727	2,727	2,727
School lunch programs	N/A	2019	3,171	3,171	3,171
			<u>\$ 211,922</u>	<u>\$ 203,294</u>	<u>\$ 203,294</u>

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Schedule SS4B

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the **Belfast Central School District** and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in the schedule 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 of Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in the schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the basic financial statements.

Note 2 - Non-monetary Federal Program

The accompanying **Belfast Central School District** is the recipient of a non-monetary federal award program. During the year ended June 30, 2019, the District reported in the Schedule of Federal Awards \$16,564 of donated commodities at fair market value received and disbursed.

Note 3 - Indirect Cost Rate

The District has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance in the current year.

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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Federal Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Agency or Pass-through Number	Program or Award Amount	Revenue	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Education:					
<i>Passed through NYS</i>					
<i>Department of Education:</i>					
Title I	84.010A	0021-19-0090	\$ 191,837	\$ 191,837	\$ 191,837
Title II, Part A	84.367A	0147-19-0090	23,982	1,147	1,147
Title II, Part A	84.367A	0147-18-0090	10,291	10,291	10,291
Title IV	84.424A	0204-19-0090	9,690	7,965	7,965
Title VI - Part B - Rural Schools	84.358B	0006-19-0090	14,673	11,675	11,675
Title VI - Part B - Rural Schools	84.358B	0006-18-0090	15,058	13,745	13,745
IDEA Part B, Section 611 *	84.027A	0032-19-0038	95,968	95,968	95,968
IDEA Part B, Section 619 *	84.173A	0033-19-0038	3,548	3,548	3,548
Total U.S. Department of Education				336,176	336,176
U.S. Department of Agriculture:					
<i>Passed through NYS</i>					
<i>Department of Education:</i>					
National School Breakfast Program **	10.553	N/A	N/A	59,503	59,503
National School Lunch Program **	10.555	N/A	N/A	136,557	136,557
National Summer Food Program **	10.559	N/A	N/A	4,530	4,530
<i>Passed through NYS Office of General Services (Division of Donated Foods):</i>					
National School Lunch Program					
Donated Commodities **	10.555	N/A	N/A	16,564	16,564
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture				217,154	217,154
Total expenditures and revenue				\$ 553,330	\$ 553,330

* Constitutes a cluster of Federal programs named Special Education Cluster with revenue and expenditures of 99,516
** Constitutes a cluster of Federal programs named Child Nutrition Cluster with revenue and expenditures of 217,154

Total Federal expenditures did not exceed \$750,000 and therefore the District was not subjected to a single audit in accordance with the Uniform Guidance

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

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Capital Assets	\$ 16,516,848
Less:	
Serial bonds	(6,809,642)
Energy performance contract	(450,000)
Bond anticipation notes	<u>(2,184,760)</u>
Net investment in capital assets	<u>\$ 7,072,446</u>

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S NET
OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

Schedule SS6

AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 THROUGH 2019

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As of the measurement date of July 1,

	2018	2017	2016
Total OPEB Liability			
Service cost	\$ 26,876	\$ 30,257	\$ 29,777
Interest	19,804	17,963	16,072
Differences between expected and actual experience	4,766	(60,964)	(33,449)
Changes in assumptions	(18,425)	(23,465)	47,396
Benefit payments	(19,615)	(19,029)	(31,471)
Net change in total OPEB liability	13,406	(55,238)	28,325
Total OPEB liability - beginning	539,134	594,372	289,578
Prior period adjustment	-	-	276,469
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$ 552,540	\$ 539,134	\$ 594,372
Plan fiduciary net position			
Contributions - employer	\$ 19,615	\$ 19,029	\$ 31,471
Net investment income	-	-	-
Benefit payments	(19,615)	(19,029)	(31,471)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position - ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's net OPEB liability	\$ 552,540	\$ 539,134	\$ 594,372
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,381,293	\$ 2,903,204	\$ 2,865,947
District's net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	16.34%	18.57%	20.74%

Notes to Schedule:

Benefit Changes: None

Changes in assumptions: Discount rate from 3.56% as of 7/1/17 to 3.87% as of 7/1/18.

Payroll growth rate for non-teachers is based on NYERS valuations as of 6/30/17 and teachers and administrators' payroll growth based on the NYSTRS valuation as of 6/30/17.

Inflation rate from 1.3% as of 7/1/17 to 2.5% as of 7/1/18.

Health care trend rates from 8.5% through 5.0% as of 7/1/17 to 8.0% to 4.5% as 7/1/18.

Mortality rates based on RPH-2018 total dataset mortality table fully generational using Scale MP- 2018 and RPH 2014 total dataset mortality table with 8 years of MP-2014 mortality improvement backed out, projected to 2018 using Scale MP-2018 improvement.

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS - OPEB
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 THROUGH 2019

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For the year ended June 30,	2019	2018	2017
Actuarially determined contributions	\$ 19,615	\$ 19,029	\$ 31,471
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	(19,615)	(19,029)	(31,471)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,381,293	\$ 2,903,204	\$ 2,865,947
Contributions as a percentage of District's covered-employee payroll	0.58%	0.66%	1.10%

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation date: 07/01/18

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal Level % of Salary Method
Discount Rate	3.87% as of July 1, 2018
Inflation	2.5% per year
Healthcare cost trend rates	2019 - 8.0%. Rates expected to decrease 0.5% each year thereafter with an ultimate rate of 4.5% after 2026.
Salary increases	Based on NYSERS and NYSTRS valuation as of June 30, 2017.
Mortality	RPH-2018 Total Dataset Mortality Table fully generational using Scale MP-2018
Retiree Cost Sharing	Most retirees are responsible for the entire premium rate. Certain current retirees are receiving free subsidized coverage. All future retirees are required to pay the full cost of
Participants	80 Active and 19 Retirees

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**Schedule SS8****SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS – NYSTRS AND NYSLERS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019****Page 47*****New York State Teachers' Retirement System***

For the year ended June 30,	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contributions	\$ 283,995	\$ 263,334	\$ 309,535	\$ 350,848	\$ 446,015
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(283,995)	(263,334)	(309,535)	(350,848)	(446,015)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,674,153	\$ 2,687,082	\$ 2,641,084	\$ 2,645,913	\$ 2,544,295
Contributions as a percentage of District's covered-employee payroll	10.62%	9.80%	11.72%	13.26%	17.53%

New York State Local Employees' Retirement System

For the year ended March 31,	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contributions	\$ 120,277	\$ 122,247	\$ 127,155	\$ 138,613	\$ 135,219
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(120,277)	(122,247)	(127,155)	(138,613)	(135,219)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 882,940	\$ 835,494	\$ 831,866	\$ 852,272	\$ 994,897
Contributions as a percentage of District's covered-employee payroll	13.62%	14.63%	15.29%	16.26%	13.59%

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**Schedule SS9****SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE
NET PENSION ASSET/LIABILITY – NYSTRS AND DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE
SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY - NYSLERS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019****Page 48*****New York State Teachers' Retirement System - Net Pension Asset (Liability)***

As of the measurement date of June 30,	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension liability or asset	n/a	0.016496%	0.016666%	0.017147%	0.016938%
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	n/a	\$ 298,299	\$ 126,682	\$ (183,649)	\$ 1,759,304
District's covered-employee payroll	n/a	\$ 2,687,082	\$ 2,641,084	\$ 2,645,913	\$ 2,544,295
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability or asset as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	n/a	11.10%	4.80%	-6.94%	-69.15%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension asset (liability)	n/a	101.53%	100.66%	99.01%	110.46%

New York State Local Employees' Retirement System - Net Pension (Liability)

As of the measurement date of March 31,	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension (liability)	0.0025410%	0.0024336%	0.0025679%	0.0027063%	0.0029017%
District's proportionate share of the net pension (liability)	\$ (180,036)	\$ (78,544)	\$ (241,364)	\$ (434,361)	\$ (98,027)
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 882,940	\$ 835,494	\$ 831,866	\$ 852,272	\$ 994,897
District's proportionate share of the net pension (liability) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	-20.39%	-9.40%	-29.01%	-50.97%	-9.85%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension (liability)	96.27%	98.24%	94.70%	90.70%	97.90%



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

**To the President and
Members of the Board of Education
Belfast Central School District
Belfast, New York**

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

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified two deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in the District's internal control described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items II.A.2019-001 and II.A.2019-002 to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether *Belfast Central School'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 one instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item II.B.2019-003.

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Belfast Central School District's Responses to Findings

Belfast Central School's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. **Belfast Central School's** responses were not subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not provided 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.

Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro PC

BUFFAMANTE WHIPPLE BUTTAFARO, P.C.

Olean, New York
September 10, 2019

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
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I. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The independent auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of **Belfast Central School District**.
2. Two material weaknesses relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with "Governmental Auditing Standards". These material weaknesses are reported in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items II.A.2019-001 and II.A.2019-002.
3. There was one instance of noncompliance material to the financial statements of **Belfast Central School District** reported in the 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". This instance of noncompliance is reported in the accompanying schedule of finding and questioned costs as item II.B. 2019-003
4. A single audit in accordance with Uniform Guidance was not required during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, as the District's expenditures of Federal Awards were below \$750,000.

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II. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT - FINDINGS

A. INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

2019-001 Adjusting Journal Entries and Required Disclosures to the Financial Statements

Year ended June 30, 2019

Condition and Criteria: During the current year, adjusting journal entries, along with footnote disclosures were proposed by the auditors and accepted by the District to properly reflect the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Some of the adjustments and footnotes were related to health insurance, interfund transactions, classification of debt payments and converting to the full accrual method for GASB 34 purposes. In addition, a draft of the financial statements was prepared by the auditors.

Cause and Effect: AU-C Section 265 entitles Communicating Internal Control related Matters Identified in an Audit, issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) considers the need for significant adjusting journal entries and assistance when preparing the financial statement to be indicative of an internal controls deficiency. Without assistance, the potential risk exists of the District's financial statements not conforming to GAAP.

Auditor's Recommendation: Although auditors may continue to provide such assistance both now and in the future, under the new pronouncement, the District should continue to review and accept both proposed adjusting journal entries and footnote disclosures, along with the draft financial statements.

School District's Response: The District has received, reviewed and approved all journal entries, footnote disclosures and draft financial statements proposed for the current year audit and will continue to review similar information in future years. Further, the District believes it has a thorough understanding of these financial statements and the ability to make informed judgments based on these financial statements.

2019-002 Capital Assets

Year ended June 30, 2019

Condition and Criteria: Under the governmental financial reporting model of GASB No. 34, capital assets of the District are to be reported in the government-wide financial statements at historical cost. The District had not updated its schedule of capital assets acquisition, historical cost, depreciation, or disposal since 2014-15. During the current year, an appraisal was conducted by an independent appraisal company, however, the District has not reviewed its accuracy and reconciled assets to its records.

Effect: The District has been required to report capital assets based upon updates of amounts reported in previous year's financial statements.

Auditor's Recommendation: The District should review the results of its new independent appraisal and reconcile balances to its prior report. Those differences that are deemed significant should be reviewed and compared to records of the District, such as prior bond documents for building renovations. In addition, annual updates of the appraisal should be performed to account for additions, disposals, and annual depreciation expense.

School District's Response: The District will look to develop a system whereby capital assets balances are maintained and updated throughout the year.

**BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

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II. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT - FINDINGS

B. COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

2019-003 Unassigned Fund Balance

Year ended June 30, 2019

Conditions and criteria: **Belfast Central School District's** unassigned fund balance in the general fund as of June 30, 2019 amounted to \$438,927. This amount constitutes approximately 4.4% of the 2019-2020 school budget.

Cause and Effect: The District's unassigned fund balance violated New York State Education Law, which limits school districts from retaining an unassigned fund balance not greater than 4% of the subsequent year's budget.

In addition, dollar amounts of certain reserves were not substantiated.

Auditor's Recommendation: **Belfast Central School District** should continue to monitor fund balance throughout the year and continue to review its options with regards to reservation and designation of fund balance. We recommend that the District ensure that as reserves are established and utilized, New York State required procedures are closely followed. Further, for existing and future reserves we recommend that the District document its rationale to support the purpose and dollar level of reserves.

School District's Response: The District has and will continue to closely monitor fund equity in the future and will review all options with regards to reservation and designation of fund balance. In addition, the District will review each of its reserves and document the rationale for their levels.

**BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

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I. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT - FINDINGS

A. INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

2018-001 Adjusting Journal Entries and Required Disclosures to the Financial Statements

Year ended June 30, 2018

Summary of Prior Year Finding: During the current year, adjusting journal entries, along with footnote disclosures were proposed by the auditors and accepted by the District to properly reflect the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Some of the adjustments and footnotes were related to recording receivables and payables, and converting to the full accrual method for GASB 34 purposes. In addition, the draft of the financial statements was prepared by the auditors and accepted by the District. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) issued AU-C Section 265 entitled Communicating Internal Control Related Matters in an Audit. This standard considers the need for significant adjusting journal entries and assistance when preparing the financial statements to be indicative of an internal control deficiency.

Current Status: Similar finding related to internal control over financial reporting is being reported upon during the year ended June 30, 2019 and identified as finding 2019-001.

2018-002 Capital Assets

Year ended June 30, 2018

Summary of Prior Year Finding: Under the governmental financial reporting model of GASB No. 34, capital assets of the District are to be reported in the government-wide financial statements at historical cost. The District has not updated its schedule of capital assets acquisition, historical cost, depreciation, or disposal since 2014-15. Without detailed records of capital assets, the District has been required to report capital assets based upon updates of amounts reported in previous year's financial statements.

Current Status: Similar finding related to internal control over financial reporting is being reported upon during the year ended June 30, 2019 and identified as finding 2019-002.

B. COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

2018-003 Unassigned Fund Balance

Year Ended June 30, 2018

Summary of Prior Year Finding: **Belfast Central School District's** unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2018 amounted to approximately 5.9% of the 2018-19 school budget. The District's unassigned fund balance violated New York State Education Law, which limits school districts from retaining an unassigned fund balance not greater than 4% of the subsequent year's budget.

Current Status: Similar finding related to compliance is being reported upon during the year ended June 30, 2019 and identified as finding 2019-003.

To the President and Members of the
Board of Education
and School Administration
Belfast Central School District
Belfast, New York

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have completed our audit for the year ended June 30, 2019 of the District's financial statements and have issued our reports thereon dated September 10, 2019. Our audit report expressed an unmodified opinion which states that the District's financial statements are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for governments and school districts located in New York State. In addition, we have issued a separate report on internal controls over financial reporting and compliance with laws and regulations as required by *Government Auditing Standards*.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the *Belfast Central School District* for the year ended June 30, 2019, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure and its operation.

Attached to this letter is a schedule of revenue and expense comparisons (modified accrual basis) and analysis of fund equity for the school years ended June 30, 2015 through June 30, 2019. In addition, we have also presented a summary of additional comments which we desire to bring to the board and administration's attention involving various matters. Although such matters were not of sufficient nature to be disclosed in the previously mentioned reports, we do feel the comments should be reviewed and acted upon primarily by the business staff. *Belfast Central School* has provided responses to the additional comments, however, we did not audit these responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro PC

BUFFAMANTE WHIPPLE BUTTAFARO, P.C.

Olean, New York
September 10, 2019

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES COMPARISON AND ANALYSIS OF FUND

EQUITY - GENERAL FUND (AMOUNTS IN \$1,000)

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	06/30/19	06/30/18	06/30/17	06/30/16	06/30/15
Revenue and other sources					
Property taxes	\$ 1,812	\$ 1,842	\$ 1,804	\$ 1,764	\$ 1,721
State aid	7,825	7,393	7,148	7,142	6,764
All other	374	231	147	226	249
	<u>10,011</u>	<u>9,466</u>	<u>9,099</u>	<u>9,132</u>	<u>8,734</u>
Expenditures and other uses					
General support	1,463	1,380	1,275	1,229	1,293
Instruction	4,537	4,541	4,313	3,802	3,951
Transportation	558	557	518	515	455
Benefits	1,513	1,488	1,476	1,471	1,586
Debt	1,645	1,510	1,483	1,438	1,438
Transfers	425	280	50	50	15
	<u>10,141</u>	<u>9,756</u>	<u>9,115</u>	<u>8,505</u>	<u>8,738</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	(130)	(290)	(16)	627	(4)
Fund equity					
Beginning of year	1,262	1,466	1,482	855	859
Prior period adjustment	-	86	-	-	-
End of year	<u>\$ 1,132</u>	<u>\$ 1,262</u>	<u>\$ 1,466</u>	<u>\$ 1,482</u>	<u>\$ 855</u>
Analysis of fund equity					
Restricted					
Reserve for repairs	\$ 30	\$ 22	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ -
Employee benefit reserve	222	264	437	400	235
Teachers' retirement reserve	20	-	-	-	-
Reserve for retirement system	134	134	190	-	-
Reserve for unemployment insurance	23	23	23	-	-
Reserve for workers' compensation	28	9	38	-	-
Assigned					
Reserve for encumbrances	55	70	-	-	-
Next year's budget	182	147	319	125	202
Unassigned	438	593	429	957	418
	<u>\$ 1,132</u>	<u>\$ 1,262</u>	<u>\$ 1,466</u>	<u>\$ 1,482</u>	<u>\$ 855</u>

* 2015-2017 were audited by other auditors

**BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

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Food Service Fund

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the District's Food Service Fund has an accumulated deficit of approximately \$112,000 at year end. The District should continue to evaluate this deficit and develop an approach to alleviate this deficit in the future. The District will be required to transfer additional funds from the General Fund to the Food Service Fund in future years.

During the initial year of enrollment Community Eligibility Provision, the Federal government assigns a reimbursement percentage based on the number of students who are directly certified by New York State. Although the reimbursement rate established in the initial year is valid for four years, the District would be eligible to have the rate increased if the percentage of students who are directly certified increases. This would also require the District to re-enroll for 4 years. We recommend that the District consider re-evaluating the direct certification percentage on an annual basis, which is based on April 1 data.

District response:

Capital Projects Fund

We recommend the District complete a reconciliation of its capital project fund equity on an annual basis. This reconciliation will allow the District to monitor the status of ongoing capital projects. In addition, as projects are completed and final cost reports are submitted, the District should transfer remaining funds to the debt service fund to be utilized to pay down future debt service costs.

District response:

Debt Service Fund

The District has accumulated funds in the debt service fund that are required to be utilized in the future towards debt service principal and interest payments. We recommend that the District consider developing worksheet which outlines a plan for when the funds will be transferred to the general fund in future years to be applied against debt service. This plan should also consider the impact transfers will have on the District's real property tax cap.

District response:

Internalizing Functions-Segregation of Duties

For the upcoming 2019-20 school year the District has left BOCES and has internalized the Business Manager position. Due to the increase of in-house responsibilities, we recommend that the District evaluate the segregation and duties and insure that there are proper checks and balances in place.

District response:

Fund Balance Reserves

The 2018-19 budget included line items for the use of \$150,000 of the reserve for retirement systems contributions. Based on current year financial results, the District did not deem the use of these reserves as necessary and did not transfer the reserve funds. In the future it is recommended that the District transfer reserves in accordance with the voter approved budget and if deemed reasonable replenish the reserves via board approval.

District response:

**BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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School Funding Transparency Reporting

In 2018, New York State passed a law requiring New York Schools to annually report a detailed statement of total funding allocation for each school in the District. A School Funding Transparency Form was created by New York State to capture this information. Beginning in 2020, the District will be required to submit this form annually to the Division of the Budget and State Education Department. As part of a Federal mandate, school districts will be required to report per-pupil expenditure data at the school level as mandated by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) during 2019. The new ESSA financial requirements include reporting money spent on staff compared with other expenses at the school and the levels of federal, state, and local funding provided to each school building. We recommend that the District continue to review any new guidance issued by New York State and seek opportunities to attend future educational seminars if they arise related to these reporting models.

District response:

Interfund Receivable and Payable

During the fiscal year, many transactions require an initial use of interfund loans. Such transactions include but are not limited to: State and Federal aid directly wired to the District's General Fund checking account related to basic state aid, Federal and State grants recorded in the Special Aid fund and free and reduced breakfast and lunch reimbursements recorded in the Food Service Fund; salaries and fringe benefits paid for through the General Fund related to the Food Service Fund and Special Aid Fund; Debt Service Fund transfers to and from the General Fund; and interest earned on cash and investments balances in the capital projects related to serial bonds issues and bond anticipation notes which must be utilized for future debt service and therefore, accumulated in the Debt Service Fund. As a result of these circumstances, large due to and due from balances may exist at certain times during the year in the General Fund, Special Aid Fund, Food Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Debt Service Fund. We recommend that the District closely monitor these outstanding interfund loan balances on a regular basis and where appropriate pay down these loan balances.

District response:

Future Governmental Accounting Standards

GASB 87- Accounting for Leases

In 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. 87, Accounting for Leases, which for school districts will be effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The primary objective of this is new standard is to bring most leases onto the balance sheet. The goal is to determine if any operating leases contain a right-to-use asset and record an asset and liability related to that lease. Also under the new standard there will be changes in the terms used for the two classifications, operating leases and finance leases (previously capital leases). We recommend that the District begin to collect pertinent data on all lease agreements for evaluation along with familiarizing themselves with the new lease standard, which may include continuing education, webinars and further training.

GASB 84 – Fiduciary Activities

In 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities, which will be effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. This guidance provides a clearer definition of what constitutes fiduciary activity for school districts. It also includes a new type of fiduciary activities which they define as custodial funds. Districts will need to perform an evaluation of funds they have stored in the agency fund to determine if it qualifies as a fiduciary activity or needs to be moved to either the general fund or special revenue fund. The change also affects how extraclassroom and trust and agency funds are reported by requiring additions and subtractions to be reported on the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. We recommend the District review the new fiduciary activity standard to ensure proper adherence.

District response:

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

**WITH REPORT OF
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUND

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the President and
Members of the Board of Education**
Belfast Central School District
Belfast, New York

We have audited the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the Extraclassroom Activity Fund of the *Belfast Central School District* for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the *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 statement is free from material misstatement.

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

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

Basis for Qualified Opinion

The records of the Extraclassroom funds of the *Belfast Central School District* were not adequate to permit the application of adequate auditing procedures to indicate whether all receipts were recorded.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of any adjustments that might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to perform adequate auditing procedures in regard to the receipts referred to in the basis for qualified opinion paragraph, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash transactions of the Extraclassroom Activity Fund of the *Belfast Central School District* for the year ended June 30, 2019 on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro PC

BUFFAMANTE WHIPPLE BUTTAFARO, P.C.

Olean, New York
September 10, 2019

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BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS – CASH BASIS

JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019

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	Balances July 1, 2018	Total Receipts 2018-19	Total Receipts & Balances	Total Payments 2018-19	Balances June 30, 2019
Class of 2019	\$ 15,994	\$ 1,710	\$ 17,704	\$ 16,365	\$ 1,339
Class of 2020	4,531	5,543	10,074	1,442	8,632
Class of 2021	3,616	9,593	13,209	5,589	7,620
Class of 2022	-	8,133	8,133	2,285	5,848
Woody's Supper Club	1,299	184	1,483	1,483	-
Yearbook	715	7,405	8,120	7,451	669
Choir	4,746	-	4,746	1,364	3,382
Band	3,899	106	4,005	3,063	942
Middle School	27,039	27,005	54,044	15,900	38,144
National Honor Society	1,286	-	1,286	618	668
Student Council	3,801	5,640	9,441	6,767	2,674
	<u>\$ 66,926</u>	<u>\$ 65,319</u>	<u>\$ 132,245</u>	<u>\$ 62,327</u>	<u>\$ 69,918</u>

**BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUND
NOTE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The transactions of the Extraclassroom Activity Fund are not considered part of the reporting entity of **Belfast Central School District**. Consequently, such transactions are not included in the financial statements of the School District.

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

**To the President and Members of the
Board of Education
and School Administration
Belfast Central School District
Belfast, New York**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In planning and performing our audit of the statement of cash receipts and disbursements – cash basis of the Extraclassroom Activity Fund of **Belfast Central School District** as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered **Belfast Central School District's** internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 **Belfast Central School District's** internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of **Belfast Central School District's** internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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. We consider the following deficiencies in internal control to be material weaknesses:

Point of Sale Records

We noted several instances where the receipt of cash lacked point of sale records. Each cash receipt received by the central treasurer should be accompanied by supporting documentation which reconciles cash received to participation times rates/fees. Due to the lack of point of sale records, cash receipts are not adequate to permit the application of the necessary auditing procedures to indicate whether receipts were recorded. We recommend that point of sale records be filled out in detail or an appropriate summary be attached by the student treasurer or teacher advisor, and be verified or reviewed by the central treasurer.

District's response: The District does have various forms available for the advisors to use for this particular issue. We will work with the advisors through further training to get them to use the appropriate forms when necessary.

Gross Margin Analysis

At the conclusion of the fundraiser, the activity is expected to compare the actual revenue and expenditures to the expected results. We recommend that going forward a gross margin analysis be completed for each individual fundraiser. Further, we recommend that the analysis be reviewed by someone in an oversight role to ensure that fundraisers meet budgeted expectations and achieve appropriate margins.

District's response: The District has a form already in use that approves fundraisers but it does not include the expected revenues and expenditures which we will add to the form.

Timely Deposits

During our testing, we noted certain cash receipts that were not deposited in a timely manner. We recommend that the District strive for depositing cash received within 4 business days.

District's response:

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Additional Comments

The following is an additional comment for consideration.

Comptroller Audits

The New York State Comptroller's Office has increased its scrutiny over student activity clubs as evidenced by recent audits. Areas of emphasis of these audits include cash receipts and disbursements, as well as recordkeeping and internal controls. The District should consider creating a faculty auditor position who is responsible for oversight of the student activity clubs. Finally, the District should consider formal training opportunities for advisors and central treasurers.

District response: The District is aware of this increased scrutiny and has put a plan in place. When the state allowed smaller school districts the ability to stop using an Internal Auditor, we kept the position through BOCES to help throughout the year with various auditing and business office tasks. One of the tasks that this auditor has done for us most years is reviewing and auditing our extracurricular funds. This past year (2017-18) that person took three random clubs and reviewed their books entirely, pulling receipts, disbursement, journals, minutes, etc. to review the process. This person has also come in and done training with our advisors. The Superintendent has also met with the advisors during in-service days to help them with the process of working with the clubs/classes.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, Board of Education, and others within **Belfast Central School District**, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro PC

BUFFAMANTE WHIPPLE BUTTAFARO, P.C.

Olean, New York
September 10 2019

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September 10, 2019

To the Audit Committee
and Board of Education
Belfast Central School District
Belfast, New York

We have audited the financial statements of Belfast Central School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and Governmental Auditing standards and Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated April 11, 2019. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Belfast Central School are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended June 30, 2019. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

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

Management's estimate of depreciation is based on estimates of useful lives of assets and cost basis of certain assets were derived from a third-party independent appraisal company. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop depreciation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

In addition, the District also has estimated future costs associated with pension and other post-employment benefits and has recorded a net pension asset (TRS), a net pension liability (ERS) and an other post-employment benefit liability based on an actuarial study performed by a third-party actuary. We evaluated the key assumptions used to develop this study and its reasonableness in relation to the financial statements.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were the disclosures on long-term debt in Note 3 to the financial statements, due to their significance.

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

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements.

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Disagreements with Management

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

Management Representations

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

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

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

Other Audit Findings or Issues

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

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of funding progress, schedule of the District's share of the net pension asset/liability, and the schedule of the District's contributions for defined benefit pension plans, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on supplementary information, including combining and individual fund financial statements, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and other schedules, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

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

Very truly yours,

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