AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

**Enderlin, North Dakota** 

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

School Board Enderlin Area Public School District Enderlin, North Dakota

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Enderlin Area Public School District, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise Enderlin Area Public School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Enderlin Area Public School District's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the presentation 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 opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

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# **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Enderlin Area Public School District, as of June 30, 2019 and 2018 and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

# Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

# Emphasis of a Matter

As discussed in Note 12 to the financial statements, there was an error in capital assets, payroll liabilities, and cash as of June 30, 2017 that was discovered by management in the current year. Accordingly, an adjustment has been made to net position as of June 30, 2017 to correct the error. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

### **Other Matters**

# Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Enderlin Area Public School District's basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison schedule, nonmajor governmental funds – combining balance sheet, and nonmajor governmental funds – schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The budgetary comparison schedule, nonmajor governmental funds – combining balance sheet, and nonmajor governmental funds – schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance 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 budgetary comparison schedule, nonmajor governmental funds – combining balance sheet, and nonmajor governmental funds – schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The official directory has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 8, 2022 on our consideration of Enderlin Area Public School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Enderlin Area Public School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Nadine Julson, LLC Wahpeton, North Dakota

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December 8, 2022

# STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION – MODIFIED CASH BASIS June 30, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 480,666	\$ 469,255
Savings and CD's	545,222	530,109
Total Current Assets	1,025,888	999,364
Capital Assets		
Non-depreciable		
Land	82,688	82,688
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation		
Buildings and Improvements	4,884,770	5,091,023
Vehicles	172,222	206,324
Equipment	187,893	166,918
Total Capital Assets	5,327,573	5,546,953
Total Assets	6,353,461	6,546,317
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Payroll Liabilities	10,159	13,944
Current Potion of Long-term Debt		
Capital Leases Payable	175,589	171,223
Total Current Liabilities	185,748	185,167
Due After One Year		
Capital Leases Payable	2,253,616	2,429,205
Total Long-term Liabilities	2,253,616	2,429,205
Total Liabilities	2,439,364	2,614,372
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,898,368	2,946,525
Restricted	18,571	18,452
Unrestricted	997,158	966,968
Total Net Position	\$ 3,914,097	\$ 3,931,945

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES – MODIFIED CASH BASIS Year Ended June 30, 2019

				Program	Revenue	es	F	et (Expense) Revenue and nanges in Net Position
Functions/Programs	Expenses			narges for Services		rating Grants Contributions	G	overnmental Activities
Regular Instruction Special Instruction Vocational Instruction Pupil Services General Administration Services School Administration Services Other Support Services Operation and Maintenance Pupil Transportation Student Activities School Food Services Interest and Other Charges	\$	2,085,070 482,127 134,151 160,205 140,651 134,393 143,380 477,519 238,841 247,766 208,088 66,312 4,518,503	\$	38,459 - - - - - - - 97,489 - 135,948	\$	133,062 - 25,043 - - - 126,625 - 84,711 - 369,441	\$	(1,913,549) (482,127) (109,108) (160,205) (140,651) (134,393) (143,380) (477,519) (112,216) (247,766) (25,888) (66,312)
	General Revenues Taxes Taxes Levied for General Purposes Taxes Levied for Debt Purposes Taxes Levied for Building Purposes State Aid, not restricted for specific purpose Interest and Investment Earnings Miscellaneous Total General Revenues Change in Net Position Net Position, Beginning of Year							1,160,684 75 148,889 2,639,949 25,618 20,051 3,995,266 (17,848) 3,931,945
	Net	Position, End of	Year				\$	3,914,097

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES – MODIFIED CASH BASIS Year Ended June 30, 2018

				Program	Revenue	es	R	et (Expense) evenue and anges in Net Position
Functions/Programs	Functions/Programs Expenses			Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions		overnmental Activities
Regular Instruction	\$	2,145,305	\$	16,111	\$	134,388	\$	(1,994,806)
Special Instruction		460,793		-		-		(460,793)
Vocational Instruction		148,920		-		11,962		(136,958)
Pupil Services		151,866		-		-		(151,866)
General Administration Services		138,412		-		-		(138,412)
School Administration Services		122,773		-		-		(122,773)
Other Support Services		141,238		-		-		(141,238)
Operation and Maintenance		474,254		-		-		(474,254)
Pupil Transportation		256,273		-		129,329		(126,944)
Student Activities		264,635		-		-		(264,635)
School Food Services		223,227		110,856		79,517		(32,854)
Interest and Other Charges		70,568						(70,568)
	\$	4,598,264	\$	126,967	\$	355,196		(4,116,101)
	Gen	eral Revenues						
	T	axes						
		Taxes Levied for	or Gener	al Purposes				1,118,325
		Taxes Levied for		-				195
		Taxes Levied for						160,169
		ate Aid, not rest			ose			2,664,239
		nterest and Invest	ment E	arnings				12,338
	N	liscellaneous						19,937
		Total General R	levenues					3,975,203
	Cha	nge in Net Positi	on					(140,898)
	Net	Position, Beginn	ing of Y	ear				4,072,843
	Net	Position, End of	Year				\$	3,931,945

# BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS June 30, 2019

	M	ajor Fund				
	Ge	neral Fund	Gov	Other ernmental Funds	Go	Total overnmental Funds
ASSETS  Cash and Cash Equivalents Savings and CD's	\$	469,471 537,846	\$	11,195 7,376	\$	480,666 545,222
Total Assets		1,007,317		18,571		1,025,888
LIABILITIES Payroll Liabilities		10,159		-		10,159
Total Liabilities		10,159		-		10,159
FUND BALANCE Restricted Unassigned		- 997,158		18,571		18,571 997,158
Fund Balance		997,158		18,571		1,015,729
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	1,007,317	\$	18,571	\$	1,025,888

# BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS June 30, 2018

	M	ajor Fund				
	Ge	neral Fund	Gov	Other ernmental Funds	Gov	Total vernmental Funds
ASSETS  Cash and Cash Equivalents Savings and CD's	\$	458,104 522,808	\$	11,151 7,301	\$	469,255 530,109
Total Assets		980,912		18,452		999,364
LIABILITIES Payroll Liabilities  Total Liabilities		13,944		<u>-</u>		13,944
		13,944		-		13,944
FUND BALANCE Restricted Unassigned		- 966,968		18,452		18,452 966,968
Fund Balance		966,968		18,452		985,420
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	980,912	\$	18,452	\$	999,364

# RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEETS TO THE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION – MODIFIED CASH BASIS June 30, 2019 and 2018

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds June 30, 2019	\$	1,015,729
Total net position reported for government activities in the statement of net position is different because:	Ψ	1,013,727
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Cost of Capital Assets 8,306,695 Less Accumulated Depreciation (2,979,122) Net Capital Assets		5,327,573
Long-term liabilities applicable to the District's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and, accordingly, are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities, both current and long-term are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at the end of the year are reported in the statement of net position.		
Capital Leases Payable		(2,429,205)
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities June 30, 2019	\$	3,914,097
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds June 30, 2018	\$	985,420
Total net position reported for government activities in the statement of net position is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Cost of Capital Assets 8,247,759 Less Accumulated Depreciation (2,700,806) Net Capital Assets		5,546,953
Long-term liabilities applicable to the District's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and, accordingly, are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities, both current and long-term are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at the end of the year are reported in the statement of net position.		
Capital Leases Payable		(2,600,428)
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities June 30, 2018	\$	3,931,945

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Major Fund					
	General Fund		Other Governmental Funds		Go	Total vernmental Funds
REVENUES						
Local Sources	\$	1,199,143	\$	245,945	\$	1,445,088
State Sources		2,791,617		-		2,791,617
Federal Sources		133,062		84,711		217,773
Interest Income		24,785		833		25,618
Miscellaneous Income		20,051		508		20,559
Total Revenues		4,168,658		331,997		4,500,655
EXPENDITURES						
Current						
Regular Instruction		2,116,853		-		2,116,853
Special Instruction		482,127		-		482,127
Vocational Instruction		134,151		-		134,151
Pupil Services		160,205		-		160,205
General Administration Services		140,651		-		140,651
School Administration Services		134,393		-		134,393
Other Support Services		143,380		-		143,380
Operation and Maintenance		261,725		-		261,725
Pupil Transportation		204,739		-		204,739
Student Activities		247,766		-		247,766
School Food Services		-		206,821		206,821
Debt Service						
Principal		61,227		109,996		171,223
Interest and Other Charges		-		66,312		66,312
Total Expenditures		4,087,217		383,129		4,470,346
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures		81,441		(51,132)		30,309
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating Transfer In		-		51,251		51,251
Operating Transfer Out		(51,251)		-		(51,251)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(51,251)		51,251		
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		30,190		119		30,309
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR		966,968		18,452		985,420
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$	997,158	\$	18,571	\$	1,015,729

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Major Fund					
	General Fund		Other Governmental Funds		Go	Total vernmental Funds
REVENUES						
Local Sources	\$	1,134,436	\$	282,938	\$	1,417,374
State Sources		2,805,577		64		2,805,641
Federal Sources		134,341		79,453		213,794
Interest Income		11,888		450		12,338
Miscellaneous Income		7,909		310		8,219
Total Revenues		4,094,151		363,215		4,457,366
EXPENDITURES						
Current						
Regular Instruction		2,121,845		-		2,121,845
Special Instruction		460,793		-		460,793
Vocational Instruction		148,920		-		148,920
Pupil Services		151,866		-		151,866
General Administration Services		138,412		-		138,412
School Administration Services		122,773		-		122,773
Other Support Services		141,238		-		141,238
Operation and Maintenance		260,661		-		260,661
Pupil Transportation		213,676		-		213,676
Student Activities		264,635		-		264,635
School Food Services		-		221,960		221,960
Debt Service						
Principal		23,662		144,013		167,675
Interest and Other Charges		-		70,568		70,568
Total Expenditures		4,048,481		436,541		4,485,022
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures		45,670		(73,326)		(27,656)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating Transfer In Operating Transfer Out		- (73,761)		73,761		73,761 (73,761)
Operating Transier Out		(73,701)				(73,701)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(73,761)		73,761		-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		(28,091)		435		(27,656)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR		995,059		18,017		1,013,076
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$	966,968	\$	18,452	\$	985,420

# RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO THE STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES – MODIFIED CASH BASIS Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Government Funds June 30, 2019	\$ 30,309
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the costs of those assets with a cost greater than \$5,000 is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current year.	(219,380)
Repayment of debt principal and other long-term liabilities is an expenditure in the governmental fund financial statements, but repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	 171,223
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities June 30, 2019	\$ (17,848)
Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Government Funds June 30, 2018	\$ (27,656)
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the costs of those assets with a cost greater than \$5,000 is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current year.	(280,917)
Repayment of debt principal and other long-term liabilities is an expenditure in the governmental fund financial statements, but repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	 167,675
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities June 30, 2018	\$ (140,898)

# STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES – AGENCY FUNDS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS June 30, 2019 and 2018

	Agency Funds					
		2019		2018		
Assets						
Cash and Investments	\$	324,361	\$	287,460		
Total Assets		324,361		287,460		
Liabilities						
Due to Groups		324,361		287,460		
Total Liabilities	\$	324,361	\$	287,460		

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2019 and 2018

# NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Enderlin Area Public School District, Enderlin, North Dakota (the District) are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

# A. Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the Enderlin Area Public School District. The District has considered all potential component units for which the District is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationships with the District such that exclusion would cause the District's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criterion includes appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the Enderlin Area Public School District to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on Enderlin Area Public School District.

Based on these criteria, there are no component units to be included within the Enderlin Area Public School District as a reporting entity.

# B. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting

Government-wide statements - The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government (Enderlin Area Public School District). These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, fees and other non-exchange transactions. 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 a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund financial statements - The fund financial statements provide reports on the financial condition and results of operations for two fund categories - governmental and fiduciary. Since the resources in the fiduciary funds cannot be used for District operations, they are not included in the district-wide statements. The District considers some governmental funds major and reports their financial condition and results of operations in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

1. *General Fund* – The General Fund is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

# Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

Additionally, the District reports the following governmental fund types that are included in non-major funds:

# 1. Governmental Funds

- a. Special Reserve Fund Used to account for resources restricted to, or designated for, specific purposes by the District.
- b. Capital Projects Fund Used to account for financial resources related to capital outlays made by the District.
- c. *Debt Service Fund* Used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.
- d. Food Service Fund Used to account for food service revenues and expenditures.

# 2. Fiduciary Funds

a. Agency Funds – Used to account for resources held for others in a custodial capacity, the District's Agency Fund is the Student Activity Fund.

### C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

Governmental funds are reported using the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis recognizes assets, liabilities, net position/fund balance, revenues, expenditures/expenses when they result from cash transactions with a provision for depreciation in the government-wide statements. This is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

If the District utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted, the fund financial statements for governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financials would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources, as they are needed.

# D. Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and money market accounts. Cash equivalents on the statement of cash flows consist of certificates of deposit with a maturity of three months or less. Deposits must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institutions situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or bonded. In lieu of a bond, a financial institution may provide a pledge of securities equal to 110% of the uninsured balance.

# E. Capital Assets

Capital assets include land, buildings, and equipment. Assets are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more. Such assets are recorded at cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is not capitalized.

### Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

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

Assets	Years
Buildings/Improvements	20 - 50
Equipment	10
Busses/Vehicles	10

# F. Vacation Pay and Sick Pay

The expenditures for vacation and sick pay are recognized when payment is made. Teachers receive up to 3 personal days annually, accumulative to 6 days. Teachers with any unused earned personal leave will be paid at the same rate as the daily compensation for a short-term substitute teacher for each day of unused personal leave. Teachers are also allowed 20 days of sick leave per year that upon termination of employment, a lump sum payment of \$5 per day for unused accumulated sick leave. If a teacher has a minimum of 20 years of service in the District, they will receive \$20 per day.

Full-time twelve-month employees after being employed for 1 year as of July 1 shall revive 10 days of non-accumulative vacation days. Any twelve-month employee granted vacation time and who shall resign or be relieved of their position shall be entitled to prorated monetary reimbursement for unused vacation days.

### G. Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the government activities statement of net position. Bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs are recognized in the current period since the amounts are not material. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs in the current period. The face amount of the debt is reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

### H. Fund Balance Classifications

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance in the classifications that disclose constraints for which amount in those funds can be spent. These classifications are as follows:

#### 1. Nonspendable

a. Amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. They include items such as, but not limited to, inventories, prepaid items, or the permanent principal of endowment funds.

# 2. Restricted

a. Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

### 3. Committed

 a. A committed fund balance includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, the School Board. Formal action is required to be taken to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment.

### Assigned

a. Assigned fund balances are amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes but are under the direction of the board and the business manager.

### Notes to Financial Statements – Continued

# 5. Unassigned

a. Unassigned fund balance is the lowest classification for the General Fund. This is a fund balance that has not been reported in any other classification. The General Fund is the only fund that can report a positive unassigned fund balance. A negative unassigned fund balance may be reported in other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

It is the policy of the District to spend restricted resources first, followed by unrestricted resources. It is also the policy of the District to spend unrestricted resources of funds in the following order: committed, assigned and then unassigned.

# I. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources in the District's financial statements. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any long-term debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Restricted Net Position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Unrestricted Net Position is the net amount of assets, deferred outflows or resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

#### J. Interfund Transactions

In the governmental fund statements, transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other interfund transactions, except reimbursements, are reported as transfers. Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers. In the government-wide financial statements, interfund transactions have been eliminated.

### NOTE 2 - LEGAL COMPLIANCE - BUDGETS

Expenditures over Appropriations – General fund expenditures did not exceed budgeted amounts for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018.

### **NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

In accordance with North Dakota Statutes, the District maintains deposits at the depository banks designed by the governing board. All depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Deposits must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institutions situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or bonded. In lieu of a bond, a financial institution may provide a pledge of securities equal to 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes bills, notes, or bonds issued by the United States government, its agencies or instrumentalities, all bonds and notes guaranteed by the United States government, Federal land bank bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of indebtedness, insured certificates of deposit, shares of investment companies registered under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, and all other forms of securities issued by the State of North Dakota, its boards, agencies or instrumentalities or by any county, city, township, school district, park district, or other political subdivision of the State of North Dakota whether payable from special revenues or supported by the full faith and credit of the issuing body and bonds issued by another state of the United States or such other securities approved by the banking board. For the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, the District's carrying amounts of deposits were \$1,350,249 and \$1,286,824. The bank balances were \$1,468,701 and \$1,503,480. Of the bank balances, \$500,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. At June 30, 2019, the value of the securities was \$158,829 less than the 110% of the uninsured balance as required by state law.

# Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

### Credit Risk:

The District may invest idle funds as authorized in North Dakota Statues, as follows:

- 1. Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation insured or guaranteed by the Treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of congress.
- 2. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are the type listed above.
- 3. Certificates of Deposit fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- 4. Obligations of the state.

As of June 30, 2019 and 2018, the District held certificates of deposits totaling \$793,662 and \$778,549.

### Interest Rate Risk:

The District does not have a formal deposit policy that limits maturities as a means of managing exposure to fair-value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

# Concentration of Credit Risk:

The District does not have a limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

# **NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS**

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018:

	Balance July 1, 2018 Additions		Retirements	Balance June 30, 2019	
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, not being depreciated Land	\$ 82,688	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82,688	
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
Total Capital Assets, not being depreciated	82,688	-	-	82,688	
Capital Assets, being depreciated					
Buildings and Improvements	7,138,399	-	-	7,138,399	
Vehicles	662,872	-	-	662,872	
Equipment	363,800	58,936		422,736	
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated	8,165,071	58,936	-	8,224,007	
Less Accumulated Depreciation for					
Buildings and Improvements	2,047,376	206,253	-	2,253,629	
Vehicles	456,548	34,102	-	490,650	
Equipment	196,882	37,961		234,843	
Total Accumulated Depreciation	2,700,806	278,316		2,979,122	
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, net	5,464,265	(219,380)		5,244,885	
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	\$ 5,546,953	\$ (219,380)	\$ -	\$ 5,327,573	

# Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

	Balance July 1, 2017 Additions		Retirements		Balance June 30, 2018		
Governmental Activities							
Capital Assets, not being depreciated							
Land	\$ 82,688	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	-	\$	82,688
Total Capital Assets, not being depreciated	82,688		-		-		82,688
Capital Assets, being depreciated							
Buildings and Improvements	7,138,399		-		-		7,138,399
Vehicles	662,872		-		-		662,872
Equipment	363,800				-		363,800
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated	8,165,071		-		-		8,165,071
Less Accumulated Depreciation for							
Buildings and Improvements	1,841,123		206,253		-		2,047,376
Vehicles	413,951		42,597		-		456,548
Equipment	 164,815		32,067		-		196,882
Total Accumulated Depreciation	2,419,889		280,917		_		2,700,806
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, net	5,745,182		(280,917)				5,464,265
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	\$ 5,827,870	\$	(280,917)	\$	-	\$	5,546,953

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the District as follows:

	 2019	_	 2018
Governmental Activities			
Regular Instruction	\$ 27,153		\$ 23,460
Operation and Maintenance	215,794		213,593
Pupil Transportation	34,102		42,597
School Food Services	1,267		1,267
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	\$ 278,316		\$ 280,917

# NOTE 5 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

During the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in long-term liabilities:

	Long-term Liabilites at July 1, 2018	Increases	Decreases	Due Within One Year	
Governmental Activities Capital Leases Payable	\$ 2,600,428	\$ -	\$ (171,223)	\$ 2,429,205	\$ 175,589
Total - Governmental Activities	\$ 2,600,428	\$ -	\$ (171,223)	\$ 2,429,205	\$ 175,589

### Notes to Financial Statements – Continued

	Long-term Liabilites at July 1, 2017	Increases	Decreases	Long-term Liabilites at June 30, 2018	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities Capital Leases Payable	\$ 2,768,103	\$ -	\$ (167,675)	\$ 2,600,428	\$ 171,223
Total - Governmental Activities	\$ 2,768,103	\$ -	\$ (167,675)	\$ 2,600,428	\$ 171,223

Outstanding debt at June 30, 2019 and 2018 is comprised of the following issue:

### 1. Capital Lease

a. From an original issuance of \$2,930,206, at an interest rate of 2.55%, \$2,429,205 and \$2,600,428 remained outstanding at June 30, 2019 and 2018. The principal and interest are payable through June 1, 2031.

The debt service requirements are as follows:

Capital Lease
(Interest paid annually on June 1)

Year Ending June 30,	Rate	Principal		Interest		Payment		
2020	2.55%	\$	175,589	\$	61,944	\$	237,533	
2021	2.55%		180,066		57,467		237,533	
2022	2.55%		184,658		52,875		237,533	
2023	2.55%		189,367		48,166		237,533	
2024	2.55%		194,195		43,338		237,533	
2025-2029	2.55%		1,047,831		139,832		1,187,663	
2030-2031	2.55%		457,499		17,572		475,071	
Totals		\$	2,429,205	\$	421,194	\$	2,850,399	

### NOTE 6 – RISK MANAGEMENT

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

In 1986, state agencies and political subdivisions of the State of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The District pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, auto and public assets insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of \$2,000,000 per occurrence for general liability and auto coverage.

The District also participates in the North Dakota Fire and Tornado Fund and the State Bonding Fund. The District pays an annual premium to the Fire and Tornado Fund to cover property damage to buildings and personal property. Replacement cost coverage is provided by estimating replacement cost in consultation with the Fire and Tornado Fund. The Fire and Tornado Fund is reinsured by a third-party insurance carrier for losses in excess of \$2,000,000 per occurrence during a twelve-month period. The State Bonding Fund currently provides political subdivision with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$1,300,000 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

The District participates in the North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance and purchases commercial insurance for employee health and boiler and machinery insurance. Settled claims resulting from these above risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The District has elected to be self-insured and retain all risk for liabilities resulting from claims of unemployment benefits. During the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, no claims were filed for unemployment benefits.

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### NOTE 7 – PENSION PLANS

### North Dakota Teacher's Fund for Retirement

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

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

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

#### **Pension Benefits**

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

### Tier 1 Grandfathered

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

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

# Tier 1 Non-Grandfathered

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

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

# Tier 2

A Tier 2 member is entitled to receive unreduced benefits when five or more years of credited service as a teacher in North Dakota have accumulated, the member is no longer employed as a teacher and the member has reached age 65, or has reached age 60 and

# Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

the sum of age and years of service credit equals or exceeds 90. TFFR permits early retirement from ages 55 to 64, with benefits actuarially reduced by 8% per year from the earlier of age 60/Rule of 90 or age 65. In either case, benefits may not exceed the maximum benefits specified in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

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

# **Death and Disability Benefits**

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

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

# **Member and Employer Contributions**

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

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

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

At June 30, 2019 and 2018, if the District were to report on the full accrual basis, a liability of \$3,966,902 and \$4,302 885 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability would have been reported. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018 and 2017 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial calculation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Districts share of covered payroll in the pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating TFFR employees. At June 30, 2019 and 2018 the District's proportion was .297624% and .313273%. The District's pension contributions for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 was \$251,465 and \$237,735.

# **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in measurement:

Inflation 2.75%

Salary increases 4.25% to 14.50%, varying by service,

including inflation and productivity

Investment rate of return 7.75%, net of investment expenses

Cost-of-living-adjustments None

# Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

For active and inactive members, mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected generationally using Scale MP-2014. For healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table set back one year, multiplied by 50% for ages under 75 and grading up to 100% by age 80, projected generationally using Scale MP-2014. For disabled retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table set forward four years.

The actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an actuarial experience study dated April 30, 2015. They are the same as the assumptions used in the July 1, 2018, funding actuarial valuation for TFFR.

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

- Investment return assumption lowered from 8.00% to 7.75%.
- Inflation assumption lowered from 3.00% to 2.75%.
- Total salary scale rates lowered by 0.25% due to lower inflation.
- Added explicit administration expense assumption, equal to prior year administrative expense plus inflation.
- Rates of turnover and retirement were changed to better reflect anticipated future experience.
- Updated mortality assumption to the RP-2014 mortality tables with generational improvement.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense, and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of July 1, 2018, are summarized in the following table:

		Long-term Expected
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Real Rate of Return
Global Equities	58%	6.70%
Global Fixed Income	23%	1.50%
Global Real Assets	18%	5.10%
Cash Equivalents	1%	0.00%

### **Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75% as of June 30, 2018. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at rates equal to those based on the July 1, 2018, Actuarial Valuation Report. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund the benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future-plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future-plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current plan members as of July 1, 2018. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2018.

# **Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

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

# North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System

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

### Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

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

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

### **Pension Benefits**

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

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

# **Death and Disability Benefits**

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

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

# **Refunds of Member Account Balance**

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

# **Member and Employer Contributions**

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

### Notes to Financial Statements – Continued

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

- 1 to 12 months of service Greater of one percent of monthly salary or \$25.
- 13 to 24 months of service Greater of two percent of monthly salary or \$25.
- 25 to 36 months of service Greater of three percent of monthly salary or \$25.
- Longer than 36 months of service Greater of four percent of monthly salary or \$25.

At June 30, 2019 and 2018, if the District were to report on the full accrual basis, a liability of \$860,833 and \$871,461 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability would have been reported. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018 and 2017 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial calculation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Districts share of covered payroll in the pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating NDPERS employees. At June 30, 2019 and 2018 the District's proportion was .051009% and .054218%. The District's pension contributions for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 was \$41,554 and \$40,822.

### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%		
	Service At		
	Beginning of	State	Non-State
Salary Increases	Year	Employee	Employee
	0	12.00%	15.00%
	1	9.50%	10.00%
	2	7.25%	8.00%
	Age		
	Under 30	7.25%	10.00%
	30-39	6.50%	7.50%
	40-49	6.25%	6.75%
	50-59	5.75%	6.50%
	60+	5.00%	5.25%
Investment Rate of Return	7.75%, net of investm	nent expenses	
Cost-of-living Adjustments	None		

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

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

		Long-term Expected
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	30%	6.05%
International Equity	21%	6.71%
Private Equity	7%	10.20%
Domestic Fixed Income	23%	1.45%
International Fixed Income	0%	0.00%
Global Real Assets	19%	5.11%
Cash Equivalents	0%	0.00%

#### Discount Rate

For PERS, GASB Statement No. 67 includes a specific requirement for the discount rate that is used for the purpose of the measurement of the Total Pension Liability. This rate considers the ability of the System to meet benefit obligations in the future. To make this determination, employer contributions, employee contributions, benefit payments, expenses and investment returns are projected into the future. The current employer and employee fixed rate contributions are assumed to be made in each future year. The Plan Net Position (assets) in future years can then be determined and compared to its obligation to make benefit payments in those years. In years where assets are not projected to be sufficient to meet benefit payments, which is the case for the PERS plan, the use of a municipal bond rate is required.

The Single Discount Rate (SDR) is equivalent to applying these two rates to the benefits that are projected to be paid during the different time periods. The SDR reflects (1) the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (during the period in which the fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits) and (2) a tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate of return are not met).

For the purpose of this valuation, the expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.75%; the municipal bond rate is 3.62%; and the resulting Single Discount Rate is 6.32%.

# **Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

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

### NOTE 8 – OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

# North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System

The following brief description of NDPERS is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDAC Chapter 71-06 for more complete information.

NDPERS OPEB plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan that covers members receiving retirement benefits from the PERS, the HPRS, and Judges retired under Chapter 27-17 of the North Dakota Century Code a credit toward their monthly health insurance premium under the state health plan based upon the member's years of credited service. Effective July 1, 2015, the credit is also available to apply towards monthly premiums under the state dental, vision and long-term care plan and any other health insurance plan. The Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund is advance-funded on an actuarially determined basis.

### Notes to Financial Statements – Continued

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS defined benefit OPEB plan is assigned to a Board comprised of nine members. The Board consists of a Chairman, who is appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Attorney General; one member appointed by the State Health Officer; three members elected by the active membership of the NDPERS system, one member elected by the retired public employees and two members of the legislative assembly appointed by the chairman of the legislative management.

# **OPEB Benefits**

The employer contribution for the PERS, the HPRS and the Defined Contribution Plan is set by statute at 1.14% of covered compensation. The employer contribution for employees of the state board of career and technical education is 2.99% of covered compensation for a period of eight years ending October 1, 2015. Employees participating in the retirement plan as part-time/temporary members are required to contribute 1.14% of their covered compensation to the Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund. Employees purchasing previous service credit are also required to make an employee contribution to the Fund. The benefit amount applied each year is shown as "prefunded credit applied" on the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Position for the OPEB trust funds.

Retiree health insurance credit benefits and death and disability benefits are set by statute. There are no provisions or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. Employees who are receiving monthly retirement benefits from the PERS, the HPRS, the Defined Contribution Plan, the Chapter 27-17 judges or an employee receiving disability benefits, or the spouse of a deceased annuitant receiving a surviving spouse benefit or if the member selected a joint and survivor option are eligible to receive a credit toward their monthly health insurance premium under the state health plan.

Effective July 1, 2015, the credit is also available to apply towards monthly premiums under the state dental, vision and long-term care plan and any other health insurance plan. The benefits are equal to \$5.00 for each of the employee's, or deceased employee's years of credited service not to exceed the premium in effect for selected coverage. The retiree health insurance credit is also available for early retirement with reduced benefits.

# OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

At June 30, 2019 and 2018, if the District were to report on the full accrual basis, a liability of \$37,717 and \$40,469 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would have been reported. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2018 and 2017 and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial calculation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District's share of covered payroll in the OPEB plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating OPEB employees. At June 30, 2019 and 2018 the District's proportion was .047890% and .051161%. The District's OPEB contributions for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 was \$6,653 and \$6,536.

### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.50%

Salary increases Not applicable

Investment rate of return 7.55%, net of investment expenses

Cost-of-living-adjustments None

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

The long-term expected investment rate of return assumption for the RHIC fund was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of RHIC investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

Estimates of arithmetic real rates of return, for each major asset class included in the RHIC's target asset allocation as of July 1, 2017 are summarized in the following table:

		Long-term Expected
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Real Rate of Return
Large Cap Domestic Equities	37%	5.80%
Small Cap Domestic Equities	9%	7.05%
International Equities	14%	6.20%
Core-Plus Fixed Income	40%	1.46%

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.5%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member and statutory/Board approved employer contributions will be made at rates equal to those based on the July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2017, HPRS actuarial valuation reports. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current RHIC members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries are not included. Based on those assumptions, the RHIC fiduciary net position was projected to be sufficient to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on RHIC investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

### **NOTE 9 – JOINT VENTURE**

The District participates in the following joint ventures:

# South Valley Multi-District Special Education Unit

Formed for the purpose of providing special education services to the member school districts. The Co-op's governing board is composed of representatives from the member school districts, who are superintendents. The Board is responsible for adopting the Co-op's budget and setting service fees at a level adequate to fund the adopted budget. The District retains no equity in the net assets of the Co-op, but does have a responsibility to fund deficits of the Co-op in proportion to the relative participation described above. Separate financial statements for this joint venture are available from South Valley Multi-District Special Education Unit.

#### NOTE 10 – NONMONETARY TRANSACTIONS

The District receives food commodities from the federal government to subsidize its food service program. The market value of commodities received for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 was \$13,988 and \$12,459.

# **NOTE 11 – CONCENTRATIONS**

The District receives a substantial amount of its support from federal and state governments. A significant reduction in this support may have a material effect on the District's programs and its continued operations.

# **NOTE 12 – CORRECTION OF MISSTATEMENT**

It was determined that there was a financial misstatement for the year ended June 30, 2017. The misstatement includes an overstatement of capital assets and accumulated depreciation and understatement of payroll liabilities and cash. Capital assets, accumulated depreciation, payroll liabilities, and cash have been corrected to reflect the subtractions and additions. The District made the following correction:

Net Position, previously reported	\$ 4,247,952
Fixed Assets	(1,144,494)
Accumulated Depreciation	980,344
Payroll Liabilties	(2,466)
Cash	(8,493)
Net Position, restated	\$ 4,072,843

# **NOTE 13 - TRANSFERS**

Transfers are used to move unrestricted general revenue to finance programs that accounts for in other funds in accordance with budget authority and to subsidize other programs. Transfers were also made to finance long-term debt payments.

The District had the following transfers at June 30, 2019 and 2018:

		2019				2018			
	Tra	Transfers In Transfers Out		Transfers In		Transfers Out			
Fund									
General Fund	\$	-	\$	51,251	\$	-	\$	73,761	
Capital Projects		26,794		-		42,174		-	
Food Service		24,457				31,587		_	
Totals	\$	51,251	\$	51,251	\$	73,761	\$	73,761	

# **NOTE 14 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The District has evaluated subsequent events through December 8, 2022, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

# BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – GENERAL FUND – MODIFIED CASH BASIS Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Ori	ginal Budget	Final Budget		Actual		ance with
REVENUES		_				_	 
Local Sources	\$	1,184,658	\$	1,184,658	\$	1,199,143	\$ 14,485
State Sources		2,772,161		2,772,161		2,791,617	19,456
Federal Sources		132,859		132,859		133,062	203
Interest Income		6,000		6,000		24,785	18,785
Miscellaneous Income		9,000		9,000		20,051	11,051
Total Revenues		4,104,678		4,104,678		4,168,658	63,980
EXPENDITURES							
Current							
Regular Instruction		2,210,545		2,210,545		2,116,853	93,692
Special Instruction		487,887		487,887		482,127	5,760
Vocational Instruction		136,488		136,488		134,151	2,337
Pupil Services		181,930		181,930		160,205	21,725
General Administration Services		141,311		141,311		140,651	660
School Administration Services		140,708		140,708		134,393	6,315
Other Support Services		149,864		149,864		143,380	6,484
Operation and Maintenance		321,412		321,412		261,725	59,687
Pupil Transportation		226,831		226,831		204,739	22,092
Student Activities		282,912		282,912		247,766	35,146
Debt Service							
Principal		61,227		61,227		61,227	
Total Expenditures		4,341,115		4,341,115		4,087,217	 253,898
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures		(236,437)		(236,437)		81,441	317,878
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating Transfer Out		(51,251)		(51,251)		(51,251)	 -
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(51,251)		(51,251)		(51,251)	 
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		(287,688)		(287,688)		30,190	 317,878
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR						966,968	
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR					\$	997,158	

# BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – GENERAL FUND – MODIFIED CASH BASIS Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Original Budget		F	inal Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget		
REVENUES		_			 _		_	
Local Sources	\$	1,090,312	\$	1,090,312	\$ 1,134,436	\$	44,124	
State Sources		2,866,816		2,866,816	2,805,577		(61,239)	
Federal Sources		133,824		133,824	134,341		517	
Interest Income		6,000		6,000	11,888		5,888	
Miscellaneous Income		9,000		9,000	 7,909		(1,091)	
Total Revenues		4,105,952		4,105,952	4,094,151		(11,801)	
EXPENDITURES								
Current								
Regular Instruction		2,198,795		2,198,795	2,121,845		76,950	
Special Instruction		484,522		484,522	460,793		23,729	
Vocational Instruction		149,499		149,499	148,920		579	
Pupil Services		164,878		164,878	151,866		13,012	
General Administration Services		139,279		139,279	138,412		867	
School Administration Services		136,122		136,122	122,773		13,349	
Other Support Services		142,791		142,791	141,238		1,553	
Operation and Maintenance		316,278		316,278	260,661		55,617	
Pupil Transportation		230,881		230,881	213,676		17,205	
Student Activities		282,439		282,439	264,635		17,804	
Debt Service								
Principal		23,662		23,662	 23,662		-	
Total Expenditures		4,269,146		4,269,146	 4,048,481		220,665	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures		(163,194)		(163,194)	45,670		208,864	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Operating Transfer Out		(75,000)		(75,000)	 (73,761)		(1,239)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(75,000)		(75,000)	 (73,761)		(1,239)	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		(238,194)		(238,194)	(28,091)		207,625	
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR					 995,059			
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR					\$ 966,968			

# NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – MODIFIED CASH BASIS June 30, 2019

	Speci	al Reserve	Food Service		Debt Service		Capital Projects		Total Other Governmental Funds	
ASSETS  Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	_	\$	_	\$	11,115	\$	80	\$	11,195
Savings and CD's	ф 	7,376	φ	-	φ	-	φ 	-	φ 	7,376
Total Assets		7,376		-		11,115		80		18,571
FUND BALANCE										
Restricted		7,376				11,115		80		18,571
Fund Balance		7,376		-		11,115		80		18,571
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	7,376	\$	-	\$	11,115	\$	80	\$	18,571

# NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – MODIFIED CASH BASIS June 30, 2018

	Special Reserve F			Food Service		Debt Service		Capital Projects		Total Other Governmental Funds	
ASSETS  Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	_	\$	_	\$	10,980	\$	171	\$	11,151	
Savings and CD's	<b></b>	7,301	<b>Ф</b>	-	ф 	-	<b>.</b>	-	φ 	7,301	
Total Assets		7,301		-		10,980		171		18,452	
FUND BALANCE Restricted		7,301		_		10,980		171		18,452	
Fund Balance		7,301		-		10,980		171		18,452	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	7,301	\$	-	\$	10,980	\$	171	\$	18,452	

# NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – MODIFIED CASH BASIS Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Speci	Special Reserve		Food Service		Debt Service		Capital Projects		Total Other Governmental Funds	
REVENUES											
Local Sources	\$	-	\$	96,981	\$	75	\$	148,889	\$	245,945	
Federal Sources		-		84,711		-		-		84,711	
Interest Income		75		164		60		534		833	
Miscellaneous Income		-		508						508	
Total Revenues		75		182,364		135		149,423		331,997	
EXPENDITURES Current											
School Food Services		_		206,821		_		_		206,821	
Debt Service				200,021						200,021	
Principal		-		-		-		109,996		109,996	
Interest and Other Charges		-		_		-		66,312		66,312	
Total Expenditures		-		206,821		-		176,308		383,129	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures		75		(24,457)		135		(26,885)		(51,132)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES											
Operating Transfer In		-		24,457		-		26,794		51,251	
Total Other Financing Sources		-		24,457		-		26,794		51,251	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		75		-		135		(91)		119	
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR		7,301		-		10,980		171		18,452	
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$	7,376	\$	-	\$	11,115	\$	80	\$	18,571	

# NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – MODIFIED CASH BASIS Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Speci	Special Reserve		od Service	Deb	ot Service	Capital Projects		T otal Other Governmental Funds	
REVENUES										
Local Sources	\$	-	\$	110,546	\$	195	\$	172,197	\$	282,938
State Sources Federal Sources		-		64 79,453		-		-		64 79,453
Interest Income		-		79,433		- 69		381		450
Miscellaneous Income		_		310		-		-		310
Total Revenues		-		190,373		264		172,578		363,215
EXPENDITURES										
Current										
School Food Services		-		221,960		-		-		221,960
Debt Service										
Principal		-		-		-		144,013		144,013
Interest and Other Charges								70,568		70,568
Total Expenditures				221,960				214,581		436,541
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures		-		(31,587)		264		(42,003)		(73,326)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES										
Operating Transfer In		-		31,587		_		42,174		73,761
Total Other Financing Sources		-		31,587		-		42,174		73,761
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		-		-		264		171		435
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR		7,301		-		10,716				18,017
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$	7,301	\$	-	\$	10,980	\$	171	\$	18,452



# 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

School Board Enderlin Area Public School District Enderlin, North Dakota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Enderlin Area Public School District, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the Enderlin Area Public School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 8, 2022.

# Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Enderlin Area Public 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 Enderlin Area Public School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings that we consider to be material weaknesses (2019-001 and 2019-002).

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# **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Enderlin Area Public School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with these provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings (2019-003).

# District's Response to Findings

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

# Purpose of this Report

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

Nadine Julson, LLC Wahpeton, North Dakota

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December 8, 2022

# SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS Years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

# 2019-001 INADEQUATE SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

### Criteria

The segregation of duties and responsibilities between different individuals for custody of assets, recordkeeping for those assets, and reconciliation of those asset accounts is an important control activity needed to adequately protect the entity's assets and ensure accurate financial reporting.

### **Condition**

Proper internal control surrounding custody of assets, the recording of transactions, reconciling bank accounts and preparation of financial statements dictates that there should be sufficient accounting personnel, so duties of employees are properly segregated. More segregation of duties would provide better control over the assets of the District.

### **Effect or Potential Effect**

Without sufficient segregation of duties, the risk significant increases that errors and fraud related to cash receipts, disbursements, and reconciliations, including misappropriation of assets, could occur and not be detected within a timely basis.

### Cause

The entity's limited size and staffing resources have made it difficult for management to provide sufficient staffing to fully segregate incompatible duties in a cost-effective manner.

# Recommendation

The accounting functions should be reviewed to determine if additional segregation of duties is feasible and to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of financial management and financial statement accuracy for the District. Segregation of authorization, custody of assets, record keeping, and reconciliation functions would assist in mitigating the risk of fraud or misstatements to the financial statements.

# Views of Responsible Officials

There is no disagreement with the audit finding and we understand that this will be a repeated recommendation due to the limited amount of resources of the District. The District will segregate functions where feasible.

# **ENDERLIN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT Schedule of Current Year Findings – Continued**

### 2019-002 FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION

### Criteria

A good system of internal accounting control contemplates an adequate system for the preparation of the financial statements, including recording government wide journal entries in order to reconcile from the fund financials to the government wide financials and ensuring all general ledger accounts are properly reflected.

### **Condition**

The District does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements being audited, including recording government wide journal entries. As auditors, we were requested to draft the financial statements, which include proposing government wide journal entries, and drafting the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

### **Effect of Potential Effect**

Inadequate controls over financial reporting of the District results in more than a remote likelihood that the District would not be able to draft the financial statements and accompanying notes to financial statements that are materially correct without the assistance of the auditors.

#### Recommendation

We recommend the District be aware of this condition and be prepared and able to provide all necessary information and schedules to complete the financial statements and disclosures. As a compensating control, the District should establish an internal control policy to document annual review of the financial statements and to review a financial statement disclosure checklist.

# Views of Responsible Officials

The District will continue to have the auditor prepare the financial statements. It is currently not cost-effective for management to perform the preparation.

2019-003 PLEDGE OF ASSETS

### Criteria

The District had a balance of \$1,468,701 on deposit at 2 financial institutions as of June 30, 2019 that was covered by \$500,000 of FDIC coverage with the remaining balance of \$968,701 collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the District's name.

# **Effect**

The District was under collateralized by \$158,829 and was not in compliance with North Dakota Century Code 21-04-09.

### Recommendation

We recommend the District review all bank statements and pledged securities to ensure all deposits are adequately covered by FDIC and pledged securities.

### Views of Responsible Officials

The District depository corrected the under collateralized balance after year end. The District will continue to review bank balances for compliance with North Dakota Century Code 21-04-09.

# SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS Years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

# **Prior Financial Statement Findings:**

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A material weakness was reported for inadequate segregation of duties.

# **Corrective Action Plan**

The accounting functions should be reviewed to determine if additional segregation of duties is feasible and to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of financial management and financial statement accuracy for the District. Segregation of authorization, custody of assets, record keeping, and reconciliation functions would assist in mitigating the risk of fraud or misstatements to the financial statements. This material weakness continues to exist under the current audit findings as finding number 2019-001.