PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 PARK RIVER, NORTH DAKOTA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended JUNE 30, 2017

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PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 Park River, North Dakota List of Officials Year Ended June 30, 2017

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Kirk Ham Roberta Hinkel Superintendent Business Manager



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the School Board Park River Area School District No. 8

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Park River Area School District No. 8 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Accounting 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 financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Park River Area School District No. 8, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information, Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability, and Schedule of Employer's Contributions as listed on the table of contents 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 provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Park River Area School District No. 8's basic financial statements. The accompanying Detailed Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - General Fund is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying supplemental 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 accompanying supplemental 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 November 20, 2017, on our consideration of the Park River Area School District No. 8'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 Park River Area School District No. 8's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Mortenson & Rygh Certified Public Accountants November 20, 2017

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Park River, North Dakota

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2017

		overnmental Activities
ASSETS:		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	2,034,722
Cash Restricted for Debt Service		276,715
Accounts Receivables		121,457
Taxes Receivable		172,457
Total Current Assets		2,605,351
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Capital Assets net of Accumulated Depreciation		16,098,440
Total Non-Current Assets		16,098,440
Total Assets		18,703,791
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Outflows - Pension		1 257 552
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		1,257,552
Total Deletted Outflows of Resources		1,237,332
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$	19,961,343
LIABILITIES: CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$	220 746
Interest Payable	Ф	339,746 113,647
Current Portion of Non-Current Liabilities		366,908
Total Current Liabilities		820,301
Total Current Endomnes		020,501
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bonds Payable		10,387,469
Capitalized Leases Payable		438,837
Less Amount of Debt Due Within One Year		(366,908)
Sick Leave Payable		38,051
Net Pension Liability		5,179,208
Total Non-Current Liabilities		15,676,657
Total Liabilities		16,496,958
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Inflows - Pension		335,160
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		335,160
Four Deterreu milows of Resources		555,100
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS		16,832,118
NET POSITION:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets		5,548,849
Restricted for:		
Capital Projects		155,340
Debt Service		660,975
Food Service		44,735
Special Reserve		204,057
Other		96,199
Unrestricted		(3,580,932)
Total Net Position		3,129,224
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$	19,961,343

PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 Park River, North Dakota Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2017

				Program Reven	ues	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
				Operating	Capital	Total
		C	harges for	Grants and	Grants and	Governmental
Functions/Programs:	Expen		Services		Contributions	Activities
Governmental Activities:						
Regular Instruction	\$ 2,61	9,307 \$	- 3	\$ 30,824	\$ -	\$ (2,588,483)
Special Education		3,544	-	-	-	(793,544)
Vocational Education		2,510	-	8,136	-	(174,373)
Federal Programs		7,437	-	168,291	-	854
Other Programs & Services		3,478	4,600	-	-	(338,878)
Student Support Services:		·	<i>,</i>			
Board of Education	11	1,443	-	-	-	(111,443)
Superintendent	18	3,186	-	-	-	(183,186)
Business Office	6	2,960	-	-	-	(62,960)
Operation and Maintenance		0,955	-	-	-	(1,070,955)
Transportation	27	5,694	-	171,315	-	(104,379)
Library	7	8,372	-	-	-	(78,372)
Other Support Services	1	2,567	-	-	-	(12,567)
Facilities Rent		4,000	-	-	-	(4,000)
Food Service	23	3,375	150,980	80,253	-	(2,142)
Interest & Fees on Long Term Debt	24	0,992	-	-	-	(240,992)
Total Primary Government	\$ 6,37	9,817 \$	155,580	\$ 458,820	\$ -	\$ (5,765,418)
	General R	evenues				
	Property					
		Purposes				\$ 861,766
	Building	-	, 			129,787
	Special					37,621
	-	& Interes	st			588,203
	-			ed to special pur	ooses	4,076,400
	Sale of As			F serar Parl		(29,262)
	Other Rev					107,899
	Total Gene	eral Reve	nues			5,772,414
	Change in	Net Posit	ion			6,996
	Net Positi	on - July	1			3,122,228

Net Position - June 30

3,129,224

Park River, North Dakota

Balance Sheet -Governmental Funds

June 30, 2017

	G	eneral	dg & Cap Projects Fund	Sinking Fund	Go	Other vernmental Funds	Go	Total overnmental Funds
ASSETS: Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash Restricted for Debt Service Accounts Receivable	\$ 1	,199,163 - 121,457	\$ 143,456	\$ 435,556 276,715	\$	256,547	\$	2,034,722 276,715 121,457
Taxes Receivable		94,678	11,884	62,351		3,543		172,457
Total Assets	\$ 1	,415,299	\$ 155,340	\$ 774,622	\$	260,090	\$	2,605,351
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	:							
LIABILITIES								
Accounts Payable Interest Payable	\$	328,449	\$ -	\$ - 113,647	\$	11,298	\$	339,746 113,647
Total Liabilities		328,449	-	 113,647		11,298		453,393
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOUR	CES:							
Uncollected Taxes Receivable		43,701	7,317	42,061		2,175		95,253
Total Liabilities & Deferred								- 10 - 11 -
Inflows of Resources		372,149	7,317	155,708		13,472		548,646
Fund Balances: Restricted for:								
Debt service		-	-	618,915		-		618,915
Capital projects		-	148,023	-		-		148,023
Special reserve fund Other purposes		- 96,199	-	-		201,883		201,883 96,199
Committed to:		90,199	-	-		-		90,199
Food Service		-	-	-		44,735		44,735
Unassigned		946,950	-	-		_		946,950
Total Fund Balance	1	,043,149	148,023	618,915		246,618		2,056,704
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$ 1	,415,299	\$ 155,340	\$ 774,622	\$	260,090	\$	2,605,351

Park River, North Dakota

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2017

Total Fund Balance for Governmental Funds	\$	2,056,704
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because	:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Cost of Capital Assets\$ 17,443,415Less: Accumulated Depreciation(1,344,974)Net Capital Assets		16,098,441
Property taxes receivable will be collected after year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are reported as deferred revenues in the funds		95,253
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. All liabilities, both current and long term, are reported in the statement of net position.		
Total Bonds Payable Capital Lease Payable Net Pension Liability		(10,387,469) (438,837) (5,179,208)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Deferred outflows related to pensions Deferred inflows related to pensions		1,257,552 (335,160)
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	3,129,224

Park River, North Dakota

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2017

	General		dg & Cap Projects Fund	Sinking Fund	ļ	Other Governmental Funds	Go	Total overnmental Funds
Revenues:								
Local Sources	\$ 967,602	\$	129,315	\$ 572,	812	\$ 37,394	\$	1,707,123
State Sources	4,286,676		-		-	2,214		4,288,890
Federal Sources	168,291		-	22,	174	78,039		268,505
School Lunch Sales	-		-		-	150,980		150,980
Other Sources	83		-		-	-		83
Total Revenues	5,422,651		129,315	594,	986	268,627		6,415,580
Expenditures:								
Regular Instruction Programs	2,476,391		-		-	-		2,476,391
Special Education Programs	793,544		-		-	-		793,544
Vocational Education	182,510		-		-	-		182,510
Federal Programs	167,437		-		-	-		167,437
Other Programs & Services	343,478		-		-	-		343,478
Student Support Services								
Board of Education	111,443		-		-	-		111,443
Superintendent	183,186		-		-	-		183,186
Business Office	62,960		-		-	-		62,960
Operation and Maintenance	575,110		-		-	-		575,110
Other Equipment	-		-		-	-		-
Transportation	221,407		-		-	-		221,407
Library	78,372		-		-	-		78,372
Instruction Staff Training	12,567		-		-	-		12,567
Food Service	-		-		-	232,703		232,703
Facilities Rent	4,000		-		-	-		4,000
Capital Outlay:								
Facility Acquisiton & Construction	-		266,024		-	-		266,024
Debt Service:								
Principal Payments	-		-	367,		-		367,375
Interest Payments	-		-	263,	166	-		263,166
Total Expenditures	5,212,402		266,024	630,	542	232,703		6,341,671
Excess Revenues over								
(under) Expenditures	210,249		(136,709)	(35,:	555)	35,924		73,909
Other Financing Sources(Uses):								
Interest Income	885		-	,	735	417		2,037
Interfund Transfers In	34,035		253,643	198,		-		486,629
Interfund Transfers (Out)	(387,197)	(65,396)	(1,	218)	(32,817)		(486,629
Net Change in Fund Balances	(142,028)	51,538	162,	913	3,524		75,946
Fund balance - July 1	1,110,935		96,485	220,	002	243,094		1,670,516
Restatements	74,243		-	236,	000	-		310,243
Fund balance - June 30	\$ 1,043,149					\$ 246,618		

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities - All Governmental Fund Types Year Ended June 30, 2017

Year Ended June 30, 201	1	
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Net Change in Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds	\$	75,946
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:	t	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenses. However, in the statement of activities assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 are capitalized and the cost is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.		
Capital Asset Additions 253,643		
Loss on Capital Asset Disposals (29,262)	
Current Year Depreciation Expense (538,423		(314,043)
Governmental funds expense sick pay as incurred. However, in the statement of activities, sick pay is expensed when the liability is deemed measurable. This is the amount the accrued sick leave liability decreased during the year.		(231)
Some revenues reported on the statement of activities are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds since they do not represent available resources to pay current expenditures. This is the increase (decrease) in taxes receivable from the prior year.		20,633
Governmental funds report debt principle payments as an expense. However in the statement of activities debt principle is not expensed nor is the receipt of borrowed funds treated as income. This is the amount by which debt repayment exceeded debt proceeds:		
Repayment of Long-Term Debt 367,375	_	367,375
Governmental funds report district pension contributions as expenditures. However in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense.		
District pension contributions 314,979		
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions (457,664)	_	(142,685)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	6,996

Park River, North Dakota Statement of Assets and Liabilities – Fiduciary Fund June 30, 2017

Assets: Cash and Investments	\$ 241,302
Liabilities Due to Student Groups	\$ 241,302

PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 Park River, North Dakota Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2017

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The District's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (*GAAP*) as applied to government units in the United States of America. The *Governmental Accounting Standards Board* (*GASB*) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The District's Board of Education is the level of government, which has financial accountability, responsibility and control over all activities related to the public school education in the District's boundaries. The Board receives funding from local, state, and federal government sources and must comply with the requirements of these funding source entities. However, the Board is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by the related Governmental Account Standards Board Statement 14, since the Board members are elected by the public and have decision making authority, the authority to levy taxes, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operation and primary accountability for fiscal matters. In addition, there are no component units as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 14, which are included in the District's reporting entity.

The District's financial statements include all of the District's operations. The financial statements presented herein do not include agencies which have been formed under applicable state laws or separate and distinct units of government apart from Park River Area School District No. 8.

B. Basis of Presentation

The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements and fund financial statements.

Government-wide Statements: The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at year end. The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct Expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to students or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues, as are internally dedicated resources.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and a fiduciary fund, even though the latter is excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts which are comprised of each fund's assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, receipts and disbursements, as appropriate. The various funds are summarized by type in the fund financial statements. Government resources are allocated to and for individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The following fund types are used by the District:

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

<u>General Fund</u> (a major governmental fund) – The general fund is the primary operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures and the capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from this fund.

<u>Building & Capital Projects Fund</u> – This fund has its own mill levy dedicated to major construction projects. Levy funds can also be used for property insurance premiums covering school district property.

<u>Sinking Funds</u> – Sinking funds are used to accumulate revenues dedicated to debt service and to retire corresponding debt issues as the interest and principal come due.

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE

Agency Funds - Agency funds are used to account for assets held by the school district in a trustee capacity or as an agent for student body groups.

D. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

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

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

accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when the District receives cash.

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.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, money market accounts and certificates of deposit with maturity of three months or less. State law requires district funds to be deposited in a financial institution situated and doing business within this state.

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and improvements and furniture and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. The District defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 (amount not rounded) and an estimated useful life in excess of five years. Such assets are recorded at historical 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 assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects and constructed. Buildings & improvements and furniture & equipment of the District are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings	40
Building Improvements	40
Buses	10
Furniture & equipment	10
Vehicles	5
Computer & electronic equipment	5

G. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, accounts payable and long term obligations are reported in the governmental activities statement of Net Position. The District's governmental fund financials report only those obligations that will be paid from current financial resources.

H. Net Position/Fund Balance

Government-wide Financial Statements

Equity is classified in the government-wide financial statements as net position and displayed in three components:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net assets – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

Fund Financial Statement

Beginning with fiscal year 2012, the District implemented GASB Statement 54, Fund Balance Reporting in Governmental Fund Types Definitions. The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on a hierarchy that shows, from highest to lowest, the level or form of constraints on fund balance resources and the extent to which the District is bound to honor them. The District first determines and reports non-spendable balances, then restricted, then committed, and so forth. The District's governmental fund balances have been restated to reflect the below classifications. Fund balance classifications are summarized as follows:

Non-spendable fund balance – This category includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form, or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance – This category includes net fund resources that are subject to external constraints that have been placed on the use of resources either (a) imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance – This category 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. The commitment can only be removed through the same action. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned fund balance – This category includes Governmental Fund balance that the district intents to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent is expressed by written approval of the District's administration comprised of the School Board.

Unassigned fund balance – This category included the residual balances in the governmental fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purpose within the General Fund.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

Deferred Outflows of resources on the Statement of Net Position represent consumption of resources applicable to future periods and so will not be recognized as an expense until then. The District's only deferred outflows of resources reported on the statement of net position are related to defined benefit pension plans (TFFR and NDPERS). The amount represents actuarial differences within the pension plans as well as contributions to the plans made after the measurement date.

Deferred Inflows of resources on the Statement of Net Position represent acquisition of resources applicable to future periods and so will not be recognized as revenue until that time. The District's only deferred inflow of resources on the Statement of Net Position are related to defined benefit pension plans (TFFR and NDPERS). The amount represents actuarial differences within the pension plans.

I. Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as receipts or disbursements. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for receipts/disbursements initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as disbursements in the fund that is reimbursed. All other interfund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and 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.

J. Use of Estimates in Preparing Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

K. Memorandum Only - Total Columns

Total columns to the financial statements are captioned "*memorandum only*" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns does not present financial position, results of operations or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 2 LEGAL COMPLIANCE – BUDGETS

Budget Amendments

The school district's governing board approved the following amendments to the District's budget:

Budget Amendments:	Original Budget	Am	endment	Amended Budget
		R	evenues	
Major Funds: General Fund	\$ 5,331,396	\$	27,026	\$ 5,358,422
		Exp	enditures	
Major Funds: General Fund	\$ 5,283,900	\$	32,026	\$ 5,315,926

NOTE 3 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Deposits

In accordance with North Dakota statutes, the District maintains deposits in financial institutions situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or secured with a pledge of securities equal to 110% of the uninsured balance.

State statutes authorize the District to invest in:

- a) Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation of, or an obligation insured or guaranteed by, the Treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of Congress,
- **b)** Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are of the type listed above,
- c) Certificates of Deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation or pledge of governmental securities,
- **d)** Obligations of the state.

B. Investments

Concentration of credit risk – The risk of loss due to the magnitude of investments in a single issuer. The District only invests in Certificates of Deposit wherein the issuer collateralizes the certificate with governmental securities.

Interest rate risk – The risk that changes in interest rates of debt investments will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The District only invests in Certificates of Deposit which are always purchased and redeemable at face value.

At year ended June 30, 2017, the school district's carrying amount of deposits totaled \$2,552,710 and the bank balances totaled \$2,595,897. Of the bank balances, \$732,792 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining bank balances totaling \$1,863,105 were collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

NOTE 4 PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied as of January 1. The property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1 and may be paid in two installments. The first installment includes one-half of the real estate taxes and all the special assessments and the second installment is the balance of the real estate taxes. The first installment is due by March 1 and the second installment is due by October 15. A 5% discount on property taxes is allowed if all taxes and special assessments are paid by February 15. After the due dates, the bill becomes delinquent and penalties are assessed.

Most property owners choose to pay property taxes and special assessments in a single payment on or before February 15 and receive the discount on the property taxes.

Budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general fund. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end. See Note 2 for explanation of filing date requirements.

NOTE 5 PENSION PLAN

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

General Information about the Pension Plans

A. North Dakota Teachers' 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 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. Refunded members forfeit all service credits under TFFR. These service credits may be repurchased upon return to covered employment under certain circumstances, as defined by the NDCC.

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

At June 30, 2017, the Employer reported a liability of \$4,592,296 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of July 1, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Employer's share of covered payroll in the pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating TFFR employers. At July 1, 2016, the Employer's proportion was 0.31345477 percent, which was a decrease of 0.01292723 from its proportion measured as of July 1, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the Employer recognized pension expense of \$377,412. At June 30, 2017, the Employer reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferr	ed Inflows of
			R	esources
Differences between expected and actual experiencs	\$	21,689	\$	21,743
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on				
pension plan investments		381,744		-
Changes of assumptions		383,589		-
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer				
contributions and proportionate share of contributions		-		274,946
*Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date				
of July 1, 2016		274,116		-
Total	\$	1,061,138	\$	296,689

*\$274,116 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018.

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

Year ended June 30:	
2018	\$ 90,987
2019	90,987
2020	184,267
2021	125,864
2022	23,407
Thereafter	(25,179)
Total	\$ 490,333

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global Equities	58%	7.30%
Global Fixed Income	23%	0.88%
Global Real Assets	18%	5.32%
Cash Equivalents	1%	0.00%

Discount Rate

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

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

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

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
Employer's proportionate			
share of the net pension			
liablity	5,956,553	4,592,296	3,455,999

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

Payables to the Pension Plan

As of June 30, 2017, the district accrued a payable to the pension plan of \$56,333. Of this amount, \$29,316 is the district's legally required contribution, and \$27,017 is the employees' required contribution. Payable amounts are for wages attributable to fiscal year ended June, 30 2017.

B. North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main 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.

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

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS defined benefit pension plan is assigned to a Board comprised of seven members. The Board consists of a Chairman, who is appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Attorney General; one member appointed by the State Health Officer; three members elected by the active membership of the NDPERS system; and one member elected by the retired public employees. Effective July 1, 2015, the board was expanded to include two members of the legislative assembly appointed by the chairman of the legislative management.

Pension Benefits

Benefits are set by statute. NDPERS has no provisions or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. 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, termcertain 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.

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

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

At June 30, 2017, the Employer reported a liability of \$586,912 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Employer's share of covered payroll in the Main System pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating Main System employers. At June 30, 2016, the Employer's proportion was 0.060221 percent, which was an increase of 0.002105 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the Employer recognized pension expense of \$79,057. At June 30, 2017, the Employer reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferre	ed Outflows of	Deferred Inflows o		
	Resources		Re	esources	
Differences between expected and actual experiencs	\$	8,817	\$	5,434	
Changes of assumptions		54,106		29,158	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on					
pension plan investments		81,883		-	
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions		10.374		3,879	
*Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date		10,374		5,679	
of July 1, 2016		40,863		-	
Total	\$	196,043	\$	38,471	

*\$40,863 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018.

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

Year ended June 30:	
2018	\$ 21,021
2019	21,021
2020	38,883
2021	25,367
2022	10,417
Thereafter	
Total	\$ 116,709

Actuarial Assumptions

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

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

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

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

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

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

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	31%	6.60%
International Equity	21%	7.30%
Private Equity	5%	10.90%
Domestic Fixed Income	17%	1.49%
International Fixed Income	5%	-0.45%
Global Real Estate	20%	5.24%
Cash Equivalents	1%	0.00%

Discount Rate

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

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8 percent, as well as what the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (7 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (9 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	(7%)	Current Discount Rate (8%)	1% Increase	(9%)
Employer's proportionate					
share of the net pension					
liablity		832,524	586,912		379,972

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 6 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Park River Area School District No. 8 is exposed to various risks of loss related 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 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 inland marine insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of one million dollars per occurrence.

The Park River Area School District No. 8 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 one million dollars per occurrence during a twelve-month period.

The State Bonding Fund currently provides the school district with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$835,000 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage. The school district also participates in North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 7 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Asset activity for the Year Ended June 30, 2017 was as follows:

	J	uly 1, 2016	Re	statement]	Increases	D	ecreases	Ju	ine 30, 2017
Capital Assets, being depreciated:										
Buildings	\$	16,252,664	\$	(74,243)	\$	253,643	\$	(10,871)	\$	16,421,192
Furniture & Equipment		575,589				-		(39,842)		535,747
Buses & Vehicles		486,475				-		-		486,475
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	\$	17,314,728	\$	(74,243)	\$	253,643	\$	(50,713)	\$	17,443,415
Accumulated depreciation:										
Buildings		(573,702)		773		(442,226)		838		(1,014,316)
Furniture & Equipment		(108,754)		-		(41,910)		20,612		(130,052)
Buses & Vehicles		(146,319)		-		(54,287)				(200,606)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$	(828,775)	\$	773	\$	(538,423)	\$	21,450	\$	(1,344,974)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$	16,485,953	\$	(73,469)	\$	(284,780)	\$	(29,262)	\$	16,098,440
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$	16,485,953	\$	(73,469)	\$	(284,780)	\$	(29,262)	\$	16,098,440

Depreciation was expensed to the following functions:

Bus Vehicle Depreciation	\$ 54,287
Bldg & Equipment Depreciation	483,463
Food Service Fund	 672
Total Depreciation Expense	\$ 538,423

NOTE 8 DEFERRED INFLOWS/OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflows of resources on the fund financial statements consist of amounts for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, such amounts are measurable but not available.

The district recognizes uncollected taxes receivable, which are not expected to be collected within 60 days after year end, as deferred inflows of resources. Below is a summary of the District's property tax receivables and deferred inflows of resources:

	Receivable	Deferred
General Fund	\$94,678	\$43,701
Capital Project Fund	11,884	7,317
Sinking & Interest Fund	62,351	42,061
Special Reserve Fund	3,543	2,175
	<u>\$172,457</u>	<u>\$95,253</u>

Deferred inflows and outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position represent the changes of assumptions, net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments and changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and the proportionate share of contributions, as discussed in note 5.

NOTE 9 GRANTS

The District receives significant financial assistance from federal and state governmental agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the District's independent auditors and other governmental auditors. Any disallowed claims resulting from such an audit could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable fund. Based on prior experience, the District administration believes such disallowance, if any, would be immaterial.

NOTE 10 COMPENSATED ABSENCES

A teacher is allowed sick leave at the rate of 10 days for each year employed by the school district. Teachers who began their employment after July 1, 2000 are allowed to accumulate unused sick leave up to 90 days. Teachers who began their employment before July 1, 2000 may accumulate up to 180 day of sick leave. The district does not pay unused sick leave upon termination of employment.

Teachers are also allowed 3 personal days per year and may accumulate up to 5 personal days. Teachers who accumulate more than 5 days may be compensated \$200 for each unused personal day that could not be accumulated. Compensation for all earned and available personal leave is paid upon termination of employment with the district.

NOTE 11 LONG TERM DEBT

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

	Balance	Debt	Debt	Balanc	e	Due Within
	7/1/2016	Paid	Issued	6/30/201	17	One Year
Building Bonds of 2009	140,000	-	-	140	,000,	-
Building Bonds Series 2010	450,000	-	-	450	,000,	-
General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2015A	880,000	(35,000)	-	845	,000,	40,000
Limited Tax Building Fund Bonds Series 2015B	1,330,000	(30,000)	-	1,300	,000,	25,000
General Obligation State School Const. Fund Series 2015C	7,908,741	(256,272)	-	7,652	,469	259,839
Capital Lease	484,941	(46,104)	-	438	,837	42,068
	\$11,193,682	\$ (367,375)	\$-	\$ 10,826	,306	\$ 366,907

The annual requirement to amortize all general obligation bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2017, including interest payments are as follows:

Year Ending	General Obligation Bonds			
June 30	Principal	Interest	Total	
2018	\$ 324,839	\$ 242,703	\$ 567,542	
2019	342,993	236,176	579,169	
2020	356,814	229,128	585,941	
2021	371,334	221,620	592,953	
2022	386,589	213,818	600,406	
2023-2027	2,870,208	887,173	3,757,381	
2028-2032	3,095,622	522,792	3,618,415	
2033-2037	2,639,071	118,611	2,757,682	
Total	\$ 10,387,469	\$2,672,021	\$ 13,059,490	

General Obligation Bonds – General obligation bonds payable at June 30, 2017, with their outstanding balance are comprised of the following individual issues:

\$140,000 Limited Tax School Building Fund Bonds, Series 2009

The school district issued bonds during 2009 designated as "\$140,000 Limited Tax School Building Fund Bonds, Series 2009" issued pursuant to Chapter 21-03 of the ND Century Code and pursuant to Section 54F of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The bonds carry no interest; the purchaser of the bonds receives a federal income tax credit in lieu of periodic interest payments. Annual transfers of \$9,333 are made to a sinking fund until maturity in 2025. As of June 30, 2017 the district has restricted \$65,333 for this issue.

Outstanding June 30, 2017 140,000

Taxable Limited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2010

In 2010, the school district issued "Taxable Limited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2010" in the amount of \$450,000. The bonds were issued pursuant to Sections 21-03-07, 21-03-09, and 21-03-14 of the ND Century Code, pursuant to Section 54F of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The bonds carry an interest rate of 5.29%. Annual transfers of \$30,000 are made to a sinking fund until maturity in 2020. As of June 30, 2017 the district has restricted \$211,381 for this issue.

Outstanding June 30, 2017 450,000

General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2015A

On July 8, 2015 the school district issued "General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2015A" in the amount of \$880,000. The bonds carry an interest rate varying from 1.10% to 3.50%, with a true interest rate of 3.2560%. Interest is due semiannually and principal is due annually. This issue is scheduled to mature August 1, 2034.

Outstanding June 30, 2017	845,000
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Limited Tax Building Fund Bonds, Series 2015B

On August 20, 2015 the school district issued "Limited Tax Building Fund Bonds, Series 2015B in the amount of \$1,330,000. The bonds carry an interest rate varying from 3.00% to 3.750%, with a true interest rate of 3.3163%. Interest is due semiannually and principal is due annually. The issue is scheduled to mature August 1, 2034.

1,300,000

General Obligation State School Construction Fund Bonds, Series 2015C

On July 30, 2015 the school district issued "General Obligation State School Construction Fund Bonds, Series 2015C" in the amount of \$8,088,858. The bonds carry an interest rate at 5.0%, until July 1, 2025, and thereafter at a rate established by BND pursuant to Chapter 15.1-36 of the N.D.C.C. From the date of issue until July 1, 2025 the district will receive interest buydown funds from the State to reduce the interest rate on the bonds to 2.00%. Principal and interest payments are due semiannually through September 2035.

Outstanding June 30, 2017	7,652,469
Total Bonds Outstanding June 30, 2017	<u>\$10,387,469</u>

NOTE 12 CAPITAL LEASE

The District entered into a capital lease to finance equipment purchased in conjunction with construction of a new addition. The lease is for 10 years at a 3.302% interest rate. The last payment is due in 2025.

Outstanding June 30, 2017 <u>\$438,837</u>

The annual requirement to amortize the capital lease outstanding as of June 30, 2017, including interest payments are as follows:

Year Ending	Capital Lease Payments				
June 30	F	Principal	Interest		Total
2018	\$	42,068	\$	14,278	\$ 56,346
2019		43,457		12,889	56,346
2020		44,891		11,455	56,346
2021		46,372		9,974	56,346
2022		47,903		8,443	56,346
2023-2027		214,146		17,435	231,581
Total	\$	438,837	\$	74,474	\$ 513,311

NOTE 13 INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Operating transfers for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 were as follows.

General Fund	34,035	387,197
Special Reserve	-	32,817
Capital Projects Fund	253,643	65,396
Sinking Fund Bonds of 2005	-	1,218
Parking Lot Bonds Series 2010	31,631	-
Bus Barn Bonds Series 2009	9,333	-
Building Bonds Series 2015	92,591	-
Building Project Equipment Lease	65,396	
Total	\$ 486,629	\$ 486,629

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Transfers were made for cash management requirements, debt service requirements, and to fund construction of a new addition.

NOTE 14 FORMATION OF THE DISTRICT

Effective July 1, 2013 the Park River Public School District No. 78 merged with the Adams Public School District No. 128 forming the Park River Area School District No. 8 with all the assets and liabilities of both districts being assumed by the new entity. All employees were effectively terminated and most were rehired by the new district. Because of duplication between the districts, some employees were not rehired. The merger was made due to declining enrollments in Adams and relatively stable enrollments in Park River. The ending balances of both districts became the beginning balances in the accounting records of the new district. All fixed assets were recorded by the new district at their historical cost less applicable depreciation. Only Park River Public School District No. 78 had debt outstanding, which was assumed by the new district.

NOTE 15 RESTATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE

A restatement of \$74,243 was made to general fund balance. The restatement was necessary to correct accounts payable in the general fund due to unforeseen changes in construction amounts payable.

A restatement of \$236,000 was made to sinking fund balance. The restatement was necessary to record cash restricted for debt service that was previously reported as principal payments on debt.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 Park River, North Dakota Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>General Fund</u>			
	Original	Final		
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenues:				
Local Sources	\$ 973,855	\$ 973,855	\$ 967,602	\$ (6,253)
State Sources	4,214,700	4,214,700	4,286,676	71,976
Federal Sources	141,961	168,987	168,291	(696)
Other Sources	880	880	968	88
Total Revenues	5,331,396	5,358,422	5,423,536	65,114
Expenditures:				
Regular Instruction Programs	2,496,404	2,501,404	2,476,391	25,013
Special Education	830,935	830,935	793,544	37,391
Vocational Instruction	194,845	194,845	182,510	12,335
Federal Programs	141,080	168,106	167,437	669
Other Programs & Services	361,397	361,397	343,478	17,920
Student Support Services		-		
Board of Education	123,965	123,965	111,443	12,522
Superintendent	189,665	189,665	183,186	6,479
Business Office	64,006	64,006	62,960	1,046
Operation and Maintenance	550,158	550,158	575,110	(24,952)
Transportation	232,120	232,120	221,407	10,713
Library	82,325	82,325	78,372	3,953
Instruction Staff Training	13,000	13,000	12,567	433
Facilities Rent	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
Total Expenditures	5,283,900	5,315,926	5,212,402	103,524
Excess Revenues over				
(under) Expenditures	47,496	42,496	211,134	168,638
Interfund Transfers In	37,600	37,600	34,035	
Interfund Transfers (Out)	(434,343)	(434,343)	(387,197)	
Net Change in Fund Balance	(349,247)	(354,247)	(142,028)	
Fund balance - July 1	1,110,935	1,110,935	1,110,935	
Fund balance - June 30	\$ 761,688	\$ 756,688	\$ 1,043,149	

PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 Park River, North Dakota Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Building Fund Year Ended June 30, 2017

	0	original & Final Budget	<u>Bu</u>	ilding Fund Actual	Variance
Revenues					
Local Sources	\$	131,000	\$	129,315	\$ (1,685)
Total Revenues		131,000		129,315	(1,685)
Expenditures					
Facility Construction		300,000		266,024	33,976
Principal and Interest Payments		70,050		-	70,050
Total Expenditures		370,050		266,024	104,026
Excess Revenues over					
(under) Expenditures		(239,050)		(136,709)	102,341
Other Financing Sources/Transfers:					
Interfund Transfers In (Out)		300,000		188,247	
Net Change in Fund Equity		60,950		51,538	
Fund balance - July 1		96,485		96,485	
Fund balance - June 30	\$	157,435	\$	148,023	

PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 Park River, North Dakota Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Sinking & Interest Fund Year Ended June 30, 2017

	C	Driginal & Final	<u>Si</u>	<u>ıking Fund</u>		
		Budget		Actual	V	Variance
Revenues:						
Local Sources	\$	612,770	\$	572,812	\$	(39,958)
Federal Sources	•	22,065	•	22,174	•	109
Other Sources		750		735		(15)
Total Revenues		635,585		595,722		(39,863)
Expenditures:						
Principal & Interest Payments		697,558		630,542		67,016
Total Expenditures		697,558		630,542		67,016
Excess Revenues over						
(under) Expenditures		(61,973)		(34,820)		27,153
Interfund Transfers In (Out)		134,343		197,733		
Net change in Fund Balance		72,370		162,913		
Fund balance - July 1		220,002		220,002		
Restatements		-		236,000		
Fund balance - June 30	\$	292,372	\$	618,915		

PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 Park River, North Dakota Schedule of District's Share of Net Pension Liability ND Teachers' Fund for Retirement Last 10 Fiscal Years*

				Employer's Proportionate	
Year Ended	Employeer's Proportion Of the Net Pension	Employeer's Proportionate Share Of the Net Pension	Employer's Covered	Share Of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a % of its covered-employee	Plan Fiduciary Net Position As a % of the Total
June 30	Liability (Asset)	Liability (Asset)	Employee Payroll	Payroll	Pension Liability
2015	0.343974%	3,604,238	1,995,232	180.6%	66.60%
2016	0.326382%	4,268,604	2,007,593	212.6%	62.10%
2017	0.313455%	4,592,296	2,036,594	225.5%	59.20%

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

Amounts presented in each fiscal year have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 Park River, North Dakota Schedule of District's Contributions ND Teachers' Fund for Retirement Last 10 Fiscal Years*

					Contributions
		Contributions in Relation	Contribution		as a % of
Year Ended	Statutorily	to the Statutorily Required	Deficency	Employer's Covered	Covered Employee
June 30	Required Contribution	Contribution	(Excess)	Employee Payroll	Payroll
2015	214,485	214,485	0	1,995,232	10.75%
2016	255,956	255,956	0	2,007,593	12.75%
2017	259,666	259,666	0	2,036,594	12.75%

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

Amounts presented in each fiscal year have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 Park River, North Dakota Schedule of District's Share of Net Pension Liability ND Public Employees Retirement System Last 10 Fiscal Years*

				Employer's Proportionate	
Year Ended	Employeer's Proportion Of the Net Pension	Employeer's Proportionate Share Of the Net Pension	Employer's Covered	Share Of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a % of its covered-employee	Plan Fiduciary Net Position As a % of the Total
June 30	Liability (Asset)	Liability (Asset)	Employee Payroll	Payroll	Pension Liability
2015	0.058921%	373,984	496,336	75.3%	77.70%
2016	0.058116%	395,179	517,742	76.3%	77.15%

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

Amounts presented in each fiscal year have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 Park River, North Dakota Schedule of District's Contributions ND Public Employees Retirement System Last 10 Fiscal Years*

		Contributions in Relation	Contribution		Contributions as a % of
Year Ended	Statutorily	to the Statutorily Required	Deficency	Employer's Covered	Covered Employee
June 30	Required Contribution	Contribution	(Excess)	Employee Payroll	Payroll
2015	35,339	35,339	0	496,336	7.12%
2016	39,327	39,438	-111	517,742	7.62%
2017	43,938	40,974	2,964	606,881	6.75%

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

Amounts presented in each fiscal year have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Park River, North Dakota

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

June 30, 2017

NOTE 1 BUDGETS

The District's board follows the procedures established by North Dakota law for the budgetary process. The business manager prepares an annual school district budget and property tax levy. The budget is prepared by funds, function and activity, and includes information on the past year, current year and requested appropriations for the next year.

The county treasurer collects all property taxes levied in the county, acting as agent for the various taxing authorities in the county. Collected taxes are remitted to the taxing authorities monthly unless the amount is insignificant.

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- Administration prepares the District's budget using a modified accrual basis of accounting. The board reviews the budget and makes any necessary revisions. On or before July 31, the board adopts the final budget. The final budget and property tax levy request is sent to the county auditor by August 15.
- The budget may be amended during the year for any receipts and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared except no amendment changing the taxes levied can be made after October 10.
- At year-end, the balance of each appropriation becomes a part of the unappropriated fund balance.

The District's expenses did not exceed budgeted amounts for any fund during the year ended June 30, 2017.

NOTE 2 PENSIONS

North Dakota Teachers' Fund for Retirement

Changes of Assumptions. Amounts reported in 2016 reflect the following actuarial assumption changes effective July 1, 2015, based on the results of an actuarial experience study dated April 30, 2015.

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

North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System

Changes of Benefit Terms

There were no changes to benefits for the year ended June 30, 2016, the most recent measurement date.

Changes of Assumptions

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Park River, North Dakota

Detailed Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - General Fund

Year Ended June 30, 2017

	General Fund
REVENEUE:	
LOCAL SOURCES	
General Property Taxes	766,716
Other Tax Revenue	90,506
Services Provided Other LEAs	100,994
Drivers Education	4,600
Other Local Sources	4,786
Total Local Sources	967,602
STATE SOURCES	
Per Pupil Aid	4,076,400
Transportation Aid	171,315
ND Educational Technology Council	21,570
Vocational Aid	8,136
State Grant Professional Development	9,254
Total State Sources	4,286,676
FEDERAL SOURCES	
Title I	103,452
Carl Perkins Grant	854
REAP Program	55,120
Title VI Grant	8,865
Total Federal Sources	168,291
OTHER SOURCES	
Miscellaneous Income	83
Total Other Sources	83
TOTAL REVENEUE	5,422,651

PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 Park River, North Dakota (Cont'd) Detailed Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - General Fund Year Ended June 30, 2017

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017	
	General
	Fund
REGULAR INSTRUCTION:	
Kindergarten Instruction	126,228
Elementary Instruction	1,101,364
Elementary Principal	140,899
Middle School Instruction	266,834
Middle School Principal	33,237
Senior High Instruction	591,212
Interactive TV Instruction	27,784
High School Principal	82,850
All Classes Instruction	105,982
Total Regular Instruction	2,476,391
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS:	
Learning Disabled	163,195
Special Programs	542,909
Preschool	87,440
Total Special Education Programs	793,544
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:	1(1(07
Vocational Programs	161,607
Vocational Agriculture	20,903
Total Vocational Education	182,510
FEDERAL PROGRAMS:	
Title I Programs	103,452
Other Federal Programs	63,985
Total Federal Programs	167,437
Total Federal Trograms	107,457
OTHER PROGRAMS:	
Home Economics & Consumer Instruction	56,157
Student Activities Instruction	54,178
Athletics Instruction	163,919
Driver's Ed Instruction	8,399
ESP	60,824
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For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 Park River, North Dakota (Cont'd) Detailed Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - General Fund

	General
	Fund
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES: School Board	111.042
Election Services	111,043 400
Superintendent	183,186
Support Services - Business	62,960
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	575,110
Student Transportation	221,407
School Library Services	77,119
City Library	1,253
Instructional Staff Training	12,567
FACILITIES RENT	4,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,212,402
Excess Revenue over (under)	210,249
Expenses before Interfund Transfers	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	
Interest Income	885
Interfund Transfers In	34,035
Interfund Transfers (Out)	(387,197)
Nat Change in Fund Palance	(142,028)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(142,028)
Fund balance - July 1	1,110,935
Restatements	74,243
Fund balance - June 30	1,043,149

Year Ended June 30, 2017



Accounting For Success

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 School Board Park River Area School District No. 8

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Park River Area School District No. 8, Park River, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the school district's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 20, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Park River Area School District No. 8's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the school district's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of school district's internal control.

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



Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control, 2017-1, that we consider to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Park River Area School District No. 8's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Park River Area School District No 8's's Response to Findings

Park River Area School District No. 8's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The school 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 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.

Mortenson & Rygh

Mortenson & Rygh Certified Public Accountants Park River, North Dakota November 20, 2017

PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 Park River, North Dakota Schedule of Findings and Responses For The Year Ended June 30, 2017

FINDINGS RELATED TO INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING:

2017-1 Segregation of Duties

Condition

The Park River Area School District No. 8, Park River, North Dakota has a lack of segregation of duties due to the limited number of office personnel. The school district has one bookkeeper responsible for most accounting functions and general ledger maintenance.

Criteria

The guidance relating to internal control is contained in Internal Control – Integrated Framework published by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). This framework includes discussions about the importance of adequate risk assessment, code of conduct, and background investigations. Proper internal accounting control dictates that sufficient accounting personnel should exist so that incompatible duties of employees are properly segregated. The segregation of duties would provide better control over the assets of the Park River Area School District No. 8.

Effect

Without adequate fraud risk programs and controls the school district exposes itself to risk of loss of assets, potential liabilities, and damage to reputation, whether due to error or fraud.

Recommendation

Due to the size and funding limitations of the entity, we understand that it is not feasible to obtain proper segregation of duties. However, if at any time it becomes economically feasible and appropriate to add sufficient staff to segregate duties, we recommend that the school district do so. We further recommend that the entity implement any controls possible to separate the function of approval, posting of transactions, reconciliation, and custody of assets.

Client Response

No response is considered necessary.