

AUDIT REPORT

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
Roseglen, North Dakota

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

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WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
White Shield School
Roseglen, North Dakota

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 White Shield School, Roseglen, 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's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, 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 school'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 school's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the White Shield School, Roseglen, North Dakota, 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 management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 9, budgeting comparison information on pages 33 through 34, and the schedules of employer's share of net pension liability on pages 35 through 36 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the school's basic financial statements. The combining general fund group financial statement, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of fund activity arising from client transactions are presented for additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining general fund group financial statement, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements, the schedule of fund activity arising from client transactions and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining general fund group financial statement, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements, the schedule of fund activity arising from client transactions and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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 January 5, 2018 on our consideration of the school'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 the school's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Rath and Mehrer

Rath and Mehrer, P.C.

Bismarck, North Dakota

January 5, 2018

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2017

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the White Shield School's financial performance provides an overall review of the school's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The intent of the MD&A is to look at the school's financial performance as a whole. It should, therefore, be read in conjunction with the basic financial statements and related notes.

The MD&A is a new element of the Required Supplementary Information specified in the Government Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 "*Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments*". Certain comparative information between the current fiscal year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the year ended June 30, 2017 are as follows:

- * Net position of the school decreased \$290,911 as a result of the current year's operations.
- * Governmental net position as of the end of the fiscal year totaled \$1,880,919.
- * Total revenues from all sources were \$5,368,015.
- * Total expenses were \$5,658,926.
- * The school's general fund had \$5,141,412 in total revenues and \$5,302,152 in total expenditures. Overall, the general fund balance decreased by \$160,741 for the year ended June 30, 2017.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual financial report consists of a series of statements and related footnotes. These statements are organized so that the reader can understand the school as a financial whole. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at financial activities.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole school, presenting both an aggregate view of the school's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. These statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the school's general fund with all other governmental funds presented in total in one column.

REPORTING ON THE SCHOOL AS A WHOLE

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities

These statements are summaries of all the funds used by the school to provide programs and activities and attempt to answer the question "How did the school do financially during the year ended June 30, 2017?"

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all the school's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the school is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information on how the school's net position changed during the fiscal year. This statement is presented using the accrual basis of accounting, which means that all changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (for example, uncollected taxes and earned but unused sick leave and/or vacation leave).

These two statements report the school's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether, for the school as a whole, the financial position of the school has improved or deteriorated. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial and some not.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the school reports governmental activities. Governmental activities are the activities where most of the school's programs and services are reported including, but not limited to, instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of buildings and grounds, student transportation and co-curricular activities.

REPORTING ON THE SCHOOL'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

The school uses separate funds to account for and manage money dedicated for particular purposes (e.g. taxes collected from special mill levies and funds received from grants and donations). The fund basis financial statements allow the school to demonstrate its stewardship over and accountability for resources provided by taxpayers and other entities. Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the school's major funds. Using the criteria established by GASB Statement No. 34, the school's general fund is considered a "major fund".

The school's other funds, which are used to account for a multitude of financial transactions, are summarized under the heading "Other Governmental Funds".

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL AS A WHOLE

Table I provides a summary of the school's net position as of June 30, 2017. A comparative analysis of school-wide data is presented for both current and prior year.

As indicated in the financial highlights above, the school's net position decreased by \$290,911 for the year ended June 30, 2017. Changes in net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the school's financial position.

The school's net position of \$1,880,919 is segregated into three separate categories. Net investment in capital assets totals \$227,426. It should be noted that these assets are not available for future spending. The restricted component of net position is \$3,698,613 of the school's total net position and is subject to external restrictions on how they must be spent. The remaining unrestricted component of net position is (\$2,045,119), which includes (\$3,219,425) relating to the reporting of it's share of the unfunded liability for the North Dakota Teachers Fund for Retirement and the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System as required by GASB Statement No. 68. The net amount of \$1,174,306 is available to meet the school's ongoing obligations.

Table I
 Net Position
 As of June 30, 2017
 (With comparative totals for June 30, 2016)

	2017	2016
<u>Assets</u>		
Current Assets	4,915,032	5,129,385
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	227,426	240,330
Total Assets	5,142,458	5,369,715
Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,086,659	790,113
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current Liabilities	3,473	78,743
Long-Term Liabilities	38,641	17,809
Net Pension Liability	3,990,826	3,617,951
Total Liabilities	4,032,940	3,714,503
Deferred Inflows of Resources	315,258	273,495
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	227,426	240,330
Restricted	3,698,613	3,790,400
Unrestricted	(2,045,119)	(1,858,900)
Total Net Position	1,880,919	2,171,830

Table II shows the changes in net position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. A comparative analysis of school-wide data is presented for both current and prior year.

Table II
 Changes in Net Position
 As of June 30, 2017
 (With comparative totals for June 30, 2016)

	2017	2016
Revenues		
<u>Program Revenues:</u>		
Charges for Services	80,507	64,758
Operating Grants and Contributions	3,980,140	3,622,371
<u>General Revenues:</u>		
Property Taxes	48,119	34,005
Other Taxes	96,743	104,412
State Aid - Unrestricted	1,044,353	1,415,064
Interest Earnings and Other Revenue	118,154	225,060
 Total Revenues	 5,368,015	 5,465,670
 Expenses		
Regular Instruction	1,595,930	1,540,977
Federal Programs	940,075	633,296
Special Education	701,261	550,626
Vocational Education	8,236	7,976
District Wide Services	3,429	
Administration	947,076	629,268
Security Services	55,120	36,690
Operations and Maintenance	594,735	649,398
Student Transportation	236,848	235,148
Student Activities	209,499	132,850
Tuition and Assessments	16,084	20,373
Food Services	350,633	289,233
 Total Expenses	 5,658,926	 4,725,836
 Net Change in Position	 (290,911)	 739,834

Property taxes constituted 1%, unrestricted state aid 19%, operating grants and contributions 74% and charges for services made up 1% of the total revenues of governmental activities of the school for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

Regular instruction constituted 28%, federal programs 17%, special education 12%, administration 17% and operations and maintenance 11% of total expenses for governmental activities during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table III shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and other unrestricted revenues.

Table III
Total and Net Cost of Services
As of June 30, 2017

	Total Cost Year Ended <u>June 30, 2017</u>	Net Cost Year Ended <u>June 30, 2017</u>
Regular Instruction	1,595,930	295,548
Federal Programs	940,075	(9,007)
Special Education	701,261	283,270
Vocational Education	8,236	(2,908)
District Wide Services	3,429	3,429
Administration	947,076	454,526
Security Services	55,120	55,120
Operations and Maintenance	594,735	30,412
Student Transportation	236,848	35,880
Student Activities	209,499	209,499
Tuition and Assessments	16,084	16,084
Food Services	350,633	226,427
 Total Expenses	 <u>5,658,926</u> =====	 <u>1,598,280</u> =====

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The purpose of the school's governmental funds is to provide information on the near-term inflows, outflows and balances of available resources. Unassigned fund balance generally can be used as a measure of the school's net resources available for spending as of the end of the fiscal year. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The school's governmental funds had total revenue of \$5,368,277 and expenditures of \$5,507,097 for the year ended June 30, 2017. As of June 30, 2017, the unassigned fund balance of the school's general fund was \$1,212,750.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

During the course of fiscal year 2017, the school did not amend the general fund budget.

Actual revenue for the year ended June 30, 2017 was \$3,105,089 more than budgeted. This variance is due to the school not budgeting for estimated revenues for the BIE grants included in the General Fund Group. Actual expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2017 were over budget by \$3,534. This budget variance is due to the school overestimating the appropriations for regular instruction and special education and underestimating the appropriations for administration, operations and maintenance and food service. The school also purchased a new Chevy Suburban and a drivers education vehicle, which was not included in the appropriations for the year ending June 30, 2017.

CAPITAL ASSETS

As of June 30, 2017, the school had \$227,426 invested in capital assets. Table IV shows the balances as of June 30, 2017 and 2016.

Table IV
Capital Assets
(Net of Accumulated Depreciation)
As of June 30, 2017
(With comparative totals for June 30, 2016)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Vehicles	227,426 =====	240,330 =====

This total represents a decrease of \$12,904 in capital assets from July 1, 2016. The change in vehicles includes the school purchasing a 2017 Chevy Suburban and 2017 Chevy Cruze. For a detailed breakdown of the additions and deletions to capital assets, readers are referred to Note 6 to the audited financial statements which follow this analysis.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

As of June 30, 2017, the school had \$38,641 in outstanding debt.

During fiscal year 2017, the school issued no new long-term debt obligations.

For a detailed breakdown of the long-term debt, readers are referred to Note 8 to the audited financial statements which follow this analysis.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our parents, taxpayers and creditors with a general overview of the school's finances and to show the school's accountability for the money it receives to provide the best possible education to all students enrolled in the White Shield School. Anyone who has questions about information contained in this report or who is interested in receiving additional information is encouraged to contact Pamula Esquibel, Business Manager, White Shield School, Roseglen, ND 58775.

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
Roseglen, North Dakota

Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities
<u>ASSETS:</u>	
Cash and Investments	4,470,382.33
Taxes Receivable	196.46
Due from County Treasurer	1,370.24
Intergovernmental Receivables	443,083.39
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):	
Vehicles	227,426.00
Total Capital Assets	227,426.00
Total Assets	5,142,458.42
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</u>	
Changes in Resources Related to Pensions	1,086,659.00
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>	
Payroll Benefits Payable	3,473.09
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due After One Year:	
Compensated Absences Payable	38,641.00
Net Pension Liability	3,990,826.00
Total Liabilities	4,032,940.09
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</u>	
Changes in Resources Related to Pensions	315,258.00
<u>NET POSITION:</u>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	227,426.00
Restricted for:	
Food Service	3,248.13
Governmental Quarters Rentals	109,555.67
Three Affiliated Tribes	108,338.73
BIE Grant Programs	3,257,270.45
Facilities Operation and Maintenance	220,199.80
Unrestricted	(2,045,119.45)
Total Net Position	1,880,919.33

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
Roseglen, North Dakota

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
Regular Instruction	1,595,930.17		1,300,382.00	(295,548.17)
Federal Programs	940,075.11		949,081.92	9,006.81
Special Education	701,260.72	9,544.62	408,446.00	(283,270.10)
Vocational Education	8,236.15		11,144.36	2,908.21
District Wide Services	3,429.00			(3,429.00)
Administration	947,076.07		492,550.00	(454,526.07)
Security Services	55,120.14			(55,120.14)
Operations and Maintenance	594,734.60	34,340.00	529,983.00	(30,411.60)
Student Transportation	236,848.39		200,968.06	(35,880.33)
Student Activities	209,498.50			(209,498.50)
Tuition and Assessments	16,084.18			(16,084.18)
Food Services	350,632.94	36,622.00	87,584.24	(226,426.70)
Total Governmental Activities	5,658,925.97	80,506.62	3,980,139.58	(1,598,279.77)
<u>General Revenues:</u>				
Taxes:				
Property taxes; levied for general purposes				48,118.86
Oil and gas production taxes				29,513.01
Coal severance taxes				51,159.14
Coal conversion taxes				16,070.64
State aid - not restricted to specific program				1,044,353.36
Earnings on investments and other revenue				118,154.15
Total General Revenues				1,307,369.16
Change in Net Position				(290,910.61)
Net Position - July 1				2,171,829.94
Net Position - June 30				1,880,919.33

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
Roseglen, North Dakota

Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2017

	Major Fund		
	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:			
Cash and Investments	4,249,239.80	221,142.53	4,470,382.33
Taxes Receivable	196.46		196.46
Due from County Treasurer	1,370.24		1,370.24
Intergovernmental Receivables	443,083.39		443,083.39
Total Assets	4,693,889.89	221,142.53	4,915,032.42
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES:			
Liabilities:			
Payroll Benefits Payable	3,473.09		3,473.09
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Unavailable Revenue	196.46		196.46
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	3,669.55		3,669.55
FUND BALANCES:			
Restricted for:			
Food Service		3,248.13	3,248.13
Governmental Quarters Rentals		109,555.67	109,555.67
Three Affiliated Tribes		108,338.73	108,338.73
BIE Grant Programs	3,257,270.45		3,257,270.45
Facilities Operation and Maintenance	220,199.80		220,199.80
Unassigned	1,212,750.09		1,212,750.09
Total Fund Balances	4,690,220.34	221,142.53	4,911,362.87
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	4,693,889.89	221,142.53	4,915,032.42

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
Roseglen, North Dakota

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds		4,911,362.87
<p>Total net position reported for government activities in the statement of net position is different because:</p>		
<p>Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.</p>		
Cost of Capital Assets	634,563.00	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(407,137.00)	
Net Capital Assets	227,426.00	227,426.00
<p>Property taxes 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 unavailable revenue in the funds.</p>		
		196.46
<p>The deferred outflows and inflows of resources reported on the statement of net position are the result of changes in resources related to pensions and do not affect current financial resources.</p>		
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,086,659.00	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	(315,258.00)	
Net Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources	771,401.00	771,401.00
<p>Long-term liabilities applicable to the school 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. Balances at June 30, 2017 are:</p>		
Compensated Absences Payable	(38,641.00)	
Net Pension Liability	(3,990,826.00)	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	(4,029,467.00)	(4,029,467.00)
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities		1,880,919.33

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Major Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General		
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Local Sources	98,363.23	111,537.32	209,900.55
Charges for Services		34,340.00	34,340.00
County Sources	96,872.53		96,872.53
State Sources	1,094,595.78	1,006.78	1,095,602.56
Federal Sources	3,848,909.65	79,980.73	3,928,890.38
Other Sources	2,670.70		2,670.70
Total Revenues	5,141,411.89	226,864.83	5,368,276.72
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Current:			
Regular Instruction	1,491,775.67		1,491,775.67
Federal Programs	940,075.11		940,075.11
Special Education	695,276.72		695,276.72
Vocational Education	8,236.15		8,236.15
District Wide Services		3,429.00	3,429.00
Administration	909,726.07		909,726.07
Security Services		55,120.14	55,120.14
Operations and Maintenance	582,899.41	11,835.19	594,734.60
Student Transportation	169,773.39		169,773.39
Student Activities	209,498.50		209,498.50
Tuition and Assessments	16,084.18		16,084.18
Food Services	216,072.26	134,560.68	350,632.94
Capital Outlay	62,735.00		62,735.00
Total Expenditures	5,302,152.46	204,945.01	5,507,097.47
Net Change in Fund Balances	(160,740.57)	21,919.82	(138,820.75)
Fund Balance - July 1	4,850,960.91	199,222.71	5,050,183.62
Fund Balance - June 30	4,690,220.34	221,142.53	4,911,362.87

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
Roseglen, North Dakota

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (138,820.75)

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current year.

Current Year Capital Outlay	62,735.00	
Current Year Depreciation Expense	(75,639.00)	(12,904.00)

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Net Increase in Compensated Absences	(20,832.50)	
Net Increase to Pension Expense	(118,092.00)	(138,924.50)

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.

Net Decrease in Taxes Receivable		(261.36)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities		(290,910.61)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
Roseglen, North Dakota

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Fund
June 30, 2017

	Agency Fund
<u>Assets:</u>	
Cash	91,068.80
	=====
<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Due to Student Activities Groups	91,068.80
	=====

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Notes to the Financial Statements
June 30, 2017

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the White Shield School have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Government 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 accompanying financial statements present the activities of the school. The school has considered all potential component units for which the school is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationships with the school are such that exclusion would cause the school's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Government Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the school to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the school.

Based on these criteria, we have combined the White Shield Public School District No. 85 and the BIE Grant Programs for audit reporting purposes.

The White Shield Public School District No. 85 operates under a cooperative agreement with the BIE School in White Shield. Under this agreement, the school system operates as one system. However, completely separate sets of accounting records are maintained to account for the public school monies and the monies received from the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE Grant Programs). The Public School and the BIE Grant Programs are governed by the same school board.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government, White Shield School. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

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

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

The school reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund. This is the school's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The BIE Grant Programs and the Facilities Management are accounted for separately as part of the general fund group.

The school reports the following fund type:

Agency Fund. This fund accounts for assets held by the school in a custodial capacity as an agent on behalf of others. The school's agency fund is used to account for various deposits of the student activity funds.

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

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

Governmental Fund Financial Statements: Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The school considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. All revenues are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

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

D. Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and money market accounts.

Investments consist of certificates of deposit, stated at cost.

E. Capital Assets

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

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

Vehicles	7 years
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F. Compensated Absences

Vested or accumulated sick leave is reported in the government-wide statement of net position. The school pays teachers for unused sick leave upon termination or retirement. The school's personnel policy requires a payout of \$50 for each day, with no limit of days accumulated.

Vested or accumulated vacation leave is not reported in the government-wide statement of net position as it is considered immaterial.

G. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs are recognized in the current period since the amounts are not material.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs in the current period. The face amount of the debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

H. Pensions

For purposes of measuring 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 North Dakota Teachers Fund for Retirement (TFFR) and the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS); additions to/deductions from TFFR's 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.

I. Fund Equity

Fund equity at the governmental fund financial reporting level is classified as "fund balance." Fund equity for all other reporting is classified as "net position."

Fund Balance - Generally, fund balance represents the difference between the current assets and current liabilities. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the school is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable - Fund balances are reported as nonspendable when amounts cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form (i.e., items that are not expected to be converted to cash such as inventories or prepaid expenses) or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact (i.e., endowment funds).

Restricted - Fund balances are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the school or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments (i.e., funds restricted by state statute, unspent bond proceeds, grants earned but not spent, debt covenants or taxes raised for a specific purpose).

Committed - Fund balances are reported as committed when they can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the school board through the adoption of a resolution. The school board also may modify or rescind the commitment.

Assigned - Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the school's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned - Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual amount when the balances do not meet any of the above criterion. The school reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the general fund. Negative fund balances may be reported in all funds.

Flow Assumptions - When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use for expenditures incurred, it is the school's policy to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, it is the school's policy to use fund balance in the following order:

- * Committed
- * Assigned
- * Unassigned

Net Position - Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used (i.e., the amount that the school has not spent) for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted as described in the fund balance section above. All other net position is reported as unrestricted.

J. Interfund Transactions

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

All other interfund transactions, except reimbursements, are reported as transfers.

In the government-wide financial statements, interfund transactions have been eliminated.

K. Use of Estimates

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 certain reported amounts and disclosures (such as estimated useful lives in determining depreciation expense); accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

Authorized collateral includes bills, notes or bonds issued by the United States government, its agencies or instrumentalities, all bonds and notes guaranteed by the United States government, Federal Land Bank bonds, bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of indebtedness, insured certificates of deposit, shares of investments companies registered under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, and all other forms of securities issued by the State of North Dakota, its boards, agencies or instrumentalities or by any county, city, township, school district, park district or any other political subdivision of the State of North Dakota, whether payable from special revenues or supported by the full faith and credit of the issuing body and bonds issued by another state of the United States or other securities approved by the banking board.

At June 30, 2017 the school's carrying amount of deposits was \$4,561,451 and the bank balance was \$4,578,770. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining balance of \$4,328,770 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

Credit Risk

The school may invest idle funds as authorized in North Dakota Statutes, as follows:

- (1) Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation insured or guaranteed by, the treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities or organizations created by an act of Congress.
- (2) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are of the type listed above.
- (3) Certificates of deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation.
- (4) Obligations of the State.

At June 30, 2017 the school held certificates of deposit in the amount of \$1,031,151, which are considered deposits.

Concentration of Credit Risk

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

Note 3 TAXES RECEIVABLE

Taxes receivable represents the past three years of uncollected current and delinquent taxes. No allowance has been established for uncollectible taxes receivable.

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property taxes levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Any material tax collections are distributed after the end of each month.

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 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.

Note 4 DUE FROM COUNTY TREASURER

The amount due from county treasurer consists of the cash on hand for taxes collected but not remitted to the school at June 30.

Note 5 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES

Intergovernmental receivables consist of reimbursements due for expenses in the operation of various school programs. This amount consists of a mix of state and federal dollars.

Note 6 CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2017:

	<u>Balance July 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance June 30</u>
Governmental Activities: Capital assets being depreciated:				
Vehicles	571,828	62,735		634,563
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Vehicles	331,498	75,639		407,137
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	240,330	(12,904)	-0-	227,426

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

Regular Instruction	2,580.00
Special Education	5,984.00
Student Transportation	67,075.00
Total	75,639.00

Records consist of vehicles only, as the school building is property of the federal government.

Note 7 PAYROLL BENEFITS PAYABLE

Payroll benefits payable consists of benefits owed to federal, state and private agencies for amounts withheld from employee's salaries as of June 30 but not yet remitted.

Note 8 LONG-TERM DEBT

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities. During the year ended June 30, 2017, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in the long-term liabilities - Governmental Activities:

	<u>Balance July 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance June 30</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Compensated Absences *	17,809	20,832	-0-	38,641	-0-

* The change in compensated absences is shown as a net change because changes in salary prohibit exact calculations of additions and reductions.

Note 9 RISK MANAGEMENT

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

In 1986, state agencies and political subdivisions of the State of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The school pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, automobile and public assets insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of \$2,000,000 per occurrence for general liability and automobile; and \$149,285 for public assets.

The school also participates in the North Dakota Fire and Tornado Fund and the State Bonding Fund. The school 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 \$1,000,000 per occurrence during a 12 month period. The State Bonding Fund currently provides the school with a blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$1,500,000 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

The school has worker's compensation with the Department of Workforce Safety and Insurance; and purchases commercial insurance for employee health and accident insurance.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 10 PENSION PLANS

1. 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 Board comprised of seven members. The Board consists of the State Treasurer, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and five members appointed by the Governor.

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.

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.

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.

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 for all three categories are determined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-10. *Tier 1* 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. *Tier 2* 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 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 70.5. 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 White Shield School reported a liability of \$3,165,683 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 district's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the district's share of covered payroll in the pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating TFFR employers. At June 30, 2016 the district's proportion was .21607894 percent, which was a decrease of .01110006 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017 the district recognized pension expense of \$261,449. At June 30, 2017 the district reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
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Differences between expected and actual experience	14,951	14,989
Changes in assumptions	264,426	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	263,154	
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions		186,781
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date (see below)	177,779	
Total	<u>720,310</u> =====	<u>201,770</u> =====

\$177,779 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from district 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	64,003
2019	64,003
2020	128,305
2021	88,045
2022	17,414
Thereafter	(21,008)

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

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 on 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 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 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%	0.9%
Global Real Assets	18%	5.30%
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 district's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the district's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent, as well as what the district'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 Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
The district's proportionate share of the net pension liability	4,106,129	3,165,683	2,382,381

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

2. 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 NDPERS plan is financed by investment income and contributions.

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS benefits program 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 active membership of the NDPERS system; and one member elected by the retired public employees.

Pension Benefits

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

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

Death and Disability Benefits

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

Eligible members who become totally disabled after a minimum of 180 days of service, receive monthly disability benefits equal to 25% of their final average salary with a minimum benefit of \$100. To qualify under this section, the member has to become disabled during the period of eligible employment and apply for benefits within one year of termination. The definition of 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 covered compensation. 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 25 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 White Shield School reported a liability of \$825,143 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 district's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the district'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 district's proportion was .084665 percent, which was a decrease of .010452 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017 the district recognized pension expense of \$116,960. At June 30, 2017 the district reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources -----	Deferred Inflows of Resources -----
Differences between expected and actual experience	12,395	7,640
Changes in assumptions	76,068	40,993
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	115,119	
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	82,786	64,855
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date (see below)	79,981	
Total	<u>366,349</u> =====	<u>113,488</u> =====

\$79,981 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from district 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	35,367
2019	35,367
2020	40,480
2021	41,034
2022	632
Thereafter	0

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 Retiree Morality Table with ages set back one year for males (not set back 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 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%	6.90%
International Equity	21%	7.55%
Private Equity	5%	11.30%
Domestic Fixed Income	17%	1.52%
International Equity Income	5%	0.45%
Global Real Assets	20%	5.38%
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 district's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the district's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8 percent, as well as what the district'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 Rate (8%)	1% Increase (9%)
The district's proportionate share of the net pension liability	1,170,449	825,143	534,204

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

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
Roseglen, North Dakota

Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Local Sources	44,499.00	44,499.00	98,363.23	53,864.23
County Sources	105,035.00	105,035.00	96,872.53	(8,162.47)
State Sources	1,489,693.66	1,489,693.66	1,094,595.78	(395,097.88)
Federal Sources	396,642.83	396,642.83	3,848,909.65	3,452,266.82
Other Sources	452.00	452.00	2,670.70	2,218.70
Total Revenues	2,036,322.49	2,036,322.49	5,141,411.89	3,105,089.40
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Regular Instruction	2,197,433.50	2,197,433.50	1,491,775.67	705,657.83
Federal Programs	892,731.31	892,731.31	940,075.11	(47,343.80)
Special Education	1,037,415.55	1,037,415.55	695,276.72	342,138.83
Vocational Education	7,200.00	7,200.00	8,236.15	(1,036.15)
Administration	576,107.00	576,107.00	909,726.07	(333,619.07)
Operations and Maintenance	5,000.00	5,000.00	582,899.41	(577,899.41)
Student Transportation	301,296.96	301,296.96	169,773.39	131,523.57
Student Activities	110,000.00	110,000.00	209,498.50	(99,498.50)
Tuition and Assessments	31,433.88	31,433.88	16,084.18	15,349.70
Food Service	140,000.00	140,000.00	216,072.26	(76,072.26)
Capital Outlay			62,735.00	(62,735.00)
Total Expenditures	5,298,618.20	5,298,618.20	5,302,152.46	(3,534.26)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(3,262,295.71)	(3,262,295.71)	(160,740.57)	3,101,555.14
Fund Balance - July 1	4,850,960.91	4,850,960.91	4,850,960.91	
Fund Balance - June 30	1,588,665.20	1,588,665.20	4,690,220.34	3,101,555.14

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Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule
June 30, 2017

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT BUDGET POLICIES

Based upon available financial information and requests by the governing board, the business manager prepares the school's budget. The budget is prepared for the general fund on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The budget includes the proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end.

School taxes must be levied by the governing board on or before August 15. The taxes levied must be certified to the county auditor by August 25. The governing board may amend its tax levy and budget, but the certification must be filed with the county auditor by October 10. The current budget, except for property taxes, may be amended during the year for any revenues and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared.

Note 2 LEGAL COMPLIANCE

The governing board did not amend the budget during the year ended June 30, 2017.

Excess of Actual Expenditures Over Budget

Expenditures exceeded budget in the general fund by \$3,534.26 for the year ended June 30, 2017. No remedial action is anticipated or required by the school district regarding these excess expenditures.

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
Roseglen, North Dakota

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
ND Teacher's Fund for Retirement
Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2017	2016	2015
	-----	-----	-----
School's proportion of the net pension liability	0.21607894%	0.227179%	0.236328%
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	3,165,683	2,971,172	2,476,298
School's covered-employee payroll	1,380,948	1,397,389	1,370,831
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	229.24%	212.62%	180.64%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	59.2%	62.1%	66.6%

Schedule of Employer Contributions
ND Teacher's Fund for Retirement
Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2017	2016	2015
	-----	-----	-----
Statutorily required contribution	176,070	178,167	147,364
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	(176,070)	(178,167)	(147,364)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	0	0	0
School's covered-employee payroll	1,380,948	1,397,389	1,370,831
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	12.75%	12.75%	10.75%

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

- For changes of assumptions, see Note 10 to the financial statements.

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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2017	2016	2015
	-----	-----	-----
School's proportion of the net pension liability	0.084665%	0.095117%	0.077759%
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	825,143	646,779	493,553
School's covered-employee payroll	853,604	840,971	766,551
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	96.67%	76.91%	64.39%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	70.46%	77.15%	77.70%

Schedule of Employer Contributions
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2017	2016	2015
	-----	-----	-----
Statutorily required contribution	60,777	59,877	50,746
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	(60,777)	(59,877)	(50,746)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	0	0	0
School's covered-employee payroll	853,604	840,971	766,551
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	7.12%	7.12%	6.62%

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

- For changes of assumptions, see Note 10 to the financial statements.

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Roseglen, North Dakota

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balances - General Fund Group
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	BIE Funds			Total General Fund Group
	General Fund	BIE Grant Programs	Facilities Operation & Maintenance	
Revenues:				
Local Sources	68,099.48	24,827.67	5,436.08	98,363.23
County Sources	96,872.53			96,872.53
State Sources	1,094,595.78			1,094,595.78
Federal Sources	486,181.65	2,832,745.00	529,983.00	3,848,909.65
Other Sources	2,376.44	294.26		2,670.70
Total Revenues	1,748,125.88	2,857,866.93	535,419.08	5,141,411.89
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Regular Instruction	497,570.76	994,204.91		1,491,775.67
Federal Programs	449,422.92	490,652.19		940,075.11
Special Education	9,544.62	685,732.10		695,276.72
Vocational Education	8,236.15			8,236.15
Administration	425,897.13	483,828.94		909,726.07
Operations and Maintenance	4,117.76		578,781.65	582,899.41
Student Transportation	9,766.00	160,007.39		169,773.39
Student Activities	209,498.50			209,498.50
Tuition and Assessments	16,084.18			16,084.18
Food Services	120,345.19	95,727.07		216,072.26
Capital Outlay	44,676.00	18,059.00		62,735.00
Total Expenditures	1,795,159.21	2,928,211.60	578,781.65	5,302,152.46
Net Change in Fund Balances	(47,033.33)	(70,344.67)	(43,362.57)	(160,740.57)
Fund Balance - July 1	1,259,783.42	3,327,615.12	263,562.37	4,850,960.91
Fund Balance - June 30	1,212,750.09	3,257,270.45	220,199.80	4,690,220.34

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
 Roseglen, North Dakota

Combining Balance Sheet
 Nonmajor Governmental Funds
 June 30, 2017

	Food Service	Governmental Quarters Rental	Three Affiliated Tribes	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS:				
Cash	3,248.13	109,555.67	108,338.73	221,142.53
FUND BALANCES:				
Restricted for:				
Food Service	3,248.13			3,248.13
Governmental Quarters Rentals		109,555.67		109,555.67
Three Affiliated Tribes			108,338.73	108,338.73
Total Fund Balances	3,248.13	109,555.67	108,338.73	221,142.53

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
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Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Food Service	Governmental Quarters Rental	Three Affiliated Tribes	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Local Sources	36,441.75	95.57	75,000.00	111,537.32
Charges for Services		34,340.00		34,340.00
State Sources	1,006.78			1,006.78
Federal Sources	79,980.73			79,980.73
Total Revenues	117,429.26	34,435.57	75,000.00	226,864.83
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
District Wide Services			3,429.00	3,429.00
Security Services			55,120.14	55,120.14
Operations and Maintenance		11,835.19		11,835.19
Food Services	134,560.68			134,560.68
Total Expenditures	134,560.68	11,835.19	58,549.14	204,945.01
Net Change in Fund Balances	(17,131.42)	22,600.38	16,450.86	21,919.82
Fund Balance - July 1	20,379.55	86,955.29	91,887.87	199,222.71
Fund Balance - June 30	3,248.13	109,555.67	108,338.73	221,142.53

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
Roseglen, North Dakota

Schedule of Fund Activity
Arising from Client Transactions
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Balance 7-1-16	Revenues	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Expenditures	Balance 6-30-17
<u>General Fund Group</u>						
General Fund	1,005,811.73	1,720,193.94			1,795,159.21	930,846.46
BIE Grant Programs	3,299,915.12	2,723,016.91			2,928,211.58	3,094,720.45
Facilities Operation and Maintenance	261,404.37	537,577.08			578,781.65	220,199.80
Total General Fund Group	4,567,131.22	4,980,787.93			5,302,152.44	4,245,766.71
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>						
Food Service	20,379.55	113,620.43			130,751.85	3,248.13
Governmental Quarters Rental	86,955.29	34,435.57			11,835.19	109,555.67
Three Affiliated Tribes	91,887.87	75,000.00			58,549.14	108,338.73
Total Special Revenue Funds	199,222.71	223,056.00			201,136.18	221,142.53
<u>Fiduciary Fund</u>						
<u>Agency Fund</u>						
Student Activity Funds	77,005.63	74,874.20			60,811.03	91,068.80
Total All Funds	4,843,359.56	5,278,718.13			5,564,099.65	4,557,978.04

The above schedule is reported on a client basis, which includes client adjustments to cash and investments for payroll benefits payable in the general fund.

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
Roseglen, North Dakota

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Grantor Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Grant Number	Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>			
Passed Through State Department of Public Instruction:			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	1006	24,537.23
National School Lunch Program	10.555	1006	51,634.67
Commodity Assistance for Schools	10.555		3,425.75
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	1008	6,596.73
Commodity Assistance for Schools	10.559		383.08
Total Department of Agriculture			86,577.46
<u>U.S. Department of the Interior</u>			
Passed Through Bureau of Indian Education:			
Indian School Equalization Program	15.042	A16AV00763	1,270,220.00
Indian Schools Student Transportation	15.044	A16AV00763	161,870.00
Administrative Cost Grants for Indian Schools	15.046	A16AV00763	492,550.00
Indian Education Facilities, Operation and Maintenance	15.047	A16AV00763	529,983.00
FOCUS on Student Achievement	15.149	A16AV00763	14,405.00
Education Program Enhancements	15.151	A16AV00763	98,044.00
Total Department of the Interior			2,567,072.00
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>			
Direct Assistance:			
Indian Education - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.060		30,162.00
Passed Through Bureau of Indian Education:			
Title I, Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	A16AV00763	345,190.00
Passed Through State Department of Public Instruction:			
Title I, Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	1019	275,247.28
Total Title I Funds			620,437.28
Passed Through Bureau of Indian Education:			
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027	A16AV00763	408,446.00
School Safety National Activities (formerly, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities-National Programs)	84.184	A16AV00763	1,630.00
Teacher Quality Partnership Grants	84.336	A16AV00763	38,700.00
Rural Education	84.358	A16AV00763	1,690.00
Total			450,466.00

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017
(continued)

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Grantor Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Grant Number	Expenditures
Passed Through Garrison Public School District:			
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048		3,557.99
Passed Through State Department of Public Instruction:			
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	1046	35,723.62
School Improvement Grants	84.377	1019	134,894.03
Total Passed Through State Department of Public Instruction			170,617.65
Total Department of Education			1,275,240.92
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			3,928,890.38

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The de minimis indirect cost rate was not used.

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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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
White Shield School
Roseglen, North Dakota

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 the White Shield School, Roseglen, 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's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 5, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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



Rath and Mehrer, P.C.

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January 5, 2018

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND REPORT ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
White Shield School
Roseglen, North Dakota

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the White Shield School's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the school's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2017. The school's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and responses.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the school complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

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



Rath and Mehrer, P.C.

Bismarck, North Dakota

January 5, 2018

WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL
Roseglen, North Dakota

Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS:

Financial Statements

Type of Auditor's Report Issued:

Governmental Activities	Unmodified
Major Governmental Funds	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

* Material weakness(es) identified? Yes X No

* Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes X None Reported

Noncompliance Material to financial
statements noted? Yes X No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major program(s):

* Material weakness(es) identified? Yes X No

* Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes X None Reported

Type of auditor's report issued on
compliance for major program(s):

Unmodified

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

 Yes X No

Identification of major program(s):

<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program</u>
15.042	Indian School Equalization Program
15.047	Indian Education Facilities, Operation and Maintenance

Dollar threshold used to distinguish
between type A and type B programs:

\$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

 X Yes No

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS:

No matters were reported

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported

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Governing Board
White Shield School
Roseglen, North Dakota

Our audit of the financial records of the White Shield School, Roseglen, North Dakota, for the year ended June 30, 2017 has disclosed opportunities for improvements in the operations of the school. Items which we believe should be brought to your attention are set forth below:

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BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the governing board's proceedings were not signed by the business manager and school board president. North Dakota Century Code section 15.1-07-21 (01) requires the business manager to keep a true and accurate record of all school board proceedings. As part of preparing the governing board's minutes, the business manager should sign when prepared and the school board president should sign at a subsequent meeting upon approval by the governing board. We recommend that the business manager and school board president sign all governing board's minutes as described above.

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This letter is intended solely for the use of management and should not be used for any other purpose. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this letter which, upon acceptance by the school, is a matter of public record.

We would like to acknowledge all the assistance and many courtesies extended to us by the personnel of the school during our audit.



Rath and Mehrer, P.C.

January 5, 2018