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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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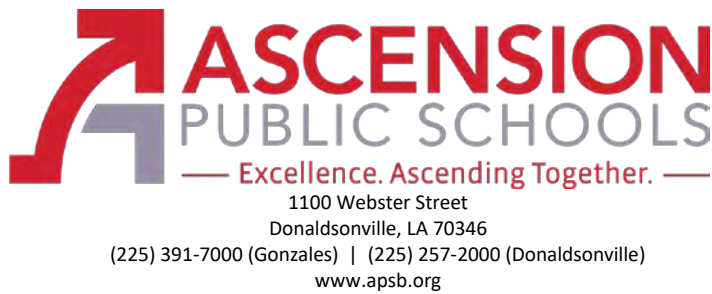
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March 26, 2021

To: Ascension Parish School Board Members
Residents of Ascension Parish

It is our privilege to present the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report on the financial condition of the Ascension Parish School Board, Donaldsonville, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The report was prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and is submitted in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute, Title 24, section 514.

The Ascension Parish School Board is responsible for the accuracy, completeness, and fair presentation of the data, representations, and disclosures presented in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented are accurate in all material respects, reported in a manner designed to fairly present the financial position and results of operations, and provide disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the financial activities and condition of the Ascension Parish School Board.

GASB Codification Section 2200.106 requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis. This letter of transmittal is intended to complement Management's Discussion and Analysis, which begins on page 17 immediately following the Independent Auditors' Report and should be read in conjunction with it.

Independent Audit

These financial statements have been audited by the firm, Postlethwaite and Netterville, A Professional Accounting Corporation, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Ascension Parish School Board for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 are free from material misstatement. The independent audit involves examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion that the financial statements of the Ascension Parish School Board for the year ended June 30, 2020 are fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The independent auditors' report is presented as the first component of the Financial Section of this report.

The independent audit of the financial statements of the Ascension Parish School Board was part of a broader, federally mandated “Single Audit” designed to meet the special needs of federal grantor agencies. The standards governing “Single Audit” engagements require the independent auditor to report on the testing of the government’s internal controls and compliance requirements, with special emphasis on internal control requirements involving the administration of federal awards. These reports are available in the Ascension Parish School Board’s separately issued Reports on Compliance and Internal Control and Performance Measurement Data.

Accounting Control

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls designed to ensure that assets are protected from loss, theft or misuse and that adequate accounting data are compiled to provide for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Internal controls are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived, and the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management. All internal control evaluations occur within this framework. We believe that the internal accounting controls of the Ascension Parish School Board adequately safeguard assets and provide reasonable assurance of proper recording and reporting of financial transactions.

Profile of the Ascension Parish School Board

The Ascension Parish School Board was created in 1852 by Louisiana Revised Statute, Title 17, section 51 to provide kindergarten through twelfth grade public education for the children within Ascension Parish. A board consisting of eleven members elected from legally established districts is charged with the management and operation of the school system. Board members serve four-year terms; the current term expires on December 31, 2022. Districts 4 through 7 are dual-member districts: voters in dual-member districts are represented by two elected officials.

The school system is composed of 29 schools, a central office, and various other administrative buildings. For the 2019-2020 school year, the Ascension Parish School Board had a total enrollment of approximately 23,400 students and total employment of about 3,028 personnel. In addition to regular education, programs are also offered in pre-kindergarten, special, and career and technical education and non-instructional services are provided, such as pupil support, instructional staff services, curriculum development, facility maintenance, student transportation, and food service.

The Ascension Parish School Board is a primary government, with a separately elected governing body and is legally separate and fiscally independent of other state or local governments. The Ascension Parish School Board has no component units, which are legally separate organizations for which the elected board members are financially accountable and is not a component unit of any other entity. Currently no charter schools exist in Ascension Parish but some students who live in Ascension Parish attend charter schools in other districts.

The board is presented with a preliminary budget in May and adopts a final budget in June, allowing time for public input. Annual budgets are adopted (funds are appropriated) for the general fund and all special revenue funds. The budget document, titled *Annual Operating Plan*, presents budgets for all funds and is available at www.apsb.org in the Business Services department section. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund level.

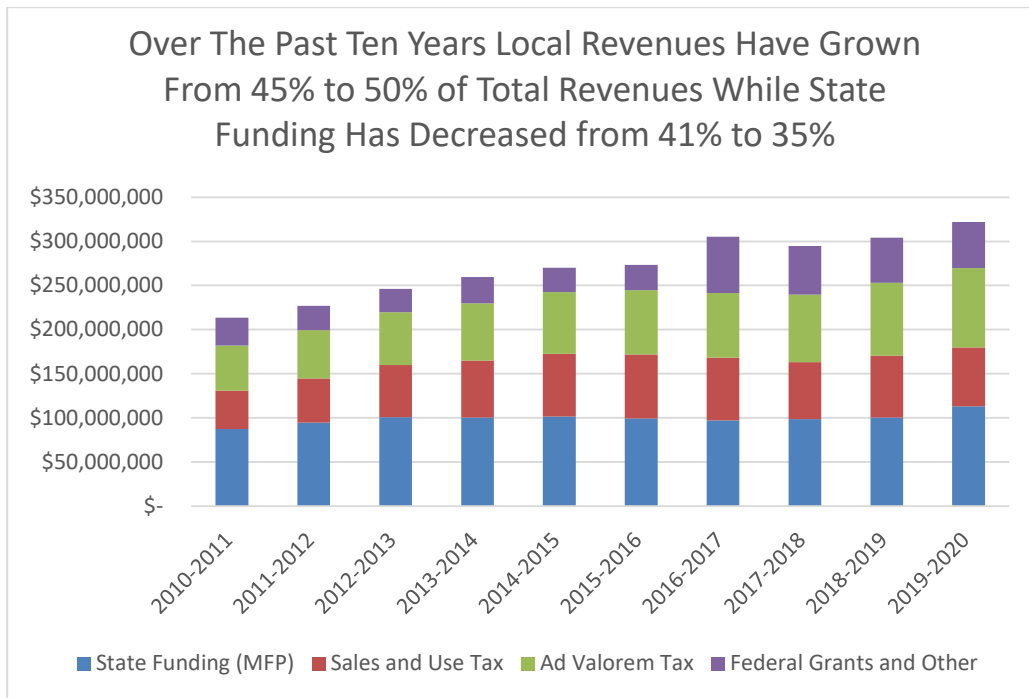
The Local Economy

Ascension Parish, with a population of 126,604, encompasses 290 square miles and is located in the Baton Rouge metropolitan statistical area, east of Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana. Chemical manufacturing, retail trade, and construction are the largest employers in Ascension Parish, as presented in Table 17 in the Statistical section.

Ascension Parish's location along the Mississippi River and close to an abundant and steady supply of natural gas have made it an ideal location for chemical and manufacturing plants. The first plant began operation in 1956 and today Ascension Parish boasts 22 manufacturing and chemical plants. Between 2014 and 2017 many of these plants expanded due to the low price of natural gas, among other favorable national and global market conditions, resulting in sales tax revenues exceeding \$69 million for the three fiscal years ending in 2017-2019, as shown in Table 4 in the Statistical section. For the fiscal year ending in 2020 sales tax revenues decreased by 5% from the previous year due to the global pandemic COVID-19.

Also driving Ascension's local economic growth is a steady increase in population due, in part, to the fact that Ascension is consistently among the top five rated public school districts in the state. The United States Census Bureau estimates that Ascension's population will grow from the approximately current 127,000 to over 196,000 in 2030. Over 7,743 subdivision lots are in preliminary or final approval status in Ascension Parish, which is expected to increase student enrollment by over 4,591 over the next few years.

The plant expansion projects, along with an increase in taxable assessed value of property, have caused state funding, as a percent of total revenues, to decrease from 41% to 35% while local revenues have increased from 45% to 50% over the past ten years. (The unusually large increase in federal funding in the past three years includes \$48 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the August 2016 flood.). The chart on the following page illustrates how local revenues as a percent of total revenues have increased over the past ten years, as state funding has decreased.



Since a large \$2.1 billion plant expansion finished in the first quarter of 2016, the local economy has been adjusting to its pre-expansion days where retail sales generate a larger percent of sales tax revenue than sales generated by the plants and other businesses. Sales tax revenues for 2020-2021 are projected at \$67.2 million, an increase of 1% from 2019-2020 sales tax revenues. Ad valorem revenues are projected to increase by 3% from 2019-2020 to 2020-2021, a substantial growth than the -1% average annual decline over the past ten years. Revenues from the state, through its Minimum Foundation Program, are expected to increase by 1% from 2019-2020 to 2020-2021 due to the increase in student enrollment, raising state revenues to 56% of general fund revenues. Student enrollment is increasing due to Parish population growth. The Louisiana legislature’s goal is that public kindergarten through twelfth grade education be funded, on average, 65% by state sources and 35% by local sources.

Long-term Financial Planning

Over the past ten years, student enrollment has increased by an average of 375 students a year (Statistical Table 16). The Planning department projects an annual increase of approximately 450 students every year into the near future as the population in Ascension Parish continues to grow. In April 2016, the voters of Ascension Parish approved issuing \$120 million in bonds to build four new schools, increase capacity at existing schools, and purchase land. The first new school, Bullion Primary School, opened in August 2019, followed by a primary school (Bluff Ridge Primary) and a middle school (Bluff Middle School) opened in August 2020, as well as one primary school (Sugar Mill Primary School) opening in August 2021. The long-term strategic plan includes asking the voters to approve approximately \$140 million in bonded debt between 2020 and 2023 to build a new high school and fund technology and athletic major capital projects. August 5, 2020, voters overwhelmingly (71%) approved the extension of 15.08 mills currently being levied to pay General Obligation Bonds of the District. Since 2002 the Ascension Parish School Board has strategically remodeled and renovated all of its 28 school buildings, which have an average age of 37.3 years, to accommodate a growing number of students and changing technology.

Major Financial Policies

Major financial policies adopted by the Ascension Parish School Board include the following:

- An annual operating budget policy stating that funding is prioritized for programs and providers with a demonstrated record of success and proven to produce the largest gains in student learning relative to their cost;
- An internal control policy assigning responsibility for various internal controls, listing general internal control principles, and stating the method for communicating significant information to management;
- A long-term financial planning policy requiring annually forecasting operating revenues and expenditures for at least the next five years which are strategically integrated with instruction, technology, and capital improvement long-term plans and identifying potential challenges to fiscal stability;
- A purchasing policy providing the approval thresholds for the various administrators and procurement method based on funding source;
- A general fund reserve policy assigning a portion of general fund balance for major construction projects, after leaving \$15 million unassigned and 16% of the current year's budgeted general fund expenditures plus other financing uses assigned for contingencies and providing for replenishing to target levels. Since the amount calculated for contingences represents a budget stabilization mechanism but does not meet the definition of restricted or committed fund balance these amounts are reported as unassigned;
- An accounting and financial reporting policy outlining the required financial reports to provide to the board on a regular basis, the flow of funds (first, restricted, then unrestricted; and first committed, then assigned, then unassigned), and annual audit requirements;
- An investment policy stating that the three investment objectives are safety, then liquidity, then yield and listing suitable investments and investment parameters;
- A debt management policy stating that issuing debt is permissible to fund long-lived major capital projects and is prohibited for recurring expenditures and listing appropriate debt instruments; and
- A post-issuance tax compliance policy requiring an annual review by the compliance officer, record retention requirements, and financial reporting requirements.

All Ascension Parish School Board policies are available in the School Board section of the web site, www.apsb.org.

Major Initiatives

In August 2016 Ascension Parish sustained flooding when over 20 inches of rain fell in the area, with continuous rainfall for 32 hours. The event, which damaged about 14% of properties in Ascension Parish, was declared a federal disaster. Six school sites and five administrative sites of the Ascension Parish School Board sustained approximately \$80 million in damage. Thus, the major initiative since that event has been recovering from the effects of the flood. All school restorations were completed during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The final stage of restoring the five administrative sites was completed in March 2020.

Other major initiatives in 2019-2020 included the following:

- ✓ Maintaining a district performance rating of “A” for the eighth consecutive year;
- ✓ Continuing to implement the five-year strategic plan developed in April 2017;
- ✓ Continuing the 2016 bond proposition capital projects, particularly constructing four new schools;
- ✓ Implementing new state science standards
- ✓ Opening Bluff Ridge Primary School in August 2020 which relieved overcrowding at Spanish Lake Primary School and Dutchtown Primary School.
- ✓ Opening Bluff Middle School in August 2020 which relieved overcrowding at Dutchtown Middle School and Prairieville Middle School.

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Ascension Parish School Board for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. This was the sixth consecutive year that the Ascension Parish School Board has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized annual comprehensive financial report which must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current annual comprehensive financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program’s requirements and are submitting it to the Government Finance Officers Association to determine its eligibility for a seventh consecutive Certificate of Achievement.

Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Association of School Business Officials International awarded a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Ascension Parish School Board for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. This was the fifth consecutive year that the Ascension Parish School Board earned this distinction. The Certificate of Excellence award confirms the school district's commitment to financial accountability and transparency. We believe that our current annual comprehensive financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Excellence program's requirements and are submitting it to the Association of School Business Officials International to determine its eligibility for a sixth Certificate of Excellence.

Acknowledgments

We would like to thank the Business Services department staff for not only their day-to-day work in accurately processing financial transactions, but also their efforts in preparing this annual comprehensive financial report, and to the Superintendent and elected members of the Ascension Parish School Board for their high standards of professionalism and integrity in managing the public funds entrusted to them to educate the students of Ascension Parish.

Sincerely,



David Alexander
Superintendent



Kimneye S. Cox, MBA
Director of Business Services

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT**



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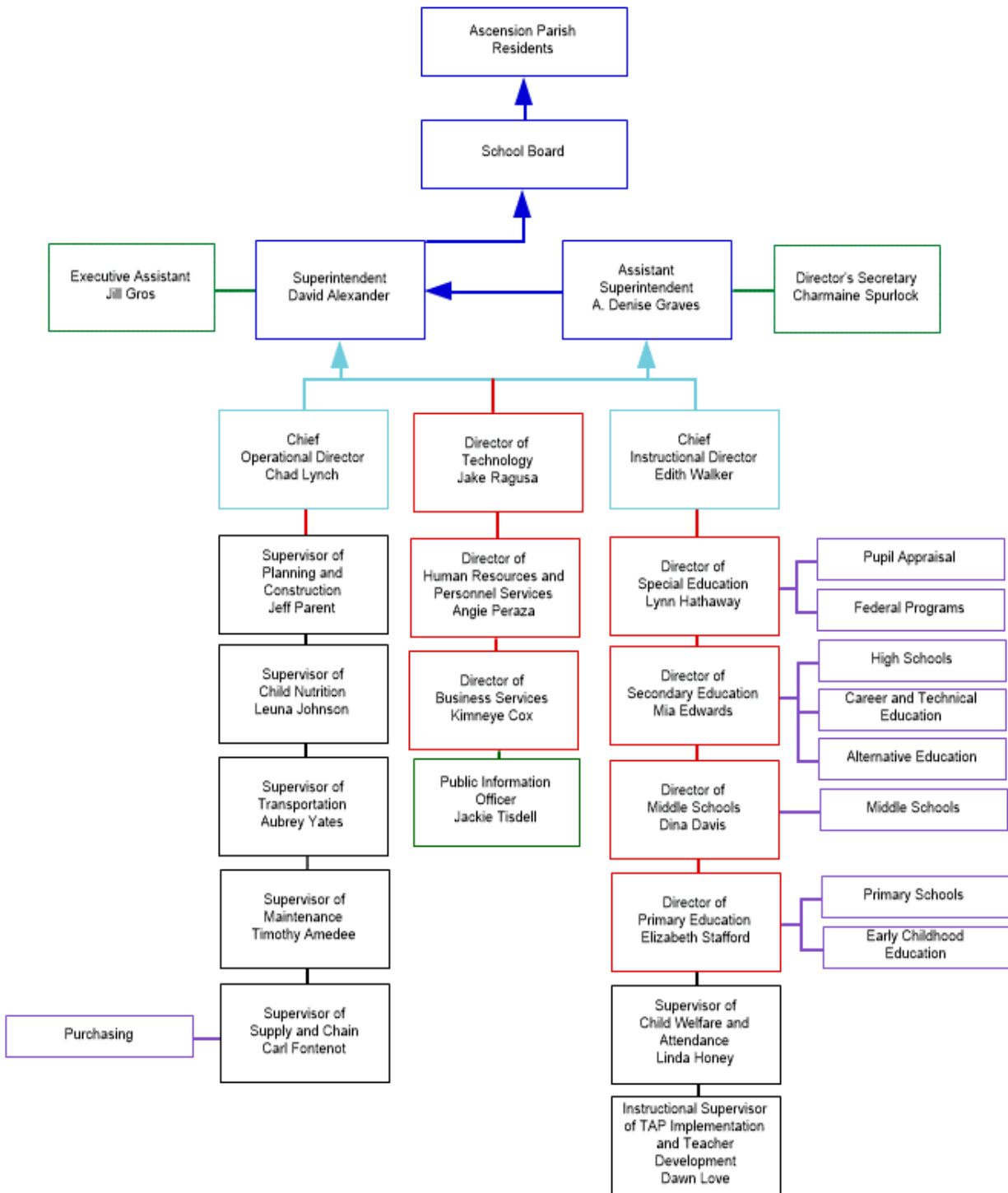
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District 6, Seat B



Patricia Russo
District 7, Seat A

All terms expire December 31, 2022
Districts 1 through 3 are single-member districts. The more populated districts 4 through 7 are dual-member districts: voters in dual-member districts are represented by two elected officials

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATION CHART-OVERVIEW





Government Finance Officers Association

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in
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**Ascension Parish School Board
Louisiana**

For its Comprehensive Annual
Financial Report
For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2019

Christopher P. Morill

Executive Director/CEO



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The Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting
is presented to

Ascension Parish School Board

for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019.

The CAFR meets the criteria established for
ASBO International's Certificate of Excellence.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Claire Hertz'.

Claire Hertz, SFO
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David J. Lewis'.

David J. Lewis
Executive Director



FINANCIAL SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of the
Ascension Parish School Board
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

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 Ascension Parish School Board (the School Board), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free 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 auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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



Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ascension Parish School Board, as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof 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, the schedule of proportionate share of the net pension liability, the schedule of contributions to each retirement system, the schedule of changes in total other post-employment benefits liability and related ratios, the major funds descriptions, the budgetary comparison schedules, and the notes to required supplementary information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquires 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 Ascension Parish School Board's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information consisting of the introductory section, the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and budgetary comparison schedules, the schedule of board members' compensation, the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head, and the tables presented within the statistical section, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and budgetary comparison schedules, the schedule of board members' compensation, the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.



In our opinion, the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and budgetary comparison schedules, the schedule of board members' compensation, and the schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

The introductory section and the tables presented within the statistical section have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 26, 2021, on our consideration of the Ascension Parish School Board'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 controls over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ascension Parish School Board's 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 Ascension Parish School Board's internal controls over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Postlethwaite & Netterville'.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
March 26, 2021



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART I

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2020**

The Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Ascension Parish School Board's financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of the Ascension Parish School Board's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2020. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts in comparison with the prior year's information (where available).

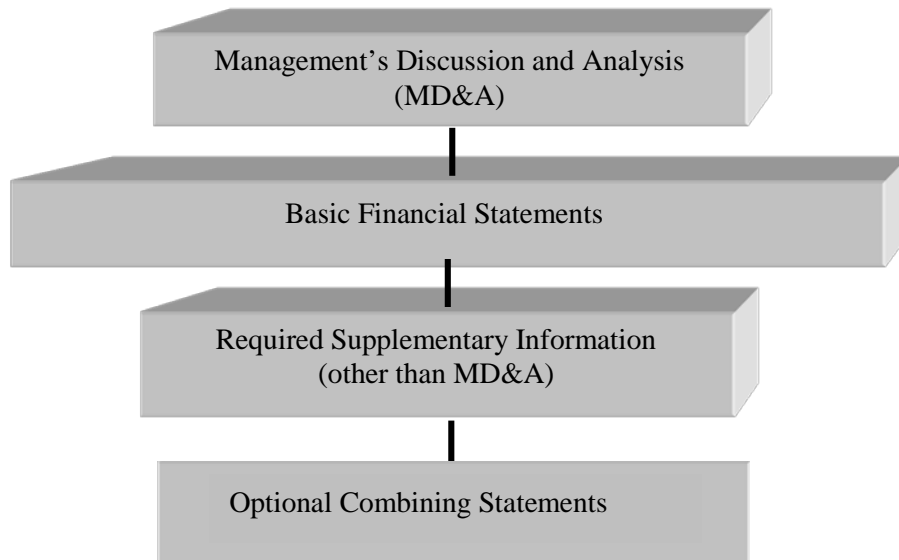
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ In August 2016 Ascension parish was inundated with over 20 inches of rain in a 32-hour period, which caused an estimated \$85 million in flood damage to eleven Ascension Parish School Board facilities. In the current year, the School Board expended \$5.9 million in repairs associated with this damage.
- ★ Revenues exceeded expenses by \$2,116,644 during the 2020 fiscal year, thereby decreasing the deficit in net position.
- ★ Expenditures for capitalized assets totaled \$67.9 million related to the completion of Bullion Primary and renovations of Apple Digital, Dutchtown High School, Dutchtown Primary, and Lowery Middle.
- ★ Liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets plus deferred outflows of resources at the close of fiscal year 2020 by approximately \$337 million. This results in the School Board having an overall deficit net position.
- ★ The General Fund budgeted \$265 million in expenditures for fiscal year 2019-2020, but at the close of the fiscal year actual expenditures were \$256 million resulting in \$9 million less than budgeted. During the fiscal year, school buildings were required to be shut down due to COVID-19 from March-May so there was no hiring of substitutes, electricity cost decreased in buildings, transportation (buses) were not running so decreases in fuel, etc.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following graphic illustrates the minimum requirements for special purpose governments engaged in governmental activities established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Codification Section 2200.102.



These financial statements consist of four sections: (1) Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section), (2) the basic financial statements, including the notes to the financial statements, (3) required supplementary information, and (4) an optional section that presents combining statements for nonmajor governmental funds.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Ascension Parish School Board's finances in a manner similar to private-sector for-profit businesses.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the Ascension Parish School Board's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference 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 Ascension Parish School Board is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future periods. (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Both of the government-wide financial statements present activities of the Ascension Parish School Board that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The Ascension Parish School Board has no functions or activities which are business-like in nature, which are those activities primarily supported by user fees and charges for services, such as a municipally-owned utility system. The governmental activities of the Ascension Parish School Board include regular and special education programs, support services, administration, facility maintenance, student transportation, and food service. The Ascension Parish School Board contains no other units of government (component units) nor is it contained as a component unit of any other level of local or state government.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that are used to maintain control over the resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Ascension Parish School Board, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Ascension Parish School Board can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources available* at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financial requirements. Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the Ascension Parish School Board's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. The Ascension Parish School Board maintains dozens of individual governmental funds.

Information is presented separately in the governmental fund Balance Sheet and in the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for the General Fund and the 2016 Bond Construction Fund, which are considered major funds.

As part of the Supplementary Information section, the remaining governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation under the label of Nonmajor Governmental funds. Additionally, the individual fund data for each of these nonmajor funds is provided in the form of combining statements beginning on page 92 of this report.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Ascension Parish School Board adopts annual appropriated budgets for the general fund and all special revenue funds. Annual operating budgets are not adopted for capital projects funds or debt service funds. As such, a budget to actual comparison schedule was not prepared for the capital projects or debt service funds.

Proprietary funds - Services for which the Ascension Parish School Board charges a fee are reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds, like the government-wide statements, provide both long and short-term financial information.

The Ascension Parish School Board uses an Internal Service Fund, one of two types of proprietary funds, to report its self-insured employee health care activities. The other type of proprietary fund is an enterprise fund, in which business-type activities are reported; the Ascension Parish School Board has no business-type activities or enterprise funds.

Notes to the basic financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS: STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

Statement of Net Position

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Change</u>
Assets			
Capital assets, net	\$ 380,465,078	\$ 325,975,905	\$ 54,489,173
All other assets	<u>166,615,874</u>	<u>161,474,577</u>	<u>5,141,297</u>
Total assets	547,080,952	487,450,482	59,630,470
Deferred outflows of resources	150,795,158	76,872,151	73,923,007
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	44,028,233	41,655,815	2,372,418
Long-term liabilities	<u>943,433,236</u>	<u>826,444,171</u>	<u>116,989,065</u>
Total liabilities	987,461,469	868,099,986	119,361,483
Deferred inflows of resources	47,080,581	35,005,231	12,075,350
Net position			
Net investment in capital assets	191,948,988	183,385,472	8,563,516
Restricted	14,006,671	14,895,845	(889,174)
Unrestricted	<u>(542,621,599)</u>	<u>(537,063,901)</u>	<u>(5,557,698)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ (336,665,940)</u>	<u>\$ (338,782,584)</u>	<u>\$ 2,116,644</u>

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS: STATEMENT OF NET POSITION (continued)

The increase of capital assets of approximately \$54 million consist of the completion of Bullion Primary and the renovations of Apple Digital, Head start, Dutchtown High School, Dutchtown Primary and Lowery Middle. The increase in other assets is primarily an increase in receivables of approximately \$7,078,000 due to amount owed from federal grantor agencies offset by a decrease in cash and investments of \$3,000,000.

The increase in deferred outflows of resources is primarily due to a change between expected and actual experience and changes in assumptions related to total other postemployment benefits liability (see Note 9).

The increase in current liabilities includes a \$2 million increase in accounts payable due to completion of substantial projects. The \$117 million increase in long-term liabilities includes an increase in bonds payable due to the second issuance totaling \$40 million of the \$140 million General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020.

The Ascension Parish School Board reported its total other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability and associated deferrals in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* (GASB 75). This requires governments to recognize the entire other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability. In addition, GASB 75 provides for a more comprehensive measure of other postemployment benefits expense by including interest on the other postemployment benefits liability and differences between expected and actual experience, in addition to the service cost. On June 30, 2020 the net other postemployment benefits liability was over \$451 million and increased by approximately \$94 million from the prior year. More detailed information is available in Note 9 to the financial statements.

The Ascension Parish School Board reported its net pension liability and related deferrals in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Numbers 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions (an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27)* and Statement Number 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date (an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68)*, collectively referred to as GASB 68, which continues to significantly impact the School Board's net position. The standards require recognition of the School Board's proportionate share of state-wide pension plan liabilities; on June 30, 2020 this amount was over \$255 million and decreased by approximately \$8 million, as a result of the changes in the proportionate share of the School Board in each plan from the prior year. More detailed information is available in Note 8 to the financial statements.

In 2004 and 2009 the Louisiana legislature amended LSA-RS 11:102, 11:883.1, 11:42, and 11:542 to establish a plan to fully fund the unfunded accrued liabilities of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, and the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, the three retirement systems in which employees of the Ascension Parish School Board participate, by 2040. Because these three retirement systems are all multiple-employer, cost-sharing plans, there is no mechanism for the Ascension Parish School Board to reduce only its net pension liability without also reducing the proportionate share of the net pension liability of all other participants in these retirement systems.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As shown in Table 1 in the Statistical section, when GASB 68 was implemented, recognizing the \$299 million net pension liability effective June 30, 2014, caused net position to become negative, whereby liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets plus deferred outflows of resources. Implementing GASB 75 further increased negative net position, adding an additional \$260 million other postemployment benefits liability effective June 30, 2017.

The increase in deferred inflows of resources is primarily due to the change in the School Board's proportional share of its participation in each retirement system.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS: STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Changes in Net Position		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Change</u>
Program revenues			
Charges for services	\$1,933,849	\$2,107,242	(\$173,393)
Operating grants and contributions	33,788,994	23,277,870	10,511,124
Capital grants and contributions	13,843,955	11,678,645	2,165,310
General revenues			
Ad valorem taxes	89,811,531	82,398,525	7,413,006
Sales and use taxes	66,829,877	70,144,479	(3,314,602)
Earnings on investments	2,550,752	3,108,998	(558,246)
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, (MFP)	113,148,573	100,350,412	12,798,161
Other	<u>211,345</u>	<u>7,403,805</u>	<u>(7,192,460)</u>
Total revenues	<u>322,118,876</u>	<u>300,469,976</u>	<u>21,648,900</u>
Expenses			
Regular education	122,529,507	110,064,086	12,465,421
Special education	28,952,962	24,722,851	4,230,111
Other education	20,326,668	18,349,407	1,977,261
Pupil support	16,003,362	14,242,669	1,760,693
Instructional staff services	16,729,993	14,210,488	2,519,505
General administration	5,924,632	5,538,788	385,844
School administration	18,138,578	16,100,164	2,038,414
Business services	2,694,655	2,323,856	370,799
Plant operations	45,737,649	46,238,314	(500,665)
Student transportation	17,253,381	15,020,157	2,233,224
Central services	5,486,619	5,096,307	390,312
Food service	12,103,941	10,991,965	1,111,976
Interest and bank charges	7,156,784	6,776,144	380,640
Other	<u>963,501</u>	<u>1,020,574</u>	<u>(57,073)</u>
Total expenses	<u>320,002,232</u>	<u>290,695,770</u>	<u>29,306,462</u>
Changes in net position	2,116,644	9,774,206	(7,657,562)
Net position, beginning of year	(338,782,584)	(348,556,790)	9,774,206
Net position, end of year	<u>(\$336,665,940)</u>	<u>(\$338,782,584)</u>	<u>\$2,116,644</u>

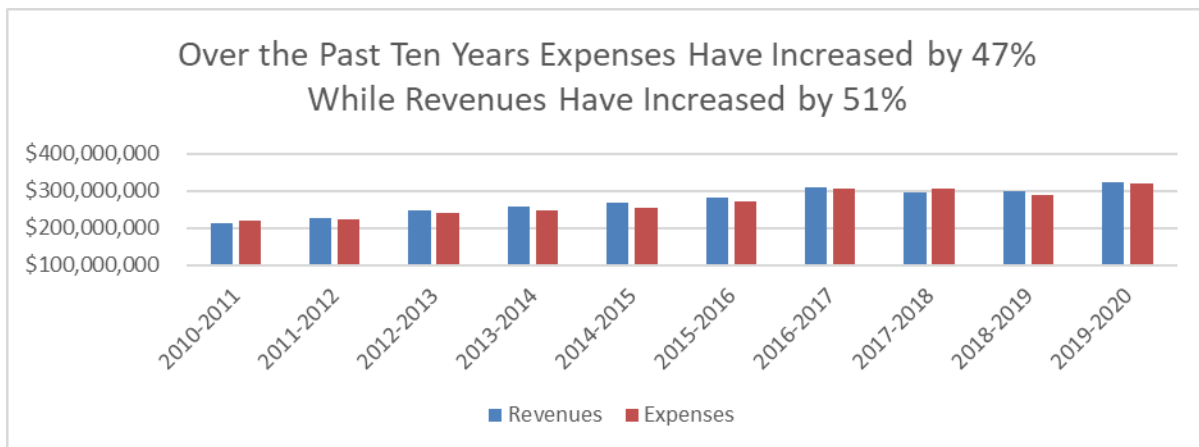
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Revenue changes include:

- The increase of \$7 million in Ad Valorem is mainly due to an increase in property value and construction in Ascension Parish.
- The decrease of \$3.3 million in Sales and Use Tax is due to the global pandemic COVID-19.
- The increase of \$12.7 million in MFP was due to increase in state funding and increase in students.

Expense changes include:

- An increase in expenses of \$29.3 million is due to new curriculum, one-to-one technology, and an increase in salaries and benefits. Also, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, janitorial supplies increased to ensure schools and building were sanitized.



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

ANALYSIS OF BUDGETARY VARIATIONS

In the general fund, actual revenues exceeded budgeted revenues by approximately \$8 million (3.0%) and actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by approximately \$9.7 million (3.6%) as shown in the following schedule:

General Fund Budgetary Comparison

	Final	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues			
Local sources	\$ 144,638,192	\$ 145,747,327	\$ 1,109,135
Federal sources	8,929,022	13,843,955	4,914,933
State sources	<u>112,655,762</u>	<u>114,620,192</u>	<u>1,964,430</u>
Total revenues	<u>266,222,976</u>	<u>274,211,474</u>	<u>7,988,498</u>
Expenditures			
Instruction	155,437,212	149,633,850	5,803,362
Support services	98,478,051	97,022,401	1,455,650
Charter school appropriations	-	963,501	(963,501)
Food service	1,894	4,455	(2,561)
Facility acquisition and construction	11,420,043	8,088,118	3,331,925
Debt services	<u>57,000</u>	<u>17,025</u>	<u>39,975</u>
Total expenditures	<u>265,394,200</u>	<u>255,729,350</u>	<u>9,664,850</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	828,776	18,482,124	17,653,348
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in	1,800,000	2,826,615	1,026,615
Transfers out	<u>(2,190,640)</u>	<u>(1,178,414)</u>	<u>1,012,226</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(390,640)</u>	<u>1,648,201</u>	<u>2,038,841</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>438,136</u>	<u>20,130,325</u>	<u>19,692,189</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>54,867,508</u>	<u>54,867,508</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 55,305,644</u>	<u>\$ 74,997,833</u>	<u>\$ 19,692,189</u>

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Revenues:

The \$1.1 million variance in local revenues includes an increase in ad valorem tax revenues but a decrease in sales and use tax revenues and other. Ad valorem taxes increased due to fiscal year 2019-2020 being a reassessment year. Sales tax revenues decreased due to COVID-19. Federal revenue variances relate to reimbursements of costs for 2016 flood expenditures originally disallowed by FEMA when incurred but legislation passed which subsequently allowed these costs to be reimbursed. The \$2 million variance in state sources is due to an increase in MFP primarily due to increase in student enrollment.

Expenses:

An increase in expenses is due to new curriculum, one-to-one technology, and an increase in salaries and benefits. Also, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, janitorial supplies increased to ensure schools and buildings were sanitized. Additionally, expenditures for the final repairs to school facilities damaged during the 2016 flood were completed during the fiscal year.

Amendments to Current Year Budgets

The budget was amended once to reflect changes in federal revenues and expenditures.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of 2020, the Ascension Parish School Board reported approximately \$380 million (net of \$166,095,454 in accumulated depreciation) in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, and equipment. This amount represents a net increase (including additions and deductions) of approximately \$54.5 million (16.7%) over last year, primarily for construction in progress and buildings.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Change</u>
Land	\$ 14,241,625	\$ 14,241,625	\$ -
Construction in progress	58,086,270	39,603,155	18,483,115
Buildings and Equipment	<u>308,137,181</u>	<u>272,131,125</u>	<u>36,006,056</u>
Total	<u>\$ 380,465,076</u>	<u>\$ 325,975,905</u>	<u>\$ 54,489,171</u>

The increase in capital assets of approximately \$54.5 million consist of the completion of Bullion Primary and the renovations of Apple Digital, Head start, Dutchtown High School, Dutchtown Primary, Lowery Middle, and ongoing construction projects. The increase in other assets is primarily due to the final issuance of the general obligation bond series 2019.

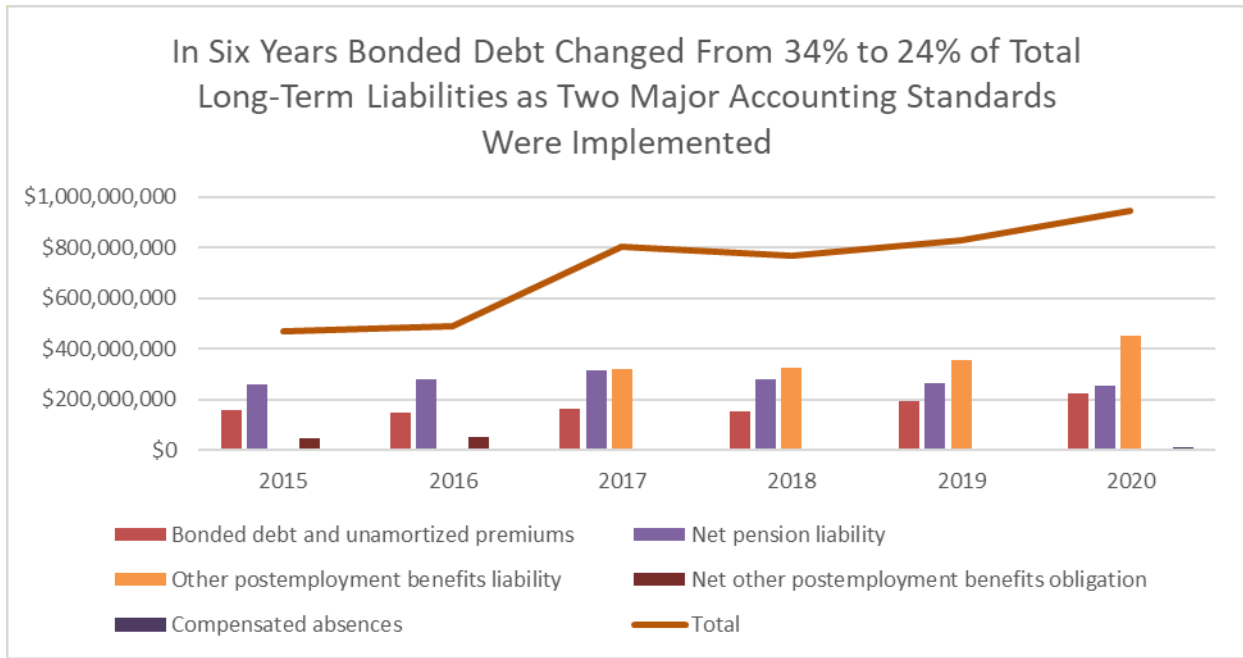
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Long-term Debt

In accordance with LA-R.S.39: 554 (D), the School Board is legally restricted from incurring long-term bonded debt more than 35% of the assessed value of the taxable property (including homestead exempt and nonexempt property) within the parish. At the end of the current year, the Ascension Parish School Board had bonded debt outstanding of approximately \$211 million, but only \$193 million is applicable to the debt limit which is 69% below the \$589 million statutory debt limit. See Statistical table 12 for more detailed information.

Debt service for outstanding general obligation bonds is recorded in the Parish-wide Sinking fund. More detailed information about long-term liabilities is presented in Note 7 to the basic financial statements. On October 29, 2020 the Ascension Parish School Board issued \$40 million in General Obligation School Bonds Series 2020, the second issue of the \$140 million which the voters approved on August 15, 2019 for the purpose of acquiring or improving lands, building sites and playgrounds, including construction of necessary sidewalks and streets adjacent thereto; purchasing, erecting, or improving school buildings and other school related facilities, and acquiring the necessary equipment and furnishings therefor, and paying for the costs of issuance of the bonds.

On April 9, 2016 the voters of Ascension parish approved the issuance of \$120 million in general obligation bonds to fund 15 major capital projects throughout the school district over five years, \$80 million of which is to build four new schools. Bullion Primary opened in August 2019, Bluff Ridge Primary and Bluff Middle schools opened in August 2020, and Sugar Mill will open in August 2021.



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

The financial wellbeing of the Ascension Parish School Board is tied in large measure to the state funding formula (MFP) and the sales and property tax base. The Ascension Parish School Board's elected and appointed officials considered the following factors and indicators when setting next year's budget:

- MFP revenues from the state are expected to increase by \$840,000 (.8%) from 2019-2020 remaining about the same.
- Sales tax revenues are expected to decrease by approximately \$370,000 (.5%) from 2019-2020 actual revenues, essentially remaining flat.
- Ad valorem revenues are expected to increase by approximately \$890,000 (1.3%) from 2019-2020 actual revenues due to the customary annual increase in the taxable assessed value of property (see Table 5 in the Statistical section).
- General fund expenditures for 2020-2021 are expected to increase by \$8 million (3.2%) from actual expenditures for 2019-2020 and the Ascension Parish School Board has proposed a net change in fund balance of \$25,000.
- The increase in expenditures was achieved by (1) adding 20 new teachers for growth for an expected between 400-500 additional students for \$1.5 million; (2) adding 43 new positions, primarily due to opening Bluff Ridge Primary and Bluff Middle, for \$1.7 million; and (3) \$541,956 for new positions at the Administrative and Operational staff level.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

CONTACTING THE ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Ascension Parish School Board's finances for those with an interest in the government's financial position and operations. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2020

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Activities</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 47,228,331
Investments (Note 3)	74,608,945
Receivables (Note 4)	41,337,463
Inventory	1,064,678
Other assets	2,376,457
Capital assets (Note 5)	
Land and construction in progress	72,327,895
Buildings and equipment, net of depreciation	308,137,183
TOTAL ASSETS	547,080,952
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Deferred amount on bond refunding	2,718,890
Deferred outflow amounts related to pension liability	68,515,234
Deferred outflow amounts related to total other postemployment benefits liability	79,561,034
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	150,795,158
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 697,876,110

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Salaries payable	\$ 12,970,116
Payroll benefits and withholdings payable	11,823,143
Accounts payable	15,069,029
Claims payable (Note 6)	1,770,073
Interest payable	2,395,872
Long-term liabilities	
Bonds payable and compensated absences (Note 7):	
Due within one year	12,591,987
Due in more than one year	224,398,030
Net pension liability (Note 8)	255,352,327
Total other postemployment benefits liability (Note 9):	
Due within one year	9,118,470
Due in more than one year	441,972,422
TOTAL LIABILITIES	987,461,469
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Deferred inflow amounts related to pension liability	43,387,002
Deferred inflow amounts related to total other postemployment benefits liability	3,693,579
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	47,080,581
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Net investment in capital assets	191,948,988
Restricted for school activities	4,732,814
Restricted for grant programs	952,461
Restricted for debt service	8,321,396
Unrestricted	(542,621,599)
TOTAL NET POSITION	(336,665,940)
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION	\$ 697,876,110

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

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

Governmental Activities	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position Governmental Unit
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
<u>Functions/Programs</u>					
Instruction:					
Regular education programs	\$ 122,529,507	\$ -	\$ 3,898,862	\$ 6,085,504	\$ (112,545,141)
Special education programs	28,952,962	-	2,618,439	-	(26,334,523)
Other education programs	20,326,668	-	9,890,641	5,119,811	(5,316,216)
Support Services:					
Pupil support services	16,003,362	-	2,289,611	-	(13,713,751)
Instructional staff services	16,729,993	-	6,892,154	4,134	(9,833,705)
General administration services	5,924,632	-	-	-	(5,924,632)
School administration services	18,138,578	-	34,417	-	(18,104,161)
Business services	2,694,655	-	12,677	475,819	(2,206,159)
Plant operation and maintenance	45,737,649	-	4,469	2,089,074	(43,644,106)
Student transportation services	17,253,381	-	142,282	-	(17,111,099)
Central services	5,486,619	-	176,848	-	(5,309,771)
Non-Instructional Services:					
Food service	12,103,941	1,933,849	7,828,594	69,613	(2,271,885)
Debt Service:					
Interest expense	7,156,784	-	-	-	(7,156,784)
Appropriations:					
Charter school	963,501	-	-	-	(963,501)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 320,002,232	\$ 1,933,849	\$ 33,788,994	\$ 13,843,955	\$ (270,435,434)
General Revenues:					
Local sources					
Taxes:					
Ad valorem (Note 2)					
Sales and use taxes					
Earnings on investments					
State sources					
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, (MFP)					
Other					
Total general revenues					
Change in net position					
Net Position - June 30, 2019					
Net Position - June 30, 2020					

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

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2020**

	General	2016 Bond Construction	Nonmajor Governmental	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 29,741,412	\$ 10,403,703	\$ 7,083,216	\$ 47,228,331
Investments	36,801,031	33,916,132	3,891,782	74,608,945
Receivables	36,792,568	22,468	4,522,427	41,337,463
Due from other funds (Note 10)	6,266,408	-	8,154,673	14,421,081
Inventory	371,560	-	693,118	1,064,678
Other assets	2,355,015	-	11,842	2,366,857
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 112,327,994</u>	<u>\$ 44,342,303</u>	<u>\$ 24,357,058</u>	<u>\$ 181,027,355</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
Liabilities:				
Salaries payable	\$ 11,513,168	\$ -	\$ 1,456,948	\$ 12,970,116
Payroll benefits and withholdings payable	10,875,265	-	947,878	11,823,143
Accounts payable	3,889,488	10,590,235	588,131	15,067,854
Due to other funds (Note 10)	11,052,240	2,908,893	3,301,829	17,262,962
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>37,330,161</u>	<u>13,499,128</u>	<u>6,294,786</u>	<u>57,124,075</u>
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable in form	2,728,275	-	693,118	3,421,393
Restricted for:				
School activities	4,732,814	-	-	4,732,814
Grant programs	-	-	952,461	952,461
Debt service	-	-	10,717,268	10,717,268
Capital projects	-	30,843,175	-	30,843,175
Assigned for contingencies	-	-	-	-
Assigned for major construction projects	11,085,888	-	5,699,425	16,785,313
Unassigned	56,450,856	-	-	56,450,856
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>74,997,833</u>	<u>30,843,175</u>	<u>18,062,272</u>	<u>123,903,280</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 112,327,994</u>	<u>\$ 44,342,303</u>	<u>\$ 24,357,058</u>	<u>\$ 181,027,355</u>

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

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2020**

Total Fund Balances at June 30, 2020 - Governmental Funds	\$	123,903,280
Cost of capital assets at June 30, 2020	\$	546,560,532
Less: accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2020		
Buildings	(138,506,433)	
Movable property	<u>(27,589,021)</u>	
		380,465,078
Consolidation of Internal Service Funds		1,080,233
Deferred amount on refunding		2,718,890
Accrued interest payable		(2,395,872)
Long-term liabilities at June 30, 2020:		
Bonds payable	(211,174,803)	
Bond premium	(10,903,352)	
Compensated absences payable	<u>(14,911,862)</u>	
		(236,990,017)
Pension liability and deferrals of resources		
Net pension liability	(255,352,327)	
Net deferred amounts related to pension liability	<u>25,128,232</u>	
		(230,224,095)
Total other postemployment benefits liability and net deferrals of resources		
Total other postemployment benefits liability	(451,090,892)	
Net deferred amounts related to total other postemployment benefits liability	<u>75,867,455</u>	
		<u>(375,223,437)</u>
Total net position at June 30, 2020 - Governmental Activities	\$	<u><u>(336,665,940)</u></u>

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	General	2016 Bond Construction	Nonmajor Governmental	Total
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Local sources:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 68,207,868	\$ -	\$ 21,603,663	\$ 89,811,531
Sales and use tax	66,829,877	-	-	66,829,877
Earnings on investments	1,042,051	1,079,289	429,412	2,550,752
Other	9,667,531	-	1,983,282	11,650,813
State sources:				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, MFP	113,026,239	-	122,334	113,148,573
Restricted grants-in-aid	1,382,608	-	-	1,382,608
Other	211,345	-	-	211,345
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid	13,843,955	-	22,689,422	36,533,377
TOTAL REVENUES	274,211,474	1,079,289	46,828,113	322,118,876
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular education programs	111,329,280	-	2,237,761	113,567,041
Special education programs	24,096,121	-	1,511,723	25,607,844
Other education programs	14,208,449	-	4,955,414	19,163,863
Support services:				
Pupil support services	13,155,623	-	1,323,097	14,478,720
Instructional staff services	11,444,020	-	3,975,563	15,419,583
General administration services	5,041,316	-	720,444	5,761,760
School administration services	16,325,712	-	19,870	16,345,582
Business services	2,412,236	-	7,319	2,419,555
Plant operation and maintenance	28,735,915	-	172,332	28,908,247
Student transportation services	14,182,835	-	82,145	14,264,980
Central Services	5,724,744	-	449,394	6,174,138
Charter school appropriations	963,501	-	-	963,501
Non-Instructional services:				
Food service	4,455	26,369	10,595,529	10,626,353
Facility acquisition and construction	8,088,118	60,756,748	203,214	69,048,080
Debt service:				
General administration	17,025	436,813	-	453,838
Principal retirement	-	-	13,741,372	13,741,372
Interest	-	-	6,986,934	6,986,934
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	255,729,350	61,219,930	46,982,111	363,931,391
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	18,482,124	(60,140,641)	(153,998)	(41,812,515)

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

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	General	2016 Bond Construction	Nonmajor Governmental	Total
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in (Note 11)	2,826,615	-	1,173,444	4,000,059
Issuance of debt	-	40,000,000	-	40,000,000
Debt premium	-	3,831,381	-	3,831,381
Transfers out (Note 11)	<u>(1,178,414)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,821,645)</u>	<u>(4,000,059)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>1,648,201</u>	<u>43,831,381</u>	<u>(1,648,201)</u>	<u>43,831,381</u>
<u>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</u>	20,130,325	(16,309,260)	(1,802,199)	2,018,866
Fund balances, June 30, 2019	<u>54,867,508</u>	<u>47,152,435</u>	<u>19,864,471</u>	<u>121,884,414</u>
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2020	<u>\$ 74,997,833</u>	<u>\$ 30,843,175</u>	<u>\$ 18,062,272</u>	<u>\$ 123,903,280</u>

(Concluded)

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

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

Total Net Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds		\$ 2,018,866
Capital Assets:		
Capital outlay capitalized	\$ 67,884,530	
Depreciation expense for year ended June 30, 2020	<u>(13,395,357)</u>	54,489,173
Change in net position of internal service funds		938,811
Change in deferred amounts on refunding		(342,004)
Excess of interest accrued over interest paid		(188,798)
Long-term liabilities:		
Proceeds from issuance of debt	(40,000,000)	
Premiums received from debt issuance	(3,831,381)	
Principal paid on debt	13,741,372	
Amortization of bond premium	815,616	
Excess of compensated absences earned over amounts used	<u>(1,722,812)</u>	(30,997,205)
Change in net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources		7,247,729
Change in total other postemployment benefits liability		<u>(31,049,928)</u>
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities		<u><u>\$ 2,116,644</u></u>

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND - INTERNAL SERVICE FUND
JUNE 30, 2020**

	Governmental Activity Internal Service Fund Health Care
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Current:	
Due from other funds	\$ 2,841,881
Other assets	9,600
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,851,481
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Current:	
Claims payable	\$ 1,770,073
Accounts payable	1,175
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,771,248
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,771,248
<u>NET POSITION (Unrestricted)</u>	\$ 1,080,233

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

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND - INTERNAL SERVICE FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Governmental Activity Internal Service Fund Health Care
<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>	
Premiums received	\$ 38,285,510
Total operating revenues	38,285,510
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	
Claims expense	34,690,056
Reinsurance premiums	1,062,164
General administration services	1,594,479
Total operating expenses	37,346,699
Operating income	938,811
Change in net position	938,811
Total net position - June 30, 2019	141,422
Total net position - June 30, 2020	\$ 1,080,233

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

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE - INTERNAL SERVICE FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Governmental Activity Internal Service Fund Health Care
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash premiums received	\$ 38,923,572
Cash paid in claims and benefits	(37,248,586)
Cash paid for expenses	(1,674,986)
Net cash used in operating activities	-
Net increase (decrease) in cash	-
Cash and cash equivalents - June 30, 2019	-
Cash and cash equivalents - June 30, 2020	\$ -
 CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating net income	\$ 938,811
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash used by operating activities -	
Decrease in accounts payable	(151,414)
Decrease in due from other funds	638,062
Decrease in other assets	70,907
Decrease in claims payable	(1,496,366)
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ -

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

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020

1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies of the Ascension Parish School Board (School Board) conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

A. **Financial Reporting Entity**

The Ascension Parish School Board is a corporate body created under Louisiana Revised Statutes 17:51. A board consisting of 11 members (the School Board) elected from legally established districts is charged with the management and operation of the school system.

The school system is composed of a central office and 29 schools. Student enrollment as of October 2019 was 23,409. The regular school term begins in mid-August and finishes in late May.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards* establishes criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under the provisions, the Ascension Parish School Board is considered a *primary government*, since it is a special purpose government that has a separately elected governing body, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state or local governments. Fiscally independent means that the Ascension Parish School Board may, without the approval or consent of another governmental entity, determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges, and issue bonded debt. The Ascension Parish School Board also has no *component units*, defined by GASB as other legally separate organizations for which the elected School Board members are financially accountable. There are no other primary governments with which the Ascension Parish School Board has a significant relationship. The Ascension Parish School Board is not a component unit of any other entity.

B. **Fund Accounting**

The financial transactions of the Ascension Parish School Board are recorded in individual funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, outflows of resources, liabilities, inflows of resources, fund balances, revenues and expenditures. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020

1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

B. Fund Accounting (continued)

Funds are classified into two broad categories: governmental and proprietary as discussed below.

Governmental Fund Types:

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses and balances of the current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations. The following are the Ascension Parish School Board's primary governmental fund types:

General Fund - The general fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Debt Service Funds - Debt service funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

Capital Projects Funds - Capital projects funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

In addition to the General Fund, the Ascension Parish School Board reports one other major fund:

- the 2016 Bond Construction Fund, a capital projects fund used to account for the capital projects financed by the \$120 million in general obligation bonds which the voters of Ascension Parish approved in April 2016.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020

1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

B. Fund Accounting (continued)

Proprietary Fund:

Internal Service Fund - Internal service funds are used to account for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the governmental unit, or to other governmental units, on a cost-reimbursement basis. The Ascension Parish School Board has one internal service fund, the Health Care fund, which accounts for the self-insured medical insurance benefits offered to employees, retirees, and their dependents.

C. Basis of Presentation

The Ascension Parish School Board's basic financial statements consist of the government-wide statements and fund financial statements (individual major fund and combined nonmajor funds). The statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units and promulgated by the GASB *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*.

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Ascension Parish School Board.

The government-wide financial statements were prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs, regardless of when cash is received or disbursed. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Codification Section N50, *Non-exchange Transactions*.

Program Revenues

Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities are derived directly from the program itself (sale of meals to students and faculty) or from sources outside of the Ascension Parish School Board's tax base directly related to the program (operating grants and contributions); program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from general revenues.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020

1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)

Allocation of Indirect Expenses and Elimination of Internal Activity

All direct expenses are reported by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable by function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense which can be specifically identified by function is included in the direct expenses of each function. Depreciation on the buildings is assigned to the plant operation and maintenance function due to the fact that school buildings serve multiple purposes. Interest on long term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

Amounts reported in the funds as inter-fund receivables and payables have been eliminated in the Statement of Net Position. Costs of inter-fund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental Funds

The accounting and financial reporting treatments applied to a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With the current financial resources measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financial sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

Governmental funds are accounted for on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual, that is, when they become measurable and available to pay current period liabilities. Such revenue items are ad valorem taxes, sales taxes and state and federal entitlements. Sales and use taxes and ad valorem taxes are considered "available" when expected to be collected within the next two months. Revenue from state and federal grants is recorded when the reimbursable expenditures have been incurred.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Costs of accumulated unpaid vacation, sick leave and other employee benefit amounts are reported in the period due and payable rather than the period earned by employees and general long-term obligation principal and interest payments are recognized only when due.

Proprietary Funds

The internal service fund accounts for the employee health self-insurance program. Premium revenues are considered operating revenues while all other revenues are non-operating. The proprietary fund type is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus (accrual basis).

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020

1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

E. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Ascension Parish School Board follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the budgetary comparison schedules:

The general fund and all special revenue funds are the only funds with legally required budgets. The general fund budget and the special revenue funds budgets are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, and are adopted on an annual basis. In May the Superintendent submits to the School Board a proposed annual appropriated budget for the general fund and all special revenue funds for the fiscal year commencing on July 1. The operating budgets include proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. At least one public hearing is conducted to obtain public comments. In June the general fund budget and special revenue funds budgets are legally enacted through adoption by the School Board. The Annual Operating Budget policy provides guidelines for setting, adopting, and amending the budgets.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the general fund and special revenue funds. Formal budgetary integration is not employed for the debt service funds because effective budgetary control is alternatively achieved through general obligation bond indenture provisions. The comprehensive Debt Management and Post-Issuance Tax Compliance policies provide a framework for issuing debt and complying with various tax and debt regulations.

Unencumbered appropriations in the general fund lapse at the end of the fiscal year. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the School Board. Legally, the Ascension Parish School Board must adopt a balanced budget; that is, total budgeted expenditures and other financing uses cannot exceed total budgeted revenues and other financing sources including fund balance. State statutes require the Ascension Parish School Board to amend its budgets when revenues plus projected revenues within a fund are expected to be less than budgeted revenues by five percent or more or expenditures within a fund are expected to exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more (see Note 12). The School Board approves budgets at the fund level and management can transfer amounts between line items.

All special revenue funds have annual appropriated budgets adopted in June by the School Board. Unencumbered appropriations of grant-oriented special revenue funds are re-appropriated at the beginning of the following fiscal year. Unencumbered appropriations of certain non-grant oriented special revenue funds lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

The capital projects funds' budgets are adopted on a project basis as projects are approved by the School Board. By statute, the Ascension Parish School Board is not required to adopt a budget for its capital projects funds; therefore, these funds utilize project budgets rather than annual budgets and accountability is controlled over the life of the project. These budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

All budget amounts presented in the budgetary comparison schedules have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions of the annual budgets during the year. All budget revisions are approved by the 11 member Ascension Parish School Board.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020

1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Under state law, the Ascension Parish School Board may deposit funds with a fiscal agent organized under the laws of the state of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States of America. The Ascension Parish School Board may invest in United States bonds, notes, bills, or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. The Ascension Parish School Board has adopted a comprehensive investments policy.

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash on deposit, certificates of deposit and money market accounts. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates fair value. Under state law, the resulting bank balances of these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The estimated fair value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

G. Investments

The Ascension Parish School Board may also invest in United States government securities, debentures, and other allowable obligations issued or guaranteed by federal agencies provided such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America and securities, debentures, or other allowable obligations issued by the state of Louisiana, any of its political subdivisions, and any domestic United States corporation (see Note 3). Investments are stated at fair value. Fair value was determined using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1 inputs) or quoted prices for identical or similar securities in active markets, or matrix pricing based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices (Level 2 inputs). Investment income includes interest earned, realized gains and losses, and unrealized gains and losses (changes in fair value).

H. Inventory and Prepaid Items

Inventory of the Child Nutrition special revenue fund consists of food purchased by the Ascension Parish School Board and commodities granted by the United States Department of Agriculture through the Louisiana Department of Education. The commodities are recorded as revenues and expenses when consumed. All inventory items purchased are valued at cost (first-in, first-out), and donated commodities are assigned values based on information provided by the United States Department of Agriculture. Inventory in the general fund consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The costs of both inventory items and prepaid items (insurance and expenditures) are accounted for using the consumption method and are recognized as expenditures when used.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020

1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

I. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost for assets where the actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of the donation (see Note 5). The system for the accumulation of capital asset cost data does not provide the means for determining the percentage of assets valued at actual and those valued at estimated cost. The Ascension Parish School Board's management accounting policy determines the threshold level of the amount of assets to capitalize to be \$5,000 for equipment and \$50,000 for buildings and improvements.

Capital assets are recorded in the government-wide financial statements and are not recorded in the fund financial statements. All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed by the Ascension Parish School Board, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. Useful lives are approximately 40 years for buildings, 20 to 30 years for improvements, and 5 to 15 years for equipment.

The Ascension Parish School Board does not possess any material amounts of infrastructure capital assets, such as sidewalks and parking lots.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

J. Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources

A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net assets by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period. The Ascension Parish School Board's deferred outflows of resources are related to its bond refunding transactions, (see Note 7), pension liability (see Note 8), and total other postemployment benefits liability (see Note 9).

A deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net assets by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period. The Ascension Parish School Board's deferred inflows of resources are related to its pension liability (see Note 8) and total other postemployment benefits liability (see Note 9).

K. Long-Term Liabilities

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities. Bond premiums and discounts are amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bond issuance costs are expensed in the period in which they occurred.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020

1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

L. Compensated Absences

Teachers and other school employees accrue between 10 to 12 days of sick leave per year depending upon the number of months worked. Sick leave may be accumulated without limitation. Upon death or retirement, unused accumulated sick leave of up to 45 days is paid to employees or their heirs at the employee's current rate of pay. The accrual computation for earned sick leave is calculated on a 45-day maximum per employee. Sick leave is not payable upon discharge or termination and no allowance is made for the immaterial amounts of sick leave forfeited when employees resign or retire. Upon retirement, unpaid accumulated sick leave is used in the retirement benefit computation as earned service.

All full-time, 12-month employees earn between 10 to 20 days of annual vacation leave per year depending on length of service with the Ascension Parish School Board.

In governmental fund types, sick and vacation leave that has been claimed by employees as of the end of the fiscal year is recorded as an expenditure in the year claimed. Vacation and sick leave accrued and compensatory time earned, but not paid, as of the end of the fiscal year is valued using employees' current rates of pay (see Note 7). Accrued vacation and sick leave and unpaid compensatory time will be paid from future years' resources.

M. Pension Plans

The Ascension Parish School Board is a participating employer in three cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans as described in Note 8. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of each of the plans, and additions to and deductions from each plan's fiduciary net position, have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by each of the plans. For this purpose, benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions, are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms. Investments have been reported at fair value within each plan.

N. Other Postemployment Benefit Plan

The Ascension Parish School Board provides certain continuing healthcare and life insurance benefits for its retired employees through a single-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefits plan as described in Note 9. For purposes of measuring the other postemployment benefits liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the plan, and plan expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the plan, and additions to and deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position, have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions, are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms. The postemployment benefits plan had no assets as of June 30, 2020.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020

1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

O. Net Position of Government-wide Financial Statements

For the government-wide Statement of Net Position, net position is classified and displayed in three components focused on the accessibility of the underlying assets:

- *Net investment in capital assets*, calculated as capital assets net of accumulated depreciation plus capital-related deferred outflows of resources less capital-related borrowings and deferred inflows of resources (see Note 5);
- *Restricted*, either externally imposed by creditors such as debt covenants, grantors, contributors, laws, or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or
- *Unrestricted*.

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

P. Fund Equity of Fund Financial Statements

Accounting standards require governmental fund balances to be reported in as many as five classifications as listed below:

- *Nonspendable* represents amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- *Restricted* represents balances where constraints have been established by parties outside the Ascension Parish School Board or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- *Committed* represents balances that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by the adoption of a resolution by the Ascension Parish School Board, which is the School Board's highest level of decision-making authority.
- *Assigned* represents balances that are constrained by the Ascension Parish School Board's intent to be used for specific purposes but are not restricted or committed.
- *Unassigned* represents balances that have not been assigned to other funds and that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The general fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020

1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

P. Fund Equity of Fund Financial Statements (continued)

The Ascension Parish School Board's General Fund Reserve policy states that the 11 member elected School Board maintains authority over fund balance reserves and approves both the assignment and use of reserves. The policy assigns a portion of general fund balance for major construction projects, after leaving \$15 million unassigned, and 16% of the current year budgeted general fund expenditures plus other financing uses, assigned for contingencies. Since the amount calculated for contingences represents a budget stabilization mechanism but does not meet the definition of a restricted or committed fund balance those amounts are reported as unassigned.

When expenditures are incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available, the Ascension Parish School Board reduces restricted amounts first, followed by unrestricted amounts. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which committed, assigned, and unassigned amounts are available, the Ascension Parish School Board reduces committed amounts first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts.

Q. Sales and Use Tax

The voters of Ascension parish authorized the Ascension Parish School Board to levy and collect a two percent parish-wide sales and use tax. A one percent tax approved on June 12, 1965, and amended on July 19, 1967, is to be used for teachers' salaries, expenses of operating the schools, and if budgeted, up to 25 percent for capital improvements. The other one percent sales and use tax, approved by the voters on April 5, 1980, and rededicated on April 5, 1981, is to be used as follows:

1. For debt service and bond reserve requirements; however, bonds must not be issued in an amount that will require payments in excess of 25 percent of net proceeds of the tax established by the latest Ascension Parish School Board budget.
2. Sixty percent of the net proceeds of the sales and use tax are to be used for salaries and related employee benefits.
3. Ten percent of the net proceeds of the sales and use tax are to be used for the operation and maintenance of the public elementary and secondary schools.
4. The remainder of the net proceeds of the sales and use tax shall be used for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements.
5. For the costs of collecting sales and use tax.

R. Interfund Transactions

During the course of normal operations, the Ascension Parish School Board has numerous transactions between funds, including expenditures and transfers of resources to provide services, construct assets and service debt (see Notes 10 and 11). The accompanying financial statements generally reflect such transactions as transfers.

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1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

S. 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 the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statement and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Estimates are used primarily when accounting for the fair value of investments, depreciation, claims payable, net pension liability, and the postemployment benefit liability.

T. Operating Revenues - Proprietary Funds

Premium revenues, claims expense and administrative costs customarily associated with self-insurance programs are accounted for as operating revenues and expenses.

2. **AD VALOREM TAXES**

All taxable property in Louisiana is required by law to be assessed annually at a percentage of its fair market value by the parish Assessor except for public utility property, which is assessed by the Louisiana Tax Commission.

The 1974 Louisiana Constitution (Article 7, Section 18) provides that land and improvements for residential purposes be assessed at 10% of fair market value; other property and electric cooperative properties, excluding land, be assessed at 15%; and public service properties, excluding land, be assessed at 25% of fair market value. Fair market value is determined by the elected Assessor of the parish on all property subject to taxation except public service properties, which is valued by the Louisiana Tax Commission (LSA R.S. 47:1957). The correctness of assessments by the Assessor is subject to review and certification by the Louisiana Tax Commission. The Assessor is required to reappraise all property subject to taxation at intervals of not more than four years; all property subject to taxation was reappraised in 2020. The following is a summary of levied ad valorem taxes for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

Parish-wide taxes:	<u>Levied Millage</u>	<u>Expires Dec. 31</u>
Constitutional	3.61	N/A
Salaries	21.00	2024
Technology	8.00	2025
General operations	7.40	2030
Facilities	4.00	2024
Buildings	2.50	2032
Bond:		
1999 Bond Proposition	0.75	2022
2005 Bond Proposition	3.97	2028
2009 Bond Proposition	5.90	2033
2016 Bond Proposition	4.46	2038
	<u>61.59</u>	

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2. **AD VALOREM TAXES** (continued)

The Sheriff of Ascension parish, as provided by state law, is the official tax collector of general property taxes levied by the Ascension Parish School Board.

Taxes are due and payable by December 31 of the assessment year, and the lien date is January 1 of the following calendar year.

State law requires the Sheriff to collect property taxes in the calendar year in which the assessment is made. Property taxes become delinquent January 1 of the following year. If taxes are not paid by the due date, taxes bear interest at the rate of one and one-fourth percent per month until taxes are paid. After notice is given to the delinquent taxpayers, the Sheriff is required by the Louisiana Constitution to sell the least quantity of property necessary to settle the taxes and interest owed.

All property taxes are recorded in the general fund and debt service funds on the basis explained in Note 1.D. Revenues in such funds are recognized in the accounting period in which they become "measurable and available". Property taxes are considered measurable in the calendar year of the tax levy. Estimated uncollectible taxes are those taxes based on past experience which will not be collected in the subsequent year and are primarily due to subsequent adjustments to the tax roll. "Available" means due or past due and receivable within the current period and collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The remaining property taxes receivable are considered available because they are substantially collected within 60 days subsequent to year end.

Historically, as of the fiscal year end, virtually all ad valorem taxes receivable are collected since they are secured by property. Therefore, there is no allowance for uncollectible taxes.

3. **EQUITY IN POOLED CASH, DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

A. **Equity in Pooled Cash**

The Ascension Parish School Board maintains a cash pool that is available for use by all funds. Positive book cash balances are displayed on the combined balance sheet as "Due From Other Funds." Negative book cash balances are included in "Due to Other Funds" on the combined balance sheet.

B. **Deposits**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, the Ascension Parish School Board's deposits may not be returned to them. To mitigate this risk, state law requires deposits to be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent financial institution. In addition, the Investment policy requires that all securities owned by the Ascension Parish School Board be held by a third-party custodian approved by the investment officer and evidenced by monthly statements and trade confirmations. As of June 30, 2020, none of the Ascension Parish School Board's bank balances were exposed to custodial credit risk.

Securities that may be pledged as collateral consist of obligations of the United States government and its agencies, obligations of the State of Louisiana and its municipalities, and school districts.

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3. **EQUITY IN POOLED CASH, DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS** (continued)

C. Investments

As of June 30, 2020, the Ascension Parish School Board had the following investments and maturities:

INVESTMENT MATURITIES (IN YEARS)

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Less Than 1</u>	<u>1-5</u>
General Fund			
U.S. Agencies	\$ 17,353,638	\$ 14,692,833	\$ 2,660,805
U.S. Treasury Bills and Notes	<u>19,447,393</u>	<u>16,399,300</u>	<u>3,048,093</u>
General Fund Total	<u>36,801,031</u>	<u>31,092,133</u>	<u>5,708,898</u>
Debt Service Fund			
U.S. Treasury Bills and Notes	<u>3,891,782</u>	-	<u>3,891,782</u>
Debt Service Fund Total	<u>3,891,782</u>	-	<u>3,891,782</u>
Capital Projects Fund			
U.S. Agencies	29,989,300	29,989,300	-
U.S. Treasury Bills and Notes	<u>3,926,832</u>	<u>3,926,832</u>	-
Capital Projects Fund Total	<u>33,916,132</u>	<u>33,916,132</u>	-
Total Investments	<u>\$ 74,608,945</u>	<u>\$ 65,008,265</u>	<u>\$ 9,600,680</u>

To the extent available, the Ascension Parish School Board's investments are recorded at fair value as of June 30, 2020. GASB Statement 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. This statement establishes a hierarchy of valuation inputs based on the extent to which the inputs are observable in the marketplace. Inputs are used in applying the various valuation techniques and take into account the assumptions that market participants use to make valuation decisions. Inputs may include price information, credit data, interest and yield curve data, and other factors specific to the financial instrument. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources. In contrast, unobservable inputs reflect the entity's assumptions about how market participants would value the financial instrument. Valuation techniques should maximize the use of observable inputs to the extent available.

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3. **EQUITY IN POOLED CASH, DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS** (continued)

C. Investments (continued)

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following describes the hierarchy of inputs used to measure fair value and the primary valuation methodologies used for financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

- Level 1 Investments whose values are based on quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets in active markets that a government can access at the measurement date.

- Level 2 Investments with inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for an asset, either directly or indirectly. The Ascension Parish School Board's Level 2 investments are valued using quoted prices for identical or similar securities in active markets or matrix pricing based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

- Level 3 Investments classified as Level 3 have unobservable inputs for an asset and may require a degree of professional judgment. The Ascension Parish School Board has no investments reported as Level 3.

A summary of the Ascension Parish School Board's investments, along with the fair value hierarchy levels of each type of investment is as follows:

<u>Type of Investments</u>	<u>Total Value</u>	<u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1 Inputs)</u>	<u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2 Inputs)</u>
U.S. Treasury Bills and Notes	\$ 71,948,140	\$ 71,948,140	\$ -
U.S. Government Agency Securities:			
Federal Farm Bank Bonds	1,303,575	-	1,303,575
Federal Home Loan Bank	<u>1,357,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,357,230</u>
 Total Investments	 <u>\$ 74,608,945</u>	 <u>\$ 71,948,140</u>	 <u>\$ 2,660,805</u>

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3. **EQUITY IN POOLED CASH, DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS** (continued)

C. Investments (continued)

Interest Rate Risk- The Board's Investments policy does not limit investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk- Under LSA-RS 33:2955 local governments in Louisiana may invest in obligations of the United States Treasury, United States agencies and instrumentalities, repurchase agreements, certificates of deposits, Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), and other investments as provided in the statute. The Ascension Parish School Board's Investments policy does not further limit its investment choices. As of June 30, 2020, the Ascension Parish School Board's investments in United States agencies were rated AAA by Moody's Investor Service and AA+ by Standard & Poor's, and investments in United States Treasury Notes were rated AAA by Moody's Investor Service.

Concentration of Credit Risk- The Ascension Parish School Board's Investments policy does not limit the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. More than 5 percent of the Ascension Parish School Board's investments are in United States Treasury Bills and Notes, Federal Home Loan Bank, and Federal Farm Credit Bank. These investments represent 96%, 2%, and 2% of total investments, respectively.

4. **RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at June 30, 2020 were as follows:

	<u>General</u>	<u>2016 Bond Construction</u>	<u>Nonmajor</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sales tax	\$ 5,323,089	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,323,089
State grants	702,328	-	-	702,328
Federal grants	30,649,137	-	4,486,622	35,135,759
Other	118,014	22,468	35,805	176,287
Total	<u>\$ 36,792,568</u>	<u>\$ 22,468</u>	<u>\$ 4,522,427</u>	<u>\$ 41,337,463</u>

All receivables are expected to be collected within one year of the end of the fiscal period. The federal grant receivables represent claims for reimbursement of allowable federal program costs and are subject to review and approval of the granting agencies. These claims could be denied or reduced; however, management believes all claims are collectible.

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5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity, all of which is associated with governmental activities, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020 is as follows:

	Balance at <u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance at <u>June 30, 2020</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 14,241,625	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,241,625
Construction in progress	<u>39,603,155</u>	<u>65,990,846</u>	<u>(47,507,731)</u>	<u>58,086,270</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>53,844,780</u>	<u>65,990,846</u>	<u>(47,507,731)</u>	<u>72,327,895</u>
Other capital assets:				
Buildings and improvements	391,803,549	47,507,731	-	439,311,280
Equipment	<u>33,027,673</u>	<u>1,893,684</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,921,357</u>
Total other capital assets at historical cost	<u>424,831,222</u>	<u>49,401,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>474,232,637</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(127,067,442)	(11,438,991)	-	(138,506,433)
Equipment	<u>(25,632,655)</u>	<u>(1,956,366)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(27,589,021)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(152,700,097)</u>	<u>(13,395,357)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(166,095,454)</u>
Other capital assets, net	<u>272,131,125</u>	<u>36,006,058</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>308,137,183</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 325,975,905</u>	<u>\$ 101,996,904</u>	<u>\$ (47,507,731)</u>	<u>\$ 380,465,078</u>

Depreciation expense of \$13,395,357 for the year ended June 30, 2020 was charged to the following governmental functions:

Depreciation expense charges:	
Regular education	\$ 393,418
Special education	88,711
Vocational education	9,880
Other educational programs (other & special)	35,486
Special programs	28,820
Pupil support services	58,799
Instructional staff services	53,416
General administrative services	19,957
School administrative services	56,624
Business services	8,382
Plant operation and maintenance	11,720,845
Student transportation services	793,349
Central services	17,308
Food services	<u>110,362</u>
	<u>\$ 13,395,357</u>

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5. **CAPITAL ASSETS** (continued)

Net investment in capital assets is calculated as follows:

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	\$ 380,465,078
Capital-related deferred outflows of resources	2,718,890
Capital-related borrowings	(222,078,155)
Unspent bond proceeds	<u>30,843,175</u>
Total	<u>\$ 191,948,988</u>

6. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Ascension Parish School Board is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; employees' health; and natural disasters. During the year ended June 30, 2020, the Ascension Parish School Board purchased commercial insurance to cover its risks of loss except for health insurance. General liability, errors and omissions, and automobile insurances are purchased through the Louisiana Public Schools Risk Management Agency, an insurance-purchasing pool. No significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year occurred, and no claims exceeded the Ascension Parish School Board's insurance coverage for each of the past three years.

On November 1, 2004 the Ascension Parish School Board began providing health coverage for its employees. The Health Care fund accounts for the Ascension Parish School Board's group health insurance program for its active and retired employees. The Ascension Parish School Board is obligated to pay all claims up to \$325,000 per covered person per policy period.

A liability for a claim is established if information indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss is reasonably estimable.

A reconciliation of the unpaid claims liability as of June 30th follows:

	<u>2020</u>
Unpaid claims, beginning of year	\$ 3,266,439
Current year claims incurred and changes in estimates	34,690,056
Claims paid	<u>(36,186,422)</u>
Unpaid claims, end of year	<u>\$ 1,770,073</u>

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7. GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions for the year ended June 30, 2020, all of which are associated with governmental activities:

	Balance at <u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance at <u>June 30, 2020</u>	Due Within <u>1 Year</u>
General obligation bonds	\$ 173,830,000	\$ 40,000,000	\$ (11,860,000)	\$ 201,970,000	\$ 9,380,000
Bonds from direct placement:					
General obligation bonds	1,470,000	-	(475,000)	995,000	490,000
Tax revenue bonds	9,616,175	-	(1,406,372)	8,209,803	1,406,372
Unamortized bond premium	7,887,587	3,831,381	(815,616)	10,903,352	815,615
Total bonds payable	<u>192,803,762</u>	<u>43,831,381</u>	<u>(14,556,988)</u>	<u>222,078,155</u>	<u>12,091,987</u>
Compensated absences	<u>13,189,050</u>	<u>7,261,565</u>	<u>(5,538,743)</u>	<u>14,911,872</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 205,992,812</u>	<u>\$ 51,092,946</u>	<u>\$ (20,095,731)</u>	<u>\$ 236,990,027</u>	<u>\$ 12,591,987</u>

Compensated absences payable consists of the portion of accumulated sick and vacation leave that is not expected to require current resources.

Long-term obligations are liquidated from the following funds:

<u>Long-term Obligation</u>	<u>Liquidating Fund</u>
Bonded debt	Parish-wide sinking debt service fund
Unamortized premium on bonds	Parish-wide sinking debt service fund
Compensated absences	General fund
Net pension liability	General fund
Total other postemployment benefits liability	General fund

The School Board issues general obligation bonds and sales tax revenue bonds to provide funds for the acquisition of land for schools, to build new school facilities and to improve capital assets. General obligation bonds and sales tax revenue bonds are paid by the appropriate debt service fund from funds provided by an ad valorem tax or sales tax, respectively.

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7. **GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS** (continued)

The bonds have maturities ranging from 2020 to 2039 and interest rates from 0 to 5 percent. Bonds outstanding at June 30, 2020, are as follows:

<u>General Obligation:</u>	<u>Type of Debt</u>	<u>Original Issue</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Range of Maturities</u>	<u>Interest to Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding</u>	<u>Unamortized Bond Premium Outstanding</u>
Refunding - Series 2009	G.O ¹	\$ 7,100,000	2.75 - 3.5%	3/01/11 - 3/01/20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Series 2010	G.O ¹	26,575,000	2.0 - 4.125%	3/01/11 - 3/01/30	58,800	1,680,000	13,044
Refunding - Series 2011	G.O ²	4,340,000	2.30%	3/01/13 - 3/01/22	34,500	995,000	-
Series 2012	G.O ¹	20,000,000	3.0 - 4.0%	3/01/13 - 3/01/31	2,924,169	13,190,000	-
Series 2013	G.O ¹	30,000,000	3.0 - 4.0%	3/01/13 - 3/01/32	4,769,650	20,930,000	1,395,118
Series 2013A	G.O ¹	28,260,000	2.0 - 4.125%	3/01/14 - 3/01/33	5,446,112	18,295,000	419,497
Refunding - Series 2014	G.O ¹	7,215,000	2.0 - 3.5%	3/01/17 - 3/01/26	557,725	4,690,000	223,242
Refunding - Series 2015	G.O ¹	34,915,000	2.0 - 4.0%	3/01/16 - 3/01/28	4,346,850	27,620,000	1,362,206
Series 2016	G.O ¹	20,000,000	2.0 - 5.0%	3/01/17 - 3/01/36	6,992,750	19,600,000	1,321,490
Refunding Series 2017	G.O ¹	7,865,000	3.0 - 4.0%	3/01/22 - 3/01/30	1,752,950	7,865,000	717,742
Series 2018	G.O ¹	60,000,000	2.0 - 5.0%	3/01/20 - 3/01/38	29,130,500	48,350,000	1,811,201
Series 2019	G.O ¹	<u>40,000,000</u>	3.0 - 5.0%	3/01/21 - 3/01/39	<u>19,336,300</u>	<u>39,750,000</u>	<u>3,639,812</u>
Subtotal		286,270,000			75,350,306	202,965,000	10,903,352
<u>Qualified School Construction:</u>							
QSCB, Series 2009	R ³	10,000,000	0.89%	10/1/2024	400,500	3,333,333	-
QSCB, Series 2011	R ³	10,000,000	0.50%	10/1/2025	275,000	4,000,006	-
QSCB, Series 2012	R ³	<u>1,460,775</u>	0.00%	3/1/2032	-	<u>876,464</u>	-
Subtotal		<u>21,460,775</u>			<u>675,500</u>	<u>8,209,803</u>	-
Total		<u>\$ 307,730,775</u>			<u>\$ 76,025,806</u>	<u>\$ 211,174,803</u>	<u>\$ 10,903,352</u>

G.O. = General obligation bond

R = Tax revenue bond

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7. **GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS** (continued)

¹These bonds were offered for public sale that are subject to the following events of default, termination events, and acceleration clauses:

- *Events of default with finance-related consequences* – These bonds would be in default for failure of payment of principal and interest when due, non-payment related defaults, unscheduled draws on debt service reserves or credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties, substitution of credit or liquidity providers or failure to perform, modifications to rights of bondholders, defeasances, release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the bonds, bond rating changes, filing petition or seeking relief under Federal or State bankruptcy law, adverse tax opinions or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the bonds, the consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, and an appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee (if material). The School Board has the authority to assess and collect property taxes that will be used to repay this debt.
- *Termination events with finance related consequences* – Events that will result in finance related consequences include bonds being callable early and insufficient taxes levied and collected to meet debt service requirements on all bonds outstanding.
- *Subjective acceleration clauses* – The School Board may refund early with refunding certificates or bonds, and the School Board may defease bonds.

²This bond is a direct placement bond that is subject to the following events of default, termination events, and acceleration clauses:

- *Events of default with finance-related consequences* – These bonds would be in default for failure of payment of principal and interest when due, non-performance of observance of covenants, agreements, or conditions in Certificate Resolution or supplemental resolution continuing for more than 45 days after written notice of non-performance or observance, and filing petition or seeking relief under Federal or State bankruptcy law.
- *Termination events with finance related consequences* – Events that will result in finance related consequences include bonds being callable early and insufficient taxes levied and collected to meet debt service requirements on all bonds outstanding.
- *Subjective acceleration clauses* – The School Board may refund early with refunding certificates or bonds, and the School Board may defease these bonds.

³These bonds are direct placement bonds that are subject to the following events of default, termination events, and acceleration clauses:

- *Events of default with finance-related consequences* – These bonds will be in default for failure of payment of principal and interest when due, non-performance of observance of covenants, agreements, or conditions in Certificate Resolution or supplemental resolution continuing for more than 30 days after written notice of non-performance or observance, and filing petition or seeking relief under Federal or State bankruptcy law.
- *Termination events with finance related consequences* – Events that will result in finance related consequences include bonds being callable early. The School Board is obligated to annually budget a sufficient amount to pay principal and interest to meet annual debt service requirements.
- *Subjective acceleration clauses* – The School Board may refund early with refunding certificates or bonds, and the School Board may defease these bonds.

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7. **GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS** (continued)

The general obligation bonds and Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) Series 2012 are secured by a pledge of the bond and interest ad valorem taxes levied at a total of 15.08 mills. The Qualified School Construction Bonds Series 2009 and 2011 are secured by a pledge of the Constitutional ad valorem tax levied at 3.61 mills. All bonds were issued for the purpose of acquiring or improving lands for building sites and playgrounds, including construction of necessary sidewalks and streets thereto and purchasing, erecting, or improving school buildings and other school related facilities, and acquiring the necessary equipment and furnishings therefor.

Outstanding bonds were approved by the voters on the following dates and issued in the following series:

Bond Proposition		Series	
Date	Total Approved	Year	Amount
7/15/1995	\$20,000,000	1996	\$ 10,000,000
		1997*	10,000,000
			20,000,000
11/20/1999	31,500,000	2000*	10,000,000
		2001*	10,000,000
		2002*	11,500,000
			31,500,000
10/15/2005	70,000,000	2006*	15,000,000
		2007*	15,000,000
		2008*	40,000,000
			70,000,000
10/17/2009	100,000,000	2010*	20,275,000
		2012	20,000,000
		2012	1,460,775
		2013	30,000,000
		2013A	28,260,000
			99,995,775
4/9/2016	120,000,000	2016	20,000,000
		2018	60,000,000
		2019	40,000,000
			\$ 120,000,000

* Refunded

As discussed in Note 16, on October 29, 2020, General Obligation Bonds Series 2020, in the amount of \$100 million, were issued. The bonds bear a net interest cost of 4.00% with a range of maturities between March 1, 2022 and March 1, 2040. Additionally, the School Board closed on a partial advance refunding of Series 2012, 2013 and 2013A, now known as the Taxable General Obligation School Refunding Bonds Series 2020 in the amount of \$40,340,000.

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7. **GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS** (continued)

All principal and interest requirements are funded in accordance with Louisiana law by the annual ad valorem tax levy on taxable property within the parish or by the 1981 sales and use tax. At June 30, 2020, the Ascension Parish School Board had accumulated \$10,717,268 in the debt service funds for future debt requirements. The debt service requirements for the School Board bonds are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Bond Principal</u>	<u>Bond Premium Amortization</u>	<u>Bond Interest</u>	<u>Bond Principal from Direct Borrowings</u>	<u>Bond Interest from Direct Borrowings</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$ 9,380,000	\$ 815,615	\$ 7,164,731	\$ 1,896,372	\$ 161,885	\$ 19,418,603
2022	8,890,000	802,570	6,823,131	1,911,372	150,615	18,577,688
2023	9,750,000	802,570	6,565,531	1,406,371	139,000	18,663,472
2024	10,120,000	802,570	6,254,731	1,406,372	139,000	18,722,673
2025	10,520,000	802,571	5,951,056	1,406,371	94,500	18,774,498
2026-2030	51,492,156	3,523,470	24,182,838	739,715	25,000	79,963,179
2031-2035	56,093,035	2,203,250	14,605,638	73,039	-	72,974,962
2036-2040	46,090,000	1,150,736	3,768,150	-	-	51,008,886
	<u>\$ 202,335,191</u>	<u>\$ 10,903,352</u>	<u>\$ 75,315,806</u>	<u>\$ 8,839,612</u>	<u>\$ 710,000</u>	<u>\$ 298,103,961</u>

The Ascension Parish School Board defeased certain general obligation bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the Ascension Parish School Board's financial statements. At June 30, 2020, \$41,170,000 of bonds outstanding are considered defeased.

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 39:562, the Ascension Parish School Board is legally restricted from incurring long-term bonded debt secured by property taxes in excess of 35 percent of the assessed value of taxable property. The statutory limit is \$588,510,962, and net debt applicable to the debt limit equals \$193,124,195, which is 67% under the statutory limit (see Statistical table 12). In addition, the Ascension Parish School Board is legally restricted from incurring long-term bonded debt secured by sales and use taxes in excess of 75 percent of the avails of the tax as prescribed by LSA-RS 33:2728.25(A).

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

The Ascension Parish School Board is a participating employer in several cost-sharing defined benefit pension plans. These plans are administered by three public employee retirement systems, the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL), the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS) and the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS). Article X, Section 29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of these plans to the State Legislature. Each system is administered by a separate board of trustees and all Systems are component units of the State of Louisiana.

Each of the systems issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the system. These reports may be obtained by writing, calling or downloading the reports as follows:

TRSL	LSERS	LASERS
8401 United Plaza Blvd. P. O. Box 94123 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804 - 9123 (225) 925-6446 www.trsl.org	8660 United Plaza Blvd. P.O. Box 44516 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4516 (225) 925-6484 www.lasers.net	8401 United Plaza Blvd. P. O. Box 44213 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804 - 4213 (225) 922-0600 www.lasersonline.org

Plan Descriptions:

Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL)

The Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) is the administrator of a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit plan. The plan provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to employees who meet the legal definition of a "teacher" as provided for in LSA-RS 11:701. Eligibility for retirement benefits and the calculation of retirement benefits are provided for in LSA-RS 11:761.

Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS)

The Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS) is the administrator of a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. The plan provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to school employees as defined in LSA-RS 11:1002. Eligibility for retirement benefits and the calculation of retirement benefits are provided for in LSA-RS 11:1141.

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS)

The Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) is the administrator of a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan to provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible state employees and their beneficiaries as defined in LSA-RS 11:411-414. The age and years of creditable service required in order for a member to receive retirement benefits are established by LSA-RS 11:441 and vary depending on the member's hire date, employer, and job classification.

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

A brief summary of eligibility and benefits of the plans are provided in the following table:

	TRSL	LSERS	LASERS
Final average salary	Highest 36 or 60 months ¹	Highest 36 or 60 months ¹	Highest 36 or 60 months ¹
Years of service required and/or age eligible for benefits	30 years any age ⁵ 25 years age 55 20 years any age ² 5 years age 60 5 years age 62 ⁷	30 years any age 25 years age 55 20 years any age ² 5-10 years age 60 ^{6,7}	30 years any age 25 years age 55 20 years any age ² 5-10 years age 60 ⁶ 5 years age 62 ⁷
Benefit percent per years of service	2% to 3.0% ⁴	2.5% to 3.33% ⁴	2.5% to 3.5% ³

¹ Employees hired after a certain date use the revised benefit calculation based on the highest 60 months of service

² With actuarial reduced benefits

³ Members in regular plan 2.5%, hazardous duty plan 3.33%, and judges 3.5%

⁴ Benefit percent varies depending on when hired

⁵ For school food service workers, hired on or before 6-30-15, 30 years at age 55

⁶ Five to ten years of creditable service at age 60 depending upon the plan or when hired

⁷ Hired on or after 7/1/15, age eligibility is 5 years at age 62

Cost of Living Adjustments

The pension plans in which the Ascension Parish School Board participates have the authority to grant cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) on an ad hoc basis. COLAs may be granted to these systems (TRSL, LSERS, and LASERS) if approved with a two-thirds vote of both houses of the state legislature, provided the plan meets certain statutory criteria related to funding status and interest earnings.

Contributions

Article X, Section 29(E)(2)(a) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the legislature the authority to determine employee contributions. Employer contributions are actuarially determined using statutorily established methods on an annual basis and are constitutionally required to cover the employer's portion of the normal cost and provide for the amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Employer contributions are adopted by the legislature annually upon recommendation of the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee (PRSAC). In accordance with state statute, TRSL also receives a percentage of ad valorem taxes collected by parishes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but are not considered special funding situations since the district is not a participating employer.

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8. **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS** (continued)

Contributions to the plans are required and determined by state statute (which may be amended) and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The contribution rates in effect for the year ended June 30, 2020 for the Ascension Parish School Board and covered employees were as follows:

	<u>School Board</u>	<u>Employees</u>
Teachers' Retirement System:		
Regular Plan	26.00%	8.00%
School Employees' Retirement System	29.40%	7.50% - 8.00%
State Employees' Retirement System	40.70%	7.50% - 8.00%

The contributions made by the Ascension Parish School Board to each of the retirement systems for the past three fiscal years, which equaled the required contributions for each of these years, were as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Teachers' Retirement System:			
Regular Plan	\$ 30,914,445	\$ 30,133,836	\$ 29,778,525
School Employees' Retirement System	3,108,282	2,661,438	2,723,632
State Employees' Retirement System	242,022	206,288	182,335

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

The following schedule lists the Ascension Parish School Boards proportionate share of the net pension liability allocated by each of the pension plans based on the June 30, 2019 measurement date. The Ascension Parish School Board uses this measurement to record its net pension liability and associated amounts as of June 30, 2020 in accordance with GASB Statement 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. The schedule also includes the proportionate share allocation rate used at June 30, 2019 along with the change compared to the June 30, 2018 rate. The Ascension Parish School Board's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the School Board's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined.

	Net Pension Liability at June 30, 2020 (Measured as of June 30, 2019)	Rate at June 30, 2019	Increase (Decrease) to June 30, 2018 Rate
Teachers' Retirement System	\$ 230,235,502	2.3198%	- 0.1152%
School Employees' Retirement System	23,063,689	3.2945%	- 0.0658%
State Employees' Retirement System	2,053,136	0.0283%	- 0.0001%
	<u>\$ 255,352,327</u>		

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

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

The following schedule lists each pension plan's proportionate share of recognized pension expense for the Ascension Parish School Board for the year ended June 30, 2020:

	Total
Teachers' Retirement System	\$ 22,947,097
School Employees' Retirement System	3,633,714
State Employees' Retirement System	436,209
	\$ 27,017,020

At June 30, 2020, the Ascension Parish School Board reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to each pension plan from the following sources:

Deferred Outflows:

	TRSL	LSERS	LASERS	Total
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,607	\$ 12,607
Changes of assumptions	16,367,896	668,633	17,593	17,054,122
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	12,511,587	887,271	70,933	13,469,791
Changes in proportion	2,843,972	-	101,179	2,945,151
Differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	759,926	8,888	-	768,814
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	30,914,445	3,108,282	242,022	34,264,749
Total	\$ 63,397,826	\$ 4,673,074	\$ 444,334	\$ 68,515,234

Deferred Inflows:

	TRSL	LSERS	LASERS	Total
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ (7,194,939)	\$ (574,855)	\$ (4,266)	\$ (7,774,060)
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	(21,032,844)	-	-	(21,032,844)
Changes in proportion	(13,677,283)	(426,489)	-	(14,103,772)
Differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	(434,199)	(28,223)	(13,904)	(476,326)
Total	\$(42,339,265)	\$ (1,029,567)	\$ (18,170)	\$(43,387,002)

The amount reported in the above table totaling \$34,264,749 as deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of June 30, 2019 will be recognized as a reduction in net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021.

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8. **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS** (continued)

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

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>TRSL</u>	<u>LSERS</u>	<u>LASERS</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$ (1,301,865)	\$ 385,832	\$ 158,682	\$ (757,351)
2022	(7,290,130)	(557,109)	(20,643)	(7,867,882)
2023	(1,633,884)	404,435	19,515	(1,209,934)
2024	369,995	302,067	26,588	698,650
	<u>\$ (9,855,884)</u>	<u>\$ 535,225</u>	<u>\$ 184,142</u>	<u>\$ (9,136,517)</u>

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The following schedule summarizes the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability for each pension plan as of June 30, 2019:

	TRSL	LSERS	LASERS																		
Valuation Date	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2019																		
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal																		
Actuarial Assumptions:																					
Expected Remaining Service Lives	5 years	3 years	2 years (decrease from 3 years in 2018)																		
Investment Rate of Return	7.55% net of investment expenses (decreased from 7.65% in 2018)	7.00% per annum; net of plan investment expenses, including inflation (decreased from 7.0625% in 2018)	7.60% net of investment expenses (decreased from 7.65% in 2018)																		
Inflation Rate	2.5% per annum	2.5% per annum	2.5% per annum (decrease from 2.75% in 2018)																		
Mortality	<p>Active members – RP-2014 White Collar Employee tables, adjusted by 1.010 for males and by 0.997 for females.</p> <p>Non-Disabled retiree/inactive members – RP-2014 White Collar Healthy Annuitant tables, adjusted by 1.366 for males and by 1.189 for females.</p> <p>Disability retiree mortality – RP-2014 Disability tables, adjusted by 1.111 for males and by 1.134 for females.</p> <p>These base tables are adjusted from 2014 to 2018 using the MP-2017 generational improvement table, with continued future mortality improvement projected using the MP-2017 generational mortality improvement tables.</p>	<p>Mortality rates based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Tables, RP-2014 Sex Distinct Employee Table, and RP-2014 Sex Distinct Mortality Table.</p>	<p>Non-disabled members - Mortality rates for 2019 were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Mortality Table with mortality improvement projected using the MP-2018 Mortality Improvement Scale, applied on a fully generational basis.</p> <p>Disabled members – Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, with no projection for mortality improvement.</p>																		
Termination, Disability, and Retirement	<p>Termination, disability, and retirement assumptions were projected based on a 5-year (July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2017) experience study of the System’s members.</p>		<p>Termination, disability, and retirement assumptions were projected based on a 5-year (2014-2018) experience study of the System’s members for 2019.</p>																		
Salary Increases	3.3% - 4.8% varies depending on duration of service	3.25% based on a 2012-2017 experience study of the System’s members	<p>Salary increases were projected based on a 2014-2018 experience study of the System’s members. The salary increase ranges for specific types of members are:</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Member Type</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Lower Range</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Upper Range</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Regular</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3.2%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">13.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Judges</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2.8%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Corrections</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3.8%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hazardous Duty</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3.8%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wildlife</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3.8%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14.0%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Member Type	Lower Range	Upper Range	Regular	3.2%	13.0%	Judges	2.8%	5.3%	Corrections	3.8%	14.0%	Hazardous Duty	3.8%	14.0%	Wildlife	3.8%	14.0%
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Wildlife	3.8%	14.0%																			
Cost of Living Adjustments	None	<p>Cost-of-living raises may be granted from the Experience Account provided there are sufficient funds needed to offset the increase in the actuarial liability and the plan has met the criteria and eligibility requirements outline by ACT 399 of 2014.</p>	<p>The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The projected benefit payments do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.</p>																		

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

The following schedule list the methods used by each of the retirement systems in determining the long-term rate of return on pension plan investments:

<u>TRSL</u>	<u>LSERS</u>	<u>LASERS</u>
<p>The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expenses 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 of 2.5% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 8.48% for 2019.</p>	<p>The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the CAPM pricing model (top-down), a treasury yield curve approach (bottom-up), and an equity building-block model (bottom-up). Risk return and correlations are projected on a forward-looking basis in equilibrium, in which best-estimates of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These rates 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, of 2%, and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting long-term arithmetic nominal expected return is 8.76%.</p>	<p>The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expenses 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 adjusting for expected inflation of 2.75% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term nominal rate of return is 9.0% for 2019.</p>

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8. **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS** (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

The following table provides a summary of the best estimates of arithmetic/geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in each of the retirement systems' target asset allocations as of June 30, 2019:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>			<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>		
	<u>TRSL</u>	<u>LSERS</u>	<u>LASERS</u>	<u>TRSL</u>	<u>LSERS</u>	<u>LASERS</u>
Cash	-	-	-	-	-	0.24%
Domestic equity	27.00%	-	23.00%	4.60%	-	4.83%
International equity	19.00%	-	32.00%	5.70%	-	5.83%
Equity	-	39.00%	-	-	2.93%	-
Domestic fixed income	13.00%	-	6.00%	1.69%	-	2.79%
International fixed income	5.50%	-	10.00%	2.10%	-	4.49%
Fixed income	-	26.00%	-	-	1.07%	-
Alternatives	-	17.00%	22.00%	-	1.43%	8.32%
Private equity	25.50%	-	-	8.67%	-	-
Other private equity	10.00%	-	-	3.65%	-	-
Risk parity	-	-	7.00%	-	-	5.06%
Real estate	-	12.00%	-	-	0.73%	-
Real assets	-	6.00%	-	-	0.60%	-
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>			

Inflation

Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

Discount Rate

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that sponsor contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, each of the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for TRSL, LSERS and LASERS was 7.550%, 7.000% and 7.600%, respectively for the year ended June 30, 2019.

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

The following table presents the Ascension Parish School Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (NPL) using the discount rate of each retirement system as well as what the Ascension Parish School Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current rate used by each of the retirement systems:

	<u>1.0% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1.0% Increase</u>
TRSL			
Rates	6.550%	7.550%	8.550%
Share of NPL	\$ 306,476,398	\$ 230,235,502	\$ 165,976,067
LSERS			
Rates	6.000%	7.000%	8.000%
Share of NPL	\$ 31,255,920	\$ 23,063,689	\$ 16,060,480
LASERS			
Rates	6.600%	7.600%	8.600%
Share of NPL	\$ 2,591,319	\$ 2,053,136	\$ 1,598,552

Payables to the Pension Plans

The Ascension Parish School Board recorded accrued liabilities to each of the retirement systems for the year ended June 30, 2020 mainly due to the accrual for payroll at the end of each of the fiscal years. The amounts due are included in liabilities under the amounts reported as accounts, salaries and other payables. The balance due to each of the retirement systems at June 30, 2020 is as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>
TRSL	\$ 5,353,366
LSERS	497,983
LASERS	43,385
	<u>\$ 5,894,734</u>

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9. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan description – The Ascension Parish School Board’s Office (the School Board or APSB) provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees and eligible employees. The Ascension Parish School Board’s OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the School Board. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rest with the Board. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75.

Benefits Provided – The APSB maintains self-insured medical coverage (two plan options offered to pre- and post-65 individuals) and fully-insured life insurance coverage for eligible employees, retired employees and their dependents. The School Board also offers a fully-insured Medicare Advantage plan. The plans are funded by a combination of contributions from the School Board and retirees. Benefits coverage is made available to employees upon actual retirement. To be eligible for coverage, employees must have been covered as an active employee in the School Board’s health program at the time of retirement and must satisfy retirement eligibility requirements of the pension plan to which they belong (LASERS or TRSL). Most of the employees are members in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL). The TRSL retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: 30 years of service at any age; age 55 and 25 years of service; or, age 60 and 5 years of service. Employees hired on or after January 1, 2011 must have attained at least age 60 at retirement (or D.R.O.P. entry) to avoid actuarial reduction in the retirement benefit. All but a few of the remaining employees are members in the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS). Retirement eligibility in that plan is the same as TRSL except that employees also may retire at age 60 and 10 years of service.

Retiree Premiums – Retiree premiums provided directly from the School System were used to determine retiree cost projections. The "value of benefits" has been assumed to be the portion of the premium after the retirement date expected to be paid by the employer for each retiree and has been used as the basis for calculating the actuarial present value of OPEB benefits to be paid. The active employees and pre-Medicare and Medicare rates are offered multiples and were actuarially determined and were unblended.

Life insurance coverage is available to retirees in the same amount as before retirement up to a maximum of \$50,000. The premium is based on a blended rate (based on age-specific rates) for active employees and a separate blended rate for retirees. The employer pays the cost of the retiree life insurance based on the blended rates. Since GASB 75 requires the use of “unblended” rates, the 1994 Group Annuity Reserving (94GAR) mortality table was used to “unblend” the rates to reproduce the composite blended rate overall as the rate structure to calculate the actuarial valuation results for life insurance. All of the assumptions used for the valuation of medical benefits have been used except for the trend assumption; zero trend was used for life insurance. Insurance coverage amounts are reduced to 75% of the original level at age 65 and again to 50% of the original level age 70.

Participation - Employees who receive active benefits are assumed to also elect retiree benefits at retirement. We also assumed employees with spouse coverage would also have spouse coverage as a retiree.

Contribution rates - Employees do not contribute to their post-employment benefits cost until they become a retiree and begin receiving those benefits. Retirees contribute to the cost of the medical plans except for the Medicare Advantage which has no retiree contributions. The plan provisions and contribution rates are contained in the official plan documents.

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9. **OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS** (continued)

General Information about the OPEB Plan (continued)

Employees covered by benefit terms – At July 1, 2019 the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	1,489
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	<u>2,845</u>
	<u>4,334</u>

Total OPEB Liability

The Ascension Parish School Board’s total OPEB liability of \$451,090,892 was measured as of June 30, 2020 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs – The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.5%
Salary increases	4.0%, including inflation
Discount rate	3.50% annually (Beginning of year to determine ADC)
Discount rate	2.56% annually (End of year)
Healthcare cost trend rate	6.0% in 2020 grading down to an ultimate of 4.0% in 2075

The discount rate was based on the S&P Municipal Bond 20-Year High Grade Index (2.56%) as of the measurement date 6/30/2020.

Mortality rates for LASERS and TRSL active employees were based on the PubG.H-2010 Employee Mortality Table and PubT.H-2010 Employee Mortality Table, respectively, Generational with Projection Scale MP-2019 for males or females, as appropriate.

Mortality rates for LASERS and TRSL retirees were based on the PubG.H-2010 Healthy Retiree Mortality Table and PubT.H-2010 Healthy Retiree Mortality Table, respectively, Generational with Projection Scale MP-2019 for males or females, as appropriate.

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9. **OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)** (continued)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at June 30, 2019	\$ 356,758,354
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	9,016,107
Interest cost	12,650,132
Differences between expected and actual experience	8,431,720
Changes in assumption	72,918,836
Benefit payments	<u>(8,684,257)</u>
Net changes	<u>94,332,538</u>
Balance at June 30, 2020	<u>\$ 451,090,892</u>

The amount due within one year for the total other postemployment benefits liability is estimated to be \$9,118,470.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the School Board using the current discount rate (2.56%), as well as what the School Board’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (1.56%) or 1-percentage-point higher (3.56%) than the current discount rate used:

	<u>1.0% Decrease (1.56%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (2.56%)</u>	<u>1.0% Increase (3.56%)</u>
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 552,665,839</u>	<u>\$ 451,090,892</u>	<u>\$ 374,108,788</u>

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate – The following presents the School Board’s total OPEB liability using the current healthcare cost trend rate (6.0%), as well as what the School Board’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.0%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.0%) than the current healthcare trend rate used:

	<u>1.0% Decrease (5.0%)</u>	<u>Current Healthcare Trend Rate (6.0%)</u>	<u>1.0% Increase (7.0%)</u>
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 369,628,527</u>	<u>\$ 451,090,892</u>	<u>\$ 561,456,773</u>

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9. **OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)** (continued)

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

For the year ended June 30, 2020 the Ascension Parish School Board recognized an OPEB expense of \$39,734,185 and reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 16,271,290	\$ (3,693,579)
Changes in assumptions	63,289,744	-
Total	\$ 79,561,034	\$ (3,693,579)

The net amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to the OPEB liability will be recognized in OPEB expense in future years as follows:

<u>Years ending June 30:</u>	
2021	\$ 18,067,946
2022	18,067,946
2023	18,067,946
2024	18,067,946
2025	1,797,835
Thereafter	1,797,836
	\$ 75,867,455

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10. DUE TO AND FROM OTHER FUNDS

During the year, the general fund advances money to other funds that are on a cost-reimbursement basis to provide services, construct assets, and service debt. Individual balances due to and from other funds at June 30, 2020, are as follows:

	Due To Other Funds	Due From Other Funds
Major Funds		
Governmental:		
General Fund	\$ 11,052,240	\$ 6,266,408
2016 Bond Construction Fund	2,908,893	
Proprietary:		
Health Care Fund	-	2,841,881
Subtotal - Major Funds	13,961,133	9,108,289
Nonmajor Governmental Funds:		
CARES Act (Strong Start) - ESSERF (Education Stabilization Fund)	2,003,893	-
Child Nutrition	-	1,974,537
Early Childhood Community Network Pilot	1,175	-
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program	-	-
General Fund Major Construction	-	6,013,175
Head Start	-	137,217
Parish-wide Sinking Fund	272,046	-
Preschool Development Grant (PDGB-5: Infant Preschool & Get Ready Cohort)	3,667	-
Project School Emergency Response to Violence	-	-
Reserved Officer Training Corps	31,897	-
School Improvement Grant	-	-
Special Education	408,466	20,275
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	20,160	6,339
Title I - No Child Left Behind	401,228	-
Title II - Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	95,865	-
Title III - English Language Acquisition	8,070	-
Title IV A - Student Support/Academic Enrichment and Set Aside	32,472	-
Title XIX - Kid Med	-	3,130
Vocational Education	22,890	-
Subtotal - Nonmajor Funds	3,301,829	8,154,673
Total	\$ 17,262,962	\$ 17,262,962

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11. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Transfers for the year ended June 30, 2020 were as follows:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
Major Funds:		
Governmental:		
General Fund	\$ 2,826,615	\$ 1,178,414
Nonmajor Governmental Funds:		
CARES Act (Strong Start) - ESSERF (Education Stabilization Fund)	-	386,811
Child Nutrition	800,000	-
General Fund Major Construction	-	1,727,618
Head Start	373,444	-
Special Education	-	323,204
Title I - No Child Left Behind	-	288,513
Title II - Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	-	73,813
Title III - English Language Acquisition	-	2,279
Title IV A - Student Support/Academic Enrichment and Set Aside	-	19,407
Subtotal - Nonmajor Funds	<u>1,173,444</u>	<u>2,821,645</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,000,059</u>	<u>\$ 4,000,059</u>

The purposes of inter-fund transfers generally are (1) to transfer indirect costs to the general fund from the special revenue funds, and (2) to transfer supplemental local funds for program operations from the general fund to other programs. Amounts transferred into the Child Nutrition and Head Start special revenue funds from the general fund are to support program operating costs not funded through grants in order to meet matching compliance requirements. All other transfers are indirect costs from federal and state grants to the general fund.

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12. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The Ascension Parish School Board is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the Ascension Parish School Board's attorney, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the government.

13. COMMITMENTS

At June 30, 2020, the Ascension Parish School Board had ongoing construction projects for major school renovations and additions at year end. The Ascension Parish School Board has spent \$58,086,270 on these projects and has remaining purchase orders and commitments of another \$1,568,463.

14. TAX REVENUES ABATED

The Louisiana Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption program (Louisiana Constitution Article 7, Section 21) is a state incentive program dating back to the 1930s which abates local ad valorem taxes on a manufacturer's new investment and annual capitalized additions related to the manufacturing site. The Louisiana Department of Economic Development administers the incentive program. Until July 2016 100% of qualified property was exempted for five years and could be renewed for 100% exemption for the next five years. The exemption of these local ad valorem taxes was granted by the state Board of Commerce and Industry.

In June 2016 the incentive program was changed by executive order JBE 2016-73 to (1) allow a maximum exemption of 100% for the first 5 years, which could be renewed at 80% for the next 3 years, and (2) require that applications for exemption must be approved by local governing bodies before being approved by the state Board of Commerce and Industry.

In June 2018 the incentive program was further changed to allow a maximum exemption of 80% for an initial term of five years and the option to renew at 80% for an additional five years.

The Restoration Tax Abatement (RTA) program provides an up-to ten-year abatement of property taxes (*ad valorem*) on renovations and improvements of existing commercial structures and owner-occupied residences located within economic development districts, downtown development districts, historic districts, and opportunity zones.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 \$62,965,873 in Ascension Parish School Board ad valorem tax revenues were abated by the state of Louisiana through the Louisiana Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption program and Restoration Tax Abatement.

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15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS AND ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Bonds

On October 29, 2020 the Ascension Parish School Board issued \$100 million in General Obligation School Bonds Series 2020, the first issue of the \$140 million which the voters approved on August 15, 2020 for the purpose of acquiring or improving lands, building sites and playgrounds, including construction of necessary sidewalks and streets adjacent thereto; purchasing, erecting, or improving school buildings and other school related facilities, and acquiring the necessary equipment and furnishings therefor, and paying for the costs of issuance of the bonds. The bonds were issued at a premium of \$17,339,453 and net interest cost of 4.00% with maturities ranging from March 1, 2022 through March 1, 2040. All principal and interest requirements are funded in accordance with Louisiana law by the annual ad valorem tax levy on taxable property within the parish or by the 1981 sales and use tax.

In addition, in October 2020, the Ascension Parish School Board closed on a partial advance refunding of Series 2012, Series 2013, and Series 2013A now known as Taxable General Obligation School Refunding Bonds Series 2020 in the amount of \$40,340,000.

COVID-19 Pandemic

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) as a global pandemic, which continues to spread throughout the United States. The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted the global economy and created significant volatility and disruption in the financial markets. The extent of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the School Board's operational and financial performance will depend on certain developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak and the impact on the School Board's vendors and employees, all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted. The ultimate extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic may directly or indirectly impact the School Board's financial condition or results of operations cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the School Board. However, major disruptions to budgets, operations, and its ability to execute its educational mission have been avoided.

16. APPROPRIATION TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

The state funding received to cover the cost of education in the State of Louisiana is calculated on a per student basis. The funding follows each student. As such, the funding is paid to the school district in which the student lives. If the child chooses to attend another public school (i.e., a charter school) outside of the district, the funding by law is required to be paid to that other district. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, a total of \$963,501 was paid to charter schools for children attending school outside of the district.



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART II

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 (*)

Pension Plan	Year	Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana						
	2020	2.3198%	\$ 230,235,502	\$ 112,858,659	204.0034%	68.57%
	2019	2.4350%	239,312,285	112,582,721	212.5657%	68.20%
	2018	2.5020%	256,506,374	112,297,114	228.4176%	65.55%
	2017	2.4705%	289,966,485	114,477,786	253.2950%	59.90%
	2016	2.4056%	258,656,890	106,927,458	241.8994%	62.50%
	2015	2.3503%	240,234,674	99,707,952	240.9383%	63.70%
Louisiana School Employees Retirement System						
	2020	3.2945%	\$ 23,063,689	\$ 9,597,013	240.3215%	73.49%
	2019	3.3604%	22,451,840	9,696,690	231.5413%	74.44%
	2018	3.4254%	21,919,816	9,947,703	220.3505%	75.03%
	2017	3.2472%	24,495,006	9,206,040	266.0754%	70.09%
	2016	3.1563%	20,014,824	8,887,255	225.2082%	74.49%
	2015	3.0394%	17,619,222	8,375,466	210.3671%	76.18%
Louisiana State Employees Retirement System						
	2020	0.0283%	\$ 2,053,136	\$ 550,281	373.1068%	62.90%
	2019	0.0283%	1,928,880	486,670	396.3425%	64.30%
	2018	0.0240%	1,687,419	473,119	356.6585%	62.54%
	2017	0.0204%	1,604,905	386,241	415.5191%	57.70%
	2016	0.0198%	1,347,515	342,614	393.3041%	62.70%
	2015	0.0139%	873,029	257,220	339.4095%	65.00%

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

(*) The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information.

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO EACH RETIREMENT SYSTEM
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

Pension Plan:	Year	Contractually Required Contribution ¹	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution ²	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Payroll ³	Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll
Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana						
	2020	\$ 30,914,445	\$ 30,914,445	\$ -	\$ 118,709,461	26.0421%
	2019	30,133,836	30,133,836	-	112,858,659	26.7005%
	2018	29,778,525	29,778,525	-	112,582,721	26.4504%
	2017	28,955,374	28,955,374	-	112,297,114	25.7846%
	2016	28,914,878	28,914,878	-	114,477,786	25.2581%
	2015	30,809,456	30,809,456	-	106,927,458	28.8134%
Louisiana School Employees Retirement System						
	2020	\$ 3,108,282	\$ 3,108,282	\$ -	\$ 10,673,308	29.1220%
	2019	2,661,438	2,661,438	-	9,597,013	27.7319%
	2018	2,723,632	2,723,632	-	9,696,690	28.0883%
	2017	2,660,948	2,660,948	-	9,947,703	26.7494%
	2016	2,774,897	2,774,897	-	9,206,040	30.1421%
	2015	2,927,799	2,927,799	-	8,887,255	32.9438%
Louisiana State Employees Retirement System						
	2020	\$ 242,022	\$ 242,022	\$ -	\$ 596,009	40.6071%
	2019	206,288	206,288	-	550,281	37.4878%
	2018	182,335	182,335	-	486,670	37.4658%
	2017	169,144	169,144	-	473,119	35.7508%
	2016	148,180	148,180	-	386,241	38.3646%
	2015	129,608	129,608	-	342,614	37.8292%

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

For reference only:

¹ Employer contribution rate multiplied by employer's covered employee payroll

² Actual employer contributions remitted to Retirement Systems

³ Employer's covered employee payroll amount for each of the fiscal year ended June 30

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information.

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT
BENEFITS LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

Financial statement reporting date	Measurement date	Service cost	Interest	Difference between actual and expected experience	Changes of assumptions or other inputs	Benefit payments	Net change in total OPEB liability	Total OPEB liability - beginning	Total OPEB liability - ending	Covered employee payroll	Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll
6/30/2020	6/30/2020	\$ 9,016,107	\$ 12,650,132	\$ 8,431,720	\$ 72,918,836	\$ (8,684,257)	\$ 94,332,538	\$ 356,758,354	\$451,090,892	\$ 120,596,652	374.05%
6/30/2019	6/30/2019	8,669,334	11,622,734	12,701,219	6,606,232	(8,690,800)	30,908,719	325,849,635	356,758,354	111,646,376	319.54%
6/30/2018	6/30/2018	8,764,452	11,899,911	(5,540,367)	-	(9,236,743)	5,887,253	319,962,382	325,849,635	107,352,285	303.53%

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

GENERAL FUND

The general fund, the main operating fund, is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

2016 BOND CONSTRUCTION FUND

The 2016 Bond Construction fund is a capital projects fund used to account for the capital projects financed by the \$120 million in general obligation bonds which the voters of Ascension parish authorized the School Board to issue as per the election held on April 9, 2016.

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
GENERAL FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Local sources:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 62,837,566	\$ 62,837,566	\$ 68,207,868	\$ 5,370,302
Sales and use tax	69,864,819	69,864,819	66,829,877	(3,034,942)
Earnings on investments	900,000	900,000	1,042,051	142,051
Other	11,024,017	11,035,807	9,667,531	(1,368,276)
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	5,290,000	8,929,022	13,843,955	4,914,933
State sources:				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, MFP	110,969,762	110,969,762	113,026,239	2,056,477
Restricted grants-in-aid	1,486,000	1,486,000	1,382,608	(103,392)
Other	200,000	200,000	211,345	11,345
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>262,572,164</u>	<u>266,222,976</u>	<u>274,211,474</u>	<u>7,988,498</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular education programs	115,808,633	115,744,633	111,329,280	4,415,353
Special education programs	24,867,546	24,968,526	24,096,121	872,405
Other education programs	14,735,696	14,724,053	14,208,449	515,604
Support services:				
Pupil support services	13,644,146	13,644,146	13,155,623	488,523
Instructional staff services	11,977,141	11,902,253	11,444,020	458,233
General administration services	4,967,142	4,967,142	5,041,316	(74,174)
School administration services	17,272,935	17,298,260	16,325,712	972,548
Business services	2,620,556	2,620,556	2,412,236	208,320
Plant operation and maintenance	27,670,651	27,631,764	28,735,915	(1,104,151)
Student transportation services	14,538,595	14,538,595	14,182,835	355,760
Central services	5,862,385	5,875,335	5,724,744	150,591
Charter school appropriations	-	-	963,501	(963,501)
Food service	25,000	1,894	4,455	(2,561)
Facility acquisition and construction	7,811,002	11,420,043	8,088,118	3,331,925
Debt service:				
General administration	57,000	57,000	17,025	39,975
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>261,858,428</u>	<u>265,394,200</u>	<u>255,729,350</u>	<u>9,664,850</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>713,736</u>	<u>828,776</u>	<u>18,482,124</u>	<u>17,653,348</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	1,800,000	1,800,000	2,826,615	1,026,615
Transfers out	(2,190,640)	(2,190,640)	(1,178,414)	1,012,226
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(390,640)</u>	<u>(390,640)</u>	<u>1,648,201</u>	<u>2,038,841</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	323,096	438,136	20,130,325	19,692,189
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	<u>54,867,508</u>	<u>54,867,508</u>	<u>54,867,508</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	<u>\$ 55,190,604</u>	<u>\$ 55,305,644</u>	<u>\$ 74,997,833</u>	<u>\$ 19,692,189</u>

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

1. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Changes to Benefit Terms

The following is a listing of changes in benefit terms, as applicable, for the three pension plans for the years presented.

Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL)

- 2015 – A 1.5% COLA, effective July 1, 2014, provided by Act 204 of the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session
- 2016 – Members employed on or after July 1, 2015 can retire at age 62 with a 2.5% benefit factor with at least 5 years of service credit or at any age after 20 years of service credit (actuarially reduced)
- 2017 – A 1.5% COLA, effective July 1, 2016, provided by Acts 93 and 512 of the 2016 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session

Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS)

- 2016 – Act 93 of the 2016 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session provides for an up to 2.0% COLA on the first \$60,000 of a recipient's benefit for eligible members effective July 1, 2016.

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS)

- 2015 – A 1.5% COLA, effective July 1, 2014, provided by Act 204 of the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session
- 2015 – Improved benefits for certain members employed by the Office of Adult and Parole within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections per Act 852 of the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session
- 2017 – A 1.5% COLA, effective July 1, 2016, provided by Acts 93 and 512 of the 2016 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session
- 2017 – Added benefits for members of the Harbor Police Retirement System which was merged with LASERS effective July 1, 2015
- 2019 – In the 2018 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, Act 224 and 595 changed benefits to members killed in active duty in an intentional act of violence and to provide for survivors of these members; and changed the benefits of members permanently injured in the line of duty.

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

1. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

Change of Assumptions

The following discount rate changes were made to the pension plans identified in the following table:

Dicount Rate:		
<u>Year (*)</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Change</u>
TRSL		
2020	7.550%	-0.100%
2019	7.650%	-0.050%
2018	7.700%	-0.050%
2017	7.750%	-
2016	7.750%	
LSERS		
2020	7.000%	-0.062%
2019	7.063%	-0.063%
2018	7.125%	0.000%
2017	7.125%	0.125%
2016	7.000%	
LASERS		
2020	7.600%	-0.050%
2019	7.650%	-0.050%
2018	7.700%	-0.050%
2017	7.750%	-
2016	7.750%	

The following inflation rate changes were made to the pension plans identified in the following table:

Inflation Rate:		
<u>Year (*)</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Change</u>
LSERS		
2020	2.500%	0.000%
2019	2.500%	-0.125%
2018	2.625%	0.000%
2017	2.625%	-0.125%
2016	2.750%	
LASERS		
2020	2.500%	-0.250%
2019	2.750%	0.000%
2018	2.750%	-0.250%
2017	3.000%	

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

1. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

Change of Assumptions (continued)

The following changes to projected salary increases were made to the pension plans identified in the following table:

Salary Increases:	
<u>Year (*)</u>	<u>Range</u>
LASERS	
2020	4.00% for various member types
2019	4.30% for various member types
2018	4.30% for various member types
2017	4.50% for various member types
LSERS	
2020	3.25%
2019	5.375% to 3.25%
2018	3.075% to 5.375%
2017	3.200% to 5.500%

The following changes to the mortality table were made to the pension plans identified below:

Mortality table:

<u>Year (*)</u>	
TRSL:	
2018	Active members – RP-2014 White Collar Employee tables, adjusted by 1.010 for males and by 0.997 for females. Non-Disabled retiree/inactive members – RP-2014 White Collar Healthy Annuitant tables, adjusted by 1.366 for males and by 1.189 for females. Disability retiree mortality – RP-2014 Disability tables, adjusted by 1.111 for males and by 1.134 for females. These base tables are adjusted from 2014 to 2018 using the MP-2017 generational improvement table, with continued future mortality improvement projected using the MP-2017 generational mortality improvement tables.
2017	Mortality rates were projected based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table with projection to 2025 using Scale AA.
LSERS:	
2018	RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant, Sex Distinct Employee, Sex Distinct Mortality Tables
2017	RP-2000 Sex Distinct Mortality and Disabled Lives Mortality Tables
LASERS:	
2019	For non-disabled members, mortality rates based on the RP-2014 Healthy Mortality Table with mortality improvement projected using the MP-2018 Mortality Improvement Scale, applied on a fully generational basis.
2018	For non-disabled members, mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table with mortality improvement projected to 2015.

* The dates presented is the measurement date as of the previous fiscal year end.

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

2. **OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLAN**

Changes to Benefit Terms

There were no changes in benefit terms for the year ended June 30, 2020 or June 30, 2019.

Actuarial Value of Plan Assets

There were no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria of paragraph 4 of GASB 75 for the OPEB plan. However, an OPEB investment account had a balance of \$7,298,538 as of June 30, 2020; this account does not qualify as a trust.

Changes in Assumptions

Discount Rate assumption: The following discount rate changes were made to the OPEB plan as identified in the following table:

<u>Measurement Date</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>Change</u>
6/30/2020	2.56%	-0.94%
6/30/2019	3.50%	-0.12%
6/30/2018	3.62%	0.00%

Medical Cost Trend Rate assumption: The medical cost trend rate changed from an annual flat 5.5% rate to 6.0% for the year ended June 30, 2020, and will continue to grade down to an ultimate of 4.0% until 2075.

3. **BUDGETS**

General Budget Practices

The Ascension Parish School Board follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

The Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301) requires budgets to be adopted for the general fund and all special revenue funds.

Each year in May the Superintendent submits to the School Board proposed annual budgets for the general fund and special revenue funds. Public hearings are conducted prior to the School Board’s approval to obtain taxpayer comments. The operating budgets include proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

Appropriations (unexpended budget balances) lapse at year-end.

Formal budget integration (within the accounting records) is employed as a management control device. All budgets are controlled at the fund level. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements consist of those presented in the original budget adopted by and as amended by the School Board.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

3. **BUDGETS** (continued)

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed.

Budgetary Basis of Accounting

All governmental funds' budgets are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Budgeted amounts are originally adopted or amended by the School Board. Legally the School Board must adopt a balanced budget; that is, total budgeted revenues and other financing sources including fund balance must equal or exceed total budgeted expenditures and other financing uses. State statute requires the School Board to amend its budget when revenues plus projected revenues within a fund are expected to be less than budgeted revenues by five percent or more, or expenditures within a fund are expected to exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more. The School Board approves budgets at the fund level and management can transfer amounts between line items within a function.

Expenditures Exceeding Appropriations

As explained in Note 12, as of June 30, 2020 appropriations in four nonmajor special revenue funds exceeded revenues.



SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2020**

	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,489	\$ 7,061,727	\$ -	\$ 7,083,216
Investments	-	3,891,782	-	3,891,782
Receivables	4,486,622	35,805	-	4,522,427
Due from other funds	2,141,498	-	6,013,175	8,154,673
Inventory	693,118	-	-	693,118
Other assets	11,842	-	-	11,842
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,354,569	\$ 10,989,314	\$ 6,013,175	\$ 24,357,058
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
Liabilities:				
Salaries payable	\$ 1,456,948	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,456,948
Payroll benefits and withholdings payable	947,878	-	-	947,878
Accounts payable	274,381	-	313,750	588,131
Due to other funds	3,029,783	272,046	-	3,301,829
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,708,990	272,046	313,750	6,294,786
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable in form	693,118	-	-	693,118
Restricted for grant programs	952,461	-	-	952,461
Restricted for debt service	-	10,717,268	-	10,717,268
Assigned for capital projects	-	-	5,699,425	5,699,425
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,645,579	10,717,268	5,699,425	18,062,272
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 7,354,569	\$ 10,989,314	\$ 6,013,175	\$ 24,357,058

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Local sources:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	\$ 21,603,663	\$ -	\$ 21,603,663
Earnings on investments	-	429,412	-	429,412
Other	1,983,282	-	-	1,983,282
State sources:				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, MFP	122,334	-	-	122,334
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	22,689,422	-	-	22,689,422
TOTAL REVENUES	24,795,038	22,033,075	-	46,828,113
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction:				
Regular education programs	2,237,761	-	-	2,237,761
Special education programs	1,511,723	-	-	1,511,723
Other education programs	4,955,414	-	-	4,955,414
Support services:				
Pupil support services	1,323,097	-	-	1,323,097
Instructional staff services	3,975,563	-	-	3,975,563
General administration	-	720,444	-	720,444
School administration	19,870	-	-	19,870
Business services	7,319	-	-	7,319
Plant operation and maintenance	6,070	-	166,262	172,332
Student transportation services	82,145	-	-	82,145
Central services	102,101	-	347,293	449,394
Non-Instructional services:				
Food service	10,595,529	-	-	10,595,529
Facility acquisition and construction	-	-	203,214	203,214
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	13,741,372	-	13,741,372
Interest	-	6,986,934	-	6,986,934
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	24,816,592	21,448,750	716,769	46,982,111
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(21,554)	584,325	(716,769)	(153,998)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	1,173,444	-	-	1,173,444
Transfers out	(1,094,027)	-	(1,727,618)	(2,821,645)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	79,417	-	(1,727,618)	(1,648,201)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	57,863	584,325	(2,444,387)	(1,802,199)
Fund balances, June 30, 2019	1,587,716	10,132,943	8,143,812	19,864,471
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ 1,645,579	\$ 10,717,268	\$ 5,699,425	\$ 18,062,272

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND DESCRIPTIONS

CAPITAL AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

GAMBLING

The grant is an interdisciplinary program designed for youth in the 3rd through 8th grades to discourage underage gambling through improved critical thinking and problem solving. It is designed to be utilized as a standalone component for prevention programs or as an integrated component for other prevention programs.

OPIOID MISUSE

The Opioid Misuse fund is a federally-funded program to develop and implement increased awareness, knowledge and skills to prevent opioid misuse. The education program to build skills and resilience are used in the Life Skills Curriculum in 5th grade classes in 15 schools. Community workshops and educational materials are used to increase the knowledge and skills to improve social support.

CHILD NUTRITION

This fund includes lunch and breakfast operations and accounts for the financial activities of the food service program in the Ascension Parish School Board during the regular school term. The basic goals of this program are to serve nutritionally, attractive, and moderately priced meals, to help children grow both socially and emotionally, to extend educational influence to the home of school children, and to provide learning experiences that will improve children's food habits with the ultimate goal of physically fit adults.

EARLY CHILDHOOD (ECH) COMMUNITY NETWORK PILOT

The purpose of these funds is to support early childhood network pilots to implement the following four strategies: (1) fair and transparent outcomes-based quality rating system; (2) funding based on performance and demand; (3) providing families information and access to high-quality choices; and (4) resources and support to improve the quality of care and instruction to prepare our youngest learners for kindergarten.

PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT (PDG B-5)

INFANT CLASS

Through the Department of Education, this grant offers lead agencies the opportunity to provide teachers and directors with high-quality, evidence based professional development specifically targeted towards infant-teacher interactions.

GET READY COHORT

This grant seeks to strengthen the state's early childhood care and education system by formalizing local governance for community networks. The funding aims to address the unique early childhood care and education needs of families and children by launching the "Get Ready Cohort," which will consist of lead agencies interested in becoming a Ready Start Network. Participating lead agencies will use the program funds to support the development of Ready Start activity in their community.

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND DESCRIPTIONS

HEAD START

Head Start is a federally-financed program to provide comprehensive health, educational, nutritional, social, and other services to economically disadvantaged children and their families and to involve parents in their children's activities so that the children will attain overall social competence.

RESERVED OFFICER TRAINING CORPS

The Reserved Officer Training Corps (ROTC) fund is a federally-funded program designed to teach self-discipline, self-confidence, and leadership skills for students in grades 9 through 12.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The School Improvement grant is a national program used to turn around low-performing schools.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDS

Public Law 101-476 is a federally-financed program providing free appropriate education for all identified handicapped children from 3 to 21 years of age in the least restrictive environment.

Public Law 89-313 is a federally-financed program providing "per child" funding that follows the child as he leaves his facility and enters public schools or day developmental training programs.

STRONG START ESSERF (CARES ACT)

Under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF), the Department of Education awards grants to State education agencies (SEAs) for the purpose of providing local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are LEAs, with emergency relief funds to address the impact that the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the nation. LEAs must provide equitable services to students and teachers in non-public schools as required under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF):

JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES

This program provides students who are at risk of failing in school an avenue for achieving academically, for ultimately earning recognized credentials that will make it possible for them to exit school and enter post-secondary education or the workforce and to recover those students who have already exited the school setting without a standard diploma, graduate-equivalency degree (GED) or skills training.

TITLE I – EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

Title I includes programs in the areas of language development, reading and math. These programs strive to meet the special needs of economically and educationally deprived children through federal funding for teachers, aides, instructional materials, equipment and parental involvement.

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND DESCRIPTIONS

TITLE II - IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY STATE GRANTS

Title II increases student academic achievement through strategies such as improving teacher and principal quality and increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in the classroom and highly qualified principals and assistant principals in schools. The program also holds local educational agencies and schools accountable for improvements in student academic achievement.

TITLE III – ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

The Title III fund is a federally-funded program to provide supplemental services that improve the English language proficiency and academic achievement of English learners, including through the provision of language instruction educational programs and activities that increase the knowledge and skills of teachers who serve English learners.

TITLE IV – STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

The Title IV fund is a federally-funded program to provide all students access to a well-rounded education, improve school conditions for learning, and improve the use of technology to improve academic achievement and digital literacy. This grant provides the students with programs such as science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), arts, career and technical education. It supports safe and healthy students by providing them information on mental health, drug and violence prevention as well as health and physical education. It supports the effective use of technology by professional development, blended learning and technology devices.

TITLE XIX - KID MED

The Title XIX fund is a federally-financed program to provide comprehensive preventative health services as authorized by the Public Health Service Act, Title XIX.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The Vocational Education fund accounts for programs designed to administer various vocational programs which provide vocational training and assistance.

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2020**

	Capital Area Human Services District	Child Nutrition	ECH* Community Network Pilot	Preschool Development Grant
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 21,489	\$ -	\$ -
Receivables	-	-	1,175	7,682
Due from other funds	-	1,974,537	-	-
Inventory	-	693,118	-	-
Other assets	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,689,144</u>	<u>\$ 1,175</u>	<u>\$ 7,682</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
Liabilities:				
Salaries payable	\$ -	\$ 500,188	\$ -	\$ -
Payroll benefits and withholdings payable	-	362,129	-	-
Accounts payable	-	184,407	-	4,015
Due to other funds	-	-	1,175	3,667
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>1,046,724</u>	<u>1,175</u>	<u>7,682</u>
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable in form	-	693,118	-	-
Restricted for grant programs	-	949,302	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>1,642,420</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,689,144</u>	<u>\$ 1,175</u>	<u>\$ 7,682</u>

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* ECH - Early Childhood

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2020**

	Head Start	Reserved Officer Training Corps	School Improvement Grant	Special Education
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Receivables	157,864	38,268	-	827,922
Due from other funds	137,217	-	-	20,275
Inventory	-	-	-	-
Other assets	11,842	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 306,923</u>	<u>\$ 38,268</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 848,197</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
Liabilities:				
Salaries payable	\$ 181,591	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 258,693
Payroll benefits and withholdings payable	124,657	5,842	-	177,604
Accounts payable	675	-	-	3,434
Due to other funds	-	31,897	-	408,466
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>306,923</u>	<u>37,739</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>848,197</u>
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable in form	-	-	-	-
Restricted for grant programs	-	529	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>529</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 306,923</u>	<u>\$ 38,268</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 848,197</u>

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**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2020**

	Strong Start 2020 ESSERF Formula	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Title I	Title II	Title III
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Receivables	2,290,637	20,160	820,733	196,293	16,194
Due from other funds	-	6,339	-	-	-
Inventory	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,290,637</u>	<u>\$ 26,499</u>	<u>\$ 820,733</u>	<u>\$ 196,293</u>	<u>\$ 16,194</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>					
Liabilities:					
Salaries payable	\$ 204,459	\$ 3,747	\$ 224,212	\$ 62,255	\$ 4,515
Payroll benefits and withholdings payable	82,138	2,592	144,985	36,256	3,207
Accounts payable	147	-	50,308	1,917	402
Due to other funds	2,003,893	20,160	401,228	95,865	8,070
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,290,637</u>	<u>26,499</u>	<u>820,733</u>	<u>196,293</u>	<u>16,194</u>
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable in form	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted for grant programs	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 2,290,637</u>	<u>\$ 26,499</u>	<u>\$ 820,733</u>	<u>\$ 196,293</u>	<u>\$ 16,194</u>

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**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2020**

	Title IV	Title XIX	Vocational Education	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,489
Receivables	59,579	-	50,115	4,486,622
Due from other funds	-	3,130	-	2,141,498
Inventory	-	-	-	693,118
Other assets	-	-	-	11,842
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 59,579</u>	<u>\$ 3,130</u>	<u>\$ 50,115</u>	<u>\$ 7,354,569</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
Liabilities:				
Salaries payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,288	\$ 1,456,948
Payroll benefits and withholdings payable	-	-	8,468	947,878
Accounts payable	27,107	500	1,469	274,381
Due to other funds	32,472	-	22,890	3,029,783
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>59,579</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>50,115</u>	<u>5,708,990</u>
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable in form	-	-	-	693,118
Restricted for grant programs	-	2,630	-	952,461
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>2,630</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,645,579</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 59,579</u>	<u>\$ 3,130</u>	<u>\$ 50,115</u>	<u>\$ 7,354,569</u>

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**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Capital Area			
	Human Services District	Child Nutrition	ECH* Community Network Pilot	Preschool Development Grant
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Local sources:				
Earnings on investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	-	1,933,849	-	-
State sources:				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, MFP	-	122,334	-	-
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	22,749	7,828,594	31,372	35,937
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>22,749</u>	<u>9,884,777</u>	<u>31,372</u>	<u>35,937</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction:				
Regular education programs	-	-	-	-
Special education programs	-	-	-	-
Other education programs	-	-	31,372	35,937
Support services:				
Pupil support services	22,749	-	-	-
Instructional staff services	-	-	-	-
School administration services	-	-	-	-
Business services	-	-	-	-
Plant operation and maintenance	-	3,490	-	-
Student transportation services	-	-	-	-
Central services	-	-	-	-
Non-Instructional services:				
Food service	-	10,595,529	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>22,749</u>	<u>10,599,019</u>	<u>31,372</u>	<u>35,937</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES				
	-	(714,242)	-	-
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	-	800,000	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>800,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES				
	-	85,758	-	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2019				
	-	1,556,662	-	-
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2020	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,642,420</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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* ECH - Early Childhood

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NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Head Start	Reserved Officer Training Corps	School Improvement Grant	Special Education
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Local sources:				
Earnings on investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	49,433	-	-	-
State sources:				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, MFP	-	-	-	-
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	1,691,507	150,690	10,211	4,747,598
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,740,940</u>	<u>150,690</u>	<u>10,211</u>	<u>4,747,598</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction:				
Regular education programs	-	-	-	1,656
Special education programs	-	-	-	1,393,593
Other education programs	1,709,892	150,690	10,211	8,660
Support services:				
Pupil support services	44,756	-	-	1,227,697
Instructional staff services	294,075	-	-	1,667,677
School administration	-	-	-	3,117
Business services	-	-	-	6,753
Plant operation and maintenance	2,580	-	-	-
Student transportation services	63,081	-	-	13,140
Central services	-	-	-	102,101
Non-Instructional services:				
Food service	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>2,114,384</u>	<u>150,690</u>	<u>10,211</u>	<u>4,424,394</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(373,444)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>323,204</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	373,444	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	(323,204)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>373,444</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(323,204)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2019	-	529	-	-
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2020	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 529</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Strong Start 2020 ESSERF Formula	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Title I	Title II	Title III
<u>REVENUES</u>					
Local sources:					
Earnings on investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	-	-	-	-	-
State sources:					
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, MFP	-	-	-	-	-
Federal sources:					
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	2,290,637	73,920	4,072,835	1,091,675	82,420
TOTAL REVENUES	2,290,637	73,920	4,072,835	1,091,675	82,420
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
Current					
Instruction:					
Regular education programs	1,614,782	-	336,404	284,919	-
Special education programs	38,443	-	47,111	32,576	-
Other education programs	250,601	73,920	1,953,462	110,957	80,141
Support services:					
Pupil support services	-	-	-	-	-
Instructional staff services	-	-	1,424,401	589,410	-
School administration	-	-	16,454	-	-
Business services	-	-	566	-	-
Plant operation and maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Student transportation services	-	-	5,924	-	-
Central services	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Instructional services:					
Food service	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,903,826	73,920	3,784,322	1,017,862	80,141
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES					
	386,811	-	288,513	73,813	2,279
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>					
Transfer in	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(386,811)	-	(288,513)	(73,813)	(2,279)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(386,811)	-	(288,513)	(73,813)	(2,279)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES					
	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2019					
	-	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Title IV	Title XIX	Vocational Education	Total
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Local sources:				
Earnings on investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	-	-	-	1,983,282
State sources:				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, MFP	-	-	-	122,334
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	302,273	-	257,004	22,689,422
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>302,273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>257,004</u>	<u>24,795,038</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction:				
Regular education programs	-	-	-	2,237,761
Special education programs	-	-	-	1,511,723
Other education programs	282,567	-	257,004	4,955,414
Support services:				
Pupil support services	-	27,895	-	1,323,097
Instructional staff services	-	-	-	3,975,563
School administration	299	-	-	19,870
Business services	-	-	-	7,319
Plant operation and maintenance	-	-	-	6,070
Student transportation services	-	-	-	82,145
Central services	-	-	-	102,101
Non-Instructional services:				
Food service	-	-	-	10,595,529
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>282,866</u>	<u>27,895</u>	<u>257,004</u>	<u>24,816,592</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES				
	<u>19,407</u>	<u>(27,895)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,554)</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	-	-	-	1,173,444
Transfers out	(19,407)	-	-	(1,094,027)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(19,407)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,417</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	(27,895)	-	57,863
Fund balances, June 30, 2019	<u>-</u>	<u>30,525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,587,716</u>
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2020	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,630</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,645,579</u>

(Concluded)

NONMAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUND DESCRIPTIONS

PARISH-WIDE SINKING FUND

The Parish-wide Sinking fund is used to pay all of the outstanding general obligation bonds except for taxable general obligation bonds (QSCB Series 2012). The bonds were issued by the Ascension Parish School Board for constructing, acquiring, and improving school and school-related facilities. The bonds were issued between 2009 and 2017 (see Note 7).

QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND 2009 SINKING (QSCB 2009)

The QSCB 2009 Sinking fund is used to pay the QSCB 2009 \$10 million limited tax bond issue. The bond was issued by the Ascension Parish School Board in December 2009 for the rehabilitation of public school facilities.

QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND 2011 SINKING (QSCB 2011)

The QSCB 2011 Sinking fund is used to pay the QSCB 2011 \$10 million limited tax bond issue. The bond was issued by the Ascension Parish School Board in April 2011 for the purpose of constructing a new school building for G.W. Carver Primary School.

QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND 2012 SINKING (QSCB 2012)

The QSCB 2012 Sinking fund is used to pay the QSCB 2012 \$1,460,775 general obligation bond issue. The bond was issued by the Ascension Parish School Board in April 2012 for the purpose of renovating restrooms at East Ascension High School and to provide for an electrical upgrade at Gonzales Middle School.

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NONMAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2020**

	Parish-wide Sinking	Qualified School Construction Bonds 2009 Sinking	Qualified School Construction Bonds 2011 Sinking	Qualified School Construction Bonds 2012 Sinking	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,061,727	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,061,727
Investments	3,891,782	-	-	-	3,891,782
Receivables	35,805	-	-	-	35,805
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 10,989,314</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,989,314</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	272,046	-	-	-	272,046
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>272,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>272,046</u>
Fund balances:					
Restricted for debt service	10,717,268	-	-	-	10,717,268
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>10,717,268</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,717,268</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 10,989,314</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,989,314</u>

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NONMAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Parish-wide Sinking	Qualified School Construction Bonds 2009 Sinking	Qualified School Construction Bonds 2011 Sinking	Qualified School Construction Bonds 2012 Sinking	Total
<u>REVENUES</u>					
Local sources:					
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 20,283,374	\$ 620,840	\$ 639,112	\$ 60,337	\$ 21,603,663
Earnings on investments	204,329	134,827	77,554	12,702	429,412
TOTAL REVENUES	20,487,703	755,667	716,666	73,039	22,033,075
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
Current					
Support services:					
General administration services	720,444	-	-	-	720,444
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	12,335,000	666,667	666,666	73,039	13,741,372
Interest	6,847,934	89,000	50,000	-	6,986,934
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	19,903,378	755,667	716,666	73,039	21,448,750
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	584,325	-	-	-	584,325
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	584,325	-	-	-	584,325
Fund balances, June 30, 2019	10,132,943	-	-	-	10,132,943
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2020	\$ 10,717,268	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,717,268

NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND DESCRIPTIONS

GENERAL FUND MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FUND

The General Fund Major Construction Projects fund was established in March 2014 when the Ascension Parish School Board transferred \$37,500,000 from the general fund into a capital projects fund. These funds were used primarily to construct Freshman Academy buildings on three high school campuses and for athletic facility renovations on all four high school campuses, in addition to small major construction projects in the district.

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2020**

		General Fund Major Construction
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Due from other funds	\$	6,013,175
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	<u>6,013,175</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$	313,750
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>313,750</u>
Fund balances:		
Assigned for capital projects		<u>5,699,425</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		<u>5,699,425</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	<u>6,013,175</u>

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

		General Fund Major Construction
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Current		
Support services:		
Plant operation and maintenance	\$	166,262
Central services		347,293
Facility acquisition and construction		203,214
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		716,769
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		(716,769)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>		
Transfers out		(1,727,618)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		(1,727,618)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		(2,444,387)
Fund balances, June 30, 2019		8,143,812
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2020	\$	5,699,425

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - CAPITAL AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	\$ 22,843	\$ 22,843	\$ 22,749	\$ (94)
TOTAL REVENUES	22,843	22,843	22,749	(94)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Support services:				
Pupil support services	22,843	22,843	22,749	94
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	22,843	22,843	22,749	94
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - CHILD NUTRITION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Local sources:				
Earnings on investments	\$ -	\$ 1,093	\$ -	\$ (1,093)
Other	2,190,000	1,925,707	1,933,849	8,142
State sources:				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, MFP	906,026	868,945	122,334	(746,611)
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	<u>8,000,000</u>	<u>7,013,784</u>	<u>7,828,594</u>	<u>814,810</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>11,096,026</u>	<u>9,809,529</u>	<u>9,884,777</u>	<u>75,248</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Support services:				
Plant operation and maintenance	6,043	3,660	3,490	170
Non-instructional services:				
Food service	<u>12,194,063</u>	<u>10,387,972</u>	<u>10,595,529</u>	<u>(207,557)</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>12,200,106</u>	<u>10,391,632</u>	<u>10,599,019</u>	<u>(207,387)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(1,104,080)	(582,103)	(714,242)	(132,139)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	1,150,000	800,000	800,000	-
Transfers out	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>1,150,000</u>	<u>800,000</u>	<u>800,000</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	45,920	217,897	85,758	(132,139)
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	<u>1,556,662</u>	<u>1,556,662</u>	<u>1,556,662</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	<u>\$ 1,602,582</u>	<u>\$ 1,774,559</u>	<u>\$ 1,642,420</u>	<u>\$ (132,139)</u>

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY NETWORK PILOT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	\$ 29,800	\$ 32,885	\$ 31,372	\$ (1,513)
TOTAL REVENUES	29,800	32,885	31,372	(1,513)
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Other education programs	29,800	32,885	31,372	1,513
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	29,800	32,885	31,372	1,513
 EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-
 NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
 Fund balance, June 30, 2019	-	-	-	-
 FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT (PDG B-5)
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	\$ -	\$ 50,420	\$ 35,937	\$ (14,483)
TOTAL REVENUES	-	50,420	35,937	(14,483)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Other education programs	-	50,420	35,937	14,483
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	50,420	35,937	14,483
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - HEAD START
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Local sources:				
Other	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 49,433	\$ 19,433
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	2,114,384	1,691,507	1,691,507	-
TOTAL REVENUES	2,114,384	1,721,507	1,740,940	19,433
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Other education programs	1,703,203	1,310,326	1,709,892	(399,566)
Support services:				
Pupil support services	39,048	39,048	44,756	(5,708)
Instructional staff services	298,225	298,225	294,075	4,150
Plant operation and maintenance	1,700	1,700	2,580	(880)
Student transportation	72,208	72,208	63,081	9,127
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,114,384	1,721,507	2,114,384	(392,877)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	-	(373,444)	(373,444)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	-	-	373,444	373,444
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	373,444	373,444
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - RESERVED OFFICER TRAINING CORPS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 150,690	\$ (49,310)
TOTAL REVENUES	200,000	200,000	150,690	(49,310)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Other education programs	200,000	200,000	150,690	49,310
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	200,000	200,000	150,690	49,310
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	529	529	529	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ 529	\$ 529	\$ 529	\$ -

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	\$ -	\$ 69,079	\$ 10,211	\$ (58,868)
TOTAL REVENUES	-	69,079	10,211	(58,868)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Other education programs	-	69,079	10,211	58,868
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	69,079	10,211	58,868
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - SPECIAL EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	\$ 4,075,925	\$ 7,076,196	\$ 4,747,598	\$ (2,328,598)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>4,075,925</u>	<u>7,076,196</u>	<u>4,747,598</u>	<u>(2,328,598)</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular education programs	-	-	1,656	(1,656)
Special education programs	839,658	3,221,676	1,393,593	1,828,083
Other education programs	8,520	-	8,660	(8,660)
Support services:				
Pupil support services	1,283,182	1,448,248	1,227,697	220,551
Instructional staff services	1,599,013	1,821,875	1,667,677	154,198
School administration	-	-	3,117	(3,117)
Business services	7,932	7,932	6,753	1,179
Student transportation	20,036	20,765	13,140	7,625
Central services	106,058	94,057	102,101	(8,044)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,864,399</u>	<u>6,614,553</u>	<u>4,424,394</u>	<u>2,190,159</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	211,526	461,643	323,204	(138,439)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	<u>(211,526)</u>	<u>(461,643)</u>	<u>(323,204)</u>	<u>(138,439)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>(211,526)</u>	<u>(461,643)</u>	<u>(323,204)</u>	<u>(138,439)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - STRONG START 2020 ESSERF (CARES ACT)
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	\$ -	\$ 3,292,174	\$ 2,290,637	\$ (1,001,537)
TOTAL REVENUES	-	3,292,174	2,290,637	(1,001,537)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular education programs	-	2,307,084	1,614,782	692,302
Special education programs	-	46,520	38,443	8,077
Other education programs	-	171,553	250,601	(79,048)
Support services:				
Pupil support services	-	211,080	-	211,080
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	2,736,237	1,903,826	832,411
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	555,937	386,811	(169,126)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	(555,937)	(386,811)	(169,126)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	(555,937)	(386,811)	(169,126)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	\$ 397,415	\$ 107,520	\$ 73,920	\$ (33,600)
TOTAL REVENUES	397,415	107,520	73,920	(33,600)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Other education programs	397,415	107,520	73,920	33,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	397,415	107,520	73,920	33,600
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - TITLE I - EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	\$ 3,562,407	\$ 5,486,811	\$ 4,072,835	\$ (1,413,976)
TOTAL REVENUES	3,562,407	5,486,811	4,072,835	(1,413,976)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular education programs	121,545	424,601	336,404	88,197
Special education programs	-	-	47,111	(47,111)
Other education programs	1,833,451	3,118,662	1,953,462	1,165,200
Support services:				
Instructional staff services	1,321,485	1,517,815	1,424,401	93,414
School administration	-	-	16,454	(16,454)
Business services	2,906	7,950	566	7,384
Plant operation and maintenance	-	14,732	-	14,732
Student transportation	13,337	13,236	5,924	7,312
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,292,724	5,096,996	3,784,322	1,312,674
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	269,683	389,815	288,513	(101,302)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(269,683)	(389,815)	(288,513)	(101,302)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(269,683)	(389,815)	(288,513)	(101,302)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - TITLE II - IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY STATE GRANTS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	\$ 887,049	\$ 1,435,884	\$ 1,091,675	\$ (344,209)
TOTAL REVENUES	887,049	1,435,884	1,091,675	(344,209)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular education programs	370,068	575,053	284,919	290,134
Special education programs	-	-	32,576	(32,576)
Other education programs	83,458	236,286	110,957	125,329
Support services:				
Instructional staff services	369,808	527,524	589,410	(61,886)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	823,334	1,338,863	1,017,862	321,001
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	63,715	97,021	73,813	(23,208)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(63,715)	(97,021)	(73,813)	(23,208)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(63,715)	(97,021)	(73,813)	(23,208)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - TITLE III - ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	\$ 97,281	\$ 113,785	\$ 82,420	\$ (31,365)
TOTAL REVENUES	97,281	113,785	82,420	(31,365)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Other education programs	93,010	109,676	80,141	29,535
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	93,010	109,676	80,141	29,535
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	4,271	4,109	2,279	(1,830)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(4,271)	(4,109)	(2,279)	(1,830)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(4,271)	(4,109)	(2,279)	(1,830)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - TITLE IV - STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	\$ 90,874	\$ 391,993	\$ 302,273	\$ (89,720)
TOTAL REVENUES	90,874	391,993	302,273	(89,720)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Other education programs	84,261	367,073	282,567	84,506
Support services:				
School administration	-	-	299	(299)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	84,261	367,073	282,866	84,207
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	6,613	24,920	19,407	(5,513)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(6,613)	(24,920)	(19,407)	(5,513)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(6,613)	(24,920)	(19,407)	(5,513)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - TITLE XIX - KID MED
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Support services:				
Pupil support services	-	30,525	27,895	2,630
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>30,525</u>	<u>27,895</u>	<u>2,630</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	(30,525)	(27,895)	2,630
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	(30,525)	(27,895)	2,630
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	<u>30,525</u>	<u>30,525</u>	<u>30,525</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	<u>\$ 30,525</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,630</u>	<u>\$ 2,630</u>

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Positive (Negative)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	\$ 254,900	\$ 260,023	\$ 257,004	\$ (3,019)
TOTAL REVENUES	254,900	260,023	257,004	(3,019)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Other education programs	254,900	260,023	257,004	3,019
Support services:				
Instructional staff services	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	254,900	260,023	257,004	3,019
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2019	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMEBERS' COMPENSATION
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Gross Salary</u>
Delaney, Robyn Penn	1	\$ 9,600
Duplechein, David Scott	2	9,600
Blouin, Julie B.	3	9,600
Bourgeois, Marty	4, Seat A	9,600
Murphy, John D.	4, Seat B	9,600
DeFrances, John Estevan	5, Seat A	9,600
Kleinpeter, Taft	5, Seat B	10,800
Bercegeay, Jared	6, Seat A	9,600
Lambert, Louis D.	6, Seat B	9,600
Gautreau, Troy J.	7, Seat A	9,600
Russo, Patricia	7, Seat B	<u>9,600</u>
		<u><u>\$ 106,800</u></u>

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND
OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

Agency Head/Title: David Alexander, Superintendent

Compensation and Benefits:

Salary, retirement, and taxes	\$ 259,661
Mileage allowance	9,600
Mobile phone allowance	1,500
Insurance	16,439
Subtotal - Compensation	287,200

Professional Education Travel:

Registration fees	985
Airfare and other transportation	316
Hotel lodging	1,338
Meal per diem	276
Airport parking	124
Subtotal - Professional Education Travel	3,039

Other:

Professional dues	685
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Total Compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head	\$ 290,924
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STATISTICAL SECTION
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Ascension Parish School Board
 Net Assets or Net Position by Component
 Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
Governmental activities										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 60,283,649	\$ 66,944,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted	33,224,323	27,534,235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	<u>39,861,286</u>	<u>42,373,389</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities net assets	133,369,258	136,852,124	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net investment in capital assets	-	-	83,657,186	90,895,223	98,024,571	115,327,610	144,558,139	166,122,064	183,385,472	191,948,988
Restricted	-	-	25,795,660	45,420,747	30,135,965	8,810,636	11,244,336	20,290,123	14,895,845	14,006,671
Unrestricted	-	-	<u>33,543,053</u>	<u>20,147,735</u>	<u>(225,432,464)</u>	<u>(206,466,111)</u>	<u>(492,927,797)</u>	<u>(523,152,997)</u>	<u>(537,063,901)</u>	<u>(542,621,599)</u>
Total governmental activities net position	-	-	142,995,899	156,463,705	(97,271,928)	(82,327,865)	(337,125,322)	(336,740,810)	(338,782,584)	(336,665,940)

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Ascension Parish School Board
Changes in Net Assets or Net Position
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
Governmental activities										
Expenses										
Instruction:										
Regular education programs	\$ 87,440,342	\$ 83,122,761	\$ 98,625,436	\$ 99,189,724	\$ 103,562,177	\$ 108,351,426	\$117,866,966	\$121,049,805	\$110,064,086	\$122,529,507
Special education programs	33,586,629	29,476,277	26,274,832	26,392,545	26,076,753	27,688,367	26,852,758	27,456,125	24,722,851	28,952,962
Other education programs	12,272,549	17,163,475	14,411,690	12,599,711	12,659,430	11,944,298	18,972,610	18,919,644	18,349,407	20,326,668
Support services:										
Pupil support services	9,107,913	10,182,264	14,726,726	14,390,341	13,720,555	14,236,775	15,059,065	15,122,683	14,242,669	16,003,362
Instructional staff services	8,274,889	9,154,719	9,587,138	12,263,712	12,350,128	13,397,894	14,867,980	14,496,578	14,210,488	16,729,993
General administration services	3,945,322	4,020,336	4,133,047	4,575,396	5,327,990	5,186,589	4,962,152	5,124,354	5,538,788	5,924,632
School administration services	10,418,419	11,317,850	11,430,949	12,034,858	12,001,588	12,056,890	16,228,225	16,544,195	16,100,164	18,138,578
Business services	2,518,420	2,367,747	2,356,911	2,962,311	2,314,120	2,348,171	2,618,556	2,671,732	2,323,856	2,694,655
Plant operation and maintenance	19,223,623	25,903,992	25,585,494	28,651,721	32,854,132	33,988,951	50,870,728	48,426,774	46,238,314	45,737,649
Student transportation services	11,045,641	10,604,228	11,690,037	11,948,009	12,284,574	12,117,659	13,713,487	14,062,728	15,020,157	17,253,381
Central services	7,261,868	7,397,929	5,959,118	4,847,786	5,468,204	5,975,474	6,226,992	5,444,830	5,096,307	5,486,619
Non-instructional services:										
Food service	9,003,212	9,421,572	9,939,501	9,812,115	10,001,519	9,875,896	10,997,697	11,241,178	10,991,965	12,103,941
Facility acquisition and constr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service:										
General administration services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and bank charges	4,313,621	4,297,951	4,404,529	5,603,894	6,018,736	4,710,538	4,598,822	4,623,948	6,776,144	7,156,784
Sale of surplus	-	-	1,155,937	343,262	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change in capitalization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	554,209	-	513,341	583,580	682,508	846,639	849,228	1,020,574	963,501
Total expenses	218,412,448	224,985,310	240,281,345	246,128,726	255,223,486	262,561,436	304,682,677	306,033,802	290,695,770	320,002,232
Program revenues										
Charges for services:										
Food service operations	2,869,234	3,058,309	2,904,686	2,838,585	2,918,531	2,638,448	1,916,054	2,004,791	2,107,242	1,933,849
Operating grants and contributions:										
Regular education programs	8,281,100	923,452	1,088,474	1,089,600	734,650	819,810	2,781,686	807,631	703,011	3,898,862
Special education programs	9,542,639	2,565,034	2,936,543	2,442,846	2,354,320	4,166,379	2,417,709	1,578,829	1,518,924	2,618,439
Other education programs	849,028	6,873,271	7,392,640	5,676,121	5,521,097	3,974,878	7,714,200	5,654,324	6,060,585	9,890,641
Pupil support services	654,115	1,360,514	1,691,218	1,792,150	1,783,902	1,835,485	2,231,546	1,604,302	1,502,457	2,289,611
Instructional staff services	1,157,196	2,371,763	2,659,940	4,775,467	4,057,511	4,174,546	4,991,552	3,700,602	3,880,038	6,892,154
General administration services	-	-	149,075	17,037	-	-	2,038	-	-	-
School administration services	-	-	164,935	192,326	323,792	161,198	149,778	81,108	215,025	34,417
Business services	21,205	883,715	7,461	7,555	6,201	6,384	265,641	2,361	3,172	12,677
Plant operation and maintenance	138,751	51,970	25,111	4,548	4,637	249,645	20,140,484	2,380	2,467	4,469
Student transportation services	96,991	120,727	152,370	225,430	139,267	97,609	333,318	119,370	83,833	142,282
Central services	-	-	-	-	64,216	67,651	632,901	83,551	100,483	176,848
Food service	5,824,893	6,237,707	6,391,248	6,516,857	6,623,422	6,746,944	7,905,156	8,203,354	9,207,875	7,828,594

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Ascension Parish School Board
Changes in Net Assets or Net Position
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
Program revenues (continued)										
Capital grants and contributions										
Regular education programs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	492,627	6,085,504
Other education programs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	376,935	5,119,811
Pupil support services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,669	-
Instructional staff services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	639,750	4,134
School administration services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	151,663	-
Business services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	475,819
Plant operation and maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,841,234	9,922,032	2,089,074
Food service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93,969	69,613
Total program revenues	29,435,152	24,446,462	25,563,701	25,578,522	24,531,546	24,938,977	51,482,063	41,683,837	37,063,757	49,566,798
Net (Expense) Revenue	(188,977,296)	(200,538,848)	(214,717,644)	(220,550,204)	(230,691,940)	(237,622,459)	(253,200,614)	(264,349,965)	(253,632,013)	(270,435,434)
General revenues										
Taxes										
Ad valorem (property) taxes	50,903,852	54,805,334	59,724,272	64,699,693	69,800,461	72,680,944	73,416,215	76,323,351	82,398,525	89,811,531
Sales and use taxes	43,829,258	49,823,946	59,160,535	64,782,655	71,210,950	72,536,482	71,040,618	64,809,603	70,144,479	66,829,877
Unrestricted grants and contributions	87,596,257	94,683,472	100,898,847	100,360,588	101,479,277	99,401,837	97,133,229	98,457,699	100,350,412	113,148,573
Interest and investment earnings	1,138,223	601,240	154,933	544,788	812,879	1,452,717	1,282,353	1,001,784	3,108,998	2,550,752
Miscellaneous	1,125,932	2,536,871	922,831	3,630,286	2,289,591	2,265,079	15,452,922	12,326,063	7,403,805	211,345
Total general revenues	184,593,522	202,450,863	220,861,418	234,018,010	245,593,158	248,337,059	258,325,337	252,918,500	263,406,219	272,552,078
Change in net assets	<u>\$ (4,383,774)</u>	<u>\$ 1,912,015</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change in net position	-	-	<u>\$ 6,143,774</u>	<u>\$ 13,467,806</u>	<u>\$ 14,901,218</u>	<u>\$ 10,714,600</u>	<u>\$ 5,124,723</u>	<u>\$(11,431,465)</u>	<u>\$ 9,774,206</u>	<u>\$ 2,116,644</u>

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Ascension Parish School Board
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
General fund										
Reserved	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unreserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonspendable	125,580	84,838	163,038	1,368,997	2,421,330	1,391,462	1,870,964	1,852,930	1,775,673	2,728,275
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,282,007	4,842,218	4,732,814
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	28,243,771	28,251,935	39,169,221	11,526,591	17,089,811	18,229,852	17,291,615	-	-	11,085,888
Unassigned	<u>28,638,954</u>	<u>40,823,548</u>	<u>45,987,349</u>	<u>53,753,825</u>	<u>50,530,451</u>	<u>52,239,677</u>	<u>50,379,052</u>	<u>44,024,367</u>	<u>47,418,911</u>	<u>56,450,856</u>
Total general fund	57,008,305	69,160,321	85,319,608	66,649,413	70,041,592	71,860,991	69,541,631	51,159,304	54,036,802	74,997,833
All other governmental funds										
Reserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	176,042	285,631	491,939	264,998	290,664	693,118
Restricted	34,448,682	29,009,879	27,319,626	77,307,653	32,162,477	24,704,078	33,704,638	31,848,060	59,413,136	42,512,904
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-	36,826,215	32,052,689	17,152,491	11,735,074	8,143,812	5,699,425
Unassigned	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total all other governmental funds	34,448,682	29,009,879	27,319,626	77,307,653	69,164,734	57,042,398	51,349,068	43,848,132	67,847,612	48,905,447
Total fund balances	<u>\$91,456,987</u>	<u>\$98,170,200</u>	<u>\$112,639,234</u>	<u>\$143,957,066</u>	<u>\$139,206,326</u>	<u>\$128,903,389</u>	<u>\$120,890,699</u>	<u>\$95,007,436</u>	<u>\$ 121,884,414</u>	<u>\$ 123,903,280</u>

GASB Statement 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, was implemented in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
 GASB Statement 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, was implemented in the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Ascension Parish School Board
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
Revenues										
Local sources:										
Ad valorem (property) taxes	\$ 50,903,852	\$54,805,334	\$59,708,995	\$64,699,693	\$69,800,461	\$ 72,680,944	\$73,416,215	\$ 76,323,351	\$ 82,398,525	\$ 89,811,531
Sales and use taxes	43,829,258	49,823,946	59,160,535	64,782,655	71,210,950	72,536,482	71,040,618	64,809,603	70,144,479	66,829,877
Earnings on investments	1,138,223	601,240	170,210	544,788	812,879	1,452,717	1,282,353	1,001,784	3,108,998	2,550,752
Other	3,934,793	5,521,601	3,518,994	5,134,828	4,972,119	4,709,371	13,165,868	14,277,008	12,852,021	11,650,813
State sources:										
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, MFP	87,251,257	94,683,472	100,898,847	100,360,588	101,479,277	99,401,837	97,133,229	98,457,699	100,350,412	113,148,573
Restricted grants-in-aid	2,070,167	965,926	1,092,910	2,383,227	1,282,915	1,935,290	1,018,115	1,120,257	1,065,628	1,382,608
Other	193,863	197,634	222,856	1,334,043	236,003	194,156	208,556	208,846	209,546	211,345
Federal sources:										
Restricted grants-in-aid, subgrants	<u>24,360,494</u>	<u>20,298,170</u>	<u>21,566,106</u>	<u>20,356,710</u>	<u>20,330,100</u>	<u>20,365,239</u>	<u>48,011,357</u>	<u>38,403,788</u>	<u>33,890,887</u>	<u>36,533,377</u>
Total revenues	213,681,907	226,897,323	246,339,453	259,596,532	270,124,704	273,276,036	305,276,311	294,602,336	304,020,496	322,118,876
Expenditures										
Instruction:										
Regular education programs	84,038,412	77,166,625	90,413,894	94,213,522	103,207,303	104,160,023	109,709,310	113,482,947	110,185,196	113,567,041
Special education programs	32,413,083	27,177,435	23,970,558	24,514,814	25,123,374	25,741,242	24,890,481	25,233,260	24,300,626	25,607,844
Other education programs	12,193,703	16,990,773	14,288,824	12,506,316	13,237,014	13,070,757	18,127,454	18,218,758	18,363,475	19,163,863
Support services:										
Pupil support services	8,774,038	9,565,386	14,035,930	13,840,989	13,876,107	13,855,216	13,933,788	14,059,538	14,196,659	14,478,720
Instructional staff services	8,167,884	9,042,701	9,473,801	12,165,679	13,013,178	13,457,352	13,949,126	13,740,731	14,276,943	15,419,583
General administration services	3,892,430	3,523,222	3,600,502	4,021,725	4,360,443	4,530,159	4,297,806	4,394,966	5,475,568	5,761,760
School administration services	10,053,364	10,666,583	10,770,551	11,497,840	12,040,841	11,669,879	15,228,294	15,438,993	15,913,289	16,345,582
Business services	2,488,923	2,350,802	2,320,000	2,618,247	2,393,222	2,288,901	2,834,062	2,521,001	2,261,171	2,419,555
Plant operation and maintenance	20,014,078	18,132,241	17,401,526	19,636,818	22,934,673	24,790,535	27,614,846	29,453,501	28,824,143	28,908,247
Student transportation services	10,701,629	10,012,682	11,061,382	13,360,877	11,618,154	11,947,461	16,243,082	12,533,984	13,106,501	14,264,980
Central services	8,271,207	8,761,045	6,254,611	4,817,871	5,677,425	6,846,587	6,890,988	6,630,165	5,472,559	6,174,138
Charter school appropriations	-	169,309	-	513,341	583,580	682,508	846,639	849,228	1,020,574	963,501
Non-instructional services:										
Food service	9,003,212	9,500,102	9,907,009	9,876,091	10,291,551	10,305,015	10,692,313	10,710,318	10,625,291	10,626,353
Facility acquisition and construction	14,098,613	22,622,769	33,848,675	13,323,184	12,941,937	25,982,918	52,874,643	34,371,615	45,719,558	69,048,080
Debt service:										
General administration services	-	439,027	477,216	517,778	970,727	592,480	731,879	764,256	486,144	453,838
Principal retirement	9,771,666	8,623,333	11,566,372	12,276,371	11,151,372	10,146,372	10,381,371	10,176,372	19,511,372	13,741,372
Interest and bank charges	<u>4,307,832</u>	<u>4,238,649</u>	<u>4,688,507</u>	<u>5,504,816</u>	<u>5,526,895</u>	<u>4,762,023</u>	<u>4,925,871</u>	<u>4,823,706</u>	<u>5,866,374</u>	<u>6,986,934</u>
Total expenditures	238,190,074	238,982,684	264,079,358	255,206,279	268,947,796	284,829,428	334,171,953	317,403,339	335,605,443	363,931,391
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(24,508,167)	(12,085,361)	(17,739,905)	4,390,253	1,176,908	(11,553,392)	(28,895,642)	(22,801,003)	(31,584,947)	(41,812,515)

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Ascension Parish School Board
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
Other financing sources (uses)										
Transfers in	\$ 21,846,561	\$ 845,532	\$ 1,650,065	\$38,661,259	\$ 1,552,533	\$ 2,144,350	\$18,995,210	\$ 10,576,992	\$ 5,889,243	\$ 4,000,059
Refunding bonds issued	-	4,340,000	-	-	34,915,000	-	-	7,865,000	-	-
Current refunding of debt	-	(7,325,586)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt premium	-	323,385	2,208,938	1,091,866	2,213,584	-	1,651,863	933,065	2,012,445	3,831,381
Issuance of debt	10,000,000	21,460,775	30,000,000	35,475,000	-	-	20,000,000	-	60,000,000	40,000,000
Sale of surplus	-	-	-	31,500	-	-	-	82,500	245,996	-
Insurance proceeds	1,766	-	-	-	-	-	4,531,089	(8,762,822)	-	-
Payment to escrow agent	-	-	-	(9,670,787)	(37,056,230)	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	<u>(21,846,561)</u>	<u>(845,532)</u>	<u>(1,650,065)</u>	<u>(38,661,259)</u>	<u>(7,552,533)</u>	<u>(8,444,350)</u>	<u>(24,295,210)</u>	<u>(13,776,992)</u>	<u>(9,685,759)</u>	<u>(4,000,059)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	10,001,766	18,798,574	32,208,938	26,927,579	(5,927,646)	(6,300,000)	20,882,952	(3,082,257)	58,461,925	43,831,381
Net change in fund balances	\$(14,506,401)	\$ 6,713,213	\$14,469,033	\$31,317,832	\$ (4,750,738)	\$(17,853,392)	\$ (8,012,690)	\$ (25,883,260)	\$ 26,876,978	\$ 2,018,866
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	6.5%	6.0%	7.1%	7.4%	6.5%	5.8%	5.4%	5.3%	8.4%	6.3%
								(Concluded)	(Concluded)	(Concluded)

Table 5

Ascension Parish School Board
Assessed Value and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property
Last Ten Fiscal Years

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Real Property</u>	<u>Personal Property</u>	<u>Public Service Property</u>	<u>Less Homestead Exempt Property</u>	<u>Total Taxable Assessed Value</u>	<u>Total Direct Tax Rate</u>	<u>Estimated Actual Taxable Value</u>	<u>Assessed Value as a Percentage of Actual Value</u>
2010-2011	548,565,650	394,699,490	60,481,460	190,169,730	813,576,870	61.59	8,358,912,273	9.73%
2011-2012	563,220,070	442,543,760	65,350,080	196,001,350	875,112,560	61.59	8,845,231,153	9.89%
2012-2013	592,888,010	490,284,170	70,327,620	201,515,874	951,983,926	61.59	9,478,751,713	10.04%
2013-2014	625,025,250	544,012,540	73,158,750	206,669,700	1,035,526,840	61.59	10,169,637,767	10.18%
2014-2015	698,646,340	552,080,840	78,665,860	208,641,347	1,120,751,693	61.59	10,981,665,773	10.21%
2015-2016	718,095,820	568,170,780	91,115,650	211,524,531	1,165,857,719	61.59	11,333,226,000	10.29%
2016-2017	731,729,520	564,012,720	96,047,370	216,600,739	1,175,188,871	61.59	11,461,569,480	10.25%
2017-2018	782,949,800	562,864,560	94,958,340	221,468,722	1,219,303,978	61.59	11,961,761,760	10.19%
2018-2019	830,729,890	622,471,290	90,195,330	228,192,755	1,315,203,755	61.59	12,817,888,820	10.26%
2019-2020	891,108,910	695,536,210	94,814,770	234,537,693	1,446,922,197	61.59	13,927,256,247	10.39%

Residential properties are assessed at 10% of fair market value; other property and electric cooperative properties, excluding land, are assessed at 15% of fair market value; and public service properties, excluding land, are assessed at 25% of fair market value.

Estimated Actual Taxable Value equals Estimated Market Value; actual market value may be different.

Source: Ascension Parish Assessor

Ascension Parish School Board
Ad Valorem Revenue Rates and Levies, Direct and Overlapping
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	School District Direct Rates								Overlapping Rates				Total Direct & Overlapping
	Salaries	Technology	General Operations	Facilities	Constitutional	Buildings	Debt Service	Total	Ascension Parish Government	Levee	Drainage	Miscellaneous	
<u>Tax rates (Mills per Dollar)</u>													
2010-2011	21.00	8.00	7.40	4.00	3.61	2.50	15.08	61.59	34.37	11.46	15.00	55.76	178.18
2011-2012	21.00	8.00	7.40	4.00	3.61	2.50	15.08	61.59	34.37	11.46	15.00	65.76	188.18
2012-2013	21.00	8.00	7.40	4.00	3.61	2.50	15.08	61.59	34.35	11.39	15.00	65.61	187.94
2013-2014	21.00	8.00	7.40	4.00	3.61	2.50	15.08	61.59	34.35	11.39	15.00	75.16	197.49
2014-2015	21.00	8.00	7.40	4.00	3.61	2.50	15.08	61.59	34.35	11.39	15.00	75.16	197.49
2015-2016	21.00	8.00	7.40	4.00	3.61	2.50	15.08	61.59	34.35	11.44	15.00	75.18	197.56
2016-2017	21.00	8.00	7.40	4.00	3.61	2.50	15.08	61.59	33.75	11.30	14.85	73.60	195.09
2017-2018	21.00	8.00	7.40	4.00	3.61	2.50	15.08	61.59	33.92	11.30	14.85	75.00	196.66
2018-2019	21.00	8.00	7.40	4.00	3.61	2.50	15.08	61.59	33.92	11.44	14.85	75.08	196.88
2019-2020	21.00	8.00	7.40	4.00	3.61	2.50	15.08	61.59	33.92	11.45	15.03	76.16	198.15
<u>Tax Levies</u>													
2010-2011	17,085,114	6,508,615	6,020,468	3,254,307	2,937,025	2,034,047	12,268,737	50,108,313	25,491,024	2,893,713	4,443,509	3,205,688	86,142,247
2011-2012	18,377,364	7,000,900	6,475,832	3,500,450	3,159,169	2,187,888	13,196,695	53,898,298	27,429,512	3,109,904	4,744,009	4,824,703	94,006,427
2012-2013	19,991,662	7,615,871	7,044,679	3,807,936	3,436,675	2,380,067	14,355,915	58,632,805	29,820,872	3,333,528	5,105,001	5,028,828	101,921,034
2013-2014	21,746,064	8,284,215	7,662,896	4,142,107	3,738,264	2,588,928	15,615,742	63,778,216	32,439,931	3,626,466	5,558,817	7,372,568	112,775,997
2014-2015	23,535,786	8,966,014	8,293,561	4,483,007	4,045,928	2,801,996	16,900,932	69,027,224	35,115,294	3,925,469	6,023,781	7,952,476	122,044,244
2015-2016	24,483,012	9,326,862	8,627,345	4,663,431	4,208,762	2,914,768	17,581,131	71,805,311	36,528,960	4,140,162	6,298,334	7,946,805	126,719,572
2016-2017	24,678,966	9,401,511	8,696,396	4,700,755	4,242,446	2,938,093	17,721,890	72,380,057	33,957,319	4,163,364	6,174,676	7,856,798	124,532,214
2017-2018	25,605,384	9,754,432	9,022,848	4,877,216	4,401,703	3,048,388	18,387,233	75,097,204	37,805,372	4,318,092	6,377,584	8,538,381	132,136,633
2018-2019	27,619,279	10,521,630	9,732,506	5,260,815	4,747,900	3,288,144	19,833,336	81,003,610	40,786,610	4,670,648	6,897,322	9,105,829	142,464,019
2019-2020	30,385,366	11,575,378	10,707,222	5,787,689	5,223,405	3,617,445	21,819,753	89,116,258	44,881,043	5,152,714	7,843,108	11,344,824	158,337,948

The tax levies represent the original levy of the Assessor and excludes the homestead exemption amount.

Source: Louisiana Tax Commission

Table 7

Ascension Parish School Board
Principal Property Taxpayers
Current Fiscal Year and Nine Years Ago

Taxpayer	2019-2020			2010-2011		
	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value
Shell Chemical Company	\$ 106,577,060	1	7.37%	\$ 60,014,400	1	7.38%
BASF Corporation	80,663,150	2	5.57%	48,691,580	2	5.98%
CF Industries, Inc.	69,189,900	3	4.78%	33,677,560	3	4.14%
Honeywell International	32,652,180	4	2.26%	11,746,710	9	1.44%
Occidental Chemical Co.	28,798,180	5	1.99%	13,674,160	5	1.68%
Huntsman International, LLC	28,107,380	6	1.94%	-	-	-
Exxon Mobil Corporation	20,133,490	7	1.39%	11,748,760	8	1.44%
Rubicon, LLC	18,599,330	8	1.29%	-	-	-
IMTT	15,978,370	9	1.10%	-	-	-
PCS Nitrogen Fertilizer, L.P.	15,469,300	10	1.07%	11,925,240	7	1.47%
Lion Copolymer, Geismar	-	-	-	14,132,760	4	1.74%
Praxair, Inc.	-	-	-	13,335,730	6	1.64%
Air Liquide Large Industrial	-	-	-	8,227,600	10	1.01%
Total	<u>\$416,168,340</u>		28.76%	<u>\$ 227,174,500</u>		27.92%

Source: Ascension Parish Assessor

Table 8

Ascension Parish School Board
Property Tax Levies and Collections
Last Ten Fiscal Years

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total Tax Levy for Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Collection Within the Fiscal Year of the Levy</u>		<u>Collection (Refund) in Subsequent Years</u>	<u>Total Collections to Date</u>	
		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage of Levy</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage of Levy</u>
2010-2011	50,108,313	49,917,710	99.62%	31,529	49,949,239	99.68%
2011-2012	53,898,298	53,867,208	99.94%	31,089	53,898,298	100.00%
2012-2013	58,632,805	58,583,734	99.92%	12,901	58,596,635	99.94%
2013-2014	63,778,216	63,195,649	99.09%	(14,310)	63,181,339	99.06%
2014-2015	69,027,224	68,522,341	99.27%	(19,931)	68,502,410	99.24%
2015-2016	71,805,311	71,349,555	99.37%	(44,014)	71,305,541	99.30%
2016-2017	72,380,057	72,121,700	99.64%	(59,409)	72,062,291	99.56%
2017-2018	75,097,204	74,968,912	99.83%	(64,833)	74,904,079	99.74%
2018-2019	81,003,610	80,930,642	99.91%	(32,695)	80,897,947	99.87%
2019-2020	89,116,258	88,308,936	99.09%	-	88,308,936	99.09%

Source: Ascension Parish Sheriff

Table 9

Ascension Parish
Sales and Use Tax Rates - All Governments
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

<u>Taxing Entity</u>	<u>City of Gonzales</u>	<u>Tanger Mall Development District</u>	<u>Town of Sorrento</u>	<u>Rural East Ascension</u>	<u>City of Donaldsonville</u>	<u>Donaldsonville Annex Area</u>	<u>Rural West Ascension</u>
School Board	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
City of Gonzales	2.0%	2.0%	-	-	-	-	-
City of Donaldsonville	-	-	-	-	2.5%	2.5%	-
Town of Sorrento	-	-	2.0%	-	-	-	-
East Ascension Drainage District	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	-	-	-
West Ascension Hospital District	-	-	-	-	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Parish of Ascension	-	-	-	1.0%	-	0.5%	1.0%
Ascension District #2	-	-	-	0.5%	-	0.25%	0.5%
Ascension Parish Sheriff	-	-	-	0.5%	-	0.25%	0.5%
Tanger Mall Development District	-	1.0%	-	-	-	-	-
Local Rate	4.5%	5.5%	4.5%	4.5%	5.0%	6.0%	4.5%
State Rate	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>5.0%</u>
Total Rate	9.5%	10.5%	9.5%	9.5%	10.0%	11.0%	9.5%

Source: Ascension Parish Sales and Use Tax Authority

Ascension Parish School Board
Sales and Use Tax Collections by Category
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Retail Trade		Chemical Plants		Industrial Supplies		Contractors		Motor Vehicles		Total	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
2010-2011	21,340,007	48.7%	9,867,053	22.5%	7,433,604	17.0%	824,982	1.9%	4,363,613	10.0%	43,829,258	100.0%
2011-2012	22,657,428	45.5%	12,835,009	25.8%	8,471,194	17.0%	1,033,635	2.1%	4,826,680	9.7%	49,823,946	100.0%
2012-2013	24,059,525	40.7%	16,318,056	27.6%	10,533,056	17.8%	2,754,334	4.7%	5,495,564	9.3%	59,160,535	100.0%
2013-2014	25,404,919	39.2%	15,211,269	23.5%	13,989,867	21.6%	4,162,041	6.4%	6,014,559	9.3%	64,782,655	100.0%
2014-2015	26,406,737	37.1%	19,127,045	26.9%	14,707,648	20.7%	4,489,197	6.3%	6,480,323	9.1%	71,210,950	100.0%
2015-2016	27,655,441	38.1%	22,308,411	30.8%	13,303,265	18.3%	2,536,503	3.5%	6,732,862	9.3%	72,536,482	100.0%
2016-2017	31,954,156	45.0%	17,953,850	25.3%	11,485,556	16.2%	1,891,528	2.7%	7,755,528	10.9%	71,040,618	100.0%
2017-2018	31,319,561	48.3%	13,804,927	21.3%	11,446,981	17.7%	1,545,619	2.4%	6,692,515	10.3%	64,809,603	100.0%
2018-2019	28,267,258	42.4%	17,504,425	26.3%	12,087,640	18.1%	1,941,575	2.9%	6,830,532	10.3%	66,631,431	100.0%
2019-2020	29,430,951	46.3%	12,862,132	20.2%	11,918,915	18.8%	2,527,048	4.0%	6,809,018	10.7%	63,548,065	100.0%

Source: Ascension Parish Sales and Use Tax Authority

Ascension Parish School Board
Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Governmental Activities	General Obligation <u>Bonds</u>	Qualified School Construction <u>Bonds</u>	Unamortized <u>Bond Premium</u>	Total Debt <u>Outstanding^a</u>	Percentage of Personal <u>Income^b</u>	Outstanding Debt Per <u>Capita^b</u>	Outstanding Debt Per <u>Student^b</u>
<u>June 30</u>							
2011	103,375,000	19,333,333	-	122,708,333	3.48%	1,138	6,086
2012	113,270,000	19,460,775	323,385	133,054,160	3.39%	1,210	6,440
2013	133,110,000	18,054,404	2,319,993	153,484,397	3.11%	1,368	7,276
2014	148,750,000	16,648,032	3,344,471	168,742,503	2.93%	1,473	7,839
2015	140,125,000	15,241,660	5,208,836	160,575,496	3.28%	1,369	7,344
2016	131,385,000	13,835,290	4,859,616	150,079,906	3.71%	1,257	6,766
2017	142,410,000	12,428,919	6,162,259	161,001,178	3.52%	1,325	7,236
2018	133,405,000	11,022,547	6,499,188	150,926,735	3.88%	1,228	6,697
2019	175,300,000	9,616,175	7,887,587	192,803,762	3.22%	1,546	8,433
2020	202,965,000	8,209,803	10,903,352	222,078,155	2.89%	1,754	9,487

a. Details regarding outstanding debt can be found in Note 7 to the financial statements.

b. Personal income information and student enrollment data can be found in the Demographic and Economic Statistics table (Table 16).

Ascension Parish School Board
Computation of Legal Debt Margin
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
General Bonded Debt Outstanding ^a										
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 103,375,000	\$ 113,270,000	\$ 133,110,000	\$ 148,750,000	\$ 140,125,000	\$ 131,385,000	\$ 142,410,000	\$ 133,405,000	\$ 175,300,000	\$ 202,965,000
Qualified School Construction Bonds	<u>\$ 19,333,333</u>	<u>\$ 19,460,775</u>	<u>\$ 18,054,404</u>	<u>\$ 16,648,032</u>	<u>\$ 15,241,660</u>	<u>\$ 13,835,290</u>	<u>\$ 12,428,919</u>	<u>\$ 11,022,547</u>	<u>\$ 9,616,175</u>	<u>\$ 8,209,803</u>
Total	\$ 122,708,333	\$ 132,730,775	\$ 151,164,404	\$ 165,398,032	\$ 155,366,660	\$ 145,220,290	\$ 154,838,919	\$ 144,427,547	\$ 184,916,175	\$ 211,174,803
Percentage of estimated actual property value ^b	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%	1.6%	1.4%	1.3%	1.4%	1.2%	1.4%	1.5%
Less amounts available in Debt Service funds	\$ (14,603,269)	\$ (16,577,676)	\$ (12,911,802)	\$ (8,992,226)	\$ (8,404,010)	\$ (10,660,047)	\$ (12,702,584)	\$ (15,605,502)	\$ (10,132,943)	<u>(10,717,268)</u>
Less QSCB bonds secured by alimony tax	<u>\$ (19,333,333)</u>	<u>\$ (18,000,001)</u>	<u>\$ (16,666,668)</u>	<u>\$ (15,333,335)</u>	<u>\$ (14,000,003)</u>	<u>\$ (12,666,670)</u>	<u>\$ (11,333,338)</u>	<u>\$ (10,000,005)</u>	<u>\$ (8,666,672)</u>	<u>(7,333,340)</u>
Total net debt applicable to debt limit	\$ 88,771,731	\$ 98,153,098	\$ 121,585,934	\$ 141,072,471	\$ 132,962,647	\$ 121,893,573	\$ 130,802,997	\$ 118,822,040	\$ 166,116,560	\$ 193,124,195
Legal debt limit ^c	\$ 351,311,310	\$ 374,889,869	\$ 403,724,930	\$ 434,768,789	\$ 465,287,564	\$ 482,083,788	\$ 487,126,364	\$ 504,270,445	\$ 540,188,779	\$ 588,510,962
Legal debt margin	\$ 262,539,579	\$ 276,736,771	\$ 282,138,996	\$ 293,696,318	\$ 332,324,917	\$ 360,190,215	\$ 356,323,367	\$ 385,448,405	\$ 374,072,219	\$ 395,386,767
Legal debt margin as a percentage of debt limit	74.7%	73.8%	69.9%	67.6%	71.4%	74.7%	73.1%	76.4%	69.2%	67.2%

a. Details regarding outstanding debt can be found in Note 7 to the financial statements.
b. Property value data can be found in the Assessed Value and Estimated Actual Value of Property table (Table 5).
c. LSA-RS 39:562 limits outstanding long-term bonded debt to 35% of the assessed value of taxable property

Ascension Parish School Board
Ratios of General Bonded Debt
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
General Bonded Debt Outstanding										
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 103,375,000	\$ 113,270,000	\$ 133,110,000	\$ 148,750,000	\$ 140,125,000	\$ 131,385,000	\$ 142,410,000	\$ 133,405,000	\$ 175,300,000	\$ 202,965,000
Qualified School Construction Bonds	19,333,333	19,460,775	18,054,404	16,648,032	15,241,660	13,835,290	12,428,919	11,022,547	9,616,175	8,209,803
Subtotal - Bonded Debt	122,708,333	132,730,775	151,164,404	165,398,032	155,366,660	145,220,290	154,838,919	144,427,547	184,916,175	211,174,803
Unamortized bond premium	-	323,385	2,319,993	3,344,471	15,241,660	4,859,616	6,162,259	6,499,188	7,887,587	10,903,352
Total	122,708,333	133,054,160	153,484,397	168,742,503	170,608,320	150,079,906	161,001,178	150,926,735	192,803,762	222,078,155
Less amounts available in Debt Service funds	(14,603,269)	(16,577,676)	(12,911,802)	(8,992,226)	(8,404,010)	(10,660,047)	(12,702,584)	(15,605,502)	(10,132,943)	(10,717,268)
Less QSCB bonds secured by alimony tax	(19,333,333)	(18,000,001)	(16,666,668)	(15,333,335)	(14,000,003)	(12,666,670)	(11,333,338)	(10,000,005)	(8,666,672)	(7,333,340)
Net general bonded debt	88,771,731	98,476,483	123,905,927	144,416,942	148,204,307	126,753,189	136,965,256	125,321,228	174,004,147	204,027,547
Estimated actual taxable value of property	8,358,912,273	8,845,231,153	9,478,751,713	10,169,637,767	10,981,665,773	11,333,226,000	11,461,569,480	11,961,761,760	12,817,888,820	13,927,256,247
Net general bonded debt as a percentage of estimated actual taxable value	1.1%	1.1%	1.3%	1.4%	1.3%	1.1%	1.2%	1.0%	1.36%	1.46%

Details regarding outstanding debt can be found in Note 7 to the financial statements.

Ascension Parish School Board
Pledged Revenue Coverage
Qualified School Construction Bonds, Series 2009 and 2011
Since 2011

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Gross Revenues</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>		
2010-2011	2,937,025	666,666	89,000	755,666	3.89
2011-2012	3,159,169	1,333,333	135,389	1,468,722	2.15
2012-2013	3,436,675	1,333,333	139,000	1,472,333	2.33
2013-2014	3,738,264	1,333,332	139,000	1,472,332	2.54
2014-2015	4,045,928	1,333,334	139,000	1,472,334	2.75
2015-2016	4,208,762	1,333,333	139,000	1,472,333	2.86
2016-2017	4,242,446	1,333,332	139,000	1,472,332	2.88
2017-2018	4,401,703	1,333,333	139,000	1,472,333	2.99
2018-2019	4,747,900	1,333,332	139,000	1,472,332	3.22
2019-2020	5,223,405	1,333,332	139,000	1,472,332	3.55

Qualified School Construction Bonds issued in 2009 and 2011 are secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the funds derived from the levy and collection of a special tax of 3.61 mills which the Ascension Parish School Board is authorized by Article VIII, Section 13 of the Louisiana Constitution to impose and collect.

Table 15

Ascension Parish School Board
Direct and Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt
as of June 30, 2020

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Payable From</u>	<u>Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Estimated Percentage Applicable</u>	<u>Estimated Share of Overlapping Debt</u>
Direct:				
Ascension Parish School Board	Ad Valorem Taxes ^b	\$222,078,155	100.00%	\$222,078,155
Overlapping:				
Ascension Parish Government	Any Source ^a	11,648,000	16.42%	1,912,801
Fire Protection District #1	Sales Taxes ^a	1,250,000	16.42%	205,271
East Ascension Consolidated Drainage District #1	Other ^b	14,710,000	92.02%	13,536,286
City of Donaldsonville	Ad Valorem Taxes ^b	0	1.64%	0
	Sales Taxes ^a	1,795,000	2.23%	40,000
City of Gonzales	Sales Taxes ^a	<u>9,284,713</u>	9.62%	<u>892,860</u>
Subtotal - Overlapping Debt		38,687,713		16,587,218
Total Direct and Overlapping Debt		260,765,868		238,665,373

a. Estimated percentage applicable is the percent of sales tax collected by the government as a percent of all sales tax collected

b. Estimated percentage applicable is the ad valorem taxable value of the jurisdiction as a percent of all ad valorem taxable value in the 2019 tax year

Sources: Ascension Parish School Board Official Statement, \$100,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020
Ascension Parish Assessor
Ascension Parish Sales and Use Tax Authority

Table 16

Ascension Parish School Board
Demographic and Economic Statistics
Last Ten Fiscal Years

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Population</u> ^a	<u>Total Personal Income</u> ^b	<u>Per Capita Personal Income</u> ^c	<u>Total Enrollment</u> ^d	<u>Percentage on Free and Reduced Meals</u> ^e	<u>Unemployment Rate</u> ^f
2010-2011	107,870	4,276,001	39,640	20,163	48.56%	7.5%
2011-2012	109,996	4,511,956	41,019	20,659	49.46%	7.0%
2012-2013	112,203	4,773,106	42,540	21,096	49.28%	6.1%
2013-2014	114,572	4,938,326	43,102	21,525	48.56%	5.6%
2014-2015	117,263	5,263,034	44,882	21,866	48.22%	5.4%
2015-2016	119,376	5,570,826	46,666	22,183	49.10%	5.0%
2016-2017	121,488	5,670,901	46,679	22,251	58.30%	4.7%
2017-2018	122,948	5,862,091	47,679	22,536	47.11%	4.3%
2018-2019	124,672	6,212,332	49,829	22,862	51.03%	4.1%
2019-2020	126,604	6,415,138	50,671	23,409	56.12%	5.3%

The August 2016 Flood caused an increase in the number of students considered to be economically disadvantaged, which caused a spike in percentage of free and reduced meals.

Sources:

- a. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce
- b. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce
- c. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor
- d. Louisiana Department of Education
- e. Louisiana Department of Education
- f. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

Table 17

Ascension Parish School Board
Principal Employers
Current Year and Nine Years Prior

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>			<u>2010-2011</u>		
		<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>% of Total Employment</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>% of Total Employment</u>
Ascension Parish School Board	Public School District	3,028	1	4.7%	2,710	1	5.7%
BASF Corporation	Chemical Plant	1,200	2	1.9%	1,000	2	2.1%
Walmart Stores	Retail	700	3	1.1%	600	5	1.3%
Shell Chemical Company	Chemical Plant	630	4	1.0%	610	3	1.3%
Smith Tank and Steel	General Contractor	600	5	0.9%	-	-	-
Our Lady of the Lake Ascension (Formerly St. Elizabeth Hospital)	Hospital	540	6	0.8%	470	7	1.0%
CF Industries	Fertilizer Manufacturer	515	7	0.8%	-	-	-
Ascension Parish Government	Parish Government	472	8	0.7%	400	10	0.8%
Huntsman Chemical	Chemical Manufacturer	450	9	0.7%	-	-	-
Eatel	Telecommunications	420	10	0.7%	400	9	0.8%
Volks Constructors	Metals Manufacturer	-	-	-	600	4	1.3%
Rubicon, LLC	Polyurethane Manufacturer	-	-	-	478	6	1.0%
Occidental Chemical (OxyChem)	Chemical Plant	-	-	-	400	8	0.8%
Rouse's Supermarket	Retail	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honeywell	Technology and Manufacturing	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Ascension Economic Development Corporation

Use Official Statements for 9 years ago

ascensionedc.com

Table 18

Ascension Parish School Board
Facilities and Student Count
at October 1, 2019

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Year Constructed</u>	<u>Square Footage</u>	<u>Grade Configuration</u>	<u>Student Count</u>
School Buildings				
Bullion Primary	2019	82,872	Pre K - 5	618
Central Middle	1996	104,886	6-8	763
Central Primary	2009	75,560	EC-5	800
Donaldsonville High	1976	130,845	9-12	455
Donaldsonville Primary	1986	76,145	EC-2	482
Duplessis Primary	2002	83,048	EC-5	757
Dutchtown High	2002	254,112	9-12	2,391
Dutchtown Middle	1937	80,979	6-8	932
Dutchtown Primary	1937	74,695	K-5	843
East Ascension High	1965	205,404	9-12	1,853
G.W. Carver Primary	1956	68,190	EC-5	639
Galvez Middle	1956	81,928	6-8	715
Galvez Primary	1986	79,250	EC-5	839
Gonzales Middle	1965	125,506	6-8	707
Gonzales Primary	1936	87,622	K-5	473
Head Start	1966	8,600	Pre K	114
Lake Elementary	1986	109,467	K-8	931
Lakeside Primary	2009	78,111	K-5	742
Lowery Elementary	2005	43,100	3-5	315
Lowery Middle	2005	41,300	6-8	342
Oak Grove Primary	1996	78,784	K-5	602
Pecan Grove Primary	2008	75,560	EC-5	556
Prairieville Middle	1959	68,500	6-8	985
Prairieville Primary	2008	81,601	K-5	803
St. Amant High	1976	306,061	9-12	2,105
St. Amant Middle	1937	68,486	6-8	639
St. Amant Primary	1975	73,411	K-5	525
Sorrento Primary	2011	77,000	EC-5	558
Spanish Lake Primary	2009	<u>77,096</u>	K-5	<u>925</u>
Subtotal - School Buildings		2,798,119		23,409
Non-instructional Sites				
APPLe Digital Academy	1959	29,300	Not applicable	
BC Alwes	1925	14,650	Not applicable	
Central Office	1966	14,200	Not applicable	
Data Center	2012	1,803	Not applicable	
Federal Programs Office	1995	5,300	Not applicable	
LeBlanc Special Services	1926	29,600	Not applicable	
Maintenance and Transportation	1997	29,000	Not applicable	
Warehouse	2013	<u>26,570</u>	Not applicable	
Subtotal - Non-instructional Sites		150,423		
Grand Total		2,948,542		

Table 19

Ascension Parish School Board
School Personnel
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
Teachers										
Bachelor's	972	939	913	950	1,002	1,008	1012	1,034	1,077	1030
Master's	395	417	389	386	397	438	434	429	448	442
Specialist in Education	25	22	20	20	19	14	14	17	12	13
Doctorate	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>18</u>
Total	1,395	1,380	1,328	1,363	1,430	1,478	1,480	1,496	1,557	1,503
Principals and Assistants										
Bachelor's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Master's	61	62	62	62	62	61	62	67	69	69
Specialist in Education	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	1	1	1
Doctorate	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	68	68	68	69	68	68	68	73	76	75
Teacher Salary ¹										
Minimum ²	\$42,411	\$42,411	\$42,411	\$42,411	\$43,683	\$43,683	\$43,683	\$43,683	\$45,683	\$48,876
Maximum ³	60,234	60,234	60,234	57,211	58,927	58,927	58,927	58,927	59,382	49,382
Average	48,432	48,128	49,602	48,268	51,200	51,159	50,889	51,613	52,533	54,129

Notes:

1. Includes base pay only; 182 work days per fiscal year
2. Bachelor's degree, no experience
3. Doctorate degree, 36 years experience

Table 20

Ascension Parish School Board
Employees by Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Instruction:										
Principal	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	33	35	35
Assistant Principal	36	36	36	36	36	36	37	40	41	40
Classroom Teacher	1,395	1,380	1,328	1,363	1,430	1,478	1,480	1,496	1,558	1,505
Librarian	28	29	28	28	28	31	28	31	31	25
Paraprofessional	320	321	321	321	321	321	323	275	309	310
Support Services:										
Board Member	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Superintendent	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Assistant Superintendent	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
Administrator	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	30	30	30
Other Professional	44	43	43	43	43	43	43	81	19	135
Psychologist/Social Worker/Therapist/Diagnostician	59	56	61	68	66	72	79	85	85	88
Counselor/Registrar	34	34	34	36	39	48	45	54	54	43
Nurse	24	24	24	23	23	23	22	23	23	21
Clerical/Secretarial	135	137	137	140	140	140	141	135	157	139
Maintenance/Warehouse	66	63	65	70	70	70	70	68	68	66
Custodial	119	122	102	106	106	110	110	116	116	116
Bus Driver	183	185	185	197	209	227	228	222	222	222
Bus Aide	17	17	20	24	25	31	32	30	30	36
Other										21
Food Service	<u>172</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>183</u>
Grand Total	2,710	2,696	2,643	2,686	2,769	2,887	2,895	2,917	2,973	3,028

Table 21

Ascension Parish School Board
Operating Statistics
Last Ten Fiscal Years

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Cost per Student</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>	<u>Teaching Staff</u>	<u>Pupil/Teacher Ratio</u>	<u>District Performance Score</u> ¹
2010-2011	218,412,448	20,163	10,832	-2.31%	1,395	14.5	109.5
2011-2012	224,985,310	20,659	10,890	0.54%	1,380	15.0	121.2
2012-2013	240,281,345	21,096	11,390	4.59%	1,328	15.9	104.9
2013-2014	246,128,726	21,525	11,255	0.80%	1,363	15.8	106.9
2014-2015	255,223,486	21,866	11,672	3.71%	1,430	15.3	107.4
2015-2016	262,561,436	22,183	11,836	1.40%	1,478	15.0	109.3
2016-2017	304,682,677	22,251	13,693	15.69%	1,480	15.0	110.4
2017-2018	306,033,802	22,536	13,580	-0.83%	1,496	15.1	91.2*
2018-2019	290,695,770	22,862	12,715	-6.37%	1,557	14.7	92.3
2019-2020	320,002,232	23,409	13,670	7.51%	1,503	15.6	**

* New District Performance Formula used

** District performance scores were not conducted by LDOE due to COVID-19

1. Source: Louisiana Department of Education

Ascension Parish School Board
Insurance in Force
at June 30, 2020

Type of Coverage/ Underwriter	Policy Number	Policy Period		Details of Coverage and Coinsurance	Coverage Limits	Premium
		From	To			
General Liability/Automobile (Buses)/ Errors and Omissions Louisiana Public Schools Risk Management Agency (LARMA)	LA 117-Q	10/1/2019	10/1/2020	Bodily Injury, Property Damage, Personal Injury, Advertising Injury and Employee Benefits Injury Including Additional Excess Limits	\$ 1,000,000 Per Occurrence	\$ 394,395
				Automobile Liability	\$ 1,000,000	368,423
				Automobile Physical Damage Including Excess Liability Limits	\$ 165,000	124,098
				Errors and Omissions Liability	\$ 1,000,000 Per Claim	19,206
Workers Compensation LUBA Workers' Comp Casualty Insurance Co.	028000018839119	7/1/2019	7/1/2020	Bodily Injury by Accident or Disease	\$ 1,000,000 Each Accident	806,117
Commercial Property AmRisc, LP	AMR3665307	4/1/2020	4/1/2021	Various locations	511,774,873 Maximum	545,050
Windstorm (named storm) Westchester/ACE	D37409297007	4/1/2020	4/1/2021	Building and personal property as defined for named windstorm	\$ 5,000,000 Per occurrence	290,553
Windstorm (named storm) National Fire & Marine Ins Co	42XPRES30491003	4/1/2020	4/1/2021	Building and personal property as defined for named windstorm	\$ 10,000,000 Per occurrence	236,178
Flood Insurance (contents and buildings) New Hampshire Insurance	Various	Various		Zone AE - High Risk (10 of 29 schools)	\$ 23,310,500	603,010
				Zone X - Moderate to Low Risk (19 of 29 schools)	\$ 32,050,000	170,687
				Non-Instructional (6 of 6 sites)	\$ 3,375,000	60,072
Boiler and Machinery Liberty Mutual Insurance Company	FBP9538530	4/1/2020	4/1/2021	Limit per breakdown	\$ 100,000,000	18,867
Student Accident	1806076118/18398518	8/1/2019	8/1/2020	Maximum Benefit Blanket Athletic Disability Plan for All Athletes	\$ 5,000,000 \$ 500,000	177,227
				Maximum Benefit Student Accident	\$ 25,000	
				Field Trips, Intramural Sports, Band and Cheerleaders	\$ 5,000,000	
				Employee Dishonesty	\$ 200,000	
Faithful Performance CAN Surety Company	71322968	12/11/2019	12/11/2020			<u>2,126</u>
Total Insurance Premiums						\$ 3,816,009

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REPORTS ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL
AND PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT DATA
JUNE 30, 2020

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

To the Members of the
Ascension Parish School Board
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

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 Ascension Parish School Board (the School Board) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School Board's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 26, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2020-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.



Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School Board's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 matter that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Ascension Parish School Board's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Postlethwaite & Netterville'.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
March 26, 2021

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

To the Members of the
Ascension Parish School Board
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Ascension Parish School Board's (the School Board) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Ascension Parish School Board's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020. The School Board's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the School Board'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 Ascension Parish School Board'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 Board's compliance.

Opinion on Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the School Board 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, 2020.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2020-002. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the School Board 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 Board'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 Board'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 the 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2020-002 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

The School Board's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The School Board's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.



Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining information of the Ascension Parish School Board, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School Board's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated March 26, 2021, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for the purpose of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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.

Postlethwaite & Netterville

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
March 26, 2021

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

<u>FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE</u>	<u>Agency or Pass-through No.</u>	<u>CFDA NUMBER</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
<u>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>			
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER			
Passed through Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry:			
Food Distribution Program	LDE/103-63	10.555	\$ 814,810
Passed through Louisiana Department of Education:			
National School Lunch Program	LDE/103-63	10.555	3,344,375
School Breakfast Program	LDE/103-63	10.553	<u>3,602,822</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			7,762,007
Passed through Louisiana Department of Education:			
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program	LDE/103-63	10.582	<u>66,587</u>
Total Fresh Fruits and Vegetables			66,587
TOTAL UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			<u>7,828,594</u>
<u>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u>			
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)			
Passed through Louisiana Department of Education:			
Special Education - IDEA - Part B (19-20)	28-20-B1-03	84.027A	2,748,976
Special Education - IDEA - Part B (18-19)	28-19-B1-03	84.027A	1,702,641
JAG AIM High!	28-20-JP-03	84.027A	50,000
Special Education - High Cost Services	28-20-RH-03	84.027A	65,094
Special Education – Preschool (19-20)	28-20-P1-03	84.173A	93,848
Special Education – Preschool (18-19)	28-19-P1-03	84.173A	39,207
Special Education – IDEA 619 Lighthouse Pilot	Pro Act #100015183	84.173	<u>20,000</u>
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			4,719,766
Special Education – State Personnel Development			
Special Education – State Personnel Development UIR	28-18-P718-03	84.323A	10,957
Total Special Education – State Personnel Development	28-18-SPDU-03	84.323A	<u>16,875</u> 27,834
TITLE I, PART A			
Passed through Louisiana Department of Education:			
Title I (19-20)	28-20-TI-03	84.010A	2,687,582
Title I (18-19)	28-19-TI-03	84.010A	1,124,167
Title I Redesign Planning 1003a	28-19-RD19-03	84.010A	200,127
Direct Student Services Title I 1003a	28-20-DSS -03	84.010A	<u>60,959</u>
Total Title I, Part A			4,072,835
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT			
Passed through Louisiana Department of Education:			
Believe and Succeed - 1003g	28-16-BE-03	84.377A	<u>10,211</u>
Total School Improvement Grant			10,211

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

<u>FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE</u>	<u>Agency or Pass-through No.</u>	<u>CFDA NUMBER</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
OTHER PROGRAMS			
Passed through Louisiana Department of Education:			
Vocational Education - Basic Grants to States	28-20-02-03	84.048	243,944
Vocational Education - Basic Grants to States - Reallocation	28-19-02-03	84.048	<u>13,060</u>
Total Vocational Education			257,004
Improving Teacher Quality (19-20)	28-20-50-03	84.367A	718,130
Improving Teacher Quality (18-19)	28-19-50-03	84.367A	<u>373,545</u>
Total Improving Teacher Quality			1,091,675
English Language Acquisition (19-20)	28-20-60-03	84.365A	57,574
English Language Acquisition (18-19)	28-19-60-03	84.365A	12,282
English Language Acquisition – Immigrant (19-20)	28-20-S3-03	84.365A	1,897
English Language Acquisition – Immigrant (18-19)	28-19-S3-03	84.365A	<u>10,667</u>
Total English Language Acquisition			82,420
Student Support & Academic Enrichment (19-20)	28-20-71-03	84.424A	221,514
Student Support & Academic Enrichment (18-19)	28-19-71-03	84.424A	65,149
Student Support & Academic Enrichment – Set-Aside	28-19-UIRD-03	84.424	<u>15,610</u>
Total Student Support & Academic Enrichment			302,273
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund – under CARES Act – COVID-19	28-20-ESRF-03	84.425D	<u>2,290,637</u>
Total Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund			2,290,637
Total Other Programs			<u>4,024,009</u>
TOTAL UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			<u>12,854,653</u>
<u>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</u>			
HEAD START CLUSTER			
Direct Program:			
Administration for children, youth and families – Head Start	06-CH010069/03	93.600	<u>1,691,507</u>
Total Head Start Cluster			1,691,507
TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)			
Passed through Louisiana Department of Education:			
Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) - TANF	28-20-JS-03	93.558	<u>73,920</u>
Total TANF			73,920
CCDF CLUSTER			
Passed through Louisiana Department of Education:			
Child Care and Development Block Grant	28-19-CO-03	93.575	<u>31,372</u>
Total CCDF Cluster			31,372

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

<u>FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE</u>	<u>Agency or Pass-through No.</u>	<u>CFDA NUMBER</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
OTHER PROGRAMS			
Passed through Louisiana Department of Education:			
Preschool Development Grant – Get Ready Cohort	28-19-GRC-03	93.434	13,082
Preschool Development Grant – Infant Class Preschool/Kellog	28-19-ICPG-03	93.434	<u>22,855</u>
Total Preschool Development Grant (PDG B-5)			35,937
Passed through Capital Area Human Services District (CAHSD):			
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse – Gambling	2000277313	93.959	8,997
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse – Opioid Misuse	2000305474	93.959	<u>13,752</u>
Total Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse			22,749
Total Other Programs			<u>58,686</u>
TOTAL UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT			<u>1,855,485</u>
<u>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE</u>			
Direct Program:			
ROTC Grant	JROTC0445	N/A	<u>150,690</u>
TOTAL UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE			<u>150,690</u>
<u>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY</u>			
Passed through the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOSHEP):			
Disaster Grant - Public Assistance (FEMA #4277)	005-03C8B-00	97.036	<u>13,843,955</u>
TOTAL UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			<u>13,843,955</u>
TOTAL FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE			<u>\$ 36,533,377</u>

See the accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) includes the federal grant activity of the Ascension Parish School Board (the School Board) and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE B – NON-CASH ASSISTANCE - FOOD COMMODITIES

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed. During the year ended June 30, 2020, the School Board received commodities valued at \$814,810. At June 30, 2020, the School Board had food commodities totaling \$693,118 in inventory.

NOTE C – DE MINIMUS COST RATE

During the year ended June 30, 2020, the School Board did not elect to use the 10% de minimus cost rate as covered in §200.414 of the Uniform Guidance. Instead the School Board has an indirect cost rate that is provided by the Louisiana Department of Education.

NOTE D – RECONCILIATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Federal Expenditures reported on the SEFA of \$36,533,377, are broken out as seen below.

General	\$ 13,843,955
Child Nutrition	7,828,594
ESSERF – CARES Act	2,290,637
Head Start	1,691,507
Special Education	4,747,598
Title I	4,072,835
Title II	1,091,675
Other Federal Funds	966,576
Total Federal Restricted grants-in-aid per Financial Statements	<u>\$ 36,533,377</u>

NOTE E – SUB-RECIPIENTS

The School Board did not pass through federal awards to sub-recipients during the year ended June 30, 2020.

NOTE F – DISASTER GRANTS-PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (FEMA #4277), CFDA #97.036

Non-Federal entities must record expenditures on the SEFA when: (1) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved the non-Federal entity's project worksheet (PW), and (2) the non-Federal entity has incurred the eligible expenditures.

In 2020, FEMA approved \$8,453,577 of eligible expenditures that were incurred in a prior year and are included on the Schedule.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

A. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified

Internal Control over Financial Reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? yes X no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are
not considered to be material weaknesses? X yes none reported

Noncompliance material to financial
statements noted? yes X no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? yes X no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are
not considered to be material weaknesses? X yes none reported

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required
to be reported in accordance with Title 2, Part 200
of the Uniform Guidance? X yes no

Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.010	Title I, Part A
84.425D	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)
97.036	Disaster Grant – Public Assistance (FEMA #4277)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$1,096,001

Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? yes X no

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

B. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

2020-001: Internal Control Over Financial Reporting of Fixed Assets and Capitalization

Criteria: The definition of internal control over financial reporting includes ensuring that policies and procedures exist that pertain to an entity's ability to initiate, record, process and report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in the annual financial statements.

Conditions: During our audit procedures, we identified the following matters related to internal control over financial reporting of fixed assets and capitalization:

(1) The School Board's construction in progress (CIP) schedule contained errors in project statuses (complete/incomplete), resulting in changes to deletions, ending balances and depreciation start dates of several projects. Lastly, an adjustment was needed to retainage payable for one project on the schedule.

(2) As a result of some of the items noted in item 1, the School Board's building and improvements schedule required adjustments to current year additions, ending balances, current year depreciation amounts and accumulated depreciation for several projects. While testing current year building additions, several projects' depreciation start dates were inaccurate based on supporting documentation. Lastly, in trying to test the depreciation start date for one building, the supporting documentation requested was not able to be obtained and thus unable to be tested for this attribute.

(3) Per review of repairs and maintenance expenditures, we noted two purchases which were not properly capitalized on the equipment or improvements asset schedules.

Cause: A lack of adequate internal controls exists over the preparation and review of schedules used in tracking and recording of fixed assets.

Effect: Due to the inaccuracy of the underlying accounting records, material adjustments were made to the construction in progress, and building and improvements schedules prepared by the School Board.

Recommendations: Communication between Business Services and Construction Departments should be improved to ensure underlying accounting records are properly maintained throughout the fiscal year. The School Board should also strengthen its controls including its reconciliation and review processes over the fixed asset schedules, project statuses, and capitalization of expenditures recorded in repairs and maintenance accounts.

View of Responsible Official:

Communication between the Business Services and Operations Department will be improved to ensure underlying accounting records are properly maintained throughout the fiscal year. APSB will strengthen its controls in the reconciliation and review process over the fixed asset schedules, project statuses, and capitalization of expenditures recorded in repairs and maintenance accounts.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

2020-002: Compliance and Internal Control over Procurement Sole Source Vendors

CFDA #84.425D Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)

Questioned Costs: \$101,471

Criteria: The Uniform Guidance federal regulations per 2 CFR section 200.320 requires, among other things, that specific criteria be met for the procurement of noncompetitive proposals. Procurement of noncompetitive proposals is procurement through solicitation of a proposal from only one source, also known as a sole source vendor. This method may only be used when one or more of the following circumstances apply:

- 1.) The item is available only from a single source;
- 2.) The purchase is in response to a public emergency that will not permit a delay resulting from the competitive process;
- 3.) The purchase is expressly authorized by awarding or pass-through agency in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity; or
- 4.) After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.

To ensure compliance with these requirements, justification of the use of noncompetitive proposals and research on the availability from multiple sources must be documented. Documentation of authorization must be retained, and any initial solicitations from multiple sources which are concluded to be inadequate, and such reasoning must be documented.

Universe/Population: The total population was considered to be all vendors of the ESSERF (CARES Act) program whose transactions for the year ended June 30, 2020 exceeded the micro-purchase threshold of \$10,000. Payroll and benefit-related transactions were excluded from the population. Based on these requirements, the population consisted of 5 vendors totaling \$1,614,781. Additionally, all 5 vendors were selected for testing.

Conditions: In testing compliance and internal controls with respect to the Uniform Guidance 2 CFR section 200.320(f), one of the vendors selected for testing was deemed to be a sole source provider of hardware and software equipment by the School Board. A sole source letter was obtained from the vendor, which outlined the uniqueness of the goods and services to be provided. However, the date of the letter was from the previous fiscal period and thus did not evidence that the documentation was obtained contemporaneously with the decision to award the sole source provider of expenditures funded via the ESSERF grant, established under the CARES Act. Additionally, the form used by the School Board to document the justification of a sole source vendor was deemed insufficient for the following reasons: (1) an adequate analysis or comparison of like products was not properly completed and (2) the request form was not approved (i.e. no signature) by the purchasing department.

Cause: The School Board did not adhere to its established procurement policy for noncompetitive proposals to sole source vendors by not sufficiently documenting the criteria and analysis required under the Uniform Guidance and State Bid Law. Additionally, the established control and review process was not properly followed to ensure documentation was adequately maintained and approved in order to support the determination of the vendor to be a sole source.

Effect: Without proper internal controls over procurement to sole source vendors, the School Board may enter into contracts with vendors where the price may not be fair or reasonable.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT (continued)

2020-002: Compliance and Internal Control over Procurement Sole Source Vendors (continued)

CFDA #84.425D Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF) (continued)

Recommendations: The School Board should strengthen controls at the program administration level to ensure appropriate consideration to competitors are given and adequate documentation is obtained with respect to procurement of sole source products in accordance with the Uniform Guidance 2 CFR section 200.320(f). This documentation should be approved by the program director, as well as the purchasing director, and retained as evidence of the internal controls over procurement.

View of Responsible Official:

APSB will strengthen internal controls over the documentation and approval of procurement of items considered "sole source". The APSB currently requires completion of a standardized form that documents the reasons associated with a sole source procurement. However, in the finding noted, the form was not completed and appropriately reviewed to ensure documentation requirements were met. The form will be reviewed by the Supervisor of Federal Programs to ensure an adequate analysis or comparison of like products was properly completed and the current sole source letter from the vendor is attached. The Supervisor of Federal Programs will include their signature of approval then forward form to Supervisor of Supply Chain for their signature of approval.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

A. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

None

B. NONCOMPLIANCE FINDINGS

None

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

2019-001: Preparation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA)

Condition: During our audit procedures we identified the following matter which was considered a weakness in internal control over major programs: The SEFA prepared by the School Board's personnel did not properly report the correct amount of the federal awards expended for one of the identified major programs. The amount of expenditures reported improperly included the portion funded by the state.

Current Year Status: Resolved

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT DATA
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

To the Ascension Parish School Board,
the Louisiana Department of Education,
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Ascension Parish School Board (the School Board), the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (the specified parties), on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of the School Board for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020; and to determine whether the specified schedules are free of obvious errors and omissions as provided by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) Bulletin, in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514.I. Management of the School Board is responsible for its performance and statistical data. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures enumerated below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

**General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures
and Certain Local Revenue Sources (Schedule 1)**

1. We selected a random sample of 25 transactions, reviewed supporting documentation, and observed that the sampled expenditures/revenues are classified correctly and are reported in the proper amounts among the following amounts reported on the schedule:
 - Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures
 - Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures
 - Total Local Taxation Revenue
 - Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property
 - Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes
 - Nonpublic Textbook Revenue
 - Nonpublic Transportation Revenue

In performing the testing on the sample of expenditures/revenues, we noted no transactions that were inappropriately classified or were recorded at an inappropriate amount.

Class Size Characteristics (Schedule 2)

2. We obtained a list of classes by school, school type, and class size as reported on the schedule. We then traced a sample of 10 classes to the October 1st roll books for those classes and observed that the class was properly classified on the schedule.

We noted one discrepancy in which the LEADS class detail disagreed with the actual roster as of October 1st. An art class that had been canceled in a general rescheduling of fall enrichment courses was erroneously included on the schedule.

Education Levels/Experience of Public School Staff (NO SCHEDULE)

3. We obtained October 1st PEP data submitted to the Department of Education (or equivalent listing prepared by management), including full-time teachers, principals, and assistant principals by classification, as well as their level of education and experience, and obtained management's representation that the data/listing was complete. We then selected a sample of 25 individuals, traced to each individual's personnel file, and observed that each individual's education level and experience was properly classified on the PEP data or equivalent listing prepared by management.

When testing the education level of the full-time teachers, assistant principals, and principals, one discrepancy (out of 25) existed between the schedule and the personnel files. Additionally, in testing the education level of full-time teachers, assistant principals, and principals, we noted one name that was duplicated in the schedule's PEP data.

We noted no differences between the years of experience of the full-time teachers, assistant principals, and principals reported on the schedule and the years recorded in the personnel files. However, we noted one name that was duplicated in the schedule's PEP data, as well as a placeholder account that was incorrectly included in the total count of teachers.

Public School Staff Data: Average Salaries (NO SCHEDULE)

4. We obtained June 30th PEP data submitted to the Department of Education (or equivalent listing provided by management) of all classroom teachers, including base salary, extra compensation, and ROTC or rehired retiree status, as well as full-time equivalents, and obtained management's representation that the data/listing was complete. We then selected a sample of 25 individuals, traced to each individual's personnel file, and observed that each individual's salary, extra compensation, and full-time equivalents were properly included on the PEP data (or equivalent listing prepared by management).

No differences were noted.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the performance and statistical data. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.



The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of the School Board, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514.I, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Postlethwaite & Netterville

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

March 26, 2021

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Donaldsonville, Louisiana
Schedules Required by State Law (R.S. 24:514 - Performance and Statistical Data)
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Schedule 1 - General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources

This schedule includes general fund instructional and equipment expenditures. It also contains local taxation revenue, earnings on investments, revenue in lieu of taxes, and nonpublic textbook and transportation revenue. This data is used either in the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula or is presented annually in the MFP 70% Expenditure Requirement Report.

Schedule 2 Class Size Characteristics

This schedule includes the percent and number of classes with student enrollment in the following ranges: 1-20, 21-26, 27-33, and 34+ students.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

**General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures
and Certain Local Revenue Sources
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	Column A	Column B
<u>General Fund Instructional and Equipment Expenditures</u>		
General Fund Instructional Expenditures:		
Teacher and Student Interaction Activities:		
Classroom Teacher Salaries	\$ 77,816,621	
Other Instructional Staff Activities	6,321,362	
Instructional Staff Employee Benefits	44,635,842	
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	5,148,881	
Instructional Materials and Supplies	11,534,161	
Instructional Equipment	106,708	
Total Teacher and Student Interaction Activities		\$ 145,563,575
Other Instructional Activities		3,865,506
Pupil Support Activities	13,155,613	
Less: Equipment for Pupil Support Activities	-	
Net Pupil Support Activities		13,155,613
Instructional Staff Services	11,443,945	
Less: Equipment for Instructional Staff Services	-	
Net Instructional Staff Services		11,443,945
School Administration		
Less: Equipment for School Administration	16,325,711	
Net School Administration		16,325,711
Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures (Total of Column B)		\$ 190,354,350
Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures (Object 730; Function Series 1000-4000)		\$ 1,579,012
<u>Certain Local Revenue Sources</u>		
Local Taxation Revenue:		
Constitutional Ad Valorem Taxes		\$ 5,171,675
Renewable Ad Valorem Tax		61,458,336
Debt Service Ad Valorem Tax		21,603,664
Up to 1% of Collections by the Sheriff on Taxes Other than School Taxes		1,577,857
Sales and Use Taxes		66,829,877
Total Local Taxation Revenue		\$ 156,641,409
Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property:		
Earnings from 16th Section Property		\$ -
Earnings from Other Real Property		-
Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property		\$ -
State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes:		
Revenue Sharing - Constitutional Tax		\$ 207,737
Revenue Sharing - Other Taxes		-
Revenue Sharing - Excess Portion		-
Other Revenue in Lieu of Taxes		-
Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes		\$ 207,737
Nonpublic Textbook Revenue		\$ 23,468
Nonpublic Transportation Revenue		\$ -

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

Class Size Characteristics
As of October 1, 2019

School Type	Class Size Range							
	1 - 20		21 - 26		27 - 33		34+	
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Elementary	34.70%	1,136	49.94%	1,635	12.43%	407	3%	96
Elementary Activity Classes	17.37%	82	37.29%	176	31.78%	150	13.56%	64
Middle/Jr. High	30.18%	364	38.23%	461	30.35%	366	1.24%	15
Middle/Jr. High Activity Classes	15.98%	31	23.71%	46	42.27%	82	18.04%	35
High	47.97%	1,253	31.81%	831	19.53%	510	0.69%	18
High Activity Classes	57.29%	283	20.24%	100	12.55%	62	9.92%	49
Combination	38.82%	2,753	41.27%	2,927	18.09%	1,283	1.82%	129
Combination Activity Classes	34.14%	396	27.76%	322	25.34%	294	13%	148

Note: The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has set specific limits on the maximum size of classes at various grade levels. The maximum enrollment in grades K-3 is 26 students and maximum enrollment in grades 4-12 is 33 students. These limits do not apply to activity classes such as physical education, chorus, band, and other classes without maximum enrollment standards. Therefore, these classes are included only as separate line items.

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March 26, 2021

The following are the Ascension Parish School Board's responses and corrective action plans to the audit findings noted for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020:

2020-001- Communication between the Business Services and Operations Department will be improved to ensure underlying accounting records are properly maintained throughout the fiscal year as follows:

- The Senior Accountant reviews all construction invoices submitted for payment to ensure the general ledger code on the invoice coincides with guidance from the LDOE LAUGH Guide and Business Services most current agreed-upon location codes. The Senior Accountant will notify the Project Manager and Supervisor of Planning and Construction of any discrepancies to ensure adequate reconciliation of the Planning and Construction Cost Tracker system and APSB accounting system.
- Near the end of the fiscal year, the Director of Business Services and Senior Accountant will meet with the Supervisor of Planning and Construction and Project Managers to discuss all construction projects with expenditures in the fiscal year and determine their status as of June 30 (substantially complete) to ensure accuracy of CIP schedule.
- The Director of Business Services will submit CIP schedule to Supervisor of Planning and Construction for review and make any necessary changes.
- The Supervisor of Planning and Construction will ensure the Planning and Construction staff provides supporting documentation such as substantial completion documents, etc. to verify depreciation start dates are accurate on buildings and improvements schedule.
- The Supervisor of Maintenance will work with the Director of Business Services and Senior Accountant to ensure proper accounting of capital assets which any major repairs that extend the life or functionality (capacity) of an asset are capitalized in which the capitalization threshold for buildings, building improvements, and land improvements is \$50,000.

APSB will strengthen its controls in the reconciliation and review process over the fixed asset schedules, project statuses, and capitalization of expenditures recorded in repairs and maintenance accounts by adhering to the processes mentioned above.

Timeline: Effective immediately

Personnel Responsible: Kimneye S. Cox, MBA, Director of Business Services

2020-002- APSB will strengthen internal controls over the documentation and approval of procurement of items considered "sole source". The APSB currently requires completion of a standardized form that documents the reasons associated with a sole source procurement. However, in the finding noted, the form was not completed and appropriately reviewed to ensure documentation requirements are met. The form will be reviewed by Supervisor of Federal Programs to ensure an adequate analysis or comparison of like products was properly completed and the current sole source letter from the vendor is attached. The Supervisor of Federal Programs will include their signature of approval then forward form to Supervisor of Supply Chain for signature of approval.

Timeline: Effective immediately

Personnel Responsible: Latatia L. Johnson, Ed.D., Supervisor of Federal Programs and Amber Miller,
Supervisor of Supply Chain

Prepared By:

Kimneye S. Cox, MBA

Kimneye S. Cox, MBA

Director of Businesses Services

To the Management of the
Ascension Parish School Board
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the Ascension Parish School Board (the School Board), for the year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon. As part of our audit, we made a study and evaluation of internal accounting control to the extent we considered necessary to plan our audit evaluate the system as required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Under these standards, the purposes of such evaluation are to establish a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School Board's internal control.

The objective of internal control is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance as to the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and the reliability of the financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a system of internal controls should not exceed the benefits derived and also recognizes that the evaluation of these factors necessarily requires estimates and judgments by management.

No matter how good a system, there are inherent limitations that should be recognized in considering the potential effectiveness of internal controls. In the performance of most control procedures, errors can result from misunderstanding of instructions, mistakes of judgment, carelessness, or other personal factors. Control procedures whose effectiveness depends upon segregation of duties can be circumvented by collusion. Similarly, control procedures can be circumvented intentionally by management either with respect to the execution and recording of transactions or with respect to the estimates and judgments required in the preparation of financial statements. Further, projection of any evaluation of internal accounting control to future periods is subject to the risk that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate. We say this simply to suggest that any system needs to be constantly reviewed and improved where necessary.

Also, in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we considered 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, during the course of our audit, we became aware of certain matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls or operating efficiencies or instances of immaterial non-compliance. Our comments and suggestions regarding those matters are set forth below. This letter does not affect our reports dated March 26, 2021, on the financial statements of the School Board or the School Board's internal control over financial reporting.

ML 2020-001

Payroll Matters and Leave Approvals

Conditions:

(1) While testing internal controls over payroll, in a sample of 40 transactions, our audit procedures revealed the following occurrences: (a) one employee was underpaid approximately \$1,500 during the fiscal year based on comparison to the approved salary schedule, (b) two employees were overpaid approximately \$800 (in total) during the fiscal year based on comparison to the approved salary schedule, (c) one employee was paid based on the incorrect education level resulting in an underpayment of approximately \$1,500 in annual compensation, and (d) one employee was paid based on the incorrect years of experience resulting in an overpayment of approximately \$600 in annual compensation. Similar matters have been reported in prior years.

(2) In accordance with established policies and procedures, a direct supervisor of an employee should approve sick/vacation leave requests in the payroll system, Novatime. While testing internal controls over payroll, we noted out of a sample of 40 transactions, 1 employee was not approved by the appropriate individual. Instead, approvals were made by payroll department personnel to avoid delays in the payroll process. This matter has been repeated from prior years.

(3) While testing internal controls over payroll, we noted out of a sample of 60, 10 instances which employee verification reports were not completed by the respective supervisor/approver for corresponding pay period(s).

Recommendation:

We recommend that the School Board create and implement an HR procedure manual to assist applicable employees with daily roles, responsibilities and procedures to ensure employee data and payroll information is complete and accurate within the system, as well as consistent with the Board approved salary schedule. With respect to approval of leave time and payroll verification reports, we recommend for the School Board to remind employees of their responsibilities to adhere to established policies and procedures.

ML 2020-002

Allegation of Misappropriation

Condition:

The Louisiana Revised Statute 14:67 defines theft as the misappropriation or taking anything of economic value which belongs to another, either without the consent of the other to the misappropriation or taking, or by means of fraudulent conduct, practices, or representations. One instance of misappropriation was identified by the new Human Resource Director and reported to the Legislative Auditor, which is presented in Attachment A to this letter.

Recommendation:

Employees are to be reminded of the proper procedures and their ethical responsibilities as public servants. We recommend the School Board strengthen their internal controls over the human resources and benefits processes, specifically as it relates to proper segregation of duties and access controls within the system. Processes should be reviewed and revised in order to deter such instances from occurring again in the future.

ML 2020-003

Use of Public Funds/Cooperative Endeavor Agreements

Condition:

Article VII, Section 14 (A) of the Louisiana Constitution states that funds of any political subdivision shall not be donated to, or for any person, association, or corporation, public or private. While performing certain audit procedures we identified a payment of \$40,000 to a not-for-profit organization for which there was no documentation of the exchange of services provided to the School Board. Due to the lack of documentation, such a transaction would be deemed a donation and thus prohibited under the Constitution. However, based on discussions with the School Board's attorney and Superintendent, in conjunction with our understanding of the operations of the organization, the benefits of participation in the programs offered by this non-profit organization far outweigh the costs and a cooperative endeavor agreement should have been in place to document the terms of the exchange transaction. The School Board was unable to locate an executed cooperative endeavor agreement with the not-for-profit entity.

Recommendation:

We recommend the School Board execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with this non-profit organization. The agreement should also be properly maintained and updated from year-to-year. In addition, the School Board should establish a procedure to ensure any similar transactions are supported by the appropriate documentation.

ML 2020-004

Annual Inventory of Assets

Condition:

While performing internal control walkthroughs, our procedures revealed that an annual physical inventory of capital assets (equipment and fixtures) was not conducted by the school/site managers during the current fiscal year as required by school policy.

Recommendation:

As COVID-19 continues to impact normal operating procedures, the School District must find alternative ways of complying with established procedures despite the pandemic. We recommend the School Board discuss with the appropriate site managers (librarians) to determine the best way to adhere to the established policies and procedures while also complying with CDC guidelines. This includes ensuring a physical inventory count occurs at least once during the school year.

ML 2020-005

Credit Cards

Condition:

A review of credit card activity was performed to test whether the transactions and procurement procedures adhered to the School Board's policy. Based on testing results, we noted the following exceptions with one of the employees selected: (1) a business/school purpose was not properly documented for any of the 62 transactions listed on the monthly credit card registers, all of which were selected for testing, and (2) the monthly credit card register was not properly signed by a reviewer/approver.



Recommendation: We recommend the School Board remind all applicable employees of their responsibility to adhere to the established procedures of the Purchase Card Policy.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with management and personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board Members and management of the Ascension Parish School Board, and others within, and should not be used by any other purpose.

Postlethwaite & Netterville

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
March 26, 2021

Status of Prior Year Management Letter Comments

ML 2019-001 Documentation in Personnel File

Condition: Personnel files should contain all documentation to support the approved rate of pay. While testing internal controls over payroll, in a sample of 40 transactions, our audit procedures revealed the following occurrences: (1) an employee was getting paid based on the incorrect education level resulting in an overpayment of approximately \$2,000 in annual compensation, (2) the years of experience for one individual in the computer system did not agree to employment records maintained resulting in overpayment of approximately \$1,000 in annual compensation, and (3) documentation of the verification of prior out of district years of service for two employees was not provided or able to be located. This is a partially repeated comment from the prior year.

Recommendation: We recommend that a checklist be maintained to ensure all documents are received and placed into an employee's personnel file and this verified by a separate individual to ensure all documentation is received and the information agrees to the payroll system.

Current Status: Similar conditions are repeated for the current year. See ML 2020-001.

ML 2019-002 Policy on Timing of Step Increases for Personnel

Condition: Step increases automatically occur on an annual basis at the beginning of the fiscal year beginning July 1st. The current practice is that generally employees who are hired after December 31st are not given a step increase in the year in which they are hired. There were several instances where step increases occurred for individuals hired after December 31st and results in inconsistencies in practice. A formal policy establishing the timeline for step increases does not exist.

Recommendation: We recommend that a formal policy be created to provide clarification on when the timing of step increases for all personnel are scheduled to occur. Once a policy is established any circumstances that would require non-compliance with the policy should be approved the Superintendent and the reasons adequately documented.

Current Status: Resolved.

ML 2019-003

Segregation of Duties over School Activity Funds

Condition: While gaining an understanding of the collection processes at the schools, we noted that “A Secretary” was responsible for collection of the cash, posting of collection entries and reconciliation of the bank account for 2 out of the 5 schools tested. Segregation of duties is the concept of having more than one person required to complete a task/transactions in order to prevent fraud and error.

Recommendation: We recommend that the School Board update its policy to allow for the “B Secretary” to collect the cash and prepare and make the deposit and “A Secretary” should record and reconcile the bank account.

Current Status: Resolved.

ML 2019-004

Use of Public Funds

Condition: Per Louisiana Department of Justice Civil Division court decision (Opinion Number 03-0157), the payment of food, drink, or other expenses associated with parties and other types of celebratory functions is improper under Louisiana Constitution Article VII, Section 14. During our audit procedures performed over cash disbursements, we noted that the School Board used public funds to pay for a breakfast during which the School Board recognized the retirement of an employee which may violate the provision cited.

In addition, during our disbursement testing we also noted that the School Board used public funds to purchase items, such as vanity kits, to be distributed to employees at staff meetings. Items provided to employees should be able to be used for educational or business related purposes otherwise may be considered a gift and therefore may not be allowable under state regulations.

Recommendation: The School Board must review and closely consider the state regulations surrounding expenses of this nature to ensure it has properly considered whether such purchases could violate these regulations. This consideration and the related business purpose should be documented prior to the purchase being approved.

Current Status: Partially resolved. Related conditions are repeated for the current year. See ML 2020-005.

ML 2019-005

Leave Approvals

Condition: In accordance with established policies and procedures, a direct supervisor of an employee should approve sick/vacation leave requests in the payroll system, Novatime. While testing internal controls over payroll, we noted out of a sample of 40 transactions, 3 were not approved by the appropriate individual. Instead, approvals were made by payroll department personnel to avoid delays in the payroll process.

Recommendation: We recommend for the School Board to remind employees of their responsibilities to adhere to established procedures.

Current Status: These conditions are repeated for the current year. See ML 2020-001.

ML 2019-006

Documentation of Evidence of Review

Condition: During our testing of federal award programs, we noted several instances where there was no evidence of approval or review of prepared reports (although employees corroborated reports that are prepared are reviewed by an individual who did not prepare the report); however, there is no documentary evidence exists to indicate the review occurred. We did not note any discrepancies in the reporting.

Recommendation: We recommend that the individual responsible for the review of the report initial and date the report as evidence of their review.

Current Status: Related conditions are repeated for the current year. See Uniform Guidance report items 2020-002 and 2020-003.

Ascension Parish School Board (APSB)
Attachment A to Management Letter
6/30/2020

The following 18 elements of the instances of misappropriation are presented below:

Element of Finding	Misappropriation/fraud
1 A general statement describing the fraud or misappropriation that occurred.	A former employee and teacher was originally hired in August of 2014, but subsequently left the district in August of 2015. The individual was rehired again, as a teacher, in August 2019. The teacher's spouse was also employed with APSB as a Human Resource (HR) Specialist throughout the 2014 - 2020 fiscal years. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, discrepancies were noted with this individual's leave balance upon a routine verification check of such information performed by payroll personnel. The discrepancies were brought to the attention of the HR Director and the Business Services Director. This resulted in an internal investigation into the history of employment and verification of leave balances for this individual. Based on the evidence obtained through the internal review, it was determined that the HR Specialist had falsified the spouse's records with respect to employment verification and leave balances by manually adjusting data within the payroll system without proper authorization.
2 A description of the funds or assets that were the subject of the fraud or misappropriation (ex., utility receipts, petty cash, computer equipment).	payroll - time and attendance records
3 The amount of funds or approximate value of assets involved.	10 additional sick days - exact amount unknown
4 The department or office in which the fraud or misappropriation occurred.	Human Resource Department at the Central Office of the APSB
5 The period of time over which the fraud or misappropriation occurred.	August 2014 - August 2015; August 2019 - January 2020
6 The title/agency affiliation of the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud or misappropriation.	Human Resource Specialist
7 The name of the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud or misappropriation, if formal charges have been brought against the person and/or the matter has been adjudicated.	Paola Ocho (HR Specialist) - no formal charges were brought against Ms. Ocho. However, the APSB (HR Department) did take disciplinary action and this matter was resolved upon Ms. Ocho's separation of employment from the District.
8 Is the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud still employed by the agency?	No, all parties involved are no longer employed by the District.
9 If the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud is still employed by the agency, do they have access to assets that may be subject to fraud or misappropriation?	N/A
10 Has the agency notified the appropriate law enforcement body about the fraud or misappropriation?	The APSB did not consider necessary as the matter was handled internally but notified all applicable internal personnel, the LLA and the external auditors.
11 What is the status of the investigation at the date of the auditor's/accountant's report?	The APSB's internal investigation has been completed. No other formal charges or actions have been or will be pursued. The matter has been resolved as the parties involved are no longer employed by the District.
12 If the investigation is complete and the person believed to have committed the act of fraud or misappropriation has been identified, has the agency filed charges against that person?	No charges were filed against the employee. Only an internal investigation was conducted.
13 What is the status of any related adjudication at the date of the auditor's/accountant's report?	N/A - no charges were filed against the employee
14 Has restitution been made or has an insurance claim been filed?	N/A - no charges were filed against the employee

	Element of Finding	Misappropriation/fraud
15	Has the agency notified the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and the District Attorney in writing, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:523 (Applicable to local governments only)	Yes
16	Did the agency's internal controls allow the detection of the fraud or misappropriation in a timely manner?	Per Kimneye Cox - No, since the alleged acts occurred over multiple years.
17	If the answer to the last question is "no," describe the control deficiency/significant deficiency/material weakness that allowed the fraud or misappropriation to occur and not be detected in a timely manner.	Per Kimneye Cox - Verification of leave balances and certifications of employment was not entered, reviewed or verified by the appropriate person within the HR department. Additionally, the system access and override controls allowed for manual adjustments to be entered without proper authorization and support.
18	Management's plan to ensure that the fraud or misappropriation does not occur in the future	Per Kimneye Cox - The HR department plans to ensure the accuracy of any future manual adjustments keyed into the HR or payroll system is verified by the HR Supervisor and/or HR Director evidenced by a sign off.

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March 26, 2021

The following are Ascension Parish School Board response to Management Letter Comments:

ML 2020-001- APSB HR personnel will create and implement an HR procedure manual to assist personnel in the department with daily roles, responsibilities, and procedures to ensure employee data and payroll information is complete and accurate within the system, as well as consistent with the Board approved salary schedule. The Business Services Department will reinforce in training to Administrators the importance of approving leave in leave systems as well as approving employee verification reports.

ML 2020-002- APSB HR department will ensure personnel follow the HR procedure manual to ensure proper segregation of duties and access controls within the system. The HR Director and Supervisor of Human Resources will review processes and revise them.

ML 2020-003- APSB executed a cooperative endeavor agreement with the not-for-profit organization . The agreement will be properly maintained and updated from year-to-year. APSB will establish a procedure where an exchange of services provided to the School Board by the not-for-profit are supported by appropriate documentation.

ML 2020-004- APSB will review its school policy involving annual physical inventory count of capital assets (equipment and fixtures). The policy does not take into consideration emergency situations such as the global pandemic COVID-19. The Director of Business Services and Payroll Accountant will discuss with the appropriate site managers (librarians) the current policy to determine the best way to follow annual inventory of assets as well with CDC guidelines.

ML 2020-005- APSB Business Services Department will remind employees about the policy regarding use of purchase cards by department. Employees must document the purpose of a meeting to the immediate supervisor prior to any purchase being approved. The monthly credit card register must be properly signed by a reviewer/approver.

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