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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

RSM US, LLP  
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio  
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Cleveland, Ohio 44114

We have examined the Southern Local School District, Perry County, Ohio (the District), management's assertion that the census data and pensionable wages reported to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio as of June 30, 2016, and for the year then ended was accurate and complete.

Management asserts that:

- The census data provided to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio as of June 30, 2016 is accurate and complete. Census data includes
  - First and Last Name;
  - Last four digits of the social security number;
  - Gender;
  - Date of Birth;
  - Contributions remitted to the plan;
  - Pensionable Compensation;
- The census data provided to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio as of June 30, 2016 included all enrolled employees.
- Census data changes occurring during the year ended June 30, 2016 to an enrolled employee's eligible compensation were properly updated with the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio.
- All employees required to be enrolled in the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio were properly enrolled.
- The total pensionable wages and employee contributions information reported to School Employees Retirement System of Ohio agrees with the payroll records of the employer.

The District's management is responsible for the assertions. Our responsibility is to opine on the assertions based on our examination.

Our examination followed attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and standards applicable to attestation engagements included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting management's assertions and performing other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, management's assertions related to the accuracy and completeness of the census data and pensionable wages as described above provided to School Employees Retirement System of Ohio as of and for the year ending June 30, 2016 are fairly stated in all material respects.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we are required to report all deficiencies that are considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control; fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws or regulations that have a material effect on the accuracy and completeness of the census data and pensionable wages; and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance; noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and abuse that has a material effect on the subject matter. We are also required to obtain and report the views of responsible officials concerning the findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as any planned corrective actions. We performed our examination to express an opinion on whether management's assertion regarding the accuracy and completeness of the census data reported to the retirement system is fairly stated, and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal control over the accuracy and completeness of the census data provided to the pension system, or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions. Our examination disclosed a finding that is required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards and that finding, along with the view of responsible officials, are described in the attached Schedule of Findings.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District's management, those charged with governance, School Employees Retirement System of Ohio, and RSM US, LLP and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

October 21, 2016

**SOUTHERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PERRY COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

**FINDING NUMBER 2016-001**

**Material Weakness**

Census data provided to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS) should be accurate and complete.

The District incorrectly keyed in the incorrect gender for one of the four employees tested when entering her enrollment data online to SERS. Failure to accurately report and maintain census data by the pension system could result in miscalculations of the actuarially reported liability. The District Treasurer contacted SERS on October 18, 2016 and the gender data was corrected that day.

The District should implement procedures to ensure that the census data reported to SERS is accurate and complete for all employees.

**Management's Response:** The District will implement procedures by having a separate person verify the information entered for accuracy after the member is enrolled online with SERS.

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**SOUTHERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT-SERS**

**PERRY COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
NOVEMBER 10, 2016**