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HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Hicksville Exempted Village School District  
Defiance County  
958 East High Street  
Hicksville, Ohio 43526-1258

To the Board of Education:

### ***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 Hicksville Exempted Village School District, Defiance County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the cash accounting basis Note 2 describes. This responsibility includes determining that the cash accounting basis is acceptable for the circumstances. Management is also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hicksville Exempted Village School District, Defiance County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in cash financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting basis described in Note 2.

**Accounting Basis**

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis applied to these statements, which is a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

**Other Matters**

*Supplemental and Other Information*

We audited to opine on the District's financial statements that collectively comprise its basic financial statements.

*Management's Discussion and Analysis* includes tables of net position, changes in net position, governmental activities. This information provides additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Federal Award Receipts and Expenditures Schedule (the Schedule) also presents additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget *Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations* and is also not a required part of the financial statements.

These tables and the Schedule are management's responsibility, and derive from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected these tables and the Schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling these tables and the Schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, these tables and the Schedule are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other than the aforementioned procedures applied to the tables, we applied no procedures to any other information in Management's Discussion and Analysis, and we express no opinion or any other assurance on it.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 19, 2014, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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

November 19, 2014

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**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014  
UNAUDITED**

The discussion and analysis of the financial performance of Hicksville Exempted Village School District (the District) provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

**Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2014 are as follows:

Net position increased \$79,250.

General receipts accounted for \$8,913,179, or 83 percent of all receipts. Program specific receipts in the form of charges for services and sales, operating grants and contributions accounted for \$1,848,234 or 17 percent of total receipts of \$10,761,413.

The General Fund and the Building/Land Locally Funded Initiative (LFI) Fund are the District's only major funds.

The General Fund had \$8,601,323 in receipts and other financing sources and \$8,467,714 in expenditures and other financing uses. The General fund's balance increased \$133,609 from the prior fiscal year.

The Building/Land LFI Fund had \$3,395 in receipts and no expenditures. The Building/Land LFI Fund's balance increased \$3,395 from the prior fiscal year.

**Using the Basic Financial Statements**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. The statements are organized so the reader can understand the District as a financial whole, or as an entire operating entity.

The statement of net position and the statement of activities provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the District's most significant funds, with all other non-major funds presented in total in a single column.

For the District, the General Fund is by far the most significant fund. The General Fund and the Building/Land LFI Fund are the District's only major funds.

**Reporting the District as a Whole**

**Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities**

The statement of net position and the statement of activities, both reported on the cash basis, reflect how the District did financially during fiscal year 2014. These statements are reported on the cash basis of accounting, which reflects receipts and disbursements when cash is received or paid.

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These statements report the District's net position and changes in those assets. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether the financial position of the District as a whole has increased or decreased from the prior fiscal year. Over time, these increases and/or decreases are one indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating. Causes for these changes may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the District's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs, and other factors.

In the cash basis statement of net position and the statement of activities, the District discloses a single type of activity, its governmental activities, which includes all of the District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, non-instructional services, and extracurricular activities. These services are primarily funded by property tax receipts and from intergovernmental receipts, including federal and state grants and other shared receipts.

**Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds**

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the District's major funds. While the District uses many funds to account for its multitude of financial transactions, the fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The General Fund and the Building/Land LFI Fund are the District's only major funds.

Governmental Funds - Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how monies flow into and out of those funds and the balances left at fiscal yearend for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the cash basis of accounting. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs.

Fiduciary Funds - Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected on the government-wide financial statements because the resources from these funds are not available to support the District's programs. These funds use the cash basis of accounting.

**The District as a Whole**

Table 1 provides a summary of the District's net position for fiscal year 2014 compared to fiscal year 2013.

**Table 1  
Net Position  
Governmental Activities**

	2014	2013
<b><u>Assets:</u></b>		
Current and Other Assets	\$6,051,360	\$5,972,110
<b><u>Net Position:</u></b>		
Restricted for Debt Service	199,720	157,085
Restricted for Capital Outlay	834,909	923,503
Restricted for Other Purposes	299,077	307,477
Unrestricted	4,717,654	4,584,045
Total	\$6,051,360	\$5,972,110

As mentioned previously, net position of governmental activities increased \$79,250 during 2014.

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Table 2 reflects the changes in net position for fiscal year 2014 compared to fiscal year 2013.

**Table 2  
Change in Net Position  
Governmental Activities**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b><u>Receipts:</u></b>		
Program Receipts:		
Charges for Services and Sales	\$854,155	\$714,703
Operating Grants and Contributions	994,079	957,040
Total Program Receipts	<u>1,848,234</u>	<u>1,671,743</u>
General Receipts:		
Property Taxes	2,304,573	2,266,267
Income Taxes	1,449,354	1,341,147
Grants and Entitlements	5,032,043	4,681,503
Investment Earnings	26,805	22,671
Gifts and Donations	18,312	20,691
Miscellaneous	6,637	8,002
Insurance Recoveries	1,225	
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	74,230	18,113
Total General Receipts	<u>8,913,179</u>	<u>8,358,394</u>
Total Receipts	<u>10,761,413</u>	<u>10,030,137</u>
<b><u>Disbursements:</u></b>		
Instruction	5,894,087	5,615,646
Support Services:		
Pupils	416,718	407,452
Instructional Staff	432,205	402,097
Board of Education	51,396	30,367
Administration	875,621	893,949
Fiscal	281,995	275,451
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	847,678	768,310
Pupil Transportation	358,659	265,820
Central	36,943	47,766
Non-Instructional	401,589	396,699
Extracurricular Activities	404,722	397,303
Capital Outlay	21,338	19,706
Debt Service:		
Principal	260,000	250,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	381,411	391,104
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	17,801	2,500
Total Disbursements	<u>10,682,163</u>	<u>10,164,170</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Position	<u>\$79,250</u>	<u>(\$134,033)</u>

Receipts increased by \$731,276 or 7.3 percent. The overall increase was primarily attributed to increases in tuition and fees, income tax receipts and intergovernmental receipts.

Disbursements increased by \$517,993 or 5.1 percent. The increase was primarily attributed to an increase in wages and benefits.

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Program receipts account for 17 percent of total receipts and are represented by restricted intergovernmental receipts, extracurricular activities, and food service sales.

The major program disbursements for governmental activities are for instruction, which accounts for 55 percent of all governmental disbursements. Other programs which support the instruction process, including pupils, instructional staff, and pupil transportation account for 11 percent of governmental disbursements. Maintenance of the District's facilities and administration disbursements also represents a significant disbursement of 8 and 8 percent, respectively. The remaining 18 percent of the District's disbursements are related to the primary functions of delivering education and providing facilities. These costs are funded almost entirely from property taxes and grants and entitlements.

Governmental Activities

Table 3 indicates the total cost of services and the net cost of services for governmental activities. The statement of activities reflects the cost of program services and the charges for services and sales, grants, and contributions offsetting those services. The net cost of services identifies the cost of those services supported by tax receipts and unrestricted state entitlements.

**Table 3  
Governmental Activities**

	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>
Instruction	\$5,894,087	\$4,761,318	\$5,615,646	\$4,668,233
Support Services:				
Pupils	416,718	416,718	407,452	407,452
Instructional Staff	432,205	381,220	402,097	326,834
Board of Education	51,396	51,396	30,367	30,367
Administration	875,621	780,564	893,949	801,388
Fiscal	281,995	281,995	275,451	275,451
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	847,678	822,939	768,310	742,571
Pupil Transportation	358,659	358,221	265,820	264,813
Central	36,943	36,943	47,766	47,766
Non-Instructional	401,589	20,406	396,699	(967)
Extracurricular Activities	404,722	241,659	397,303	265,209
Capital Outlay	21,338	21,338	19,706	19,706
Debt Service:				
Principal	260,000	260,000	250,000	250,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	381,411	381,411	391,104	391,104
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	17,801	17,801	2,500	2,500
Total Disbursements	<u>\$10,682,163</u>	<u>\$8,833,929</u>	<u>\$10,164,170</u>	<u>\$8,492,427</u>

The dependence upon tax receipts and unrestricted state entitlements for governmental activities is apparent. Over 81 percent of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general receipts. For all governmental activities, support from general receipts is 83 percent. The remaining 17 percent is derived from charges for services, operating grants and contributions.

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**The District's Funds**

The District's governmental funds are accounted for using the cash basis of accounting. The District's major governmental funds are the General Fund and the Building/Land LFI Fund. Total governmental funds had receipts and other financing sources of \$10,858,244 and expenditures and other financing uses of \$10,778,994. The net change in fund balance in the General Fund increased \$133,609. This was primarily due to the increase in income tax receipts. Receipts increased by more than 8 percent from 2013 and expenditures increased by 7 percent. The net change in fund balance in the Building/Land LFI fund increased \$3,395 due to interest being allocated to the fund with no expenditures being made in 2014.

**General Fund Budgeting Highlights**

The District's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund. During the course of fiscal year 2014, the District amended its General Fund budget as needed.

Final budgeted receipts and other financing sources changed by 7 percent from the original budget. Actual receipts and other financing sources were more than final budgeted receipts and other financing sources by less than 1 percent.

Final appropriations (disbursements and other financing uses) increased by 1 percent from the original budget. The actual budget basis disbursements and other financing uses for fiscal year 2014 were \$8,423,113, which was \$143,641 (2 percent) less than the final budgeted appropriations. The District over-appropriates in case significant, unexpected expenditures arise during the fiscal year.

**Debt**

In April 2006, the District issued \$9,930,000 in general obligation bonds. The bonds, which were used to retire the bond anticipation notes issued in January 2006, were issued for a twenty-one year period, with final maturity on December 1, 2033 and have an outstanding balance of \$8,365,000. The bonds are being retired through the Bond Retirement Fund.

At June 30, 2014, the District's overall legal debt margin was (\$709,497), with an un-voted debt margin of \$85,061. Ohio Revised Code 133.06 (1) allows a school district to pass a levy in excess of the legal debt margin for the purpose of participating in the Ohio School Facilities Construction program. For further information regarding the District's debt, see the notes to the basic financial statements.

**Current Issues**

The District is holding its own in the state of a declining economy and uncertainty in State funding. Hicksville is a small rural community of 5,003 people in Northwest Ohio. It has a number of small and medium businesses with agriculture having a contributing influence on the economy.

The District is currently operating in the second year of the state biennium budget. 44.5 percent of District revenue sources are received from local funds, 47 percent is received from State funds and the remaining 8.5 percent is received from Federal funds. The total expenditure per pupil was calculated at \$9,502.

In November 2005, the District's voters approved a 7.75 mill bond levy for the construction of a new Pre K – 12 school building. The District is contributing \$9.9 million dollars in local funds and the Ohio School Facilities Commission is contributing \$18.7 million to construct the new \$28.5 million dollar school.

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In November 2005, the District's voters also approved a 2.5 mill continuing Permanent Improvement Levy, which includes .5 mill for maintenance of the new facility, a state requirement for all new OSFC project schools.

On July 9, 2014, the District issued refunding bonds in the amount of \$6,610,000 against the November 2005 bond issue. The District was able to reduce the total cost of the bonds by 2% by refunding those bonds.

**Contacting the District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to reflect the District's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Homer Hendricks, Treasurer, Hicksville Exempted Village School District, 958 East High Street, Hicksville, Ohio 43526-1258.

HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY

Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis  
June 30, 2014

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$6,051,360</u>
<b>Net Position:</b>	
Restricted for Debt Service	199,720
Restricted for Capital Outlay	834,909
Restricted for Other Purposes	299,077
Unrestricted	<u>4,717,654</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$6,051,360</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**Statement of Activities - Cash Basis  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014**

		<b>Program Receipts</b>		<b>Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position</b>
	<b>Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>Charges for Services and Sales</b>	<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$4,540,742	\$523,935	\$159,169	(\$3,857,638)
Special	1,074,625		197,993	(876,632)
Vocational	97,828		106,656	8,828
Student Intervention Services	180,892		145,016	(35,876)
Support Services:				
Pupils	416,718			(416,718)
Instructional Staff	432,205		50,985	(381,220)
Board of Education	51,396			(51,396)
Administration	875,621		95,057	(780,564)
Fiscal	281,995			(281,995)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	847,678	240	24,499	(822,939)
Pupil Transportation	358,659		438	(358,221)
Central	36,943			(36,943)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	401,589	166,917	214,266	(20,406)
Extracurricular Activities	404,722	163,063		(241,659)
Capital Outlay	21,338			(21,338)
Debt Service:				
Principal	260,000			(260,000)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	381,411			(381,411)
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	17,801			(17,801)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$10,682,163</b>	<b>\$854,155</b>	<b>\$994,079</b>	<b>(8,833,929)</b>
<b>General Receipts:</b>				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes				1,526,292
Property Taxes, Levies for Capital Outlay				140,659
Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service				602,457
Property Taxes, Levied for Other Purposes				35,165
Income Taxes				1,449,354
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs				5,032,043
Gifts and Donations				18,312
Investment Earnings				26,805
Miscellaneous				6,637
Insurance Recoveries				1,225
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures				74,230
<b>Total General Receipts</b>				<b>8,913,179</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>				<b>79,250</b>
<b>Net Position Beginning of Year</b>				<b>5,972,110</b>
<b>Net Position End of Year</b>				<b>\$6,051,360</b>

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements



**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Cash Balances  
Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2014**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Building/Land LFI Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Assets</b>				
Current Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$4,717,654</u>	<u>\$680,871</u>	<u>\$652,835</u>	<u>\$6,051,360</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
Restricted		\$680,871	\$652,835	\$1,333,706
Assigned	\$65,170			65,170
Unrestricted	4,652,484			4,652,484
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$4,717,654</u>	<u>\$680,871</u>	<u>\$652,835</u>	<u>\$6,051,360</u>

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**Statement of Cash Basis Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Building/Land LFI Fund</u>	<u>All Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$1,526,292		\$778,281	\$2,304,573
Income Tax	1,449,354			1,449,354
Intergovernmental	4,996,639		1,029,483	6,026,122
Interest	23,410	\$3,395		26,805
Tuition and Fees	523,935			523,935
Rent	240			240
Extracurricular Activities	14,451		148,612	163,063
Gifts and Donations			18,312	18,312
Customer Sales and Services			166,917	166,917
Miscellaneous	4,070		2,567	6,637
Total Receipts	<u>8,538,391</u>	<u>3,395</u>	<u>2,144,172</u>	<u>10,685,958</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	4,123,712		417,030	4,540,742
Special	876,632		197,993	1,074,625
Vocational	97,828			97,828
Student Intervention Services	14,565		166,327	180,892
Support Services:				
Pupils	415,496		1,222	416,718
Instructional Staff	363,244		68,961	432,205
Board of Education	51,396			51,396
Administration	780,564		95,057	875,621
Fiscal	259,018		22,977	281,995
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	767,092		80,586	847,678
Pupil Transportation	291,444		67,215	358,659
Central	36,544		399	36,943
Operation of Non-Instructional Services			401,589	401,589
Extracurricular Activities	266,007		138,715	404,722
Capital Outlay	11,338		10,000	21,338
Debt Service:				
Principal			260,000	260,000
Interest			381,411	381,411
Total Disbursements	<u>8,354,880</u>	<u>3,395</u>	<u>2,309,482</u>	<u>10,664,362</u>
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	<u>183,511</u>	<u>3,395</u>	<u>(165,310)</u>	<u>21,596</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND (USES):</b>				
Advances In			96,831	96,831
Insurance Recoveries	1,225			1,225
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	61,707		12,523	74,230
Advances Out	(96,831)			(96,831)
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	(16,003)		(1,798)	(17,801)
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	<u>(49,902)</u>	<u>3,395</u>	<u>107,556</u>	<u>57,654</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	133,609	3,395	(57,754)	79,250
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	4,584,045	677,476	710,589	5,972,110
Fund Balances at End of Year	<u>\$4,717,654</u>	<u>\$680,871</u>	<u>\$652,835</u>	<u>\$6,051,360</u>

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**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in  
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis  
GENERAL FUND  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$1,517,500	\$1,526,292	\$1,526,292	
Income Tax	1,335,000	1,449,354	1,449,354	
Intergovernmental	4,708,000	4,996,288	4,996,639	\$351
Interest	19,000	23,000	23,410	410
Tuition and Fees	316,500	424,452	424,256	(196)
Rent	500	240	240	
Miscellaneous	1,000	2,306	2,306	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>7,897,500</u>	<u>8,421,932</u>	<u>8,422,497</u>	<u>565</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	4,018,787	4,102,678	4,067,992	34,686
Special	961,980	887,683	876,674	11,009
Vocational	97,470	96,917	97,828	(911)
Student Intervention	500	15,065	14,565	500
Support Services:				
Pupils	426,423	419,763	415,260	4,503
Instructional Staff	319,579	370,618	365,200	5,418
Board of Education	40,349	54,400	52,833	1,567
Administration	802,469	779,219	770,566	8,653
Fiscal	258,434	260,539	259,094	1,445
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	706,304	762,967	754,502	8,465
Pupil Transportation	287,339	323,593	320,235	3,358
Central	47,845	38,753	38,185	568
Extracurricular Activities	276,575	269,418	266,007	3,411
Capital Outlay		11,410	11,338	72
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>8,244,054</u>	<u>8,393,023</u>	<u>8,310,279</u>	<u>82,744</u>
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	<u>(346,554)</u>	<u>28,909</u>	<u>112,218</u>	<u>83,309</u>
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
Insurance Recoveries		1,225	1,225	
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	20,000	61,432	61,432	
Transfers Out	(10,000)	(10,000)		10,000
Advances Out		(96,831)	(96,831)	
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	(2,900)	(16,900)	(16,003)	897
Other Financing Uses	(250,000)	(50,000)		50,000
<b>Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)</b>	<u>(242,900)</u>	<u>(111,074)</u>	<u>(50,177)</u>	<u>60,897</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<u>(589,454)</u>	<u>(82,165)</u>	<u>62,041</u>	<u>144,206</u>
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	4,496,463	4,496,463	4,496,463	
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	60,763	60,763	60,763	
<b>Fund Balance at End of Year</b>	<u>\$3,967,772</u>	<u>\$4,475,061</u>	<u>\$4,619,267</u>	<u>\$144,206</u>

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HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Cash Basis  
Fiduciary Funds  
June 30, 2014

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>	<u>Agency Fund</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets:		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$127</u>	<u>\$63,531</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Undistributed Monies		<u>\$63,531</u>
<b>Net Position:</b>		
Held in Trust for Scholarships	<u>\$127</u>	

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**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Cash Basis  
Fiduciary Fund  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014**

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>
<b>ADDITIONS:</b>	
Donations and gifts	\$5,000
Miscellaneous	29
Total Additions	<u>5,029</u>
<b>DEDUCTIONS:</b>	
Payments in Accordance with Trust Agreements	<u>5,048</u>
Change in Net Position	(19)
Net Position Beginning of Year	<u>146</u>
Net Position End of Year	<u><u>\$127</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

**1. DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY**

Hicksville Exempted Village School District (the District) is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. Hicksville Exempted Village School District is an exempted village school district as defined by §3311.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District operates under an elected Board of Education (5 members) and is responsible for the provision of public education to residents of the District. The Board oversees the operations of the District's instructional/support facilities staffed by 50 non-certified and 71 certified full-time teaching personnel who provide services to 965 students and other community members.

**A. Primary Government**

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to insure that the financial statements of the District are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. This includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the District.

**B. Component Units**

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes. Component units also include legally separate, tax-exempt entities whose resources are for the direct benefit of the District, are accessible to the District, and are significant in amount to the District. The District does not have any component units.

**C. Jointly Governed Organizations and Purchasing Pools**

The District is associated with organizations, which are defined as jointly governed organizations and group purchasing pools. These organizations include the Northwest Ohio Computer Association, the Northern Buckeye Education Council, the Four County Career Center, Northwestern Ohio Education Research Council Inc., the Northwest Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center, the Northern Buckeye Health Plan – Northwest Division of Optimal Health Initiatives (OHI), the Northern Buckeye Health Plan's Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan, and the Ohio School Plan. These organizations are presented in Notes 14 and 15 to the basic financial statements.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

As discussed further in Note 2.C, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the District's accounting policies.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

**1. Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at fiscal year end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct disbursements and program receipts for each program or function of the District's governmental activities. Direct disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and, therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants, contributions, and interest that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Receipts that are not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

**2. Fund Financial Statements**

During the fiscal year, the District segregates transactions related to certain District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements report more detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental financial statements is on major funds. Fund statements present each major fund in a separate column and aggregate nonmajor funds in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the District are divided into two categories, governmental and fiduciary.

**1. Governmental Funds**

Governmental funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. The General Fund and the Building/Land LFI fund are the District's major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.



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2. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Building/Land LFI Fund – The Building/Land LFI Fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures related to the purchase of land and the local share of expenditures for the new school building.

The other governmental funds of the District account for grants and other resources, debt retirement and capital projects of the District whose uses are restricted to a particular purpose.

2. **Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net assets. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private purpose trust funds, and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are not available to support the District's own programs. The District's private purpose trust fund accounts for college scholarships for students. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The District's agency funds account for various student-managed activities.

C. **Basis of Accounting**

Although Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (B) requires the District's financial report to follow generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the District chooses to prepare its financial statements and notes in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. This basis is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

The District's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the District's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

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

D. **Budgetary Process**

The budgetary process is prescribed by provision of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within established timetable. All funds, except agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of budgetary control selected by the Board is at the fund level for all funds. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the fiscal year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Board.

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation resolution for that fund that covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior fiscal years.

The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the fiscal year.

The District is required to use the encumbrance method of accounting by virtue of Ohio law. Under this system, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve the portion of the applicable appropriation. Expenditures plus encumbrances may not legally exceed appropriations. Encumbrances at year end are reported as a reservation of fund balance for subsequent-year expenditures for governmental funds.

At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated.

**E. Cash and Investments**

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled and invested. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through District records. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" on the financial statements.

For presentation on the financial statements, investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

During fiscal year 2014, investments were limited to certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, a money market mutual fund, federal agency securities, a U.S. Treasury note, commercial paper, and STAR Ohio. All investments were reported at cost, except for STAR Ohio and the money market mutual fund. The District's money market mutual fund investment is recorded at the amount reported by U.S. Bank at June 30, 2014.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

The District had invested funds in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio) during fiscal year 2014. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price, which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2014.

As authorized by Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2014 amounted to \$23,410, which includes \$3,394 assigned from other District funds.

**F. Inventory and Prepaid Items**

The District reports disbursements for inventory and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

**G. Capital Assets**

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. The financial statements do not report these assets.

**H. Compensated Absences**

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the cash basis of accounting used by the District.

**I. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans**

The District recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 8 and 9, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

**J. Long-term Obligations**

These cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds and other long-term obligations. These statements report proceeds of debt are reported when cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid.

**K. Interfund Transactions**

Transfers within governmental activities are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function are eliminated on the statement of activities.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular cash disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

**L. Net Position**

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for food service operations, music and athletic programs, and Federal and State grants restricted to cash disbursement for specified purposes. The District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when a cash disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. There are no amounts restricted by enabling legislation as of June 30, 2014.

**M. Fund Balance**

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon use of the resources in governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

**Nonspendable** - The nonspendable classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

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

**Committed** - The committed classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Board of Education. The committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

**Assigned** - Amounts in the assigned classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds, other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the Board of Education.

**Unassigned** - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

The District first applies restricted resources when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

**3. BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budgetary Basis presented for the General Fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis is outstanding year end encumbrances are treated as cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as assigned fund balance (cash basis) and certain funds included in the General Fund as part of the GASB 54 requirements are not included in the budgetary statement.

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the cash basis statement to the budgetary basis statement for the General Fund:

<u>Net Change in Fund Cash Balance</u>	
	<u>General Fund</u>
Cash Basis	\$133,609
Funds Budgeted Elsewhere	(13,080)
Adjustment for Encumbrances	(58,488)
Budget Basis	<u>\$62,041</u>

**4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

State statutes classify monies held by the District into three categories.

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the District Treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the District Treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board has identified as not required for use within the current five-year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim monies are those monies, which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

Interim monies held by the District can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

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**4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the agreement by at least two percent and to be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or Ohio local governments;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
8. Certain banker's acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one-hundred-eighty days from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and
9. Under limited circumstances corporate debt interest rated in either of the two highest rated classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

Cash on Hand

At year-end, the District had \$235 in undeposited cash on hand, which is included on the balance sheet of the District as part of "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents."

Deposits

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, \$1,441,019 of the District's bank balance of \$4,226,831 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the District's name.

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**4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

The District has no policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the District or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured.

Investments

As of June 30, 2014, the District had the following investments:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Balance at Fair Value</u>	<u>Less Than One Year</u>	<u>13 to 24 Months</u>	<u>25 to 36 Months</u>
Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)	\$352,679		\$109,822	\$242,857
Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB)	229,756		229,756	
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association (FHLMA)	679,813		354,933	324,880
Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA)	583,044		184,993	398,051
Repurchase Agreement	84,782	\$84,782		
Commercial Paper	160,000	160,000		
Money Market Mutual Fund	4,750	4,750		
STAR Ohio	1,260	1,260		
Total Investments	<u>\$2,096,084</u>	<u>\$250,792</u>	<u>\$879,504</u>	<u>\$965,788</u>

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The District's investment policy restricts the Treasurer from investing in any securities other than those identified in the Ohio Revised Code and that all investments must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless they are matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District. State statute limits investments in commercial paper to a maximum maturity of 180 days from the date of purchase. Repurchase agreements 30 days and the market value of the securities must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2 percent and be marked to market daily.

Credit Risk – The following investments carry the highest ratings by Moody's and Standard and Poor's:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Moody's</u>	<u>Standard &amp; Poor's</u>
Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) Bonds	Aaa	AA+
Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB) Bonds	Aaa	AA+
Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) Bonds	Aaa	AA+
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association (FHLMA) Bonds	Aaa	AA+
United States Treasury Money Market Fund	Aaa	AAAm
STAR Ohio		AAAm

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**4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service and that the money market mutual fund be rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Custodial Credit Risk – For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The federal agency securities and the District's investment in the repurchase agreement in the amount of \$84,782 is exposed to custodial credit risk as they are uninsured, unregistered, and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the District's name. The District has no investment policy dealing with custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute which prohibit payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee.

Concentration of Credit Risk - The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer, however state statute limits investments in commercial paper and bankers' acceptances to 25 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time. The District's investment in commercial paper, FHLB notes, FFCB notes, FNMA notes, and FHLMA notes represent 8 percent, 17 percent, 11 percent, 32 percent, and 28 percent, respectively of the District's total investments.

**5. PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis, while the District's fiscal year runs from July through June. First-half tax distributions are received by the District in the second half of the fiscal year. Second-half tax distributions are received in the first half of the following fiscal year.

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility, and tangible personal (used in business) property located in the District. Real and public utility property tax revenues received in calendar year 2014 represent the collection of calendar year 2013 taxes. Real property taxes for 2014 were levied after April 1, 2013, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2013, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar 2014 represents collections of calendar year 2013 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2013 became a lien December 31, 2010, were levied after April 1, 2012 and are collected in 2013 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The District receives property taxes from Defiance County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the county by June 30, 2014, are available to finance fiscal year 2014 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.



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**5. PROPERTY TAXES (Continued)**

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2014 taxes were collected are:

	<b>2013 Second- Half Collections</b>		<b>2014 First- Half Collections</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Commercial/Industrial	\$9,844,250	12%	\$10,025,510	12%
Residential/Agricultural	70,108,940	83%	70,503,150	83%
Public Utility	4,408,630	5%	4,613,960	5%
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$84,361,820</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$85,142,620</u>	<u>100%</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$40.20		\$41.40	

**6. INCOME TAX**

The District levies a voted tax of .75 percent for general operations on the income of residents and of estates. The tax was effective on January 1, 1992, and is a continuing tax. Employers of residents are required to withhold income tax on compensation and remit the tax to the State. Taxpayers are required to file an annual return. The State makes quarterly distributions to the District after withholding amounts for administrative fees and estimated refunds. Income tax receipts in the amount of \$1,449,354 were credited to the General Fund.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**A. Comprehensive**

The District maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for liability, real property, building contents, and liability. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. In addition, real property contents are fully insured.

For fiscal year 2014, the District participated in the Ohio School Plan (the Plan), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 15). The District maintains fleet insurance with the Plan. Each participant enters into an individual agreement with the Plan for insurance coverage and pays annual premiums to the Plan based on the types and limits of coverage and deductibles selected by the participant.

Settled claims have not exceeded the amount of commercial coverage in any of the past three years, and there has been no significant reduction in the amount of insurance coverage from last year.

**B. Employee Insurance Benefits Program**

The District participates in the Northern Buckeye Health Plan (NBHP), Northwest Division of OHI, a self insurance pool, for insurance benefits to employees. The District pays monthly premiums to NBHP for the benefits offered to its employees, which includes health, dental, vision, and life insurance. NBHP is responsible for the management and operations of the program. The agreement with NBHP provides for additional assessment to participants if the premiums are insufficient to pay the program costs for the fiscal year. Upon withdrawal from NBHP, a participant is responsible for any claims not processed and paid and any related administrative costs.

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**7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

**C. Workers' Compensation Group Program**

The District participates in the Northern Buckeye Health Plan – Northern Division of OHI Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (the Plan), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 15). The Plan is intended to reduce premiums for the participants. The workers' compensation experience of the participating districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all districts in the Plan. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate. The Plan is governed by the Northern Buckeye Health Plan and the participating members of the Plan. The Executive Director of the NBHP coordinates the management and administration of the program.

**8. DEFINED PENSION BENEFIT PLANS**

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

Plan Description - The District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended up to a statutory maximum amounts by the SERS' Retirement Board. The Retirement Board acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund) of the System. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the allocation to pension and death benefits is 13.10 percent. The remaining 0.90 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is allocated to the Health Care and Medicare B Funds. The District's required contributions to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$161,268, \$172,119, and \$151,834, respectively; 85 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2014 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

Plan Description - The District participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement plan. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

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

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The District was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2013 (latest information available), the portion used to fund pension obligations was also 13 percent. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$580,085, \$622,372, and \$564,007 respectively; 93 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2014 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

**C. Social Security System**

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the School Retirement System. As of June 30, 2014, two members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages.

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**9. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

Plan Description – The District participates in two cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit OPEB plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a Health Care Plan and a Medicare Part B Plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's and traditional indemnity plans as well as a prescription drug program. The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries up to a statutory limit. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the System based on authority granted by State statute. The financial reports of both Plans are included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which is available by contacting SERS at 300 East Broad St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746.

Funding Policy – State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). For 2014, 0.14 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined amount; for 2014, this amount was \$20,250. The District's surcharge amount for 2014 was \$16,339.

Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, the number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$18,062, \$2,102, and \$20,490 respectively; 85 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2014 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For 2014, this actuarially required allocation was .76 percent of covered payroll. The District's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$9,356, \$9,722, and \$8,961, respectively; 85 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2014 and 100 percent for fiscal year 2013 and 2012.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

Plan Description – The District contributes to the cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

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**9. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)**

Funding Policy – Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2014, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The District’s contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$44,622, \$47,874, and \$43,385, respectively; 93 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2014 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

**10. COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

Employees earn vacation at rates specified under State of Ohio law and based on credited service. Clerical, Technical, and Maintenance and Operation employees with one or more years of service are entitled to vacation ranging from 10 to 20 days. Employees with less than one year of service earn .38-vacation day per month worked, not to exceed five days. Employees are permitted to carry over vacation leave earned in the current year into the next year.

All employees are entitled to a sick leave credit equal to one and one-quarter days for each month of service (earned on a pro rate basis for less than full-time employees). This sick leave will either be absorbed by time off due to illness or injury or, within certain limitations, be paid to the employee upon retirement. The amount paid to an employee upon retirement is limited to .27 of the accumulated sick leave to a maximum of 60 days.

Effective July 1, 2006 the total vacation time that an employee can accumulate at any given time can be no greater than one year plus the current year. Carryover of vacation time will be limited to no more than one year’s accumulation of vacation time.

**11. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

During the year ended June 30, 2014, the following changes occurred in long-term obligations:

	<b>Balance at 6/30/13</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deductions</b>	<b>Balance at 6/30/14</b>	<b>Due Within One Year</b>
General Obligation Bonds					
Serial – Series 2006	\$3,935,000		\$260,000	\$3,675,000	\$270,000
Term – Series 2006	4,690,000			4,690,000	
Total Long-Term Obligations	<u>\$8,625,000</u>		<u>\$260,000</u>	<u>\$8,365,000</u>	<u>\$270,000</u>

Debt outstanding at June 30, 2014 consisted of the following:

**School Improvement Bonds – 2006**

The District issued \$9,930,000 in voted general obligation bonds for the purpose of constructing, renovating, and improving existing school facilities and related site development. The bonds were issued on April 4, 2006 and will mature in December 2033. The bond issued included \$5,240,000 in serial bonds and \$4,690,000 in term bonds. The bonds will be retired with a voted property tax levy from the Debt Service fund.

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**11. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Continued)**

The serial bonds shall bear interest at the rates per year and will mature in the principal amounts and on the following dates:

<b>Maturity Date (December 1)</b>	<b>Principal Amount</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>
2014	\$270,000	3.95%
2015	280,000	4.00%
2016	290,000	4.00%
2017	300,000	4.10%
2018	315,000	4.15%
2019	325,000	5.00%
2020	345,000	5.00%
2021	360,000	5.00%
2022	380,000	5.00%
2023	395,000	5.00%
2024	415,000	5.00%

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2029, December 1, 2031, and December 1, 2033, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in part by lot and are redeemed pursuant to mandatory sinking fund requirements at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount redeemed, plus interest accrued to the redemption date, on the applicable mandatory redemption dates and in the principal amounts payable on those dates set forth in the Certificate of Award.

<b>Redemption Date (December 1)</b>	<b>Principal Amount To Be Redeemed</b>
2025	\$435,000
2026	455,000
2027	475,000
2028	495,000
2029	520,000
2030	540,000
2031	565,000
2032	590,000
2033	615,000

The scheduled payments of principal and interest on debt outstanding at June 30, 2014 are as follows:

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**11. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Continued)**

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	\$270,000	\$371,074	\$641,074
2016	280,000	360,141	640,141
2017	290,000	348,741	638,741
2018	300,000	336,792	636,792
2019	315,000	324,105	639,105
2020 – 2024	1,805,000	1,370,969	3,175,969
2025 – 2029	2,275,000	884,844	3,159,844
2030 – 2034	2,830,000	322,809	3,152,809
Total	<u>\$8,365,000</u>	<u>\$4,319,475</u>	<u>\$12,684,475</u>

**12. CAPITALIZED LEASES – LESSEE DISCLOSURE**

The District entered into various capital leases for the acquisition of computers. The District disbursed \$66,824 to pay lease costs for the year ended June 30, 2014. These expenditures were reflected as regular instruction on the accompanying financial statements. Future lease payments are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal and Interest</u>
2015	\$16,362
2016	135,414
2017	135,414
Total	<u>\$287,190</u>

**13. SET-ASIDE CALCULATIONS AND FUND RESERVES**

The District is required by State statute to annually set aside in the General Fund an amount based on a statutory formula for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by year-end or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at year-end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future years.

The following cash basis information describes the change in the year-end set-aside amounts for capital acquisition. Disclosure of this information is required by State statute.

	<u>Capital Acquisition</u>
Set-aside Cash Balance as of June 30, 2013	
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	\$161,533
Current Year Offsets	(161,533)
Cash Balance Carried Forward to FY 2015	<u>                    </u>
Total Restricted Assets	<u>                    </u>

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**14. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS**

**A. Northwest Ohio Computer Association**

The District is a participant in the Northwest Ohio Computer Association (NWOCA). NWOCA is an association of public school districts within the boundaries of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams counties. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts.

The NWOCA Assembly consists of a superintendent from each participating school district and a representative from the fiscal agent. The Assembly elects the Council. NWOCA is governed by a Council chosen from two representatives from each of the four counties in which the member school districts are located and the representative from the member school district serving as fiscal agent for NWOCA. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. All payments made by the District for services received are made to the Northern Buckeye Education Council. NWOCA is governed by the Northern Buckeye Education Council and its participating members. Total disbursements made by the District to NWOCA were \$67,838. Financial information can be obtained from Robin Pfund, who serves as Treasurer, at 209 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

**B. Northern Buckeye Education Council**

The Northern Buckeye Education Council (NBEC) was established in 1979 to foster cooperation among various educational entities located in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams counties. NBEC is organized under Ohio laws as a regional council of governments pursuant to a written agreement entered into by its member educational entities and bylaws adopted by the representatives of the member educational entities. NBEC is governed by an elected Board consisting of two representatives from each of the four counties in which the member educational entities are located. The Board is elected from an Assembly consisting of a representative from each participating educational entity. To obtain financial information write to the Northern Buckeye Education Council, Robin Pfund, who serves as Treasurer, at 22-900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

**C. Four County Career Center**

The Four County Career Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of five representatives from the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center – one each from the counties of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams and one additional representative; one representative from each of the city school districts; and one representative from each of the exempted village school districts. The Four County Career Center possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information, write to the Four County Career Center, Jennifer Bonner, who serves as Treasurer, at 22-900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.



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**14. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS (Continued)**

**D. Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc.**

The Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc. (NOERC) is a jointly governed organization formed to bring educational entities into a better understanding of their common educational problems, facilitate and conduct practical educational research, coordinate educational research among members, provide a means for evaluating and disseminating the results of research, serve as a repository for research and legislative materials, and provide opportunities for training. The NOERC serves a twenty-five county area in Northwest Ohio. The Board of Directors consists of superintendents from two educational service centers, two exempted village school districts, five local school districts, and five city school districts, as well as representatives from two private or parochial schools and three institutions of higher education. Each active member is entitled to one vote on all issues addressed by the Board of Directors. Financial information can be obtained from the Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc., Box 456, Ashland, Ohio 44805.

**E. Northwest Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center**

The Northwest Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center (SERRC) is a jointly governed organization formed to provide services to families, educators, and agencies regarding educational law and curriculum and instruction for students with disabilities. The SERRC serves a thirteen county area in Northwest Ohio. The Governing Board consists of superintendents from each of the cooperating School Districts, the fiscal agent superintendent, two parents of children with disabilities, one superintendent of a county board of DD, one representative from a chartered non-public school, one representative from the University of Toledo, one representative from Bowling Green State University, one representative from a community school, and any other representatives from other agencies as designated by the Governing Board or the Ohio Department of Education. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. Financial information can be obtained from Dave Michel, Eastwood Local School District, 4800 Sugar Ridge Road, Pemberville, Ohio 43450.

**15. GROUP PURCHASING POOLS**

**A. Employee Insurance Benefits Program**

The District participates in a group health insurance pool through the Northern Buckeye Health Plan (NBHP), Northwest Division of Optimal Health Initiative Consortium (OHI) Insurance Benefits Program (the Poo). NBHP is a joint self insurance arrangement created pursuant to the authority in Ohio Revised Code § 9.833. The Pool is a public entity shared risk pool consisting of educational entities throughout the State. The Pool is governed by OHI and its participating members. The District contributed a total of \$891,940 to Northern Buckeye Health Plan, Northwest Division of OHI during fiscal year 2014 for all four plans. Financial information for the period can be obtained from Jenny Jostworth, Treasurer, at 10999 Reed Hartman Highway, Suite 304E, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242.

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**15. GROUP PURCHASING POOLS (Continued)**

**B. Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan**

The District participates in a group-rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Northern Buckeye Health Plan's Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (WCGRP) was established through NBHP as a group purchasing pool. The group was formed to create a workers' compensation group rating plan which would allow employers to group together to achieve a potentially lower premium rate than they may otherwise be able to acquire as individual employers. NBHP has created a workers' compensation group rating and risk management program which will potentially reduce the workers' compensation premiums for the District.

NBHP has retained Sheakley Uniservice as the servicing agent to perform administrative, actuarial, cost control, claims, and safety consulting services and unemployment claims services for program participants. During fiscal year 2014, the District paid an enrollment fee of \$1,243 to WCGRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

**C. Ohio School Plan**

The District belongs to the Ohio School Plan (the "Plan"), an unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to approximately 300 Ohio schools ("Members").

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is deemed a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, general liability, educator's legal liability, automobile, and violence coverages, modified for each member's needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the member's specific deductible.

The Plan issues its own policies and reinsures the Plan with reinsurance carriers. Only if the Plan's paid liability loss ratio exceeds 65 percent and is less than 80 percent does the Plan contribute to paid claims. (See the Plan's audited financial statements on the website for more details.) The individual members are responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member.

The Plan's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2013 and 2012 (the latest information available):

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Assets	\$6,841,599	\$5,351,369
Liabilities	4,052,930	2,734,952
Members' Equity	2,788,669	2,616,417

You can read the complete audited financial statements for The Ohio School Plan at the Plan's website, [www.ohioschoolplan.org](http://www.ohioschoolplan.org).

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**16. INTERFUND ADVANCES**

During the year ended June 30, 2014, the General Fund advanced \$96,831 to the High Schools That Work, Early Literacy Reading Readiness, and Title II-A Funds to use on school related expenses.

**17. CONTINGENCIES**

**Litigation**

There are currently no matters in litigation with the District as defendant.

**18. FUND BALANCE**

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in governmental funds.

The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Building/Land LFI</u>	<u>Other Governmental</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Restricted for:				
Regular Instruction			\$8,521	\$8,521
Athletics			70,032	70,032
Food Service Operations			100,130	100,130
Facilities Maintenance			120,394	120,394
Permanent Improvement			74,551	74,551
Debt Retirement			199,720	199,720
Building Construction		\$680,871	79,487	760,358
Total Restricted		680,871	652,835	1,333,706
Assigned for:				
Educational Activities	\$6,682			6,682
Unpaid Obligations (encumbrances)	58,488			58,488
Total Assigned	65,170			65,170
Unassigned	4,652,484			4,652,484
Total Fund Balance	\$4,717,654	\$680,871	\$652,835	\$6,051,360

**19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The District used two local businesses in 2014 which had ties to two board of education members. The District made purchases of labor and parts for repairs on the District's buses and school vehicles from Jim Schmidt Ford/Chevrolet, which is owned by the husband of Board Member, Karen Schmidt, in the amount of \$56,991. Mrs. Schmidt term on the board expired December 31, 2013 and she did not seek re-election. The District also made purchases of newspaper subscriptions, printing supplies, and advertisements for various bids and employment from Tribune Printing Company, which is owned by the husband and mother-in-law of Board Member, Julie Barth, in the amount of \$2,638. Mrs. Barth and her husband are no longer married as of June 4, 2014.

**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014  
(Continued)**

**20. ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

**A. Change in Accounting Principle**

For 2014, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement No. 67, "Financial Reporting of Pension Plans" and Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement No. 70 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees."

GASB Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*. This Statement replaces the requirements of Statement No. 25, *Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Note Disclosures for Defined Contribution Plans* and Statement 50 as they relate to pension plans that re administered through trusts or similar arrangements meeting certain criteria.

The Statement builds upon the existing framework for financial reports of defined benefit pension plans, which includes a statement of fiduciary net position (the amount held in a trust for paying retirement benefits) and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 67 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 70, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees*. The statement provides accounting and financial reporting guidance to state and local governments that offer non-exchange financial guarantees to others and for governments that receive guarantees on their obligations.

A non-exchange transaction occurs when a government gives value or benefit, such as providing a guarantee of an obligation, to another party without receiving equal value in exchange. Because no value is exchanged, the transaction is not often recorded on the financial statements of the government. However, GASB 70 now defines circumstances that require the government to recognize a liability. The statement addresses the guarantee of an obligation by the government entity with a legally separate entity or individual, including another government, a not-for profit organization, a private entity or blended or discretely presented component unit. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 70 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

**B. Compliance**

Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the District prepared its financial statements on a cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, net position/fund balances, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. The District can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the District.

**21. SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On July 9, 2014, the District issued refunding bonds in the amount of \$6,610,000 against the November 2005 bond issue. The District was able to reduce the total cost of the bonds by 2% by refunding those bonds.

**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

<b>FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program Title</b>	<b>Federal CFDA Number</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
<b>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Nutrition Cluster:			
National School Lunch Program			
Cash Assistance	10.555	\$173,369	\$173,369
Non-Cash Assistance (Food Distribution)	10.555	35,174	35,174
Total National School Lunch Program		<u>208,543</u>	<u>208,543</u>
School Breakfast Program	10.553	<u>30,376</u>	<u>30,376</u>
Total Nutrition Cluster		238,919	238,919
State Administrative Expenses for Child Nutrition	10.560	<u>3,974</u>	<u>300</u>
Total United States Department of Agriculture		<u>242,893</u>	<u>239,219</u>
<b>UNITES STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	145,016	179,824
Special Education Cluster:			
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	189,840	189,840
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	8,153	8,153
Total Special Education Cluster		<u>197,993</u>	<u>197,993</u>
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	25,559	30,507
ARRA - Race to the Top Incentive Grants	84.395	43,701	42,720
ARRA - Race to the Top Incentive Grants - Early College High School	84.395	<u>223,706</u>	<u>237,596</u>
Total ARRA - Race to the Top Incentive Grants		<u>267,407</u>	<u>280,316</u>
Total United States Department of Education		<u>635,975</u>	<u>688,640</u>
<b>Totals</b>		<u><u>\$878,868</u></u>	<u><u>\$927,859</u></u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.*

**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**NOTES TO THE FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

**NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures Schedule (the Schedule) reports the Hicksville Exempted Village School District (the District's) federal award programs' receipts and disbursements. The Schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

**NOTE B - SUBRECIPIENTS**

The District passes certain federal awards received from the Ohio Department of Education to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As Note A describes, the District reports expenditures of Federal awards to subrecipients when paid in cash.

As a subrecipient, the District has certain compliance responsibilities, such as monitoring its subrecipients to help assure they use these subawards as authorized by laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and that subrecipients achieve the award's performance goals. The amounts passed through to its subrecipient were \$197,993.

**NOTE C - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER**

The District commingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, the District assumes it expends federal monies first.

**NOTE D – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM**

The District reports commodities consumed on the Schedule at the entitlement value. The District allocated donated food commodities to the program that benefitted from the use of those donated food commodities.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Hicksville Exempted Village School District  
Defiance County  
958 East High Street  
Hicksville, Ohio 43526-1258

To the Board of Education:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hicksville Exempted Village School District, Defiance County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 19, 2014, wherein we noted the District uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles.

### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the District's financial statements. 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 internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2014-001.

***District's Response to Findings***

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the District's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

***Purpose of this Report***

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

November 19, 2014





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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Hicksville Exempted Village School District  
Defiance County  
958 East High Street  
Hicksville, Ohio 43526-1258

### ***Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited Hicksville Exempted Village School District, Defiance County, Ohio's (the District's) compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect each of Hicksville Exempted Village School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the District's major federal programs.

### ***Management's Responsibility***

The District's Management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on the District's compliance for each of the District's major federal programs based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. These standards and OMB Circular A-133 require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our compliance opinion on the District's major programs. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance.

***Basis for Qualified Opinion on Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grant***

As described in findings 2014-002 and 2014-003 in the accompanying schedule of findings, the District did not comply with requirements regarding the following:

Finding #	CFDA #	Program Name	Compliance Requirement
2014-002	84.395	Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grant	Equipment and Real Property Management
2014-003	84.395	Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grant	Cash Management

Compliance with these requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the District to comply with the requirements applicable to this program.

***Qualified Opinion on Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grant***

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion on Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grant* paragraph, Hicksville Exempted Village School District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grant for the year ended June 30, 2014.

***Unmodified Opinion on the Other Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, Hicksville Exempted Village School District complied in all material respects with the requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its other major federal program identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings for the year ended June 30, 2014.

***Report on Internal Control Over Compliance***

The District's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on each major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, we cannot assure we have identified all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement. *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 federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control over compliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2014-002 and 2014-003 to be material weaknesses.

The District's responses to our internal control over compliance findings are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and corrective action plan. We did not audit the District's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report only describes the scope of our tests of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on OMB Circular A-133 requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

November 19, 2014

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**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505  
JUNE 30, 2014**

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

<b>(d)(1)(i)</b>	<b>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</b>	Unmodified
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iii)</b>	<b>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	Yes
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?</b>	Yes
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(v)</b>	<b>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</b>	Unmodified – Special Education Cluster: Special Education Grants to States CFDA #84.027 and Special Education Preschool Grants CFDA #84.173  Qualified – ARRA-Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grant, Recovery Act – CFDA #84.395
<b>(d)(1)(vi)</b>	<b>Are there any reportable findings under § .510(a)?</b>	Yes
<b>(d)(1)(vii)</b>	<b>Major Programs (list):</b>	Special Education Cluster: Special Education Grants to States CFDA #84.027 and Special Education Preschool Grants CFDA #84.173  ARRA-Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grant, Recovery Act – CFDA #84.395
<b>(d)(1)(viii)</b>	<b>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</b>	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
<b>(d)(1)(ix)</b>	<b>Low Risk Auditee?</b>	No

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
 REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

**FINDING NUMBER 2014-001**

**Noncompliance Citation**

**Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38** provides that each public office, other than a state agency, shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office.

**Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-03 (B)**, which further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Revised Code § 117.38, requires the District to file annual financial reports which are prepared using generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The District prepared financial statements that, although formatted similar to financial statements prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, report on the cash basis of accounting. This presentation differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). There would be variances on the financial statements between the District's accounting practice and GAAP that, while presumably material, cannot be reasonably determined at this time. The District can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the District.

We recommend the District take the necessary steps to ensure the financial report is prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Officials' Response:**

Management believes reporting on a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) is more cost efficient.

**3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

<b>Finding Number</b>	2014-002
<b>CFDA Title and Number</b>	ARRA – Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grant, Recovery Act, CFDA #84.395
<b>Federal Award Number / Year</b>	2014
<b>Federal Agency</b>	United States Department of Education
<b>Pass-Through Agency</b>	Ohio Department of Education

**Noncompliance Citation/Material Weakness**

**34 CFR 80.32(d)** provides the requirements for managing equipment (including replacement equipment), whether acquired in whole or in part with grant funds, until disposition takes place will, as a minimum, meet the following requirements:

<b>Finding Number</b>	2014-002 (Continued)
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1. Property records must be maintained that include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of property, who holds title, the acquisition date, and cost of the property, percentage of Federal participation in the cost of the property, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property.
2. A physical inventory of the property must be taken and the results reconciled with the property records at least once every two years.
3. A control system must be developed to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property. Any loss, damage, or theft shall be investigated.

The District has established equipment and inventory policies; however, the District's inventory tracking system has not been updated to include any current Federal and non-Federal capital assets.

In order to ensure the District is tracking all of its Federal and non-Federal capital assets in accordance with the Federal requirements above and its own internal equipment and inventory policies, we recommend the District update its inventory tracking system to include all Federal and non-Federal capital assets meeting the District's capital asset threshold. In addition, the District should take a physical inventory in order to reconcile to its updated inventory tracking system.

**Officials' Response:**

The District plans to implement its inventory policies and procedures.

<b>Finding Number</b>	2014-003
<b>CFDA Title and Number</b>	ARRA – Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grant, Recovery Act, CFDA #84.395
<b>Federal Award Number / Year</b>	2014
<b>Federal Agency</b>	United States Department of Education
<b>Pass-Through Agency</b>	Ohio Department of Education

**Noncompliance Citation/Material Weakness**

**34 CFR 80.21(c)** provides grantees and subgrantees shall be paid in advance, provided they maintain or demonstrate the willingness and ability to maintain procedures to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of the funds and their disbursement by the grantee or subgrantee.

Furthermore, **Ohio Department of Education CCIP Note #284** provides all cash requests must be compliant with the provisions of the *Cash Management Improvement Act* (34 CFR 80.21). To receive approval consideration, cash requests must be made for immediate needs for the month requested. **Ohio Department of Education Project Cash Request Instructions** provide that funds may be requested for a maximum of one (1) month plus any negative cash balance. To comply with the *Cash Management Act* 31 CFR Part 205, the time lapse between the receipt and disbursement of funds must be minimized. Funds must be expended within the period of time for which cash is requested.

<b>Finding Number</b>	2014-003 (Continued)
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The District did not sufficiently monitor the timing of request for funds. The District expended seven of the twenty project cash request reports tested after the period of time the grant funds were requested.

In the future, we recommend the District request Race-to-the-Top funds in the amount that is needed to be disbursed during the period of time for which the funds are requested.

**Officials' Response:**

The District will monitor grant project cash request advances more closely in the future.



**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .315 (c)**

**JUNE 30, 2014**

Finding Number	Planned Corrective Action	Anticipated Completion Date	Responsible Contact Person
2014-002	The District plans to implement its inventory policies and procedures.	January 31, 2015	Homer Hendricks, Treasurer
2014-003	The District will monitor grant project cash request advances more closely in the future.	January 31, 2015	Homer Hendricks, Treasurer

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**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .315 (b)  
JUNE 30, 2014**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <b><i>Explain</i></b>
2013-001	<b>Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38</b> and <b>Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-03(B)</b> for not preparing the annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.	No	Not Corrected. Reissued as Finding 2014-001 in this report.
2013-002	<b>34 CFR 80.32(d)</b> for the inventory tracking system not being updated for current Federal and non-Federal capital assets.	No	Not Corrected. Reissued as Finding 2014-002 in this report.
2013-003	<b>34 CFR 80.21(c)</b> for not sufficiently monitoring the timing of request for grant funds as the requested funds were not always expended within the period of time the grant funds were requested.	No	Not Corrected. Reissued as Finding 2014-003 in this report.

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**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**DEFIANCE 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  
DECEMBER 9, 2014**