

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Auburn
City Board of Education
Auburn, Alabama

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Auburn City Board of Education (the "Board"), a component unit of the City of Auburn, Alabama, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Auburn City Board of Education as of September 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and pension information on pages 3 through 13 and 42 through 44 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Auburn City Board of Education's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 9, 2018, on our consideration of the Auburn City Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Auburn City Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Machen McChesney, LLP

Auburn, Alabama
February 9, 2018

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Introduction

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the Auburn City Board of Education's (the "Board") financial performance provides an overview of the Board's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017. Please read it in conjunction with the Board's financial statements and notes to the financial statements, which immediately follow this analysis.

The MD&A is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments* issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

Financial Highlights - Significant Items to Note

Our financial statements provide these insights into the results of this year's operations:

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Board exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the 2017 fiscal year by \$134.81 million (net position).
- The Board's total net position increased approximately 24.64 percent, or \$26.65 million, over the prior fiscal year. This is due primarily to the increase in capital assets from construction projects.
- The total cost of the Board's programs for the year was \$89.85 million. After taking away a portion of these costs paid for with charges or fees, federal grants, interest earnings and other miscellaneous sources, the net cost that required funding from Auburn City taxpayers was \$35.88 million. The state's Foundation Program provided \$37.99 million towards the cost of the programs.
- General Fund revenues during the year exceeded total expenditures by \$1,814,035.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$9.48 million, or 13.64 percent of the total General Fund expenditures, before other financing uses and special items.
- There were two major capital outlay projects in process during the fiscal year, one of which was still in progress at year-end. The locally funded Creekside Elementary School construction project is scheduled for completion in 2018.

Using the Financial Statements - An Overview for the User

The financial section consists of five parts - the *independent auditors' report, management's discussion and analysis* (this section), the *basic financial statements, required supplementary information, and other supplementary information*.

The Board's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) *government-wide financial statements*, 2) *fund financial statements*, and 3) *notes to the basic financial statements*.

Government-wide financial statements - The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Board's finances as a whole instead of on an individual fund basis, in a manner similar to a private-sector business, indicating both long-term and short-term information about the Board's overall financial status. It is important to note that all of the activities of the Board reported in the *government-wide financial statements* are classified as governmental activities. These activities include, but are not limited to, student transportation, school food services, facility maintenance, local school public funds, interest and fiscal charges on long-term debt, and student instruction. *Government-wide financial statements* report the capitalization of capital assets and depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets and the outstanding balances of long-term debt and other obligations. These statements report all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources perpetuated by these activities using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis takes into account all of the Board's current year revenues and expenses regardless of when received or paid. This approach moves the financial reporting method for governmental entities closer to the financial reporting methods used in the private sector. The following *government-wide financial statements* report on all of the governmental activities of the Board as a whole.

The *statement of net position* (on page 14) is most closely related to a balance sheet. It presents information on all of the Board's assets and deferred outflows of resources (what it owns) and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources (what it owes), with the difference between the two reported as net position. The net position reported in this statement represents the accumulation of changes in net position for the current fiscal year and all fiscal years in the past combined. Over time, the increases or decreases in net position reported in this statement may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the school board is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* (on page 15) is most closely related to an income statement. It presents information showing how the Board's net position changed during the current fiscal year only. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the *statement of activities* regardless of when cash is received or paid. This statement shows gross expenses and offsetting program revenues to arrive at net cost information for each major expense function or activity of the Board. By showing the change in net position for the year, the reader may be able to determine whether the Board's financial position has improved or deteriorated over the course of the current fiscal year. The change in net position may be financial or non-financial in nature. Non-financial factors which may have an impact on the Board's financial condition include: age and condition of facilities, mandated educational programs for which little or no funding is provided, and increases or decreases in funding from state and federal governments, to name a few.

Fund financial statements - A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Board uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Board can be classified into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds - *Governmental fund financial statements* begin on page 16. These statements account for basically the same governmental activities reported in the *government-wide financial statements*. The *fund financial statements* presented herein display information on each of the Board's most important governmental funds or *major funds*. This is required in order to better assess the Board's accountability for significant governmental programs or certain dedicated revenue. The Board's *major funds* are the General Fund and the Capital Projects Fund.

The *fund financial statements* are measured on the modified-accrual basis of accounting, where revenues and expenditures are recorded when they become measurable and available. As a result, the *fund financial statements* focus more on the near-term use and availability of spendable resources. The information provided in these statements is useful in determining the Board's immediate financial needs. This is in contrast to the accrual-based *government-wide financial statements*, which focus more on overall long-term availability of spendable resources. The relationship between governmental activities reported in the *government-wide financial statements* and the governmental funds reported in the *fund financial statements* are reconciled on pages 17 and 19 of these financial statements. These reconciliations are useful to readers in understanding the long-term impact of the Board's short-term financing decisions.

Fiduciary Funds - Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the Board in a trustee capacity or as an agent for others. Activities from fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide financial statements because the Board cannot use these assets for its operations. Fiduciary funds of the Board, consisting of agency funds and a private-purpose trust fund, are reported in the *Statement of Fiduciary Net Position* using an accrual basis of accounting. Agency funds held by the Board involve only the receipt, temporary investment, and remittance of resources to individuals, private organizations, or other governments in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities). The agency funds reported by the Board consist of student organization accounts such as clubs and classes. Private-purpose trust funds – also reported in a *Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position* – report all trust agreements under which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments. The private-purpose trust fund reported by the Board is a scholarship fund for students.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements - The *notes to the basic financial statements* provide additional information that is essential for the statements to fairly represent the Board's financial position and its operations. The notes contain important information that is not part of the basic financial statements. However, the notes are an integral part of the statements, not an appendage to them. The *notes to the basic financial statements* begin on page 22.

After the presentation of the basic financial statements, additional supplementary information is required to be presented following the *notes to the basic financial statements*. The required supplementary information beginning on page 42 provides a comparison of the original adopted budget to the final amended budget of the Board's General Fund, which is then further compared to the actual operating results for the fiscal year. The comparison of this data allows users to assess management's ability to project and plan for its operations throughout the year. The required supplementary information also includes two additional pension schedules which provide more detailed information relating to the Board's net pension liability and pension contributions.

Analysis of the School Board's Overall Financial Position

As indicated earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Refer to *Table 1* on the next page when reading the following analysis of net position. The Board's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$134.81 million at September 30, 2017.

- ✓ Of this figure, \$166.97 million reflects the Board's investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, improvements other than buildings, furniture and equipment, and transportation equipment), less accumulated depreciation and debt related to the acquisition of the assets. Since these capital assets are used in governmental activities, this portion of net position is not available for future spending or funding of operations.
- ✓ Restricted net position accounts for 1.45 percent, or \$1.96 million, of total net position. Restricted net position is reported separately to show the external legal constraints from debt covenants and enabling legislation that limit the Board's ability to use those resources for day-to-day operations.

- ✓ These balances are offset by negative unrestricted net position of \$34.12 million. This negative balance is due primarily to the impact of GASB Statement No. 68, which was implemented in fiscal year 2015. GASB Statement No. 68 has a \$57.32 million negative impact on net position as of September 30, 2017. This negative impact is offset by the Board's positive unrestricted net position in its governmental funds, reflecting the Board's ability to meet ongoing and future financial obligations.

Table 1: Summary of Net Position

As of September 30, 2017 and 2016
(in millions)

	Governmental Activities	
	2017	2016
Current and other assets	\$ 42.60	\$ 39.19
Capital assets	166.96	144.77
Total assets	<u>209.56</u>	<u>183.96</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>14.75</u>	<u>12.29</u>
Current and other liabilities	10.51	15.22
Long-term liabilities	70.25	66.13
Total liabilities	<u>80.76</u>	<u>81.35</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>8.74</u>	<u>6.74</u>
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	166.97	144.72
Restricted	1.96	2.67
Unrestricted	(34.12)	(39.23)
Total net position	<u>\$ 134.81</u>	<u>\$ 108.16</u>

The Board's increase in net position of \$26.65 million results primarily from an increase in capital assets. Net position invested in capital assets increased \$22.25 million, which is due to asset additions of \$30.35 million offset by depreciation expense, asset disposals and repayment of related debt, which total \$8.10 million.

Unrestricted net position increased by \$5.11 million. Unrestricted net position has a negative balance due to the impact of GASB Statement No. 68. The Board's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at September 30, 2017, is \$70.25 million. When combined with related deferred outflows and inflows of resources, the total impact on unrestricted net position is \$57.32 million.

Restricted net position decreased \$0.71 million, slightly offsetting the increases in net position mentioned above.

The results of this fiscal year's operations as a whole are reported in detail in the *Statement of Activities* on page 15. *Table 2* on the following page condenses the results of operations for the fiscal year into a format where the reader can easily see the total revenues of the Board for the year. It also shows the impact the operations had on changes in net position as of September 30, 2017.

Table 2: Summary of Changes in Net Position from Operating Results

Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016
(in millions)

	Governmental Activities	
	2017	2016
Revenues:		
<i>Program Revenues:</i>		
Charges for services	\$ 6.02	\$ 6.03
Operating grants and contributions	45.68	42.62
Capital grants and contributions	2.27	2.20
<i>General Revenues:</i>		
Local property taxes	6.11	5.87
Local sales tax	7.30	7.10
Alcohol beverage tax	0.58	0.57
Other taxes	0.06	0.06
Restricted appropriations	47.41	59.34
Investment earnings	0.09	0.16
Other	0.98	0.75
Total revenues	<u>116.50</u>	<u>124.70</u>
Expenses:		
Instruction	53.54	48.78
Instructional support services	17.10	14.84
Operation and maintenance services	6.67	5.85
Student transportation services	4.60	4.04
Food services	3.81	3.66
General administrative services	2.97	2.79
Other	1.16	1.10
Interest and fiscal charges	-	0.01
Total expenses	<u>89.85</u>	<u>81.07</u>
Increase in net position	26.65	43.63
Net position, beginning of year	<u>108.16</u>	<u>64.53</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 134.81</u>	<u>\$ 108.16</u>

The Board's net position increased \$26.65 million during the current fiscal year. This is mainly attributable to:

- ✓ A decrease of \$3.12 million in unrestricted net position due to the current year effects of GASB Statement No. 68.
- ✓ An increase in unrestricted net position of \$8.24 million, which represents an increases of \$1.82 million in the General Fund, \$6.16 million in the Capital Projects Fund and \$0.26 million in the Other Governmental Funds.
- ✓ An increase in net position invested in capital assets of \$22.25 million, which resulted from asset additions offset by depreciation expense and related repayment of debt.
- ✓ A decrease in restricted net position of \$0.71 million.

Governmental Activities - As shown in *Table 2*, the cost of services rendered from the Board's governmental activities for the year ended September 30, 2017, was \$89.85 million. It is important to note that not all of these costs were borne by the taxpayers of the City of Auburn and Lee County:

- ✓ Some of the cost, \$6.02 million, was paid by users who benefited from services provided during the year, such as school lunches, after school programs, summer school and driver education instruction.
- ✓ State and federal governments subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions totaling \$45.68 million for operations and \$2.27 million for capital needs.
- ✓ Interest earned on the investment of School Board funds accounted for \$0.09 million in general revenues.
- ✓ Other general revenue sources, such as revenue in lieu of taxes, contributions from private sources, receipts from local trusts, the Alabama Medicaid Outreach Program and other miscellaneous revenues provided for \$0.98 million in revenues.
- ✓ \$61.46 million of the Board's total costs was financed by district and state taxpayers, as follows: \$6.11 million in property taxes, \$47.41 million in City appropriations, \$7.30 million in sales tax, \$0.58 million in alcohol beverage tax, and \$0.06 million in other taxes (business privilege tax, helping-school vehicle tags, and manufactured home registration fees).

Table 3 is a condensed statement taken from the *Statement of Activities* on page 15 showing the total cost for providing identified services for seven major Board activities. Total cost of services is compared to the net cost of providing these services. The net cost of services is the remaining cost of services after subtracting grants and charges for services that the Board used to offset the program's total cost. In other words, the net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on all taxpayers for each of these activities. This information allows citizens to consider the cost of each program in comparison to the benefits they believe are provided.

Table 3: Net Cost of Governmental Activities

Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016
(in millions)

	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Instructional services	\$ 53.54	\$ (19.03)
Instructional support services	17.10	(8.15)
Operation and maintenance services	6.67	(4.24)
Auxiliary services:		
Student transportation services	4.60	(1.04)
Food services	3.81	(0.71)
General administrative services	2.97	(2.58)
Other expenses	1.16	(0.13)
Total	<u>\$ 89.85</u>	<u>\$ (35.88)</u>

Performance of School Board Funds

As noted earlier, the Board uses fund accounting to control and manage resources in order to ensure compliance with finance-related legal requirements. Using funds to account for resources for particular purposes helps the reader to determine whether the Board is being accountable for the resources provided by taxpayers and other entities, and it may also help to provide more insight into the Board's overall financial health. The following analysis of the Board's funds should be read in reference to the *fund financial statements*, which begin on page 16.

Governmental Funds - The focus of the Board's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Board's financial requirements. Note that the relationship between the *fund financial statements* and the *government-wide financial statements* is reconciled on pages 17 and 19. The strong financial performance of the Board as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds as well. At the end of the fiscal year, the Board's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$25.16 million.

- ✓ The General Fund has an assigned fund balance of \$0.23 million and an unassigned fund balance of \$9.48 million.
- ✓ The Capital Projects Fund has an assigned fund balance of \$10.15 million.
- ✓ The Other Governmental Funds have a nonspendable fund balance of \$0.17 million, a restricted fund balance of \$1.79 million, a committed fund balance of \$3.57 million, and a negative unassigned fund balance of \$0.23 million.

General Fund - The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Board. The General Fund increased \$1.81 million due to positive current year operations.

Capital Projects Fund - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for state and local financial resources paid for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities. This fund includes the proceeds of long-term financing issued by the City of Auburn on behalf of the school system. These proceeds are recognized as an appropriation to the school system and are restricted for specific capital projects. The fund also includes proceeds from the state appropriated Public School Capital Outlay Funds. The Capital Projects Fund increased \$6.15 million during fiscal year 2017. This is due primarily to the sale of a parcel of land as well as large operating transfers from the General Fund.

Fiduciary Funds - The fiduciary fund financial statements appear on pages 20 and 21. The *Statement of Fiduciary Net Position* is presented for the agency funds and a private-purpose trust fund. The *Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position* is presented to show the activity of the private-purpose trust fund.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Generally, on or before October 1 of each year, the Board is mandated by state law to prepare and submit to the State Superintendent of Education the annual budget adopted by the Board. The original 2017 fiscal year budget, adopted on September 13, 2016, was based on a conservative approach that reflected only guaranteed revenues and necessary expenditures.

The original budget figures were amended when revenue or expenditure fluctuations exceeded 10 percent. Over the course of the year, the Board revised the annual operating budget in February and June 2017.

For purposes of this budgetary analysis, only the General Fund of the Board is discussed in accordance with the reporting model.

General Fund - The comparison of the General Fund original budget to the final amended budget is located on page 42. The differences between the original budget and the final amended budget of the Board were a \$1.18 million increase in overall revenue appropriations and a \$1.37 million increase in expenditures and can be briefly summarized as follows:

Amendment #1 was necessary to budget federal programs carryover, Board approved personnel changes, changes to operational budgets, and changes to State Department of Education and federal allocations. This amendment also revised the budgeted beginning fund balances to reflect the actual ending fund balances from fiscal year 2016.

Amendment #2 was necessary to revise State Department of Education allocations, federal allocations, Board approved personnel changes, local revenue projections, operational budgets, and building projects.

Overall, the final amended budget is reflective of the actual operating activity for the year. Actual revenues were \$0.51 million more than budgetary estimates, and actual expenditures were \$2.06 million less than budgetary estimates, variances of 0.69 percent and 2.87 percent, respectively.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets - The Board's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities for the year ended September 30, 2017, is \$166.97 million, net of accumulated depreciation and debt related to the acquisition of the assets. The Board's investment in capital assets includes land at estimated historical cost, buildings and improvements at estimated historical cost, equipment and furniture at estimated historical cost, equipment under capital lease, and construction in progress, and is shown in *Table 4* below.

Table 4: Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)

Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016
(in millions)

	Governmental Activities	
	2017	2016
Land and land improvements	\$ 14.21	\$ 18.41
Buildings and improvements	70.02	72.33
Furniture, equipment and vehicles	5.27	5.39
Construction in progress	77.47	48.63
Total	<u>\$ 166.97</u>	<u>\$ 144.76</u>

Net capital assets increased \$22.21 million for the 2017 fiscal year, due to asset additions offset by depreciation expense and asset disposals. Land and improvements additions consisted of \$0.01 million in land purchases. One property adjacent to the J.F. Drake Middle School campus was acquired. Building and improvements additions amounted to \$0.25 million which consisted of a roofing project at Wrights Mill Road Elementary School. Additions in construction in progress of \$28.84 million relate to the construction of a new high school and a new elementary school. Other capital asset additions include an increase of \$1.25 million to furniture, equipment and vehicles, of which \$0.85 million was for the acquisition of ten new school buses paid for with State Fleet Renewal and local funds. These asset additions are reduced by the current year's depreciation expense of \$4.13 million as well as asset dispositions net of related accumulated depreciation of \$4.01 million. Additional information on the Board's net position is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The following are currently known economic factors for the City of Auburn that could impact the Board going into the 2017-2018 fiscal year:

- ✓ **Economic Conditions** - Revenues for the City of Auburn have continued to grow and compare well with historical growth rates. The City of Auburn's largest source of revenue, sales and use tax, improved more than expected indicating local economic growth. The City of Auburn, through its economic development, continues to attract new industry to the area.

The Auburn City Board of Education continues to be cautious with conservative spending and prudent allocation of resources, allowing the school system to maintain the appropriate reserves necessary to meet the challenges of uncertain economic conditions.

- ✓ **Population Growth** - The population in the City of Auburn as of the year 2010 census rose significantly since the last ten-year census taken in 2000. The population rose by approximately 10,393 people, or 24.18 percent over a ten-year period, for a total estimated population of 53,380. The latest annual population estimate published by the Census Bureau for 2016 reports the City of Auburn at 63,118, an increase of 9,738, or 18.24 percent, over the 2010 population estimates published by the Census Bureau.

- ✓ **Growth of Ad Valorem Taxes** - The Board of Education shares a 5 Mill countywide ad valorem tax with the other school systems in Lee County based on the 20th day average daily membership of each system. As the enrollment in Auburn City Schools grows, its share of this property tax increases. Further, the Board of Education is locally funded through a 3 Mill district ad valorem tax. As the assessed property valuations have increased and enrollment growth has impacted the district's proportionate share of the 5 mill tax, collections have historically exceeded five percent annual growth. In fiscal year 2017, ad valorem tax revenues increased \$0.25 million, or 4.20 percent, compared with the prior year.

The City of Auburn also collects 16 mills of ad valorem taxes designated for school operations and capital projects. Amounts transferred to the school district for current year operations are reported as a City of Auburn appropriation, with the remainder of collections being used for debt service on school construction projects.

- ✓ **Growth of Sales Taxes** - The Board of Education shares a one-cent countywide sales tax with the other school systems in Lee County based on the 20th day average daily membership of each system. As the enrollment in Auburn City Schools grows, its share of the sales tax continues to increase. Sales tax revenue increased \$0.20 million, or 2.84 percent, in fiscal year 2017.

- ✓ **City of Auburn Appropriations** - City officials approved increases in school district funding effective with fiscal year 2015. These increases include an increase to its General Fund appropriation. The basis of this appropriation changed from 13.00% of General Fund revenues with a floor of \$6,795,523 to 1.25 cents of sales tax with a floor of \$11.50 million until such time as the sales tax equivalence is greater. The City of Auburn appropriation for fiscal year 2017 increased by \$1.65 million, or 14.35 percent, and is expected to increase again in fiscal year 2018. Further, the City Council voted to commit the City's 5 mill property tax fund to the school district for school construction, effective with fiscal year 2016. This appropriation increased by \$0.51 million, or 17.07 percent in fiscal year 2017. Additionally, other appropriations related to capital projects decreased by \$13.27 million in fiscal year 2017. This decrease is due to less funding required for the new high school project as it nears completion.

- ✓ **Housing** - The City of Auburn issued 585 building permits in fiscal year 2017 compared to 436 in fiscal year 2016. The housing market remains a consistent catalyst to economic growth.

Residential Building Permits Issued	Fiscal Years				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Single family, detached	529	419	455	388	413
Single family, attached	56	17	25	21	-

- ✓ **State Funding** - Uncertainty exists in the area of state funding regarding the Education Trust Fund due to limited growth in revenue collections and increasing expenditures, primarily in the areas of retirement and health insurance. This uncertainty has caused the Board to budget for continued cautious spending for the 2018 fiscal year. During the 2010 legislative session, the Alabama State Legislature enacted the “Rolling Reserve Act”, designed to limit volatility in state funding.

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the Board was aware of the following circumstances that could significantly affect the Board’s financial health in the future:

Student Enrollment - Average Daily Membership (ADM) as of the 20th day report in the 2017-2018 school year of 8,570.60 indicates there will be an actual increase in enrollment of approximately 69 students for the 2018 fiscal year. The budget adopted by the Board in September 2017 took into account this expected increase. The five-year figures of growth based on the 20th Day ADM are indicated below.

Fiscal Year	20th Day ADM	ADM Increase
2018	8,570.60	69.00
2017	8,501.60	257.00
2016	8,244.60	158.15
2015	8,086.45	301.25
2014	7,785.20	417.65

The continued enrollment growth places pressures on building capacity of existing facilities. These growth trends correlate with increasing financial pressures moving forward in considering the funding of additional facilities.

Estimated Capital Needs - In May 2014, the Board of Education approved Facility Plan 2024, a ten year plan addressing the impact of unprecedented student growth on facilities capacity. Phase I of this plan includes the construction of a 2,200 student high school on Samford Avenue property at an approximate cost of \$77.60 million which opened in fall 2017. In conjunction with Facility Plan 2024, the City of Auburn approved increases in revenue appropriations to the school district beginning with fiscal year 2015. These funding changes include a change to its General Fund appropriation funding formula. The basis of this appropriation changed from 13.00% of General Fund revenues with a floor of \$6,795,523 to 1.25 cents of sales tax with a floor of \$11.50 million until such time as the sales tax equivalence is greater. Additionally, the City has committed its 5 mill property tax fund to new school construction, which generated \$3.51 million of appropriations in 2017, an increase of \$0.51 million. During 2017, the Board began implementing Phase II of Plan 2024 by starting construction on a new elementary school. This project is expected to cost approximately \$17.60 million, and the anticipated completion date is June 2018.

Facility Plan 2024 includes \$163.09 million in estimated capital needs to complete the full implementation. A recent facility assessment estimates the district’s five year capital life cycle renewal costs through 2017 at \$16.99 million and current building deficiencies of \$17.96 million. The school district continues to monitor enrollment as it relates to the potential additional capital outlay requirements needed for classroom space. Capital projects are funded by Public School Fund Capital Outlay, Public School and College Authority Bond issue, and locally through General Obligation School Warrants issued by the City of Auburn and appropriated to the Auburn City Board of Education.

Medical and Retirement Costs - Employee health insurance is provided through the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Program (PEEHIP). PEEHIP health insurance employer cost remained steady at \$800 per employee per month in fiscal year 2018. The employer contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) increased from 12.01 percent in fiscal year 2017 to 12.24 percent in fiscal year 2018 for Tier I employees and increased from 10.82 percent in fiscal year 2017 to 11.01 percent in fiscal year 2018 for Tier II employees.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL BOARD'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This report is designated to provide citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Board's financial position. If you have any questions or need additional financial information, contact Dennis Veronese, Chief Financial Officer, at the Auburn City Board of Education, P.O. Box 3270, Auburn, AL 36831-3270 or by calling (334) 887-2100 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Central Standard Time.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 32,541,917
Accounts receivable, net	30,550
Property tax receivable	6,929,342
Due from other governments	2,922,214
Inventories	171,184
Total current assets	<u>42,595,207</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated	
Land and improvements	11,960,062
Construction in progress	77,473,004
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>89,433,066</u>
Capital assets	
Land improvements	5,423,466
Buildings and improvements	105,632,532
Furniture, equipment and vehicles	15,844,403
Less accumulated depreciation	(49,360,422)
Total depreciable capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>77,539,979</u>
Total assets	<u>209,568,252</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Employer pension contribution	5,160,838
Proportionate share of collective deferred outflows related to net pension liability	9,585,000
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>14,745,838</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	2,847,707
Unearned revenues	1,883,597
Salaries and benefits payable	5,777,700
Proportionate share of collective net pension liability	70,253,000
Total liabilities	<u>80,762,004</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Future property tax revenue	6,929,342
Proportionate share of collective deferred inflows related to net pension liability	1,809,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>8,738,342</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	166,973,045
Restricted for	
Other projects	1,963,617
Unrestricted	(34,122,918)
Total net position	<u>\$ 134,813,744</u>

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

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Total Governmental Activities
Governmental activities					
Instruction	\$ 53,544,567	\$ 1,286,977	\$ 32,466,900	\$ 763,677	\$ (19,027,013)
Instructional support	17,099,976	820,496	8,029,330	102,285	(8,147,865)
Operation and maintenance	6,668,170	96,195	1,405,584	930,839	(4,235,552)
Auxiliary services					
Student transportation services	4,595,471	154,453	2,932,164	472,268	(1,036,586)
Food services	3,805,861	2,833,186	260,215	-	(712,460)
General administrative services	2,968,798	1,426	385,550	-	(2,581,822)
Other	1,158,765	829,297	195,399	-	(134,069)
Interest and fiscal charges	574	-	-	-	(574)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 89,842,182</u>	<u>\$ 6,022,030</u>	<u>\$ 45,675,142</u>	<u>\$ 2,269,069</u>	<u>(35,875,941)</u>
General revenues					
Taxes					
Property taxes for general purposes 6,112,730					
Local sales taxes 7,297,703					
Alcohol beverage tax 583,677					
Other taxes 57,253					
Grants and contributions not restricted 3,160					
City Council appropriations/payments 47,407,625					
Investment earnings 86,458					
Miscellaneous 975,429					
Total general revenues <u>62,524,035</u>					
Change in net position 26,648,094					
Net position, beginning of year <u>108,165,650</u>					
Net position, end of year <u>\$ 134,813,744</u>					

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

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,813,756	\$ 11,926,210	\$ 5,801,951	\$ 32,541,917
Receivables, net				
Accounts	26,394	-	4,156	30,550
Due from other governments	803,520	1,921,869	196,825	2,922,214
Interfund receivable	13,780	-	7,248	21,028
Inventories	-	-	171,184	171,184
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 15,657,450</u>	<u>\$ 13,848,079</u>	<u>\$ 6,181,364</u>	<u>\$ 35,686,893</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 602,680	\$ 2,057,172	\$ 187,855	\$ 2,847,707
Unearned revenue	-	1,640,469	243,128	1,883,597
Interfund payable	7,188	-	13,840	21,028
Salaries and benefits payable	5,338,635	-	439,065	5,777,700
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total liabilities	<u>5,948,503</u>	<u>3,697,641</u>	<u>883,888</u>	<u>10,530,032</u>
Fund balances				
Nonspendable	-	-	171,184	171,184
Restricted	-	-	1,792,433	1,792,433
Committed	-	-	3,565,838	3,565,838
Assigned	229,629	10,150,438	-	10,380,067
Unassigned	9,479,318	-	(231,979)	9,247,339
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total fund balances	<u>9,708,947</u>	<u>10,150,438</u>	<u>5,297,476</u>	<u>25,156,861</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 15,657,450</u>	<u>\$ 13,848,079</u>	<u>\$ 6,181,364</u>	<u>\$ 35,686,893</u>

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

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Total fund balances - governmental funds		\$ 25,156,861
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:</p>		
<p>Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds. These assets consist of:</p>		
Land and improvements	17,383,528	
Buildings and improvements	105,632,532	
Furniture, equipment and vehicles	15,844,403	
Construction in progress	77,473,004	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(49,360,422)</u>	
Total capital assets, net of depreciation		166,973,045
<p>Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.</p>		
		12,936,838
<p>Certain liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the funds but are listed in the governmental activities. These liabilities at year-end consist of:</p>		
Proportionate share of collective net pension liability		<u>(70,253,000)</u>
Total net position - governmental activities		<u>\$ 134,813,744</u>

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

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
State	\$ 42,148,725	\$ 2,262,901	\$ 5,000	\$ 44,416,626
Federal	56,451	-	4,891,653	4,948,104
Local	32,412,080	29,424,941	4,997,962	66,834,983
Other	226,482	-	54,951	281,433
Total revenues	<u>74,843,738</u>	<u>31,687,842</u>	<u>9,949,566</u>	<u>116,481,146</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Instruction	42,731,858	2,143,463	3,538,259	48,413,580
Instructional support	13,831,460	451,848	2,135,836	16,419,144
Operation and maintenance	5,777,037	732,327	96,517	6,605,881
Auxiliary services	4,190,013	472,268	4,709,023	9,371,304
General administrative services	2,682,932	-	224,613	2,907,545
Other	235,853	-	890,110	1,125,963
Capital outlay	-	28,384,472	-	28,384,472
Debt service				
Principal retirement	39,331	-	-	39,331
Interest	574	-	-	574
Total expenditures	<u>69,489,058</u>	<u>32,184,378</u>	<u>11,594,358</u>	<u>113,267,794</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>5,354,680</u>	<u>(496,536)</u>	<u>(1,644,792)</u>	<u>3,213,352</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	193,418	2,664,726	1,394,076	4,252,220
Proceeds from the sale of assets	-	3,984,380	-	3,984,380
Indirect cost	315,607	-	-	315,607
Other sources	9,132	-	-	9,132
Transfers out	<u>(4,058,802)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(193,418)</u>	<u>(4,252,220)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(3,540,645)</u>	<u>6,649,106</u>	<u>1,200,658</u>	<u>4,309,119</u>
Net changes in fund balances	1,814,035	6,152,570	(444,134)	7,522,471
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>7,894,912</u>	<u>3,997,868</u>	<u>5,741,610</u>	<u>17,634,390</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 9,708,947</u>	<u>\$ 10,150,438</u>	<u>\$ 5,297,476</u>	<u>\$ 25,156,861</u>

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

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$ 7,522,471
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.		
Capital asset additions	30,354,016	
Depreciation	<u>(4,133,213)</u>	26,220,803
In the Statement of Activities, the gain (loss) on the disposition of assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, only the proceeds from the sale increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by this amount.		
Cost of assets disposed	(4,045,159)	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>33,297</u>	(4,011,862)
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but it reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position and does not affect the Statement of Activities. This is the amount of principal payments that exceeded debt proceeds.		
		39,331
The increase or decrease in pension expense reported in the Statement of Activities does not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, is not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. This is the amount by which current year pension expense exceeded current year pension payments.		
		<u>(3,122,649)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities		<u>\$ 26,648,094</u>

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

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Private - Purpose Trust	Agency Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 360,476
Investments	10,651	-
Total assets	\$ 10,651	\$ 360,476
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 35,018
Due to student groups	-	325,458
Total liabilities	-	\$ 360,476
NET POSITION		
Reserved for scholarships	\$ 10,651	

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

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Private - Purpose Trust
ADDITIONS	
Private donations	\$ 135
Interest	165
Total additions	300
DEDUCTIONS	
Scholarships awarded	300
Change in net position	-
Net position, beginning of year	10,651
Net position, end of year	\$ 10,651

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Auburn City Board of Education (the "Board"), a component unit of the City of Auburn, Alabama, have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The most significant of the Board's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

Statement No. 14 (as amended) of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board establishes standards for defining and reporting on the financial reporting entity. The definition of the reporting entity is based primarily on the notion of financial accountability. A primary government is financially accountable for agencies that make up its legal entity. It is also financially accountable for a legally separate agency if its officials appoint a voting majority of that agency's governing body and either it is able to impose its will on that agency or there is a potential for the agency to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government. There are no component units which should be included as part of the financial reporting entity of the Auburn City Board of Education.

The Board is a legally separate agency of the State of Alabama. However, for financial reporting the Board is considered a component unit of the City of Auburn, Alabama, (the "City") due to the following reasons:

- (1) The City appoints the five (5) members of the governing body of the Board.
- (2) The City issues bonds for the construction of facilities for the Board and the City is obligated for the debt.
- (3) The City makes annual appropriations to the Board.

The financial statements of the Board include the local school public and nonpublic funds under the control of school principals. The public funds are included as local special revenue funds. Nonpublic club activity funds are included as agency funds.

B. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting

Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements - The *statement of net position* and the *statement of activities* display information about the Board. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Although other governments may report both governmental activities and business-type activities, the Board has no business-type activities.

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

The *statement of activities* presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Board's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. The Board does not allocate indirect expenses to the various functions. Program revenues include (a) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or program and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

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

The Board reports the following major governmental funds:

- General Fund - This fund is the primary operating fund of the Board. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- Capital Projects Fund - This fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

The Board reports the following fund type in the Other Governmental Funds column:

- Special Revenue Funds - These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than those derived from special assessments or dedicated for major capital projects) requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action.

Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and therefore cannot be used to support the Board's programs. The Board reports the following fiduciary funds:

- Agency Fund - These funds are used to report assets held by the Board in a purely custodial capacity. The Board collects local school nonpublic funds and expends them at the request of the various school clubs and organizations.
- Private-Purpose Trust Fund - This fund is used to report activities of the John W. and Leila M. Harris Scholarship Fund which awards an annual scholarship to an Auburn High School graduating senior.

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

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

Governmental Fund Financial Statements - Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Board considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty (60) days of the end of the current fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. General long-term debt issued and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

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

C. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position/Fund Balances

1. Deposits and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments consist of certificates of deposit and are reported at cost, which approximates market value.

2. Receivables

Receivables are reported as receivables and due from other governments in the government-wide financial statements and as receivables, due from other funds and due from other governments in the fund financial statements. Receivables due from other governments include amounts due from grantors for grants issued for specific programs and local taxes. No allowances are made for uncollectible amounts because the amounts are considered immaterial.

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

Millage rates for property taxes are levied by the County Commission in February of each year. Property taxes are assessed for property as of October 1 of the preceding year based on the millage rates. Property taxes are due and payable the following October 1 and are delinquent after December 31. Amounts receivable, net of estimated refunds and estimated uncollectible amounts, are recorded for the property taxes levied in the current year. However, since the amounts are not available to fund current year operations, the revenue is a deferred inflow of resources that will be recognized in the subsequent fiscal year when the taxes are both due and collectible and available to fund operations.

3. Inventories

Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

4. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which may include property, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Such assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Major capital outlays of capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Depreciation is computed over the estimated useful lives of the assets on a straight-line basis for all major asset classes. Capitalization thresholds (the dollar values above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts) and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the government-wide statements are as follows:

	Capitalization <u>Threshold</u>	Estimated <u>Useful Life</u>
Land improvements	\$ 50,000	20-50 years
Buildings and improvements	\$ 50,000	20-50 years
Furniture and equipment	\$ 5,000	5-20 years
Vehicles	\$ 5,000	10 years

5. Compensated Absences

For vacation leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics, GASB Statement No. 16 requires the accrual of a liability as the benefits are earned by the employees if both of these conditions are met:

- (1) The employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to service already rendered.
- (2) It is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement.

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

An accrual for earned sick leave should be made only to the extent it is probable that the benefits will result in termination payments, rather than be taken as absences due to illness or other contingencies, such as medical appointments and funerals.

Non-tenured certified and support personnel are provided two state days and one local personal leave day per year and tenured personnel are provided two state days and three local personal leave days per year. All personnel may choose to convert personal leave days to sick leave days at the end of the school year. Only certified employees may choose to be paid, at the Board's substitute rate, for up to two state days of unused personal leave. Because unused personal leave cannot be carried over to succeeding years, no liability for unpaid leave is accrued in the financial statements.

Professional, clerical, and office personnel with twelve (12) month positions earn ten (10) days of vacation per year. Because no extra compensation in lieu of vacation is allowed and terminal leave cannot exceed the employee's contract, no liability is recorded on the financial statements.

Certified and support employees earn non-vesting sick leave at the rate of one day per month worked. Employees may convert their accrued sick leave as membership service in determining the total years of creditable service in the teachers' retirement system, with no additional cost to the Board. Because employees do not receive compensation for unused sick leave at termination, no liability is recorded on the financial statements.

6. Pensions

As discussed in Note 6, the Board participates in a defined benefit pension plan through the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama (the "Plan"). The Plan's financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized as revenues when earned, pursuant to plan requirements. Benefits and refunds are recognized when the corresponding liability is incurred, regardless of when the payment is made. Investments are reported at fair value. Financial statements are prepared in accordance with requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Under these requirements, the Plan is considered a component unit of the State of Alabama and is included in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

7. Net Position/Fund Balance

Net position is reported on the government-wide financial statements and is required to be classified for accounting and reporting purposes into the following net position categories:

- Net Investment in Capital Assets - Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and outstanding principal balances of debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Any significant unspent related debt proceeds at year-end related to capital assets are not included in this calculation.
- Restricted - Constraints imposed by external creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments, or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

- Unrestricted - Resources that are not subject to externally imposed stipulations. Unrestricted net position may be designated for specific purposes by action of the Board.

Fund balance is reported in the fund financial statements. The Board has implemented GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

- Nonspendable - Amounts that are not in spendable form (such as inventories, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale) or are required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted - Amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- Committed - Amounts constrained to specific purposes determined by a formal action by the Board itself (its highest level of decision-making authority). Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the Board.
- Assigned - Amounts the Board intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the Board or by an official or body to which the Board delegates the authority.
- Unassigned - Amounts that are available for any purpose and are not contained in the other classifications.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available, the Board considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Board considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed unless the Board has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

8. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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Note 2 - Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

Budgets

Annual budgets are adopted for all governmental funds except the Capital Projects Fund, which adopts project-length budgets. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

On or before October 1 of each year, the Board prepares and submits to the State Superintendent of Education the annual budget to be adopted. The Superintendent or Board may not approve any budget for operations of the school system for any fiscal year that shows expenditures in excess of income estimated to be available plus any balances on hand. The Superintendent, with the approval of the Board, has the authority to make changes within the approved budget provided that a deficit is not incurred by such changes. The Superintendent may approve amendments to program budgets without Board approval.

Note 3 - Deposits and Investments

Deposits

The Board's deposits at year-end were held by financial institutions in the State of Alabama's Security for Alabama Funds Enhancement (SAFE) Program. The SAFE Program was established by the Alabama Legislature and is governed by the provisions contained in the Code of Alabama 1975, Sections 41-14A-1 through 41-14A-14. Under the SAFE Program, all public funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the Alabama State Treasurer's Office. Under this program, financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that financial institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC). If the securities pledged fail to produce adequate funds, every institution participating in the pool would share the liability for the remaining balances. The Board's investments consist entirely of certificates of deposit. These certificates of deposit are classified as "Deposits" in order to determine insurance and collateralization. However, they are classified as "Investments" on the financial statements.

Investments

Investments of the Board consist of nonnegotiable, interest bearing demand deposits. They are carried at cost, which equals market value. The Board does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

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Note 3 - Deposits and Investments - continued

Restricted Cash and Investments

At September 30, 2017, the Board's restricted cash and investments were composed of the following, all of which are insured through the SAFE Program:

	Carrying Value	Fair Value
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cash - Other Governmental Funds		
Child Nutrition Program	\$ 1,826,129	\$ 1,826,129
Dental Clinic	156,773	156,773
E-rate	9,988	9,988
	<u>\$ 1,992,890</u>	<u>\$ 1,992,890</u>

Note 4 - Unearned Revenues

Governmental funds report unearned revenues in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also delay revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned. At September 30, 2017, the various components of unearned revenue reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

	Unearned Revenues
	<u> </u>
Title I	\$ 63,589
Title III	18,891
Child Nutrition	160,648
Capital Projects	<u>1,640,469</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,883,597</u>

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Note 5 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2017, was as follows:

	Balance 10/01/16	Additions	Retirements/ Reclassifications	Balance 09/30/17
<u>Governmental activities:</u>				
<u>Capital assets not being depreciated:</u>				
Land and improvements	\$ 15,951,536	\$ 6,712	\$ (3,998,186)	\$ 11,960,062
Construction in progress	48,632,279	28,840,725	-	77,473,004
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>64,583,815</u>	<u>28,847,437</u>	<u>(3,998,186)</u>	<u>89,433,066</u>
<u>Capital assets being depreciated:</u>				
Land improvements	5,423,466	-	-	5,423,466
Buildings and improvements	105,375,197	257,335	-	105,632,532
Furniture, equipment and vehicles	14,243,080	1,249,244	352,079	15,844,403
Equipment under capital lease	399,052	-	(399,052)	-
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>125,440,795</u>	<u>1,506,579</u>	<u>(46,973)</u>	<u>126,900,401</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Land improvements	(2,969,000)	(201,845)	-	(3,170,845)
Buildings and improvements	(33,038,682)	(2,575,476)	-	(35,614,158)
Furniture, equipment and vehicles	(9,252,824)	(1,355,892)	33,297	(10,575,419)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(45,260,506)</u>	<u>(4,133,213)</u>	<u>33,297</u>	<u>(49,360,422)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>80,180,289</u>	<u>(2,626,634)</u>	<u>(13,676)</u>	<u>77,539,979</u>
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 144,764,104</u>	<u>\$ 26,220,803</u>	<u>\$ (4,011,862)</u>	<u>\$ 166,973,045</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions/programs as follows:

<u>Governmental activities:</u>	
Instruction	\$ 3,287,977
Instructional support	51,900
Operation and maintenance	66,485
<u>Auxiliary services:</u>	
Student transportation services	645,382
Food services	72,561
General administrative services	8,908
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	<u>\$ 4,133,213</u>

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Note 6 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

A. Plan Description

The Board's employees are members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama (TRS). The TRS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement plan, was established as of September 15, 1939, under the provisions of Act 419 of the Legislature of 1939 for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other specified benefits for qualified persons employed by State-supported educational institutions. The responsibility for the general administration and operation of the TRS is vested in its Board of Control. The TRS Board of Control consists of 15 trustees. The plan is administered by the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA). Title 16-Chapter 25 of the Code of Alabama grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms to the TRS Board of Control. The Plan issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.rsa-al.gov.

B. Benefits Provided

State law establishes retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits and any ad hoc increase in postretirement benefits for the TRS. Benefits for TRS members vest after 10 years of creditable service. TRS members who retire after age 60 with 10 years or more of creditable service or with 25 years of service (regardless of age) are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a guaranteed minimum or a formula method, with the member receiving payment under the method that yields the highest monthly benefit. Under the formula method, members of the TRS are allowed 2.0125% of their average final compensation (highest 3 of the last 10 years) for each year of service.

Act 377 of the Legislature of 2012 established a new tier of benefits (Tier 2) for members hired on or after January 1, 2013. Tier 2 TRS members are eligible for retirement after age 62 with 10 years or more of creditable service and are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a guaranteed minimum or a formula method, with the member receiving payment under the method that yields the highest monthly benefit. Under the formula method, Tier 2 members of the TRS are allowed 1.65% of their average final compensation (highest 5 of the last 10 years) for each year of service. Members are eligible for disability retirement if they have 10 years of credible service, are currently in-service, and determined by the RSA Medical Board to be permanently incapacitated from further performance of duty. Preretirement death benefits are calculated and paid to the beneficiary based on the member's age, service credit, employment status and eligibility for retirement.

C. Contributions

Covered members of the TRS contributed 5% of earnable compensation to the TRS as required by statute until September 30, 2011. From October 1, 2011, to September 30, 2012, covered members of the TRS were required by statute to contribute 7.25% of earnable compensation. Effective October 1, 2012, covered members of the TRS are required by statute to contribute 7.50% of earnable compensation.

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Note 6 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan - continued

Tier 2 covered members of the TRS contribute 6% of earnable compensation to the TRS as required by statute.

Participating employers' contractually required contribution rate for the year ended September 30, 2017, was 12.01% of annual pay for Tier 1 members and 10.82% of annual pay for Tier 2 members. These required contribution rates are a percent of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with member contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Total employer contributions to the pension plan from the Board were \$5,160,838 for the year ended September 30, 2017.

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

At September 30, 2017, the Board reported a liability of \$70,253,000 for its proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The collective net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2015. The Board's proportion of the collective net pension liability was based on the employers' shares of contributions to the pension plan relative to the total employer contributions of all participating TRS employers. At September 30, 2016, the Board's proportion was 0.648927%, which was an increase of 0.017093% from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2015.

For the year ended September 30, 2017, the Board recognized pension expense of \$8,283,487. At September 30, 2017, the Board reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 1,809,000
Changes of assumptions	4,960,000	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,015,000	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	3,610,000	-
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	5,160,838	-
Total	<u>\$ 14,745,838</u>	<u>\$ 1,809,000</u>

\$5,160,838 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2017.

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Note 6 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan - continued

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

Year ended September 30:	
2018	\$ 2,051,000
2019	\$ 2,051,000
2020	\$ 2,821,000
2021	\$ 519,000
2022	\$ 334,000
Thereafter	\$ -

E. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2015, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75%
Investment rate of return*	7.75%
Projected salary increases	3.25% - 5.00%

*Net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

The actuarial assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2015, were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2015. The Board of Control accepted and approved these changes on September 13, 2016, which became effective at the beginning of fiscal year 2015.

Mortality rates for TRS were based on the RP-2000 White Collar Mortality Table projected to 2020 using scale BB and adjusted 115% for all ages for males and 112% for ages 78 and over for females. The rates of disabled mortality were based on the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table projected to 2020 using scale BB and adjusted 105% for males and 120% for females.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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Note 6 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan - continued

The target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are as follows:

	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return*
Fixed Income	17.00%	4.40%
U.S. Large Stocks	32.00%	8.00%
U.S. Mid Stocks	9.00%	10.00%
U.S. Small Stocks	4.00%	11.00%
International Developed Market Stocks	12.00%	9.50%
International Emerging Market Stocks	3.00%	11.00%
Alternatives	10.00%	10.10%
Real Estate	10.00%	7.50%
Cash	3.00%	1.50%
Total	100.00%	

*Includes assumed rate of inflation of 2.50%

F. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that the employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, components of the pension plan's fiduciary net position were projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

G. Sensitivity of the Board's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

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

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
Board's proportionate share of collective net pension liability	\$ 93,592,000	\$ 70,253,000	\$ 50,493,000

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Note 6 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan - continued

H. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued RSA Comprehensive Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. The supporting actuarial information is included in the GASB Statement No. 67 Report for the TRS prepared as of September 30, 2016. The auditor's report dated March 1, 2017, on the total pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total pension expense for the sum of all participating entities as of September 30, 2016, along with supporting schedules is also available. The additional financial and actuarial information is available at www.rsa-al.gov.

Note 7 - Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

The Board contributes to the Alabama Retired Education Employee's Health Care Trust (the "Trust"), a multiple employer cost sharing defined benefit health care plan established in 2007 under the provisions of Act 2007-16 as an irrevocable trust fund. The Trust is administered by members of the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Board (PEEHIB). The Trust provides health care benefits to state and local school system retirees. *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 16-25A-4 provides the PEEHIB with the authority to amend the benefit provisions in order to provide reasonable assurance of stability in future years for the plan. The Alabama Retired Education Employees' plan issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained on the PEEHIP website at <http://www.rsa-al.gov> under the Employers' Financial Reports section.

Code of Alabama 1975, Section 16-25A-8 provides the PEEHIB explicit authority to set the contribution requirements for plan members and employers. Retirees eligible for Medicare benefits must pay \$25 per month for coverage while those not eligible for Medicare must pay \$166 per month for coverage. The employer's share of premiums for retired Board employee's health insurance is included as part of the premium for active employees and is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis. The fiscal year 2017 rate paid by the Board was \$800 per active participant per month; \$153, or approximately 19.07% of the allocation for active participants, represents the required contribution for retirees. This required contribution rate is determined annually by the State Legislature. The estimated portion of health insurance premiums paid by the Board for retired employees for fiscal years ending September 30, 2017, and 2016, were approximately \$1,741,784 and \$2,384,463 respectively, equal to its required contributions each year. The estimated portion of payments made on behalf of the Board for retiree drug subsidy payments for fiscal years ending September 30, 2017, and 2016, were approximately \$466,070 and \$531,896, respectively. The Board has no responsibility for the payment of health care benefits, beyond the payment of the premium, for retired employees. The requirements of GASBS No. 45 were implemented prospectively beginning October 1, 2008.

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Note 8 - Construction and Other Significant Commitments

The Board has two remaining commitments on uncompleted contracts for the construction of an elementary school and a new high school, which are being funded with proceeds from a bond issued by the City of Auburn as follows:

	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Expended To Date</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>	<u>Required Further Financing</u>
New Elementary School	\$ 16,043,564	\$ 1,963,669	\$ 14,079,895	\$ -
New High School	74,118,240	74,038,194	80,046	-
Total	<u>\$ 90,161,804</u>	<u>\$ 76,001,863</u>	<u>\$ 14,159,941</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Note 9 - Contingent Liabilities

Grantor Contingencies

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds or the General Fund. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the Board expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Note 10 - Lease Obligations

The Board is obligated under certain leases which are accounted for as operating leases. Operating leases do not give rise to property rights or lease obligations. Therefore, the results of these lease agreements are not reflected as part of the Board's capital assets. The Board has several noncancelable leases for certain equipment that are classified as operating leases. Rent expense under these noncancelable leases was \$96,969 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.

The approximate remaining annual minimum lease payments under the noncancelable operating leases existing as of September 30, 2017, are:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 100,089
2019	77,336
2020	56,711
Total	<u>\$ 234,136</u>

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Note 10 - Lease Obligations - continued

The Board has entered into lease agreements with Key Government Finance for the purchase of network equipment. These agreements qualified as capital leases for accounting purposes and were recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of inception. Interest expense for the year ended September 30, 2017, was \$574. The Key Government Finance capital lease payable was paid in full during the year ended September 30, 2017, and the network equipment was reclassified to capital assets.

The following is a summary of changes in obligations under capital leases of the Board for the year ended September 30, 2017:

	Capital Lease Payable
Balance, September 30, 2016	\$ 39,331
Retirement of debt	(39,331)
Balance, September 30, 2017	<u>\$ -</u>

Note 11 - Deficit Cash Balances

The following fund had a deficit cash balance at September 30, 2017. However, this fund operates on a reimbursement basis and has receivables which offset the deficit cash balance.

Fund	Deficit Cash Balance	Receivable as of 09/30/17
Middle School Coordinator Grant	<u>\$ (37,787)</u>	<u>\$ 43,385</u>

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Note 12 - Deficit Fund Balance

The Board has a net accumulated deficit of (\$231,979) in the Other Governmental Funds unassigned fund balance as of September 30, 2017. This temporary deficit is the result of accrued salaries and fringe benefits for local schools personnel at September 30, 2017. Expenditures for salaries and related fringe benefits are budgeted based on the amount that will be paid from budgeted revenues. Salaries and related fringe benefits earned but not paid are reported as expenditures on the financial statements. This deficit does not indicate that the Board is facing financial difficulties and is a permitted practice under generally accepted accounting principles. Accrued salaries and fringe benefits caused a deficit fund balance in the following funds:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Deficit Fund Balance</u>
IDEA, Part B	\$ (126,599)
Preschool, Part B	(2,623)
Title I, Part A	(82,918)
Title II, Part A	(19,021)
Middle School Coordinator Grant	(818)
Totals	<u>\$ (231,979)</u>

Note 13 - Restricted Net Position

The government-wide *statement of net position* reports \$1,963,617 of restricted net position, of which \$1,794,375 is restricted for the child nutrition program, \$159,254 is restricted for the dental clinic program, and \$9,988 is restricted for the E-rate program.

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Note 14 - Fund Balance, Governmental Funds

As of September 30, 2017, fund balances are composed of the following:

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Fund balances				
Nonspendable:				
Inventories	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 171,184	\$ 171,184
Restricted for:				
Child Nutrition program	-	-	1,623,191	1,623,191
Dental Clinic program	-	-	159,254	159,254
E-rate program	-	-	9,988	9,988
Committed to:				
After-school program	-	-	1,917,206	1,917,206
Local schools	-	-	1,645,166	1,645,166
Student emergency medical program	-	-	3,466	3,466
Assigned to:				
Capital projects	-	10,150,438	-	10,150,438
Legislation appropriations fund	34,220	-	-	34,220
Other educational support	195,409	-	-	195,409
Unassigned	9,479,318	-	(231,979)	9,247,339
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 9,708,947</u>	<u>\$ 10,150,438</u>	<u>\$ 5,297,476</u>	<u>\$ 25,156,861</u>

Note 15 - Risk Management

The Board is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and natural disasters. The Board has insurance for its buildings and contents through the State Insurance Fund (SIF), Alabama Department of Finance, Division of Risk Management, a public entity risk pool, which operates as a common risk management and insurance program for state-owned properties and boards of education. The Board pays an annual premium based on the amount of coverage. The SIF is self-insured up to \$3.5 million per occurrence and purchases commercial insurance for claims in excess of \$3.5 million. Errors and omissions insurance is purchased from the Alabama Trust for Boards of Education (ABTE), a public entity risk pool. The ABTE collects the premiums and purchases commercial insurance for the amount of coverage requested by pool participants. The Board purchases commercial insurance for fidelity bonds and its transportation fleet. Settled claims in the past three years have not exceeded the commercial insurance coverage. Also, there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year.

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Note 15 - Risk Management - continued

Employee health insurance is provided through the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Fund (PEEHIF), administered by the Public Education Employee's Health Insurance Board (PEEHIB). The fund was established to provide a uniform plan of health insurance for current and retired employees of state educational institutions and is self-sustaining. Monthly premiums for employee and dependent coverage are determined annually by the plan's actuary and are based on anticipated claims in the upcoming year, considering any remaining fund balance on hand available for claims. The Board's contribution is applied against the employees' premiums for the coverage selected and the employee pays any remaining balance.

The Board does not have insurance coverage for job-related injuries. Board employees who are injured while on the job are entitled to salary and fringe benefits of up to ninety working days in accordance with the *Code of Alabama* 1975, Section 16-1-18.1(d). Any unreimbursed medical expenses and costs that the employee incurs as a result of an on-the-job injury may be filed for reimbursement with the State Board of Adjustments. The State Board of Adjustments is a state agency with which employees can file claims against the Board to collect reimbursement for damages when all other means have been exhausted. The Board of Adjustments determines if a claim is valid and determines the proper amount of compensation. Payments are made from the state appropriated funds at no cost to the Board.

Note 16 - Donated Food Program

The commodities received from the Federal government in connection with the donated food program are reflected in the accompanying financial statements. The total assigned value of commodities donated was \$243,335 for 2017 and \$218,537 for 2016. Commodities consumed were approximately \$236,481 for 2017 and \$217,500 for 2016.

Note 17 - Interfund Activity

Transfers

The amounts of interfund transfers during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, were as follows:

	Transfers Out		
	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals
<u>Transfers In</u>			
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 193,418	\$ 193,418
Capital Projects Fund	2,664,726	-	2,664,726
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	1,394,076	-	1,394,076
Totals	<u>\$ 4,058,802</u>	<u>\$ 193,418</u>	<u>\$ 4,252,220</u>

The Board typically uses transfers to fund ongoing operating subsidies. Interfund transfers are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

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Note 17 - Interfund Activity - continued

Receivables and Payables

	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
General Fund	\$ 13,780	\$ 7,188
Nonmajor Governmental Funds		
Child Nutrition	60	7,789
After-School	265	265
Local Schools	6,923	5,786
Totals	<u>\$ 21,028</u>	<u>\$ 21,028</u>

Interfund receivables and payables arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which the transactions are executed. The balances result from the time lag between the dates that interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and payments are made.

Note 18 - Payments or Services Furnished by Other Agencies

Certain payments or services are furnished by the State of Alabama and the City of Auburn on behalf of the Board. Included in these items are payments from bond issue proceeds (Public School and College Authority) and donated fixed assets. These payments are reflected as revenues on the Board's financial statements in the applicable funds for which they apply. No payments were made on behalf of the Board by the Public School and College Authority for the year ended September 30, 2017.

Payments made during the year by the City of Auburn on behalf of the Board for debt service and related bond expenditures were \$10,563,574. These payments are not recorded as revenue and expenditures in the accompanying financial statements.

Note 19 - Subsequent Events

On December 12, 2017, the Board approved bids by Transportation South in the amounts of \$92,609 each for the purchase of one or more 54-passenger special needs buses, and \$87,400 each for three or more 78-passenger buses.

On January 9, 2018, the Board approved a bid of \$540,000 by Gordy Construction Company to perform work associated with the sanitary sewer and lift station at Creekside Elementary School.

Subsequent to year end, the Board created a private purpose trust fund to account for two endowments received for scholarships to benefit Auburn City School students.

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 9, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Budget to GAAP Differences Over (Under)	Actual Amounts GAAP Basis	Final Budget to Actual Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final				
REVENUES						
State	\$ 41,547,428	\$ 42,109,497	\$ 42,148,725	\$ -	\$ 42,148,725	\$ 39,228
Federal	74,500	74,500	56,451	-	56,451	(18,049)
Local	31,465,793	32,080,519	32,412,080	-	32,412,080	331,561
Other	65,000	65,000	226,482	-	226,482	161,482
Total revenues	<u>73,152,721</u>	<u>74,329,516</u>	<u>74,843,738</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,843,738</u>	<u>514,222</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Current						
Instruction	44,323,441	44,869,616	42,885,648	(1) 153,790	42,731,858	1,983,968
Instructional support	13,514,372	14,099,769	13,893,504	(1) 62,044	13,831,460	206,265
Operation and maintenance	5,647,239	5,766,214	5,788,128	(1) 11,091	5,777,037	(21,914)
Auxiliary services	3,947,468	4,041,995	4,181,836	(1) (8,177)	4,190,013	(139,841)
General administrative services	2,665,559	2,687,959	2,688,279	(1) 5,347	2,682,932	(320)
Other	224,743	224,743	230,415	(1) (5,438)	235,853	(5,672)
Debt service	79,810	79,810	39,905	-	39,905	39,905
Total expenditures	<u>70,402,632</u>	<u>71,770,106</u>	<u>69,707,715</u>	<u>218,657</u>	<u>69,489,058</u>	<u>2,062,391</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>2,750,089</u>	<u>2,559,410</u>	<u>5,136,023</u>	<u>(218,657)</u>	<u>5,354,680</u>	<u>2,576,613</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	101,960	101,960	193,418	-	193,418	91,458
Other sources	307,751	309,817	324,739	-	324,739	14,922
Transfers out	(2,036,692)	(2,369,192)	(4,058,802)	-	(4,058,802)	(1,689,610)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(1,626,981)</u>	<u>(1,957,415)</u>	<u>(3,540,645)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,540,645)</u>	<u>(1,583,230)</u>
Net change in fund balance	1,123,108	601,995	1,595,378	(218,657)	1,814,035	993,383
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>12,326,411</u>	<u>13,452,204</u>	<u>13,452,204</u>	<u>5,557,292</u>	<u>7,894,912</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 13,449,519</u>	<u>\$ 14,054,199</u>	<u>\$ 15,047,582</u>	<u>\$ 5,338,635</u>	<u>\$ 9,708,947</u>	<u>\$ 993,383</u>

Explanation of differences:

- (1) Salaries of teachers and other personnel with contracts of less than twelve months are paid over a twelve month period. Expenditures for salaries (and related fringe benefits) are budgeted based on the amount that will be paid from budgeted revenues. However, salaries (and related fringe benefits) earned but not paid are reported as expenditures on the financial statements.

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE
TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Board's proportion of the net pension liability	<u>0.612854%</u>	<u>0.631834%</u>	<u>0.648927%</u>
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>\$ 55,675,000</u>	<u>\$ 66,126,000</u>	<u>\$ 70,253,000</u>
Board's covered payroll	<u>\$ 38,933,400</u>	<u>\$ 40,066,024</u>	<u>\$ 41,505,021</u>
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	<u>143.00%</u>	<u>165.04%</u>	<u>169.26%</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	<u>71.01%</u>	<u>67.51%</u>	<u>67.93%</u>

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 4,662,398	\$ 4,878,487	\$ 5,160,838
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>4,662,398</u>	<u>4,878,487</u>	<u>5,160,838</u>
Contributions deficiency	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	<u>\$ 40,066,024</u>	<u>\$ 41,505,021</u>	<u>\$ 43,853,094</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	<u>11.64%</u>	<u>11.75%</u>	<u>11.77%</u>

- (1) The amount of contractually required contributions is equal to the amount that would be recognized as additions from the employer's contributions in the pension plan's schedule of changes in the fiduciary net position during the period that coincides with the employer's fiscal year.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF
 EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass- Through Grantor's Number	Amount of Expenditures
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u>			
<i>Direct Program:</i>			
Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Programs	84.215E	N/A	\$ 357,040
<i>Passed through State Department of Education:</i>			
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):			
Special Education Grants	84.027	110	1,426,644
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	110	<u>29,793</u>
Subtotal Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			1,456,437
Title I	84.010	110	1,012,079
Career and Technical Education - Basic	84.048	110	86,381
English Language Acquisition	84.365	110	61,268
Improving Teacher Quality	84.367	110	<u>162,364</u>
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			<u>3,135,569</u>
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</u>			
<i>Passed through State Department of Education:</i>			
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	110	<u>21,230</u>
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			<u>21,230</u>
<u>SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION</u>			
<i>Passed through State Department of Education:</i>			
Social Security Disability Insurance	96.001	110	<u>3,160</u>
TOTAL SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION			<u>3,160</u>
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>			
<i>Passed through State Department of Education:</i>			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	110	328,262
National School Lunch Program	10.555	110	<u>1,146,403</u>
Subtotal Child Nutrition Cluster			1,474,665
Food Distribution Program	10.550	110	<u>260,189</u>
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			<u>1,734,854</u>
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE</u>			
<i>Direct Program:</i>			
ROTC Language and Culture Training	12.357	N/A	<u>53,291</u>
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE			<u>53,291</u>
TOTAL FEDERAL ASSISTANCE			<u>\$ 4,948,104</u>

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF
EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

1. Scope of Audit Pursuant to the Uniform Guidance and the Single Audit Act of 1996

The Auburn City Board of Education is an agency of the State of Alabama. All significant operations of the Board are included in the scope of the Uniform Guidance, and the Single Audit Act of 1996.

The U.S. Department of Education has been designated as the Board's cognizant agency for the Single Audit.

2. Fiscal Period Audited

Single Audit testing procedures were performed for program transactions occurring during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.

3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of presentation

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards has been prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*. Federal grant revenues are recorded for financial reporting purposes when the Board has met the qualifications for the respective grants. Some programs may be funded jointly by State or local appropriations and Federal funds.

Indirect Cost Rate

The State Department of Education approves the Board's indirect cost rate annually, therefore, the Board has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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

To the Members of the Auburn
City Board of Education
Auburn, Alabama

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Auburn City Board of Education (the "Board"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 9, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Machen McChesney, LLP

Auburn, Alabama
February 9, 2018

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

To the Members of the Auburn
City Board of Education
Auburn, Alabama

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Auburn City Board of Education's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Auburn City Board of Education's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2017. The Auburn City Board of Education's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

Opinion on Each Major Federal Programs

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

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

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

Machen McChesney, LLP

Auburn, Alabama
February 9, 2018

AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
 YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of opinion issued:	<u>Unmodified</u>	
Internal control over financial reporting:		
Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:		
Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	<u>Unmodified</u>	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Identification of major programs:

U.S. Department of Education; CFDA No. 10.553 National School Breakfast Program

U.S. Department of Education; CFDA No. 10.555 National School Lunch Program

U.S. Department of Education; CFDA No. 84.010 Title 1 Grants to Local Educational Agencies

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs	<u>\$ 750,000</u>
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Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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AUBURN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - continued
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

Noncompliance

None noted which requires reporting.

Significant Deficiencies

None noted which requires reporting.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Noncompliance

None noted which requires reporting.

Significant Deficiencies

None noted which requires reporting.

Questioned Costs

None noted which requires reporting.