

**NICE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ISHPEMING, MICHIGAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education of the
NICE Community School District
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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 NICE Community School District (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's 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 School District, as of June 30, 2016, 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 required supplementary information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements. The other supplemental information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplemental information, as listed in the table of contents, is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplemental information 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 October 16, 2016, on our consideration of the School District'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

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testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLLC
Certified Public Accountants

October 16, 2016

NICE Community School District

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

Our discussion and analysis of NICE Community School District's (School District) financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2016. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which begin as listed in the table of contents.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Net position for the School District as a whole was reported at (\$4,200,877). Net position is comprised of 100% governmental activities.
- During the year, the School District expenses were \$13,141,654 while revenues from all sources totaled \$13,632,847 resulting in an increase in net position of \$491,193.
- The general fund reported a decrease of \$94,532 before other financing sources (uses) and a total decrease of \$59,737. This is \$26,362 higher than the forecasted decrease of \$86,099. This was a result of revenues being \$34,990 higher than forecasted and expenses being \$8,628 higher than forecasted.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the School District financially as a whole. The *District-wide Financial Statements* Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (as listed in the table of contents) provide information about the activities of the School District as a whole and present a longer-term view of those finances. The fund financial statements (as listed in the table of contents) present the next level of detail. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also report the School District's operations in more detail than the district-wide statements by providing information about the School District's most significant funds (as listed in Note A), with all other funds presented in one column as non-major funds. The remaining statement, the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position, presents financial information about activities for which the School District acts solely as an agent for the benefit of students and parents.

Reporting the School District as a Whole – *District-wide Financial Statements*

Our analysis of the School District as a whole begins below. One of the most important questions asked about the School District's finances is "As a whole, what is the School District's financial condition as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the School District as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

These two statements report the School District's net position and changes in it. The School District's net position – the difference between assets/deferred outflows of resources and liabilities/deferred inflows of resources – is one way to measure the School District's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the School District's net position – as reported in the Statement of Activities – is an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. The relationship between revenues and expenses is the School District's operating results. However, the School District's goal is to provide services to our students, not to generate profits as private-sector companies do. One must consider other non-financial factors, such as the quality of education provided, the safety of the schools and the condition of the School District's capital assets, to assess the overall financial health of the School District.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities report the governmental activities for the School District, which encompass all the School District's services, including instruction, supporting services, community services, athletics, and food services. Property taxes, unrestricted State Aid (foundation allowance revenue), and State and Federal grants finance most of these activities.

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds – *Fund Financial Statements*

Our analysis of the School District's major funds begins on the pages below. The fund financial statements as listed in the table of contents provide detailed information on the most significant funds – not the School District as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law, and by bond covenants. However, the School District's Board has established other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes.

- *Governmental Funds* – All of the School District's services are reported in governmental funds which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted into cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the School District's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in a reconciliation which follows the fund financial statements.

The School District as Trustee – Reporting the School District's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The School District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its student activity funds. All of the School District's fiduciary activities are reported in separate statements of fiduciary net position. We exclude these activities from the School District's other financial statements because the School District cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The School District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purpose.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

The School District as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position as of June 30, 2016:

**Table 1
Net Position**

	Governmental Activities – 2016	Governmental Activities – 2015
Current and other assets	\$5,931,595	\$5,781,143
Capital assets, net	10,626,931	10,580,960
Total Assets	<u>16,558,526</u>	<u>16,362,103</u>
 Deferred outflows of resources	 <u>3,013,364</u>	 <u>2,272,426</u>
Current liabilities	3,715,955	3,601,312
Long-term liabilities	19,997,726	18,041,370
Total Liabilities	<u>23,713,681</u>	<u>21,642,682</u>
 Deferred inflows of resources	 <u>59,086</u>	 <u>1,683,917</u>
 Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	8,771,584	8,089,910
Restricted	1,374,549	1,280,369
Unrestricted	(14,347,010)	(14,062,349)
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$(4,200,877)</u></u>	<u><u>\$(4,692,070)</u></u>

The School District's net position was \$(4,200,877) at June 30, 2016. Net investment in capital assets totaling \$8,771,584, compares the original cost, less depreciation of the School District's capital assets to long-term debt, used to finance the acquisition of those assets. Most of the debt will be repaid from voter-approved property taxes collected as the debt service comes due. Restricted net position is reported separately to show legal constraints from debt covenants and enabling legislation that limit the School District's ability to use those net position for day-to-day operations. The remaining amount of net position of \$(14,347,010) was unrestricted.

The (\$14,347,010) in unrestricted net position of governmental activities represents the accumulated results of all past years' operations. The operating results of the General Fund will have a significant impact on the change in unrestricted net position from year to year.

The results of this year's operations for the School District as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities (see Table 2).

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

**Table 2
Statement of Activities**

	Governmental Activities – 2016	Governmental Activities – 2015
Revenues:		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services	\$411,122	\$414,411
Operating grants and contributions	2,767,846	1,956,513
General Revenues:		
Property taxes	4,036,225	4,386,106
State sources not restricted to specific program	6,378,863	6,703,580
Investment earnings	7,515	5,432
Gain on sale of fixed assets	-	-
Miscellaneous	31,276	46,374
Total Revenues	<u>13,632,847</u>	<u>13,512,416</u>
Program Expenses:		
Instruction	8,036,875	7,553,259
Supporting services	3,852,681	3,594,364
Community services	36,477	39,275
Food service activities	389,062	389,016
Interest on long-term debt	58,679	70,836
Depreciation – unallocated	767,880	700,338
Total Expenses	<u>13,141,654</u>	<u>12,347,088</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	491,193	1,165,328
Net position, beginning	(4,692,070)	-
Net Position, beginning, as restated	-	(5,857,398)
Net Position, Ending	<u>(\$4,200,877)</u>	<u>(\$4,692,070)</u>

As reported in the Statement of Activities, the cost of all of our governmental activities this year was \$13,141,654. Certain activities were partially funded from those who benefited from the programs \$411,122 or by other governments and organizations that subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions \$2,767,846. We paid for the remaining “public benefit” portion of our governmental activities with \$4,036,225 in taxes, \$6,378,863 in State Foundation Allowance, and with our other revenues, such as interest and general entitlements.

The School District experienced an increase in net position for the year of \$491,193.

Table 3 presents the cost of each of the School District’s largest activities as well as each program’s net cost (total cost less revenues generated by the activities). The net cost shows the financial burden that each function placed on the School District’s operation.

**Table 3
Governmental Activities**

	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Instruction	\$8,036,875	\$5,513,655
Supporting services	3,852,681	3,561,647
Food service activities	389,062	24,348
Depreciation – unallocated	767,880	767,880

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the State and the School District's taxpayers by each of these functions. Since property taxes for operations and unrestricted State aid constitute the vast majority of the School District's operating revenue sources, the Board of Education and Administration must annually evaluate the needs of the School District and balance those needs with State-prescribed available financial resources.

The School District's Funds

As noted earlier, the School District uses funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes. Looking at funds helps the reader consider whether the School District is being accountable for the resources taxpayers and others provide to it and may provide more insight into the School District's overall financial health.

As the School District completed the year, its governmental funds (as presented in the balance sheet as listed in the table of contents) reported a combined fund balance of \$2,220,355, an increase of \$34,443 from the beginning of the year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the School District's Board of Education revises its budget as it attempts to deal with changes in revenues and expenditures. State law requires that the budget be amended to ensure that expenditures do not exceed appropriations. A schedule showing the School District's original and final budget amounts compared with amounts actually paid and received is provided in required supplemental information of these financial statements.

Enrollment

The District's 2015-2016 State aid blended membership enrollment from the fall count totaled 1,154. This is a decrease of 18 students from the previous year. The District has been declining in enrollment for several years and projects the decline to continue in coming years. The District is located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, which is currently experiencing an economic downturn. Some businesses have closed and others have decreased their work force. As a result, families have moved out of the area. A decline in birth rate is another factor in the decline in enrollment.

Enrollment changes over the last five years can be illustrated as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>(Fall) Student FTE</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) in Student Enrollment (FTE)</u>
2015-2016	1,154	(18)
2014-2015	1,172	(6)
2013-2014	1,178	(7)
2012-2013	1,185	(67)
2011-2012	1,252	22

Student enrollment is important to the financial health of the District because state funding is based on a per pupil formula.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2016, the School District had \$10,626,931 invested in a variety of capital assets including land, buildings, and machinery and equipment. (See Table 4 below)

**Table 4
Capital Assets at Year-End
(net of depreciation)**

	<u>Governmental Activities – 2016</u>	<u>Governmental Activities – 2015</u>
Land	\$41,000	\$41,000
Construction in progress	96,606	247,092
Land improvements	793,712	253,532
Buildings and additions	8,721,963	8,846,629
Machinery and equipment	623,140	741,078
Buses and other vehicles	350,510	451,629
Total	<u>\$10,626,931</u>	<u>\$10,580,960</u>

This year's additions of \$813,851 included various vehicle purchases, land and building improvements all financed through the sinking fund millage. We present more detailed information about our capital assets in the notes to the financial statements.

Debt

At the end of this year, the School District had \$1,890,282 in bonds and installment loans outstanding as depicted in Table 5 below.

**Table 5
Outstanding Debt at Year-End**

	<u>Governmental Activities – 2016</u>	<u>Governmental Activities – 2015</u>
General obligation bonds	\$1,619,935	\$2,196,580
Installment loans	270,347	341,050
Total	<u>\$1,890,282</u>	<u>\$2,537,630</u>

We present more detailed information about our long-term debt in the notes to the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets

The Board and administration consider many factors to develop budgets. The 2016-17 budget plans to balance revenues and expenditures through various budget reductions and upcoming negotiation plans. School District enrollment has stabilized and should help keep future revenues steady. Locally, new mining interests in the area will bring increased tax values as well as new employment opportunities in the area.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designated to provide the School District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to demonstrate the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the NICE Community School District, 300 Westwood Drive, Ishpeming, Michigan 49849.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2016

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,414,627
Investments	2,591,895
Receivables:	
Accounts receivable	26,488
Due from other governmental units	1,893,710
Inventories	4,875
Prepaid expenses	-
Non-current Assets:	
Capital Assets:	
Land and construction in progress	137,606
Other capital assets, net	10,489,325
	<u>16,558,526</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	16,558,526
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows of related to proportionate share of net pension liability	1,252,069
District's contributions made subsequent to pension measurement date	1,761,295
	<u>3,013,364</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	3,013,364
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	402,001
Accrued liabilities	901,411
Accrued interest	4,715
State anticipation note	2,300,000
Unearned revenue	107,828
Non-current Liabilities:	
Portion due or payable within one year:	
Notes payable	105,871
Bonds payable	550,000
Compensated absences	-
Portion due or payable after one year:	
Notes payable	164,476
Bonds payable	1,069,935
Compensated absences	271,310
Net pension liability	17,836,134
	<u>23,713,681</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	23,713,681
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to proportionate share of net pension liability	59,086
	<u>59,086</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	59,086
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	8,771,584
Restricted	1,374,549
Unrestricted	(14,347,010)
	<u>(4,200,877)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ (4,200,877)

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

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Function / Programs	Expenses	Program Revenue		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities:				
Instruction	\$ 8,036,875	\$ 235,698	\$ 2,287,522	\$ (5,513,655)
Supporting services	3,852,681	-	291,034	(3,561,647)
Community services	36,477	-	-	(36,477)
Food service activities	389,062	175,424	189,290	(24,348)
Interest on retirement of debt	58,679	-	-	(58,679)
Depreciation - unallocated	767,880	-	-	(767,880)
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ 13,141,654	\$ 411,122	\$ 2,767,846	(9,962,686)
 General revenues:				
Taxes				
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				2,543,840
Property taxes, levied for debt services and sinking fund				1,492,385
State Aid not restricted to specific purposes				6,378,863
Contributions and other unrestricted grants				-
Interest and investment earnings				7,515
Miscellaneous				31,276
				10,453,879
				491,193
				(4,692,070)
				\$ (4,200,877)

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

NICE Community School District

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2016

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects: Sinking Fund	Other Non-major Governmental Funds	Total
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 70,181	\$ 96,283	\$ 1,195,819	\$ 52,344	\$ 1,414,627
Investments	2,552,530	-	-	39,365	2,591,895
Accounts receivable	14,331	3,912	7,579	666	26,488
Due from other governmental units	1,893,710	-	-	-	1,893,710
Due from other funds	22,787	-	-	-	22,787
Inventories	-	-	-	4,875	4,875
Prepaid expenses	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	4,553,539	100,195	1,203,398	97,250	5,954,382
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 4,553,539	\$ 100,195	\$ 1,203,398	\$ 97,250	\$ 5,954,382
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 398,494	\$ 132	\$ 2,575	\$ 800	\$ 402,001
Accrued liabilities	901,411	-	-	-	901,411
Due to other funds	-	-	-	22,787	22,787
State aid notes payable	2,300,000	-	-	-	2,300,000
Unearned revenue	107,828	-	-	-	107,828
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,707,733	132	2,575	23,587	3,734,027
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
	-	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES					
Non-spendable	-	-	-	4,875	4,875
Restricted	-	100,063	1,200,823	68,788	1,369,674
Committed	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	845,806	-	-	-	845,806
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	845,806	100,063	1,200,823	73,663	2,220,355
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 4,553,539	\$ 100,195	\$ 1,203,398	\$ 97,250	\$ 5,954,382

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

NICE Community School District

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT
OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2016

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds \$ 2,220,355

*Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement
of net position are different because:*

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources
and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Cost of capital assets	\$ 21,231,856	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(10,604,925)</u>	10,626,931

Net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period and is not
reported in the funds.

Proportionate share of net pension liability	17,836,134	
Deferred outflows related to proportionate share of net pension liability	(1,252,069)	
Deferred outflows made subsequent to pension measurement date	(1,761,295)	
Deferred inflows related to proportionate share of net pension liability	<u>59,086</u>	(14,881,856)

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are
not reported in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of:

Notes payable - current	105,871	
Notes payable - non-current	164,476	
Bonds payable - current	550,000	
Bonds payable - non-current	1,035,000	
Compensated absences	271,310	
Accrued interest	4,715	
Deferred premium on bonds	34,935	
Deferred discount on bonds	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,166,307)</u>

Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ (4,200,877)

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

NICE Community School District

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects: Sinking Fund	Other Non-major Governmental Funds	Total
REVENUES:					
Local sources	\$ 2,885,438	\$ 509,729	\$ 985,158	\$ 175,159	\$ 4,555,484
State sources	8,711,974	-	-	24,458	8,736,432
Federal sources	176,099	-	-	164,832	340,931
TOTAL REVENUES	11,773,511	509,729	985,158	364,449	13,632,847
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction	7,862,509	-	-	-	7,862,509
Supporting services	3,790,100	-	-	-	3,790,100
Community services	34,769	-	-	800	35,569
Food service activities	-	-	-	385,124	385,124
Debt Service:					
Principal	105,479	565,000	-	-	670,479
Interest and fees	40,391	31,318	-	-	71,709
Capital outlay	34,795	-	782,914	-	817,709
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,868,043	596,318	782,914	385,924	13,633,199
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(94,532)	(86,589)	202,244	(21,475)	(352)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Proceeds from borrowing	34,795	-	-	-	34,795
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	34,795	-	-	-	34,795
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(59,737)	(86,589)	202,244	(21,475)	34,443
Fund balance, July 1	905,543	186,652	998,579	95,138	2,185,912
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	\$ 845,806	\$ 100,063	\$ 1,200,823	\$ 73,663	\$ 2,220,355

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

NICE Community School District

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ 34,443

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 depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period.

Depreciation expense	\$ 767,880	
Capital outlays	(813,851)	
Net book value of disposed assets	<u>-</u>	45,971

Proceeds from debt issues are an other financing source in the funds, but a debt issue increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. (34,795)

Repayment of bond and loan principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. 670,498

Governmental funds also report the effect of discounts and premiums when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. The net effect of these differences in the treatment of general obligation bonds:

Bond discount	-	
Bond premium	<u>11,645</u>	11,645

Increase in net pension liability reported in the statement of activities does not require the use of current resources, and therefore, is not reported in the fund statements until it comes due for payment.

Pension expense	(238,340)	
Change in deferred outflows related to timing of pension contributions	<u>-</u>	(238,340)

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds, as follows:

Change in compensated absences		405
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Interest on long-term debt is recorded as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. This is the net amount of accrued interest recognized in the statement of activities. 1,366

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 491,193

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

NICE Community School District

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

June 30, 2016

	<u>Agency Fund</u>
ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 134,243</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 134,243</u></u>
LIABILITIES:	
Due to groups, organizations and activities	<u>\$ 134,243</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>\$ 134,243</u></u>

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

NICE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2016

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The accounting policies of the NICE Community School District (the School District) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to school districts. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

REPORTING ENTITY

The School District is a local school district as defined by Michigan law that operates under a locally elected seven member Board form of government, and that provides elementary and secondary education and related support services to the residents of National Mine, Ishpeming, Champion, Ely, Tilden, and Humboldt Townships in Marquette County and Spurr Township in Baraga County.

In evaluating how to define the School District, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units by applying the criteria set forth in Section 2100 of GASB's *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*. The basic but not the only criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the School District and/or its constituents, or whether the activity is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the School District and is generally available to its constituents. A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financial relationships, regardless of whether the School District is able to exercise oversight responsibilities.

Based upon the application of these criteria, the basic financial statements of the School District contain all the funds controlled by the School District's Board of Education as no other entity meets the criteria to be considered a component unit of the School District nor is the School District a component unit of another entity.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

District-Wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the School District as a whole. They include all funds of the School District except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through State sources, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. All of the School District's district-wide activities are considered to be governmental activities.

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

Fund Financial Statements:

The accounts of the School District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped in the financial statements in this report into two major categories: governmental and proprietary categories. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental and proprietary categories. The General Fund is always considered a major fund and the remaining funds of the School District are considered major if it meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets/deferred outflows of resources, liabilities/deferred inflows of resources, revenues or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least ten percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- b. Total assets/deferred outflows of resources, liabilities/deferred inflows of resources, revenues or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least five percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The School District reports the General Fund, the Debt Service Fund, and the Sinking Fund as its major governmental funds in accordance with the above criteria. The funds of the School District are described below:

Governmental Funds

General Fund – The General Fund is the main operating fund and accordingly, it is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds – The special revenue funds account for revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes (not including major capital projects), such as the School Lunch and Scholarship Funds.

Debt Service Funds – The Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources such as taxes, state aid and interest revenue for the payment of general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

Capital Projects Funds – The Capital Projects Funds are used to record bond proceeds or other revenue to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities or other capital assets, including equipment.

Fiduciary Funds

Agency Fund – The Agency Fund is used to account for assets held by the School District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, organizations, and/or other funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

The School District's fiduciary funds are presented in the Fund Financial Statements by type. Since, by definition, these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide financial statements.

The School District will first apply restricted net position for expenses incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

On the district-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resource measurement focus as defined in item (a) below.

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate:

- a. All governmental funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable resources at the end of the period.

Basis of Accounting

In the district-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Also, the proprietary fund financial statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when "measurable and available." Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within the current period or within sixty days after year-end. Expenditures, including capital outlay, are recorded when the related liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt and accrued compensated absences, which are reported when due.

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The School District cash and cash equivalents as reported in the Statement of Net Position are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, certificates of deposit and short-term investments with maturities of three months or less. The fair value measurements of investments is based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles, which has three levels based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value.

Investments

Investments are carried at market value.

Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

Due From and To Other Funds

Interfund receivables and payables arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, equipment, and vehicles, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the district-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated. Costs of normal repair and maintenance that do not add to the value or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. The School District does not have infrastructure-type assets.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Land improvements	15 – 20 years
Buildings and additions	20 – 50 years
Machinery and equipment	5 – 20 years
Buses and other vehicles	5 – 10 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for the same as in the district-wide financial statements.

Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The government has two items that qualify for reporting in this category:

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

On the district-wide financial statements, changes in assumptions, differences between expected and actual experience and changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions for the pension plan create a deferred outflow of resources.

On the district-wide financial statements, the district's contributions made into the pension plan subsequent to the plan's fiscal year end creates a deferred outflow of resources.

State Anticipation Note

The School District issued notes through the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority for cash flow purposes. The School District has pledged a portion of their state aid to repay the principal and interest on the notes. Furthermore, the School District has irrevocably pledged its full faith and credit in case of the insufficiency of the pledged state aid.

Long-Term Debt

In the district-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using straight-line amortization. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest are reported as expenditures. Premiums received on debt issuance are reported as other financing sources and bond discounts are reported as other financing uses.

Compensated Absences

The School District's policies regarding compensated absences permits employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick leave. The liability for these compensated absences is recorded as long-term debt in the district-wide statements. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report only the compensated absence liability payable from expendable available financial resources.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The government has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category:

On the district-wide financial statements, the net difference between projected and actual pension plan investment earnings, differences between expected and actual experience, changes in assumptions and changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions create a deferred inflow of resources.

Equity Classification

District-Wide Statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

- a. Net investment in Capital Assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted Net Position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on its use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions of enabling legislation. These amounts are derived from the fund financial statements by combining non-spendable and restricted fund balance classifications.
- c. Unrestricted Net Position – All other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

Fund Statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

Revenues

District-Wide Statements

In the district-wide Statement of Activities, revenues are segregated by activity (governmental or business-type), and are classified as either a program revenue or a general revenue. Program revenues include charges to customers or applicants for goods or services, operating grants and contributions and capital grants and contributions. General revenues include all revenues, which do not meet the criteria of program revenues and include revenues such as State funding and interest earnings.

Fund Statements

In the governmental fund statements, revenues are reported by source, such as federal sources, state sources and charges for services. Revenues consist of general purpose revenues and restricted revenues. General purpose revenues are available to fund any activity reported in that fund, while restricted revenues are available for a specific purpose or activity and the restrictions are typically required by law or a grantor agency. When both general purpose and restricted revenues are available for use, it is the School District’s policy to use the restricted resources first.

Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied on December 1, on behalf of the School District by various taxing units and are payable without penalty by July 1 and September 30. The School District recognizes property tax revenue when levied to the extent they result in current receivables (collected within sixty days of the end of the fiscal year). Property taxes that are not collected within sixty days of the end of the fiscal year are recognized as revenue when collected.

Expenses/Expenditures

District-Wide Statements

In the district-wide Statement of Activities, expenses are segregated by activity (governmental or business-type), and are classified by function.

Fund Statements

In the governmental fund financial statements, expenditures are classified by character such as current operations, debt service and capital outlay.

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Interfund Activity

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the district-wide statements. Exceptions to this rule are (1) activities between funds reported as governmental activities and funds reported as business-type activities; and (2) activities between funds that are reported in different functional categories in either the governmental or business-type activities column. Elimination of these activities would distort the direct cost and program revenues for the functions concerned.

In the fund financial statements, transfers represent flows of assets between funds without equivalent flows of assets in return or a requirement for repayment.

Interfund receivables and payables have been eliminated from the Statement of Net Position.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The School District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- a. The Superintendent submits to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- b. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- c. Prior to July 1, the budget is approved by the Board of Education.
- d. Budgets for the General and Special Revenue Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Education.
- e. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 16, 2016, the date of the accompanying independent auditor's report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE B – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS:

Cash Equivalents

As of June 30, 2016, the School District’s cash and cash equivalents and investments were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,414,627	\$134,243	\$1,548,870
Investments	2,591,895	-	2,591,895
Total	<u>\$4,006,522</u>	<u>\$134,243</u>	<u>\$4,140,765</u>

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District’s deposits may not be returned to it. State law does not require and the School District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. The carrying amounts of the School’s deposit with financial institutions were \$1,548,870 and the bank balance was \$1,686,098. The bank balance is categorized as follows.

Amount insured by the FDIC	\$250,000
Amount uncollateralized and uninsured	<u>1,436,098</u>
Total	<u>\$1,686,098</u>

Investments

Investments, including derivative instruments that are not hedging derivatives, are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. *Recurring* fair value measurements are those that Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements require or permit in the statement of net position at the end of each reporting period. Fair value measurements are categorized based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset’s fair value: Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. As of June 30, 2016, the School District had the following investments.

<u>Investments</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Fair Value Measurements Using</u>		
		<u>Level 1 Inputs</u>	<u>Level 2 Inputs</u>	<u>Level 3 Inputs</u>
<i>Equity securities:</i>				
Michigan Liquid Asset Fund – Mutual Funds	\$2,552,530 *	\$-	\$2,552,530	\$-
Mutual Funds	39,365 *	39,365	-	-
Total	<u>\$2,591,895</u>	<u>\$39,365</u>	<u>\$2,552,530</u>	<u>\$-</u>

*Investments matures within one year

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of the School District’s investments. The School District 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.

Credit Risk

Michigan statutes authorize the School District to invest in bonds, other direct obligations and repurchase agreements of the United States, certificates of deposits, savings accounts, deposit accounts or receipts of a bank which is a member of the FDIC and authorized to operate in this state, commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications

NOTE B – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued):

established by not less than two standard rating services and matures within 270 days from date of purchase, bankers' acceptances of the United States banks, obligations of the State of Michigan and its political subdivisions, external investment pools, and certain mutual funds. Michigan law prohibits security in the form of collateral, surety bond, or another form for the deposit of public money.

The School District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices and has no investments for which ratings are required. The School District's investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

NOTE C – DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS:

Amounts due from other governments totaled \$1,893,710. Of that balance \$1,460,966 is due from the State of Michigan for State Aid, \$59,868 is due from the Federal Government for grants and \$372,876 due from other governmental units for the operation of special programs and grant projects.

NOTE D – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS:

The School District reports interfund balances between many of its funds. Some of the balances are considered immaterial and are aggregated into a single column or row. The total of all balances agrees with the sum of interfund balances presented in the statements of net position/balance sheet for governmental funds, and fiduciary funds. Interfund transactions resulting in interfund receivables and payables are as follows:

		DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS				
		General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Sinking Fund	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Due To Other Funds
DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	General Fund	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
	Debt Service Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	Sinking Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	School Lunch Fund	22,787	-	-	-	22,787
	Scholarship Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Due From Other Funds	<u>\$22,787</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$22,787</u>

All balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made. See table below.

The amounts transferred to and from individual funds for the year ended June 30, 2016 are as follows:

NOTE D – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS (Continued):

	TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS				
	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Sinking Fund	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Transfers Out
General Fund	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Debt Service Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Sinking Fund	-	-	-	-	-
School Lunch Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Scholarship Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total Transfers In	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) moves receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. The School District did not make any transfers in the current year.

NOTE E – CAPITAL ASSETS:

Capital asset activity of the School District's governmental activities was as follows:

	Balance 6/30/15	Additions	Deductions	Balance 6/30/16
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$41,000	\$-	\$-	\$41,000
Construction in progress	247,092	96,606	(247,092)	96,606
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Land improvements	417,350	583,828	-	1,001,178
Buildings and additions	16,025,239	333,714	-	16,358,953
Machinery and equipment	2,359,236	12,000	(116,370)	2,254,866
Buses and other vehicles	1,444,458	34,795	-	1,479,253
Total Capital Assets	20,534,375	1,060,943	(363,462)	21,231,856
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land improvements	(163,818)	(43,648)	-	(207,466)
Buildings and additions	(7,178,610)	(458,380)	-	(7,636,990)
Machinery and equipment	(1,618,158)	(129,938)	116,370	(1,631,726)
Buses and other vehicles	(992,829)	(135,914)	-	(1,128,743)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(9,953,415)	(767,880)	116,370	(10,604,925)
CAPITAL ASSETS, NET	\$10,580,960	\$293,063	\$(247,092)	\$10,626,931

Depreciation expense charged to governmental activities was \$767,880.

NOTE F – ACCRUED LIABILITIES:

A summary of accrued liabilities at June 30, 2016 is as follows:

	Governmental Activities
Accrued wages	\$674,376
Accrued fringes	211,746
Other accruals	15,289
Total	<u>\$901,411</u>

NOTE G – SHORT-TERM DEBT:

The School District utilizes short-term borrowing secured with pledged state aid for cash flow purposes due to the timing of state aid payments. A summary of the changes in short-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2016 is as follows:

	Balance 6/30/15	Additions	Deductions	Balance 6/30/16
State anticipation note:				
2014-2015	\$2,300,000	\$-	\$2,300,000	\$-
2015-2016	-	2,300,000	-	2,300,000
TOTAL	<u>\$2,300,000</u>	<u>\$2,300,000</u>	<u>\$2,300,000</u>	<u>\$2,300,000</u>

NOTE H – LONG-TERM DEBT:

The following is a summary of the long-term debt activity for the year ending June 30, 2016:

	Balance 6/30/15	Additions	Deductions	Balance 6/30/16	Due Within One year
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$2,150,000	\$-	(\$565,000)	\$1,585,000	\$550,000
Plus: Deferred premium	46,580	-	(11,645)	34,935	-
Bonds Subtotal	<u>2,196,580</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(576,645)</u>	<u>1,619,935</u>	<u>550,000</u>
Bus Loan 2012	32,236	-	(15,962)	16,274	16,274
Bus Loan 2013	132,000	-	(33,000)	99,000	33,000
Bus Loan 2014	132,000	-	(33,000)	99,000	33,000
Laptop Loan 2015	44,814	-	(14,691)	30,123	14,947
Truck Loan	-	34,795	(8,845)	25,950	8,650
Notes Subtotal	<u>341,050</u>	<u>34,795</u>	<u>(105,498)</u>	<u>270,347</u>	<u>105,871</u>
Bonds and Notes Subtotal	<u>2,537,630</u>	<u>34,795</u>	<u>(682,143)</u>	<u>1,890,282</u>	<u>655,871</u>
Employee Benefits:					
Compensated absences	271,715	-	(405)	271,310	-
Subtotal	<u>271,715</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(405)</u>	<u>271,310</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2,809,345</u>	<u>\$34,795</u>	<u>(\$682,548)</u>	<u>\$2,161,592</u>	<u>\$655,871</u>

NOTE H – LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued):

Long-term debt at June 30, 2016 consists of the following:

2013 Refunding Bonds				
June 30, 2016				
	November 1	May 1		
	Interest	Principal	Interest	Total
2016-2017	\$11,831	\$550,000	\$11,831	\$573,662
2017-2018	8,394	530,000	8,394	546,788
2018-2019	4,419	505,000	4,419	513,838
Total	<u>\$24,644</u>	<u>\$1,585,000</u>	<u>\$24,644</u>	<u>\$1,634,288</u>

The School District issued \$3,150,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of an advance refunding of the 2003 Refunding Bonds. Portions of the refunding bonds, with interest rates that range from 1.00% to 1.75%, are redeemed annually beginning on May 1, 2014. Semiannual interest payments are paid on November 1 and May 1 of each year on the outstanding amount of the bonds. The remaining bonds or portions of the bonds in multiples of \$5,000 maturing on or after May 1, 2019 are subject to redemption at the option of the School District. The net proceeds of \$3,311,756 (after payment of \$55,122 in underwriting fees, insurance, and other issuance costs) were used to purchase U.S. government securities. Those securities were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service payments on the 2003 Refunding Bonds. As a result, the 2003 Refunding Bonds are considered to be defeased and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the government-wide statement of net position. The School District completed the advance refunding to reduce its total debt service payments over the next 6 years by \$438,400.

The irrevocable trust accounts for the assets and the liability for the defeased 2003 Refunding Bonds are not included in the School District's financial statements. On June 30, 2016, \$1,585,000 of the bonds outstanding are considered defeased.

2012 Bus Loan			
June 30, 2016			
	June 1		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2016-2017	\$16,274	\$317	\$16,591
Total	<u>\$16,274</u>	<u>\$317</u>	<u>\$16,591</u>

The School District borrowed \$78,314 for the purpose of purchasing a new school bus. The Note is payable annually on June 1, with an interest rate of 1.925%, and matures on June 1, 2017.

2013 Bus Loan			
June 30, 2016			
	November 1		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2016-2017	\$33,000	\$1,609	\$34,609
2017-2018	33,000	1,073	34,073
2018-2019	33,000	536	33,536
Total	<u>\$99,000</u>	<u>\$3,218</u>	<u>\$102,218</u>

NOTE H – LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued):

The School District borrowed \$165,726 for the purpose of purchasing a new school bus. The Note is payable annually on November 1, with an interest rate of 1.625%, and matures on November 1, 2018.

2014 Bus Loan			
June 30, 2016			
June 1			
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016-2017	\$33,000	\$1,733	\$34,733
2017-2018	33,000	1,155	34,155
2018-2019	33,000	577	33,577
Total	<u>\$99,000</u>	<u>\$3,465</u>	<u>\$102,465</u>

The School District borrowed \$164,606 for the purpose of purchasing a new school bus. The Note is payable annually on June 1, with an interest rate of 1.75%, and matures on June 1, 2019.

2015 Laptop Loan			
June 30, 2016			
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016-2017	\$14,947	\$373	\$15,320
2017-2018	15,176	145	15,321
Total	<u>\$30,123</u>	<u>\$518</u>	<u>\$30,641</u>

The School District borrowed \$44,814 for the purpose of purchasing a new laptops. The Note is payable quarterly on July 15, October 15, January 15, and April 15, with an interest rate of 1.5%, and matures on April 15, 2018.

2016 Truck Loan			
June 30, 2016			
May 1			
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016-2017	\$8,650	\$389	\$9,039
2017-2018	8,650	259	8,909
2018-2019	8,650	130	8,780
Total	<u>\$25,950</u>	<u>\$778</u>	<u>\$26,728</u>

The School District borrowed \$34,795 for the purpose of purchasing a new truck. The Note is payable annually on May 1, with an interest rate of 1.50%, and matures on May 1, 2019.

As of June 30, 2016 the aggregate maturities of long-term debt are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016-2017	\$655,871	\$28,083	\$683,954
2017-2018	619,826	19,420	639,246
2018-2019	579,650	10,081	589,731
Total	<u>\$1,855,347</u>	<u>\$57,584</u>	<u>\$1,912,931</u>

NOTE I – COMPENSATED ABSENCES:

The School District offers an unused sick leave incentive plan provided to teachers eligible to retire under the Michigan Teacher Retirement Act. This payment is based upon the accumulated sick days paid at a rate based upon the appropriate union contract. The sick leave liability has been calculated in accordance with GASB #16.

The liability has been recognized in the Statement of Net Position as follows:

Compensated absences	\$271,310
Total	<u>\$271,310</u>

NOTE J – FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:

As of June 30, 2016, fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

Non-spendable — amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in non-spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted — amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed — amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board of Education. Board of Education is the highest level of decision-making authority for the School District. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the Board of Education.

Assigned — amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the School District’s adopted policy, only the Board of Education may assign amounts for specific purposes.

Unassigned — all other spendable amounts.

As of June 30, 2016, fund balances are composed of the following:

	General Fund	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Non-spendable:					
Inventories	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$4,875	\$4,875
Prepaid expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted:					
School Lunch	-	-	-	16,532	16,532
Scholarship	-	-	-	47,207	47,207
Debt Service	-	100,063	-	-	100,063
Capital Projects	-	-	684,223	-	684,223
FY 16/17 budgeted shortfall	-	-	516,600	5,049	521,649
Committed	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned					
FY16/17 budgeted shortfall	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	845,806	-	-	-	845,806
Total fund balances	<u>\$845,806</u>	<u>\$100,063</u>	<u>\$1,200,823</u>	<u>\$73,663</u>	<u>\$2,220,355</u>

NOTE J – FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (Continued):

The Board of Education establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of a resolution. This is typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a designation or commitment of the fund. Assigned fund balance is established by the Board of Education through amendment of the budget as intended for specific purpose (such as the purchase of fixed assets, construction, debt service, or for other purposes).

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

NOTE K – ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY:

The School District receives approximately 67 percent of its revenues through State and Federal sources to be used for providing elementary and secondary education to the students of NICE Community School District.

NOTE L – STATE REVENUE:

The State of Michigan currently uses a foundation grant approach which provides for a specific annual amount of revenue per student based on a state wide formula. The foundation is funded from state and local sources. Revenue from state sources is primarily governed by the School Aid Act and the School Code of Michigan. The Michigan Department of Education administers the allocation of state funds to school districts based on information supplied by the districts. For the year ended June 30, 2016, the foundation allowance was based on the three-year average of the blended pupil membership counts taken in October and February.

The state portion of the foundation is provided primarily by a state education property tax millage of 6 mills and an allocated portion of state sales and other taxes. The local portion of the foundation is funded primarily by non-homestead property taxes which may be levied at a rate of up to 18 mills. The state revenue is recognized during the foundation period (currently the fiscal year) and is funded through 11 payments from October 2015 – August 2016.

The School District also receives revenue from the State to administer certain categorical education programs. State rules require that revenue earmarked for these programs be expended for its specific purpose. Categorical funds received which are not expended by the close of the fiscal year are recorded as deferred revenue.

NOTE M – NON-MONETARY TRANSACTIONS:

The School District receives USDA donated food commodities for use in its food service program which are accounted for in the School Lunch Fund. The commodities are accounted for on the modified accrual basis and the related revenues and expenditures are recognized as commodities utilized. The School District recognized \$22,004 during the fiscal year 2015-16 in revenues and expenditures for USDA commodities.

NOTE N – PROPERTY TAXES:

The taxable value of real and personal property located in the School District for the 2015 tax year, totaled \$240,755,125 (consisting of \$130,079,608 for PRE, \$733,800 for Industrial Personal Property, \$2,540,155 for Commercial Personal Property, and \$107,401,562 for NON-PRE). The tax levy for the year was based on a rate of 18.0000 mills on the NON-PRE property, 6.0000 mills on the Commercial Personal Property, and 0.9000 mills on all property types for Debt Retirement. One mill is equal to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value.

NOTE O – CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:

Grant Assistance

The School District has received significant assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of various grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreement and are subject to audit by the grantor agency. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the applicable fund of the School District.

Risk Management

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees' and natural disasters. The School District was unable to obtain general liability insurance at a cost it considered to be economically justifiable. The School District joined together with other units and created a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program. The School District pays an annual premium to the pool for its general insurance coverage. The agreement provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial companies for claims in excess of \$75,000 for each insured event.

The School District continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The pooling agreement allows for the pool to make additional assessments to make the pool self-sustaining. The School District is unable to provide an estimate of the amounts of additional assessments that may be required to make the pool self-sustaining.

NOTE P – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN:

Plan Description

The Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple employer, state-wide, defined benefit public employee retirement plan governed by the State of Michigan (State) originally created under Public Act 136 of 1945, recodified and currently operating under the provisions of Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended. Section 25 of this act establishes the board's authority to promulgate or amend the provisions of the System. The board consists of twelve members - eleven appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Instruction, who serves as an ex-officio member.

The System is administered by the Office of Retirement Services (ORS) within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. The Department Director appoints the Office Director, with whom the general oversight of the System resides. The State Treasurer serves as the investment officer and custodian for the System.

NOTE P – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued):

The System's financial statements are available at www.michigan.gov/mpsers-cafr.

Benefits Provided

Benefit provisions of the defined benefit pension plan are established by State statute, which may be amended. Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions for the defined benefit (DB) pension plan. Depending on the plan option selected, member retirement benefits for are determined by final average compensation, years of service, and a pension factor ranging from 1.25 percent to 1.50 percent. DB members are eligible to receive a monthly benefit when they meet certain age and service requirements. The System also provides disability and survivor benefits to DB plan members.

A DB member plan member who leaves Michigan public school employment may request a refund of his or her member contributions to the retirement system account if applicable. A refund cancels a former member's rights to future benefits. However, returning members who previously received a refund of their contributions may reinstate their service through repayment of the refund upon satisfaction of certain requirements.

Contributions and Funded Status

Employers are required by Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, to contribute amounts necessary to finance the coverage of active and retired members. Contribution provisions are specified by State statute and may be amended only by action of the State Legislature.

Employer contributions to the System are determined on an actuarial basis using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The portion of this cost allocated to the current valuation year is called the normal cost. The remainder is called the actuarial accrued liability. Normal cost is funded on a current basis. The unfunded (overfunded) actuarial accrued liability as of the September 30, 2015 valuation will be amortized over a 21 year period for the 2015 fiscal year.

The schedule below summarizes pension contribution rates in effect for fiscal year 2015.

Pension Contribution Rates		
Benefit Structure	Member	Employer
Basic	0.0-4.0%	22.52-23.07%
Member Investment Plan	3.0-7.0%	22.52-23.07%
Pension Plus	3.0-6.4%	21.99%
Defined Contribution	0.0%	17.72-18.76%

Required contributions to the pension plan from the District were \$1,408,728 for the year ended September 30, 2015.

NOTE P – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued):

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

At June 30, 2016, the District reported a liability of \$17,836,134 for its proportionate share of the MPERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2015, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 2014. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was determined by dividing each employer's statutorily required pension contributions to the system during the measurement period by the percent of pension contributions required from all applicable employers during the measurement period. At September 30, 2015, the District's proportion was 0.07302401 percent, which was an increase of 0.00387 percent from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2014.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the District recognized pension expense of \$1,701,803. At June 30, 2016, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred (Inflows) of Resources
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$-	(\$59,079)
Changes of assumptions	439,163	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	91,039	-
Changes in proportion and differences between the District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	721,867	(7)
Subtotal	<u>1,252,069</u>	<u>(59,086)</u>
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,761,295</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$3,013,364</u>	<u>(\$59,086)</u>

\$1,761,295 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Deferred (Inflow) and Deferred Outflow by Year (to Be Recognized in Future Pension Expenses)	
Plan Year Ended September 30	Amount
2016	\$244,318
2017	244,318
2018	220,507
2019	483,840
Total	<u>\$1,192,983</u>

NOTE P – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued):

During the fiscal year, the School District recognized revenue in the amount of \$700,951 from the State for the unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

Actuarial Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions

Valuation Date:	September 30, 2014
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry Age, Normal
Wage Inflation Rate:	3.5%
Investment Rate of Return	
- MIP and Basic Plans (Non-Hybrid)	8.0%
- Pension Plans (Hybrid)	7.0%
Projected Salary Increases	3.5 – 12.3%, including wage inflation at 3.5%
Cost-of-Living Pension Adjustments:	3% Annual Non-Compounded for MIP Members RP-2000 Male and Female Combined Healthy Life Mortality Tables, adjusted for mortality improvements to 2025 using projection scale BB.
Mortality:	This assumption was first used for the September 30, 2014 valuation of the system. For retirees, 100% of the table rates were used. For active members, 80% of the table rates were used for males and 70% of the table rates were used for females.

Notes:

- Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the periods 2007 through 2012 have been adopted by the System for use in the annual pension valuations beginning with the September 30, 2014 valuation. The total pension liability as of September 30, 2015, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2014, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures, including the experience study.
- Recognition period for liabilities is the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees in years: 4.7158
- Recognition period for assets in years is 5.0000
- Full actuarial assumptions are available in the 2015 MPSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. (www.michigan.gov/mpsers-cafr)

Long-Term Expected Return on Plan Assets

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return

NOTE P – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued):

by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan’s target asset allocation as of September 30, 2015, are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return*</u>
Domestic Equity Pools	28.0%	5.9%
% Alternative Investment Pools	18.0	9.2
International Equity	16.0	7.2
Fixed Income Pools	10.5	0.9
Real Estate and Infrastructure Pools	10.0	4.3
Absolute Return Pools	15.5	6.0
Short Term Investment Pools	2.0	0.0
Total	<u>100%</u>	

*Long term rate of return does not include 2.1% inflation

Discount Rate

A discount rate of 8.0% was used to measure the total pension liability (7.0% for the Pension Plus plan, a hybrid plan provided through non-university employers only). This discount rate was based on the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 8.0% (7.0% for the Pension Plus plan). The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the District’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using a discount rate of 8.0% (7.0% for the Hybrid Plan), as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher:

1% Decrease (Non-Hybrid/Hybrid) 7.0% / 6.0%	Current Single Discount Rate Assumption (Non-Hybrid/Hybrid) 8.0% / 7.0%	1% Increase (Non-Hybrid/Hybrid) 9.0% / 8.0%
<u>\$22,995,349</u>	<u>\$17,836,134</u>	<u>\$13,486,705</u>

NOTE P – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued):

Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS) Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued MPERS CAFR. See the 2015 MPSERS CAFR.

(www.michigan.gov/documents/orsschools/MPSERS_CAFR_2015_Final_510211_7.pdf)

Payables to the Michigan Public Schools Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS)

At June 30, 2016, the District reported a payable of \$0 for the outstanding amount of contributions to the pension plan required for the year ended June 30, 2016.

NOTE Q – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS:

Employees of the School District who began working for a Michigan public school July 1, 2010, or later, are members of the Pension Plus plan or Defined Contribution (DC) plan, defined contribution pension plans. Under Public Act 300 of 2012, eligible members of MPSERS had the option to increase, maintain, or stop their contributions to the pension fund as of the transition date. Members of MPSERS who elected to stop their contributions became participants in the DC plan as of their transition date.

Pension Plus Plan

The Pension Plus Plan is administered by Voya Financial. Benefit terms, including employer contribution requirements are established and may be amended by MPSERS. Within the plan employees have three options to choose from: 1) Pension Plus with Premium Subsidy, 2) Pension plus to DC with PHF, and 3) Basic/MIP to DC with Premium Subsidy. The School District's required to contribute ranges 1% to 4% of annual salary for plan members based on the type of plan the employee is participating in. Employees are permitted to make contributions up to applicable Internal Revenue Service Code limits. Employees are considered 100% vested for their own contributions; for employer contributions employees are considered 100% vested after four years of service. Employees are eligible to receive benefits from the Plan in accordance with IRS regulations for 401(k) plans.

Defined Contribution Plan

The Defined Contribution Plan, is a defined contribution plan under sections 401(k) and section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and is administered by Voya Financial. Benefit terms, including employer contribution requirements are established and may be amended by MPSERS. Employee contributions are 8% of wages with the employer matching contributions dollar for dollar on the first 2% of wages and 50 cents on the dollar on the next 6% of wages. Employee contributions are made into the 457 Plan while employer matching contributions are made in other 401(k) Plan. Employees are considered 100% vested for their own contributions; for employer contributions employees are considered 100% vested after four years of service. Employees are eligible to receive benefits and make contributions to the Plan in accordance with IRS regulations for 401(k) and 457 plans.

Contributions

The total amount contributed to the Plan for the year ended June 30, 2016 was \$35,305 which consisted of \$12,137 from the School District and \$23,168 from employees.

NOTE R – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:

Post-Employment Benefits

Under the MPSERS Act, all retirees participating in the MPSERS Pension Plan have the option of continuing health, dental and vision coverage. Retirees electing this coverage contribute an amount equivalent to the monthly cost of Part B Medicare and 10 percent of the monthly premium amount for the health, dental and vision coverage at the time of receiving the benefits. MPSERS board of trustees annually sets the employer contribution rate to fund the benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. Participating employers are required to contribute at that rate. The employer contribution rate was 2.71% (of the total 25.78% required contribution) of covered payroll for the period from July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 and 6.83% (of the total 25.78% required contribution) from October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Required contributions for post-employment health care benefits are included as part of the School District's total contribution to the MPSERS plan discussed above.

MPSERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the pension and postemployment health care plans. That report is available on the web at <http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools>, or by writing to the Office of Retirement System at 7150 Harris Drive, PO Box 30171, Lansing, Michigan, 48909.

NOTE S – SINKING FUNDS:

The Sinking Fund Capital Project Fund records capital project activities funded with Sinking Fund millage. For this fund, the School District has complied with the applicable provisions of §1212(1) of the Revised School Code and the applicable section of the Revised Bulletin for School District Audits of Bonded Construction Funds and of Sinking Funds in Michigan.

NOTE T – SINGLE AUDIT:

The School District's audited financial statements report a total of \$340,931 in federal expenditures. As this amount is less than the single audit threshold of \$750,000, the School District is not required to have an audit in accordance with the Uniform Guidance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

NOTE U – NEW GASB STANDARDS:

Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. GASB No. 72 addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements. It provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for financial reporting purposes. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2015. The adoption of GASB No. 72 does not have any impact on the District's financial statements.

In June 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 76, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*. GASB 76 reduces the GAAP hierarchy to two categories of authoritative GAAP and addresses the use of authoritative and non-authoritative literature in the event that the accounting treatment for a transaction or other event is not specified within a source of authoritative GAAP. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2015. The adoption of GASB No. 76 does not have any impact on the District's financial statements.

NOTE U – NEW GASB STANDARDS (Continued):

In March 2016, the GASB issued Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73*. GASB 82 addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contributions. Prior to the issuance of this Statement, Statements 67 and 68 required presentation of covered-employee payroll, which is the payroll of employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan, and ratios that use that measure, in schedules of required supplementary information. This Statement amends Statements 67 and 68 to instead require the presentation of covered payroll, defined as the payroll on which contributions to a pension plan are based, and ratios that use that measure. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2016. The adoption of GASB No. 82 does not have any impact on the District's financial statements.

Other Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pension and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB 67 and 68*. GASB No. 73 establishes requirements for defined benefit pensions that are not within the scope of Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, as well as for the assets accumulated for purposes of providing those pensions. In addition, it establishes requirements for defined contribution pensions that are not within the scope of Statement 68. It also amends certain provisions of Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, and Statement 68 for pension plans and pensions that are within their respective scopes. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2015. The District does not have any pension plans that meet the criteria of GASB 73.

In December 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. GASB No. 79 addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain external investment pools and pool participants. Specifically, it establishes criteria for an external investment pool to qualify for making the election to measure all of its investments at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. This Statement establishes additional note disclosure requirements for qualifying external investment pools that measure all of their investments at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes and for governments that participate in those pools. Those disclosures for both the qualifying external investment pools and their participants include information about any limitations or restrictions on participant withdrawals. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2015. The District does not have any external investment pools; therefore, GASB 79 is not applicable to the District.

NOTE V – UPCOMING STANDARDS:

The following pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) have been released recently and may be applicable to the District in the near future. We encourage management to review the following information and determine which standard(s) may be applicable to the District.

GASB 74: Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016 (District's fiscal year 2017)

This standard replaces Statements No. 43, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, as amended, and No. 57, *OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers*

NOTE V – UPCOMING STANDARDS (Continued):

and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans. It also includes requirements for defined contribution OPEB plans that replace the requirements for those OPEB plans in Statement No. 25, *Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Note Disclosures for Defined Contribution Plans*, as amended, Statement 43, and Statement No. 50, *Pension Disclosures*.

The scope of this Statement includes OPEB plans—defined benefit and defined contribution—administered through trusts that meet certain criteria. It also includes requirements to address financial reporting for assets accumulated for purposes of providing defined benefit OPEB through OPEB plans that are *not* administered through trusts that meet the specified criteria.

GASB 75: Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans

Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017 (District's fiscal year 2018)

This standard replaces the requirements of Statements No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, as amended, and No. 57, *OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans*, for OPEB. Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, establishes new accounting and financial reporting requirements for OPEB plans.

The scope of this Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for OPEB that is provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers. It establishes standards for recognizing and measuring liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures. For defined benefit OPEB, this Statement identifies the methods and assumptions that are required to be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value, and attribute that present value to periods of employee service. Note disclosure and required supplementary information requirements about defined benefit OPEB also are addressed.

In addition, this Statement details the recognition and disclosure requirements for employers with payables to defined benefit OPEB plans that are administered through trusts that meet the specified criteria and for employers whose employees are provided with defined contribution OPEB. This Statement also addresses certain circumstances in which a nonemployer entity provides financial support for OPEB of employees of another entity.

GASB 75 also requires more extensive note disclosures and required supplementary information, including 10 years of historical information. The particular accounting and financial reporting requirements and footnote disclosures are dependent upon the type of plan being used (defined benefit, defined contribution, or special funding situations) and whether the OPEB plans are administered through trusts meeting certain criteria.

GASB 77: Tax Abatement Disclosures

Effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015 (District's fiscal year 2017)

This standard requires disclosure of tax abatement information about (1) a reporting government's own tax abatement agreements and (2) those that are entered into by other governments and that reduce the reporting government's tax revenues. This Statement defines a tax abatement as resulting from an agreement between a government and an individual or entity in which the government promises to forgo tax revenues and the individual or entity promises to subsequently take a specific action that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the government or its citizens.

NOTE V – UPCOMING STANDARDS (Continued):

Governments will be required to disclose information about tax abatement agreements including the taxes being abated, the authority under which tax abatements are provided, eligibility criteria, the mechanisms by which taxes are abated, provisions for recapturing abated taxes, and the types of commitments being made by tax abatement recipients. Additionally the gross dollar amount of taxes abated during the period will have to be disclosed along with any other commitments made by a government, other than to abate taxes, as part of the tax abatement agreement.

GASB 78: Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension plans *Effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015 (District's fiscal year 2017)*

This Statement amends the scope and applicability of Statement 68 to exclude pensions provided to employees of state or local governmental employers through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that (1) is not a state or local governmental pension plan, (2) is used to provide defined benefit pensions both to employees of state or local governmental employers and to employees of employers that are not state or local governmental employers, and (3) has no predominant state or local governmental employer (either individually or collectively with other state or local governmental employers that provide pensions through the pension plan). This Statement establishes requirements for recognition and measurement of pension expense, expenditures, and liabilities; note disclosures; and required supplementary information for pensions that have the characteristics described above.

GASB 80: Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units – an Amendment to GASB Statement No. 14 *Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016 (District's fiscal year 2017)*

This Statement amends the blending requirements for the financial statement presentation of component units of all state and local governments. The additional criterion requires blending of a component unit incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The additional criterion does not apply to component units included in the financial reporting entity pursuant to the provisions of Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units*.

GASB 81: Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements *Effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016 (District's fiscal year 2018)*

This Statement requires that a government that receives resources pursuant to an irrevocable split-interest agreement recognize assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources at the inception of the agreement. Furthermore, this Statement requires that a government recognize assets representing its beneficial interests in irrevocable split-interest agreements that are administered by a third party, if the government controls the present service capacity of the beneficial interests. This Statement requires that a government recognize revenue when the resources become applicable to the reporting period.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

NICE Community School District

SCHEDULE OF THE NICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS' CONTRIBUTIONS
MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Statutorily required contributions	\$ 1,342,247	\$ 1,408,728								
Contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions	1,342,247	1,408,728								
Contributions deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -								
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 6,065,621	\$ 6,236,507								
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	22%	23%								

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SCHEDULE OF THE NICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS' CONTRIBUTIONS
MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN

For the Plan Year Ended September 30

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
District's proportion of net pension liability	0.06915%	0.07302%								
District's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 15,232,025	\$ 17,836,134								
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 5,877,240	\$ 6,094,876								
District's proportionate share of net pension liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	259.17%	292.64%								
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	66.20%	63.17%								

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GENERAL FUND

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original Budget to Final Budget	Final Budget to Actual
REVENUES:					
Local sources	\$ 3,327,902	\$ 2,872,995	\$ 2,885,438	\$ (454,907)	\$ 12,443
State sources	8,648,432	8,691,624	8,711,974	43,192	20,350
Federal sources	173,902	173,902	176,099	-	2,197
TOTAL REVENUES	12,150,236	11,738,521	11,773,511	(411,715)	34,990
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction	7,782,452	7,899,011	7,862,509	(116,559)	36,502
Supporting services	3,629,355	3,747,459	3,790,100	(118,104)	(42,641)
Community services	32,900	32,900	34,769	-	(1,869)
Debt service:					
Principal	96,653	105,498	105,479	(8,845)	19
Interest and fees	39,585	39,752	40,391	(167)	(639)
Capital outlay	-	34,795	34,795	(34,795)	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,580,945	11,859,415	11,868,043	(278,470)	(8,628)
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	569,291	(120,894)	(94,532)	(690,185)	26,362
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Proceeds from borrowing	-	34,795	34,795	34,795	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	34,795	34,795	34,795	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	569,291	(86,099)	(59,737)	(655,390)	26,362
Fund balance, July 1	905,543	905,543	905,543	-	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	\$ 1,474,834	\$ 819,444	\$ 845,806	\$ (655,390)	\$ 26,362

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

NICE Community School District

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2016

	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
	<u>School Lunch Fund</u>	<u>Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 44,502	\$ 7,842	\$ 52,344
Investments	-	39,365	39,365
Accounts receivable	666	-	666
Inventories	4,875	-	4,875
Due from other funds	-	-	-
Prepaid expenses	-	-	-
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TOTAL ASSETS	50,043	47,207	97,250
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DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-	-	-
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TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 50,043</u>	<u>\$ 47,207</u>	<u>\$ 97,250</u>
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LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 800
Due to other funds	22,787	-	22,787
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	23,587	-	23,587
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-	-	-
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FUND BALANCES			
Non-spendable	4,875	-	4,875
Restricted	21,581	47,207	68,788
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-
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TOTAL FUND BALANCES	26,456	47,207	73,663
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TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 50,043</u>	<u>\$ 47,207</u>	<u>\$ 97,250</u>

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NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
	<u>School Lunch</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	
	Fund	Fund	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES:			
Local sources	\$ 175,700	\$ (541)	\$ 175,159
State sources	24,458	-	24,458
Federal sources	164,832	-	164,832
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TOTAL REVENUES	364,990	(541)	364,449
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EXPENDITURES:			
Community services	-	800	800
Food service activities	385,124	-	385,124
Capital outlay	-	-	-
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	385,124	800	385,924
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EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(20,134)	(1,341)	(21,475)
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OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-
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TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-
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NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(20,134)	(1,341)	(21,475)
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Fund Balance, July 1	46,590	48,548	95,138
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FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	<u>\$ 26,456</u>	<u>\$ 47,207</u>	<u>\$ 73,663</u>

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SCHOOL LUNCH FUND

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
Local Sources:			
Student lunches	\$ 176,600	\$ 175,424	\$ (1,176)
Interest earned	300	276	(24)
State Sources:			
Entitlement payments	24,224	24,458	234
Federal Sources:			
Entitlement payments	143,000	142,828	(172)
Donated commodities	21,000	22,004	1,004
TOTAL REVENUES	365,124	364,990	(134)
EXPENDITURES:			
Food Service Activities:			
Salaries	104,700	102,413	2,287
Fringe benefits	74,345	75,682	(1,337)
Purchased services	6,000	6,890	(890)
Other costs and expenses	26,816	23,588	3,228
Food and milk	158,500	154,547	3,953
Donated commodities	21,000	22,004	(1,004)
Capital outlay	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	391,361	385,124	6,237
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(26,237)	(20,134)	6,103
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfer (out)	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(26,237)	(20,134)	6,103
Fund balance, July 1	46,590	46,590	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	\$ 20,353	\$ 26,456	\$ 6,103

COMPLIANCE SECTION



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 Board of Education of the
NICE Community School District
300 Westwood Drive
Ishpeming, Michigan 49849

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 NICE Community School District (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 16, 2016.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District'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 School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain

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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.

Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLLC

Certified Public Accountants

October 16, 2016

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION



NICE Community School District
Report to Management
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

To the Board of Education of the
NICE Community School District
300 Westwood Drive
Ishpeming, Michigan 49849

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of NICE Community School District (the School District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District'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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. 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.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, Board of Education, and others within the School District, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLLC
Certified Public Accountants

October 16, 2016



NICE Community School District
Communication with Those Charged with Governance
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

October 16, 2016

To the Board of Education of the
NICE Community School District
300 Westwood Drive
Ishpeming, Michigan 49849

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of NICE Community School District (the School District) for the year ended June 30, 2016. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated June 20, 2016. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the School District are described in the notes to the financial statements. As described in the footnotes to the financial statements, the District changed accounting policies related to fair value measurements by adopting Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) No. 76, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*, and Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) No. 82, *Pension Issues— an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73* in fiscal year 2016. We noted no transactions entered into by the School District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the School District's financial statements were:

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Management's estimate of accumulated depreciation is based on historical cost. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the current years depreciation expense and accumulated depreciation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of employee benefit obligations is based on employee pay rates and the various subsidiary ledgers maintained for hour balances. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the accrued employee benefit balances in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the District's proportionate share of Net Pension Liability is based on an actuarial performed for the Michigan Public Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS) to determine its liability. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the District's proportionate share of Net Pension Liability, based on information provided by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget Office of Retirement Services, in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was:

The disclosure of the District's proportionate share of the Defined Benefit Pension Plan includes significant actuarial assumptions used in calculating the valuation. Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company was the actuarial company hired by the Retirement Board of the Michigan Public Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS) and the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget Office of Retirement Services for preparation of the annual actuarial valuation. A full listing of the actuarial assumptions used can be found MPSERS' Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2015.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 16, 2016.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the School District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the School District's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to GASB required pension schedules and Major Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedules, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the other supplemental information, as listed in the table of contents, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

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Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Education and management of the School District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLLC
Certified Public Accountants