

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

***FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION***

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

***WITH REPORT OF
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS***

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

**Pennsylvania Department of Education
Bureau of Budgets and Fiscal Management
Bureau Director
333 Market Street – 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333**

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find the audit package for the **North East School District** for the year ended June 30, 2019.

We have audited the financial statements of the **North East School District** for the year ended June 30, 2019 and have issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2019. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

In addition, we have issued a management letter dated December 19, 2019, which is included in the audit package.

Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro PC

BUFFAMANTE WHIPPLE BUTTAFARO, P.C.

**Olean, New York
December 19, 2019**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the President and Members of
The Board of Education
North East School District
North East, Pennsylvania**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and each major fund of *North East School District* as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the *North East School District's* basic financial statements as listed in the accompanying table of contents. We have also audited the fiduciary fund types of the *North East School District* as of June 30, 2019, as displayed in the District's basic financial statements.

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 the *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, business-type activities, each major fund and aggregate remaining fund information of *North East School District* as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgeting comparison of the General Fund and the cash flows of the business-type activities for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the *North East School District's* June 30, 2018 financial statements and our report dated December 6, 2018, expressed unmodified opinions on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and aggregate remaining fund information. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis (pages 5 through 12), schedule of change in the District's net OPEB liability and related ratios – District Plan (page 45), schedule or change in the District's net OPEB liability and related ratios – PSERS Plan (page 46), schedule of District contributions – OPEB – District Plan (page 47), schedule of District contributions – OPEB – PSERS Plan (page 48), schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (page 49), and schedule of District contributions – Pension (page 50) 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 **North East School District's** basic financial statements. The supplementary information including the Comparative Statements of Revenue and Expenditures – General Fund, Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements – Activity Fund and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information including the Comparative Statements of Revenue and Expenditures – General Fund, Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements – Activity Fund, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Comparative Statements of Revenue and Expenditures – General Fund, Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements – Activity Fund, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, and other schedules are 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 December 19, 2019 on our consideration of **North East School District's** internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 **North East School District's** internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro PC

BUFFAMANTE WHIPPLE BUTTAFARO, P.C.

**Olean, New York
December 19, 2019**

I. Discussion and Analysis

The following is a discussion and analysis of the *North East School District's* financial performance for the year ended June 30, 2019. The section is a summary of the District's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, or conditions. It is based on both the government-wide and fund-based financial statements. The results of the current year are discussed in comparison with the prior year, with an emphasis placed on the current year. This section is only an introduction and should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follows this section.

II. Financial Highlights

The following items are the financial highlights experienced by the *North East School District* during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019:

- Overall net position from operations of the District increased \$2,150,000 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. This consisted of an increase in governmental activities in the amount of \$2,110,000 and an increase in business-type activities \$40,000.
- The District's total revenue increased approximately \$770,000 from \$25,456,000 during the year ended June 30, 2018 to \$26,226,000 during the year ended June 30, 2019. This increase was primarily related to increases in basic state aid, retirement subsidy revenue, interest income and tax revenue.
- The District's total expenses decreased approximately \$123,000 from \$24,199,000 during the year ended June 30, 2018 to \$24,076,000 during the year ended June 30, 2019. This decrease was attributable to contractual expenses and equipment purchases in the prior year that weren't capitalized.
- The District had capital additions during the current fiscal year in the amount of \$5,512,000 in the governmental activities and \$0 in the business activities. The current year additions were primarily related to the purchase of vehicles, technology equipment, and building renovations.

III. Overview of the Financial Statements

A. Reporting the School District as a Whole (District-wide Financial Statements):

This annual report consists of three parts: MD&A (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of *North East School District*.

The district-wide statements report information about the School District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. Activities that are fiduciary in nature are not included in these statements.

1. Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position (page 13) shows the School District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and the net position. The Statement categorizes assets to show that some assets are very liquid, such as cash and cash equivalents. Some assets are restricted for certain purposes or reserved for emergencies and cash flow purposes. Some assets are invested in "fixed" or "capital" assets, such as buildings, equipment and other long-lived property; and some assets are available to fund budgets of the following year.

2. Statement of Activities

The Statement of Activities (page 14) shows amounts of program-specific and general District revenue used to support the various functions.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities divide the activities of the District into two categories: governmental activities (the school functions, including instruction, support services, non-instructional services, etc.; property taxes, state and federal revenue usually support most of these functions) and proprietary activities.

The two district-wide statements report the School District's net position and how they have changed. Net position – the difference between the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources and the District's liabilities and deferred inflows of resources – is one way to measure the District's financial health

III. Overview of the Financial Statements (continued)

A. Reporting the School District as a Whole (District-wide Financial Statements) (continued):

2. Statement of Activities (continued)

or position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively. To assess the District's overall health, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities.

B. Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds (Fund Financial Statements):

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, focusing on its most significant or major funds – not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs. Significance of funds is determined based on the proportional size of the funds, the relative importance of the activities of the funds to the District's operations, and the existence of legal budget requirements. Internal Service funds are never reported as major funds, but are combined and presented in a separate column.

The District has two kinds of funds:

1. Governmental Funds

Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can

III. Overview of the Financial Statements (continued)

B. Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds (Fund Financial Statements) (continued):

1. Governmental Funds (continued)

readily be converted to cash flow in and out and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the district-wide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

2. Fiduciary Funds

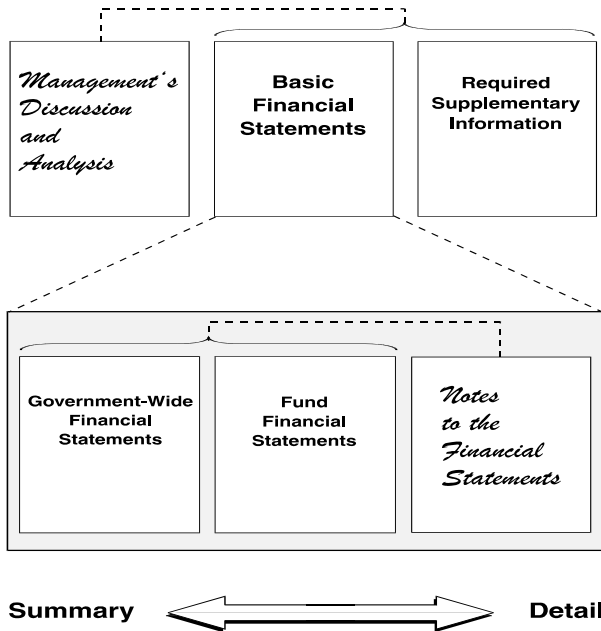
The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others, such as the scholarship fund and the student activities funds. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The District excludes these activities from the district-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

Figure A-1 - Major Features of the District-Wide Statements and Fund Financial Statements

	Fund Financial Statements		
	District-Wide	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire district (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the District that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as special education and building maintenance	Instances in which the District administers resources on behalf of someone else, such as scholarship programs and student activities monies
Required financial statements	Statement of Net Position Statement of Activities	Balance Sheet Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	Statement of Net Position Statement of Changes in Net Position
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/deferred outflows of resources /liability/deferred inflows of resources information	All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, assets and deferred outflows of resources expected to be used up and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets, deferred outflows of resources (if any), liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources (if any) both short-term and long-term; funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	All additions and deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

**NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

Figure A-2 - Required Components of the District's Annual Financial Report



IV. Financial Analysis of the School District as Whole

Net Position - Deficit

The District's total reporting entity net position was approximately \$14,218,000 as of June 30, 2019. The components of net position include: invested in capital assets, net of related debt of \$12,707,000; restricted net position for capital reserve in the amount of \$1,384,000; board designated net position of \$6,865,000 and unrestricted net position - deficit of \$35,174,000.

Changes in Net Position

The District's total government-wide revenue increased by 3% to \$26,226,000. Approximately 36%, 33%, and 28% of total revenue is derived from the property taxes, state sources and operating grants, respectively. The remaining 3% comes from interest earned, local sources, charges for services and other sources.

The total cost of all programs and services of the District decreased 2% to \$24,076,000. The District's expenses cover a range of services, with 61% related to instruction and 32% related to support services.

Figure A-3 – Condensed Statement of Net Position

<i>North East School District</i>									
<i>Condensed Statement of Net Position (in thousands of dollars)</i>									
	Governmental Activities			Business-type Activities			Total		
	2019	2018	% Change	2019	2018	% Change	2019	2018	% Change
Assets									
Current and other assets	\$ 15,522	\$ 18,568	-16%	\$ 360	\$ 312	16%	\$ 15,882	\$ 18,880	-16%
Capital assets	25,123	20,869	20%	98	110	-11%	25,221	20,979	20%
Total assets	40,645	39,437	3%	458	422	8%	41,103	39,859	3%
Deferred outflows of resources	5,740	7,422	-23%	-	-	n/a	5,740	7,422	-23%
Total assets & deferred outflows	\$ 46,385	\$ 46,859	-1%	\$ 458	\$ 422	8%	\$ 46,843	\$ 47,281	-1%
Liabilities									
Other liabilities	\$ 4,054	\$ 3,879	5%	\$ 38	\$ 42	-9%	\$ 4,092	\$ 3,921	4%
Long-term debt outstanding	55,500	57,976	-4%	13	13	0%	55,513	57,989	-4%
Total liabilities	59,554	61,855	-4%	51	55	-7%	59,604.94	61,910	-4%
Deferred inflows of resources	1,456	1,738	-16%	-	-	n/a	1,456	1,738	-16%
Net position									
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	12,609	7,126	77%	98	110	-11%	12,707	7,236	76%
Restricted	1,384	1,522	-9%	-	-	n/a	1,384	1,522	-9%
Board designated	6,865	9,636	-29%	-	-	n/a	6,865	9,636	-29%
Unrestricted (deficit)	(35,483)	(35,018)	1%	309	257	20%	(35,174)	(34,761)	1%
Total net position (deficit)	(14,625)	(16,734)	-13%	407	367	11%	(14,218)	(16,367)	-13%
Total liabilities, deferred inflows & net position (deficit)	\$ 46,385	\$ 46,859	-1%	\$ 458	\$ 422	9%	\$ 46,843	\$ 47,281	-1%

Figure A-4 – Changes in Net Position from Operating Results

<i>North East School District</i>									
<i>Changes in Net Position from Operating Results (in thousands of Dollars)</i>									
	Governmental Activities			Business-type activities			Total		
	2019	2018	% Change	2019	2018	% Change	2019	2018	% Change
Revenue									
Program revenue									
Charges for services	\$ 111	\$ 91	22%	\$ 242	\$ 237	2%	\$ 353	\$ 328	8%
Operating grants	6,707	6,561	2%	585	569	3%	7,292	7,130	2%
General revenue									
Taxes	9,333	9,200	1%	-	-	n/a	9,333	9,200	1%
Interest earned	447	122	266%	-	-	n/a	447	122	266%
Local sources	58	17	244%	-	-	n/a	58	17	244%
State sources	8,743	8,659	1%	-	-	n/a	8,743	8,659	1%
Total revenue	<u>25,399</u>	<u>24,650</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>827</u>	<u>806</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>26,226</u>	<u>25,456</u>	<u>3%</u>
Expenses									
Instruction	14,759	14,536	2%	-	-	n/a	14,759	14,536	2%
Support services	7,595	7,926	-4%	-	-	n/a	7,595	7,926	-4%
Non-instructional services	625	650	-4%	-	-	n/a	625	650	-4%
Other uses									
Refund of prior year revenue	-	-	n/a	-	-	n/a	-	-	n/a
Debt service - interest	310	335	-8%	-	-	n/a	310	335	-8%
Business-type (food service fund)	-	-	n/a	787	752	5%	787	752	5%
Total expenses	<u>23,289</u>	<u>23,447</u>	<u>-1%</u>	<u>787</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>24,076</u>	<u>24,199</u>	<u>-1%</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ 2,110</u>	<u>\$ 1,203</u>		<u>\$ 40</u>	<u>\$ 54</u>		<u>\$ 2,150</u>	<u>\$ 1,257</u>	

IV. Financial Analysis of the School District as a Whole (continued)

Figure A-5 through figure A-8 and the narrative that follows considers the operations of governmental activities, along with revenue and net costs percentages for governmental activities.

Governmental Activities - Revenue

Revenue of the District's governmental activities increased 3%, while total expenses decreased -1%. The District's total net position increased approximately \$2,110,000 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

Figure A-4 presents the major sources of revenue of the District's governmental activities. Total revenue of the District was \$25,399,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The most significant changes in the District's governmental revenue are more thoroughly discussed as follows:

- Tax revenue which represents approximately 36% of the District's total revenue for governmental activities increased 1% during the year ended June 30, 2019.
- State sources (basic subsidy aid) which represents approximately 33% of the District's total revenue for governmental activities increased by 1% as compared with the prior year.
- Interest earned increased by approximately \$325,000 which can be largely attributed to investing funds in better interest bearing accounts.

IV. Financial Analysis of the School District as a Whole (continued)

Governmental Activities - Revenue (continued)

- During the year ended June 30, 2019, the District saw an increase in program revenue, which mostly resulted in an increase in operating grants which increased \$146,000 over prior year revenue and from an increase in charges for services in the amount of \$20,000. The increase in operating grants was primarily related to an increase in retirement subsidy payments from the state, which increased due to an increase in retirement costs.

Governmental Activities - Expenses

Figure A-8 presents the cost of each of the District's five largest expenditure-type, which include; instruction, support services, non-instructional services, debt service and food service; as well as each expenditure-type's net cost (total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid). The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the District's taxpayers and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by each of these functions. Total costs of the District's governmental activities were \$23,289,000.

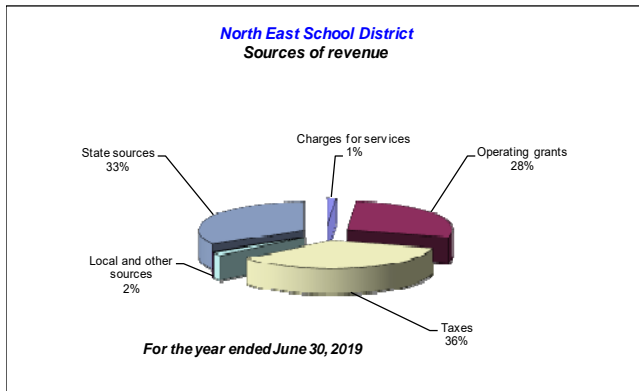
IV. Financial Analysis of the School District as a Whole (continued)

Governmental Activities - Expenses (continued)

The most significant changes in the District's governmental expenses are more thoroughly discussed as follows:

- The District's instruction costs increased by approximately \$223,000 or 2% which was primarily due to an increase in wages and benefits.
- The District's support services costs decreased by approximately \$331,000 or 4% during the year ended June 30, 2019. This decrease was attributable to contractual expenses and equipment purchases in the prior year that weren't capitalized.
- Non-instructional costs of the District decreased approximately \$25,000 or 4% during the year ended June 30, 2019.

Figure A-5 – District-wide Sources of Revenue



IV. Financial Analysis of the School District as a Whole (continued)

Governmental Activities - Expenses (continued)

- The District's other financing uses decreased \$25,000 during the current year ended June 30, 2019 due to a reduction in interest payments on outstanding debt.
- For governmental activities, the District received approximately \$6,818,000 of operating grants and charges for services from its state and federal grants which subsidized certain programs of the District.
- Most of the District's net costs (\$16.5 million) were financed by real property taxes and state aid.

Figure A-6 – District-wide Expenses

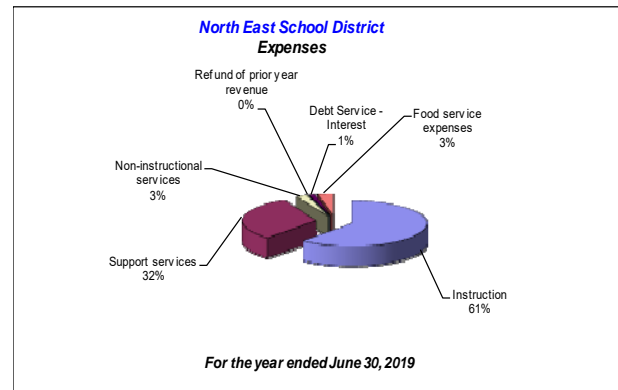


Figure A-7 – Expenditures Supported with Program Revenue

<i>North East School District</i>												
<i>Expenditures supported with program revenue (in thousands of dollars)</i>												
	Governmental Activities				Business-type Activities				Total			
	2019		2018		2019		2018		2019		2018	
Expenditures supported with general revenue (from taxes & other sources)	\$ 16,471	71%	\$ 16,795	72%	\$ (40)	-5%	\$ (54)	-7%	\$ 16,431	68%	\$ 16,741	69%
Expenditures supported with program revenue	6,818	29%	6,652	28%	827	105%	806	107%	7,645	32%	7,458	31%
Total expenditures related to governmental activities	\$ 23,289	100%	\$ 23,447	100%	\$ 787	100%	\$ 752	100%	\$ 24,076	100%	\$ 24,199	100%

Figure A-8 – Net Cost of Governmental Activities

<i>North East School District</i>									
<i>Net Cost of District-wide expenses (in thousands of dollars)</i>									
	Total cost of services			Net cost of services					
	2019	2018	Change	2019	2018	Change			
Instruction	\$ 14,759	\$ 14,536	\$ 223	\$ 10,060	\$ 9,908	\$ 152			
Support services	7,595	7,926	(331)	5,965	6,390	(425)			
Non-instructional services	625	650	(25)	534	558	(24)			
Refund of prior year revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Debt service - interest	310	335	(25)	(88)	(61)	(27)			
Food service	787	752	35	(40)	(54)	14			
Total	\$ 24,076	\$ 24,199	\$ (122)	\$ 16,431	\$ 16,741	\$ (311)			

V. Financial Analysis of the School District's Funds

It is important to note that variances between years for the governmental fund financial statements (Balance Sheets and Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Equity) are not the same as variances between years for the District-wide financial statements (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities). The District's governmental funds are presented on the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, while the statement of net position are presented on the full accrual method of accounting. Therefore, governmental funds do not include long-term debt liabilities for the funds' projects and capital assets purchased by the funds.

Governmental funds will include the proceeds received from the issuance of debt, the current payments for capital assets, and the current payments for debt. Below is a description of the most significant changes to the fund financial statements from that reported in the previous year.

General Fund

- The District's general fund expenditures and other uses exceeded its revenues and other sources by approximately \$3,146,000.
- The District's general fund unassigned fund balance equated to approximately \$2,550,000 as of June 30, 2019.

**V. Financial Analysis of the School District's Funds
(continued)**

General Fund (continued)

- The District had assigned fund balance as of June 30, 2019 in the amount of approximately \$1,000.
- The District had committed fund balance of as of June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$6,865,000.
- The District's total assets decreased approximately \$3,088,000 while liabilities and deferred inflows increased \$58,000 during the year ended June 30, 2019. The decrease in assets was primarily due to a decrease in cash associated with the transfers to the capital reserve fund. The increase in liabilities and deferred inflows was associated with an increase in deferred inflows.
- Total revenue in the District's general fund increased \$581,000. This increase was primarily related to increases in basic state aid, retirement subsidy revenue, interest earned, and tax revenue. Total expenditures and other uses increased \$3,837,000, which resulted from an increase in interfund transfers for current year capital projects.

**NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

**V. Financial Analysis of the School District's Funds
(continued)**

Capital Projects Fund

During the current year, the District had expenditures in its capital projects fund of approximately \$5,370,000. These expenditures were mainly attributed to technology equipment, bus purchases and building renovations.

VI. General Fund Budgetary Highlight

Figure A-9 summarizes the general fund revenues and expenditures comparing the revised budget to actual results. Figures A-10 and A-11 provide an explanation for major revenue and expenditure variances.

Figure A-9 – General Fund Budget Summary

<i>North East School District General Fund - Budget Summary</i>				
<i>Revenue</i>	Revised Budget	Actual	Difference	%
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 8,022,777	\$ 8,051,991	\$ 29,214	0.4%
Earned Income Taxes	1,100,000	1,082,739	(17,261)	-1.6%
Other Taxes	140,000	140,578	578	0.4%
Other Local Revenue	457,245	869,641	412,396	90.2%
State Subsidies	14,422,147	14,513,640	91,493	0.6%
Federal Subsidies	622,400	658,041	35,641	5.7%
Total revenue	\$ 24,764,569	\$ 25,316,630	\$ 552,061	2.2%
Expenditures				
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 18,204,863	\$ 17,687,639	\$ 517,224	2.8%
Purchased Services & Tuition	2,654,211	2,508,995	145,216	5.5%
Utilities, Insurance and Other	910,343	832,131	78,212	8.6%
Supplies & Equipment	771,906	692,163	79,743	10.3%
Debt service	1,543,366	1,543,366	-	0.0%
Fund Transfers & Reserves	679,880	5,198,814	(4,518,934)	-664.7%
Total expenditures	\$ 24,764,569	\$ 28,463,108	\$ (3,698,539)	-14.9%
Increase/(decrease) in fund balance	\$ -	\$ (3,146,478)	\$ (3,146,478)	

VI. General Fund Budgetary Highlight (continued)

Figure A-10 – Major Revenue Variances

<i>North East School District Major Revenue Variances</i>	
Revenues that were higher than anticipated:	
Investment Earnings	\$ 328,382
Real Estate Tax	143,722
PA Basic Education Funding	82,652
Student Tuition	38,046
ACCESS	33,253
Miscellaneous Revenue	30,947
Safe Schools Targeted Equip. Grant	25,000
Safe Schools PCCD Grant	25,000
Revenues that were lower than anticipated:	
Delinquent Taxes	(114,508)
PA PSERS Reimbursement	(23,502)
Non-Major Variances	(16,931)
	\$ 552,061

Figure A-11 – Major Expenditure Variances

<i>North East School District Major Expenditure Variances</i>	
Expenses that were higher than anticipated:	
Transfer to Capital Project Fund	\$ 4,534,814
Expenses that were lower than anticipated:	
Health Insurance Claims	(222,697)
Salaries	(162,906)
PSERS Employer Contributions	(116,963)
Purchased Education Services	(105,176)
Equipment	(43,300)
Student Tuition	(40,040)
Supplies	(36,439)
Travel	(33,747)
Insurance	(17,860)
Tuition Reimbursement	(17,856)
Budgetary Reserve	(15,880)
Utilities	(9,274)
Oil, Gasoline, Diesel	(5,470)
Non-Major Variances	(8,667)
	\$ 3,698,539

VII. Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

As depicted in Figure A-12, as of June 30, 2019, the District had invested \$25,221,000 in a broad range of capital assets, including reconstruction projects and other equipment. Capital additions made during the year ended June 30, 2019, totaled approximately \$5,512,000 and was primarily due to vehicle and technology purchases and building renovations. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

Long-term Debt

As depicted in Figure A-13, as of June 30, 2019, the District had approximately \$55,513,000 in bonds, net pension liability, compensated absences, and other post-employment benefits. The overall outstanding balance decreased 4% as compared with the previous year. This decrease was primarily the result of the District making regularly scheduled principal payments on outstanding bonds payable and a decrease in the net pension liability due to an actuarial update.

Figure A-12 – Capital Assets

<i>North East School District</i>			
<i>Capital Assets (net of depreciation)</i>			
	Governmental Activities & Total District-wide		
	2019	2018	Change
Land and site improvements	\$ 553,887	\$ 546,601	1%
Building and construction-in-progress	23,041,935	19,004,270	21%
Furniture and equipment	864,953	690,475	25%
Transportation vehicles	760,428	737,565	3%
Total Capital Assets, net	\$ 25,221,203	\$ 20,978,911	20%

Figure A-13 – Outstanding Long-term Debt

<i>North East School District</i>			
<i>Outstanding Long-Term Debt and Liabilities</i>			
	Governmental Activities & Total District-wide		
	2019	2018	Change
Bonds payable	\$ 12,655,000	\$ 13,920,000	-9%
Net pension liability	38,836,000	40,153,000	-3%
Compensated absences	828,001	842,962	-2%
Other post employment benefits	3,194,492	3,073,284	n/a
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 55,513,493	\$ 57,989,246	-4%

VIII. Factors Bearing on the District's Future

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

- The District is aware of and continues to prepare for anticipated increases in the PSERS retirement rates.
- The District continues to monitor the uncertainty surrounding future state subsidy levels.

IX. Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, customers and investors and creditors with a general overview of the finances of the District and to demonstrate our accountability with the money we receive. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact:

North East School District
District Administrative Offices
Attention: Mr. Jeffrey A. Fox, CPA
Business Administrator
50 East Division Street
North East, PA 16428

**NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2019**

	2019			2018 Total
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	
Assets				
Cash				
Unrestricted	\$ 2,403,208	\$ 49,739	\$ 2,452,947	\$ 3,711,545
Restricted	1,686,896	-	1,686,896	1,731,113
Investments	8,819,447	-	8,819,447	10,249,592
Receivables				
Taxes, net	763,569	-	763,569	731,107
State and federal aid	1,494,678	-	1,494,678	1,706,619
Other receivables	25,889	5,950	31,839	36,375
Due from other governmental activities	-	258,189	258,189	171,727
Prepaid expenses	273,217	-	273,217	440,728
Inventories	54,900	46,083	100,983	101,567
Capital assets, net	25,123,323	97,880	25,221,203	20,978,911
Total assets	<u>40,645,127</u>	<u>457,841</u>	<u>41,102,968</u>	<u>39,859,284</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Deceased amount on bond refunding	139,281	-	139,281	176,674
Deferred outflows related to pensions	5,280,512	-	5,280,512	7,037,468
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	319,987	-	319,987	208,081
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>5,739,780</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,739,780</u>	<u>7,422,223</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 46,384,907</u>	<u>\$ 457,841</u>	<u>\$ 46,842,748</u>	<u>\$ 47,281,507</u>
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable and retainage payable	\$ 721,219	\$ 1,663	\$ 722,882	\$ 634,291
Accrued liabilities	2,960,704	33,255	2,993,959	2,978,705
Accrued interest	66,000	-	66,000	72,000
Due to fiduciary fund	41,225	-	41,225	53,050
Due to other business-type activities	258,189	-	258,189	171,727
Unearned revenue	6,769	2,423	9,192	11,443
Long-term liabilities				
Portion due or payable within one year				
Bonds payable	1,290,000	-	1,290,000	1,265,000
Portion due or payable after one year				
Bonds payable, net	11,365,000	-	11,365,000	12,655,000
Net pension liability	38,836,000	-	38,836,000	40,153,000
Compensated absences	814,981	13,020	828,001	842,962
Other post employment benefits	3,194,492	-	3,194,492	3,073,284
Total liabilities	<u>59,554,579</u>	<u>50,361</u>	<u>59,604,940</u>	<u>61,910,462</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Deferred inflows related to pensions	1,318,000	-	1,318,000	1,628,000
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	138,126	-	138,126	110,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,456,126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,456,126</u>	<u>1,738,000</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>61,010,705</u>	<u>50,361</u>	<u>61,061,066</u>	<u>63,648,462</u>
Net Position (Deficit)				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	12,607,604	97,880	12,705,484	7,235,585
Restricted for				
Capital	1,384,039	-	1,384,039	1,522,190
Board designated	6,864,659	-	6,864,659	9,635,392
Unrestricted (deficit)	(35,482,100)	309,600	(35,172,500)	(34,760,122)
Total net position (deficit)	<u>(14,625,798)</u>	<u>407,480</u>	<u>(14,218,318)</u>	<u>(16,366,955)</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources & net position (deficit)	<u>\$ 46,384,907</u>	<u>\$ 457,841</u>	<u>\$ 46,842,748</u>	<u>\$ 47,281,507</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

**NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	2019							2018
	Expenses	Indirect Expenses Allocation	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
			Charges for Services	Operating Grants	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities		Total
Functions/Programs								
Governmental Activities:								
Instruction	\$ 14,044,590	\$ 714,863	\$ 85,467	\$ 4,614,404	\$ (10,059,582)	\$ -	\$ (10,059,582)	\$ (9,907,662)
Instructional student support	1,571,404	81,635	-	349,056	(1,303,983)	-	(1,303,983)	(1,595,004)
Administrative and financial support services	2,345,816	119,414	-	438,465	(2,026,765)	-	(2,026,765)	(1,809,885)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	2,103,757	111,462	-	93,613	(2,121,606)	-	(2,121,606)	(2,443,944)
Pupil transportation	1,030,056	199,986	-	747,383	(482,659)	-	(482,659)	(509,638)
Other support services	30,940	-	-	-	(30,940)	-	(30,940)	(31,224)
Student activities	556,571	28,501	25,605	64,682	(494,785)	-	(494,785)	(468,236)
Community services	39,341	2,009	-	1,051	(40,299)	-	(40,299)	(89,317)
Debt service	309,759	-	-	398,000	88,241	-	88,241	60,768
Depreciation	1,257,870	(1,257,870)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	23,290,104	-	111,072	6,706,654	(16,472,378)	-	(16,472,378)	(16,794,142)
Business-type activities:								
Food services	786,837	-	241,741	585,145	-	40,049	40,049	53,733
Total functions and programs	\$ 24,076,941	\$ -	\$ 352,813	\$ 7,291,799	(16,472,378)	40,049	(16,432,329)	(16,740,409)

General Revenues

Real property taxes, levied for general purposes	8,109,796	-	8,109,796	7,953,745
Other taxes levied	1,223,316	-	1,223,316	1,245,922
Interest earnings	446,640	-	446,640	122,152
Other local sources	58,477	-	58,477	16,853
State sources	8,742,737	-	8,742,737	8,658,639
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Total general revenues	18,580,966	-	18,580,966	17,997,311
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Change in net position	2,108,588	40,049	2,148,637	1,256,902
Net position (deficit) - beginning of year	(16,734,386)	367,431	(16,366,955)	(14,856,265)
Prior period adjustment	-	-	-	(2,767,592)
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Net position (deficit) - end of year	\$ (14,625,798)	\$ 407,480	\$ (14,218,318)	\$ (16,366,955)
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**NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2019**

	Governmental Funds			
	General	Capital Projects	2019 (Memo only) Total	2018 (Memo only) Total
Assets				
Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,403,208	\$ -	\$ 2,403,208	\$ 3,634,028
Restricted cash	-	1,686,896	1,686,896	1,731,113
Investments	8,819,447	-	8,819,447	10,249,592
Taxes receivable	781,569	-	781,569	749,107
Intergovernmental receivables	1,494,678	-	1,494,678	1,699,642
Other receivables	25,889	-	25,889	26,633
Prepaid expenses	273,217	-	273,217	440,728
Inventories	54,900	-	54,900	54,900
Total assets	<u>\$ 13,852,908</u>	<u>\$ 1,686,896</u>	<u>\$ 15,539,804</u>	<u>\$ 18,585,743</u>
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Equity				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 418,362	\$ 302,857	\$ 721,219	\$ 633,557
Accrued salaries and benefits	2,839,927	-	2,839,927	2,825,344
Payroll deductions and withholdings	120,777	-	120,777	115,384
Due to proprietary fund	258,189	-	258,189	171,727
Due to fiduciary fund	41,225	-	41,225	53,050
Unearned revenues	6,769	-	6,769	8,158
Total liabilities	<u>3,685,249</u>	<u>302,857</u>	<u>3,988,106</u>	<u>3,807,220</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Revenue not available - taxes	423,711	-	423,711	365,907
Fund Equity				
Nonspendable	328,117	-	328,117	495,628
Restricted	-	1,384,039	1,384,039	1,522,190
Committed	6,864,659	-	6,864,659	9,635,392
Assigned	947	-	947	8,328
Unassigned	2,550,225	-	2,550,225	2,751,078
Total fund equity	<u>9,743,948</u>	<u>1,384,039</u>	<u>11,127,987</u>	<u>14,412,616</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund equity	<u>\$ 13,852,908</u>	<u>\$ 1,686,896</u>	<u>\$ 15,539,804</u>	<u>\$ 18,585,743</u>

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
EQUITY - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	Governmental Funds			
	General	Capital Projects	2019	2018
			(Memo only) Total	(Memo only) Total
Revenue				
Local sources	\$ 10,144,948	\$ 24,258	\$ 10,169,206	\$ 9,794,937
State sources	14,513,640	-	14,513,640	14,256,274
Federal sources	658,042	-	658,042	691,779
Other sources				
Interfund transfers	-	5,198,814	5,198,814	2,138,000
Total revenue and other sources	25,316,630	5,223,072	30,539,702	26,880,990
Expenditures				
Instruction	13,962,985	-	13,962,985	13,429,090
Support services	7,160,533	-	7,160,533	7,311,993
Noninstructional services	597,410	-	597,410	641,640
Facility acquisition, construction, and improvement services	-	5,361,223	5,361,223	1,076,384
Other financing uses				
Debt service	1,543,366	-	1,543,366	1,551,389
Interfund transfers	5,198,814	-	5,198,814	2,138,000
Total expenditures and other financing uses	28,463,108	5,361,223	33,824,331	26,148,496
Excess (deficiency) of revenue and other sources over expenditures and other financing uses	(3,146,478)	(138,151)	(3,284,629)	732,494
Fund equity, beginning of year	12,890,426	1,522,190	14,412,616	13,680,122
Fund equity, end of year	\$ 9,743,948	\$ 1,384,039	\$ 11,127,987	\$ 14,412,616

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Current Year's Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Revised Budget
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 9,720,022	\$ 9,720,022	\$ 10,144,948	\$ 424,926
State sources	14,422,147	14,422,147	14,513,640	91,493
Federal sources	622,400	622,400	658,042	35,642
Total revenue	24,764,569	24,764,569	25,316,630	552,061
Expenditures				
Instruction				
Regular programs	10,295,511	10,263,563	10,104,972	158,591
Special programs	3,107,385	3,107,385	2,888,288	219,097
Vocational education programs	716,811	716,811	715,133	1,678
Other instructional programs	305,286	305,286	254,592	50,694
Total instruction	14,424,993	14,393,045	13,962,985	430,060
Support Services				
Pupil personnel	543,428	543,428	541,966	1,462
Instructional staff	874,108	874,108	773,756	100,352
Administration	2,050,050	2,050,050	1,981,047	69,003
Pupil health	306,292	306,292	282,737	23,555
Business	349,575	349,575	353,012	(3,437)
Operation and maintenance	2,256,085	2,256,085	2,182,471	73,614
Student transportation services	1,040,646	1,040,646	1,014,604	26,042
Other support services	30,495	30,495	30,940	(445)
Total support services	7,450,679	7,450,679	7,160,533	290,146
Noninstructional services				
Student activities	620,151	652,099	558,069	94,030
Community services	45,500	45,500	39,341	6,159
Total noninstructional services	665,651	697,599	597,410	100,189
Other financing uses				
Budgetary reserve	15,880	15,880	-	15,880
Debt service	1,543,366	1,543,366	1,543,366	-
Interfund transfers *	664,000	664,000	5,198,814	(4,534,814)
Total other financing uses	2,223,246	2,223,246	6,742,180	(4,518,934)
Total expenditures and other financing uses	24,764,569	24,764,569	28,463,108	(3,698,539)
Excess (deficiency) of revenue and other sources over expenditures and other financing uses	\$ -	\$ -	(3,146,478)	\$ (3,146,478)
Fund equity, beginning of year			12,890,426	
Fund equity, end of year			\$ 9,743,948	

* The Board of Education approved additional transfers to the capital reserve fund during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - FIDUCIARY FUNDS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

	Private Purpose Trusts	Agency Fund	2019 Total	2018 (Memo only) Total
Assets				
Cash	\$ 25,250	\$ 224,886	\$ 250,136	\$ 263,168
Due from general fund	-	41,225	41,225	53,050
Total assets	\$ 25,250	\$ 266,111	\$ 291,361	\$ 316,218
Liabilities				
Retiree HRA account	\$ -	\$ 189,021	\$ 189,021	\$ 219,454
Student extraclassroom activity funds	-	77,090	77,090	83,317
Total liabilities	-	266,111	266,111	302,771
Net position				
Restricted	18,760	-	18,760	12,104
Unrestricted	6,490	-	6,490	1,343
Total net position	25,250	-	25,250	13,447
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 25,250	\$ 266,111	\$ 291,361	\$ 316,218

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION - FIDUCIARY FUNDS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

	2019 Private Purpose Trusts	2018 Private Purpose Trusts
Additions		
Gifts and contributions	\$ 17,961	\$ 15,267
Other additions	7,418	7,304
Total additions	<u>25,379</u>	<u>22,571</u>
Deductions		
Scholarships awarded	3,500	3,900
Other deductions	10,076	14,563
Total deductions	<u>13,576</u>	<u>18,463</u>
Change in net position	11,803	4,108
Net position - beginning of year	<u>13,447</u>	<u>9,339</u>
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 25,250</u>	<u>\$ 13,447</u>

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND
AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

	2019	2018
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 49,739	\$ 77,517
Intergovernmental receivables	-	6,977
Other receivables	5,950	9,742
Due from other funds	258,189	171,727
Inventories	46,083	46,667
Capital assets, net	97,880	109,817
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Total assets	\$ 457,841	\$ 422,447
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Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,663	\$ 734
Accrued liabilities	33,255	37,977
Compensated absences	13,020	13,020
Unearned revenue	2,423	3,285
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Total liabilities	50,361	55,016
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Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	97,880	109,817
Unrestricted	309,600	257,614
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Total net position	407,480	367,431
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Total liabilities and net position	\$ 457,841	\$ 422,447
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NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION -
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	2019	2018
Operating revenue		
Food service revenue	\$ 241,741	\$ 236,641
Operating expenses		
Salaries and benefits	358,360	352,424
Purchased food	300,536	274,323
Supplies	87,812	88,190
Depreciation	11,937	12,865
Other operating expenses	28,192	23,998
Total operating expenses	786,837	751,800
Net operating loss	(545,096)	(515,159)
Non-operating revenues		
State sources	27,034	25,677
Federal sources	558,111	543,215
Total non-operating revenues	585,145	568,892
Change in net position	40,049	53,733
Total net position, beginning	367,431	313,698
Total net position, ending	\$ 407,480	\$ 367,431

**NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	2019	2018
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash received from sale of meals	\$ 245,533	\$ 253,055
Cash paid to or on behalf of employees	(363,082)	(370,246)
Cash paid to vendors	(346,350)	(315,922)
Cash received from (paid to) other funds	(86,462)	(114,989)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(550,361)</u>	<u>(548,102)</u>
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities		
Cash received from State sources	27,392	29,250
Cash received from Federal sources	495,191	539,245
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	<u>522,583</u>	<u>568,495</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Equipment purchases	-	(2,949)
Net change in cash	(27,778)	17,444
Cash balance, beginning of year	77,517	60,073
Cash balance, end of year	<u>\$ 49,739</u>	<u>\$ 77,517</u>
Reconciliation of net operating loss to net cash used in operating activities		
Net operating loss	\$ (545,096)	\$ (515,159)
Adjustments to reconcile net operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation	11,937	12,865
Donated commodities	69,539	69,154
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease in other receivables	3,792	16,414
Decrease in inventory	584	2,368
(Increase) in due from other funds	(86,462)	(114,989)
Increase in accounts payable	929	24
Decrease in accrued liabilities	(4,722)	(17,822)
Decrease in unearned revenue/student deposits	(862)	(957)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>\$ (550,361)</u>	<u>\$ (548,102)</u>
Supplemental Schedule of Non-Cash Activities		
Activities not affecting cash flows are as follows:		
Surplus food (donated commodities)	\$ 69,539	\$ 69,154
Total non-cash activity	<u>\$ 69,539</u>	<u>\$ 69,154</u>

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

Total fund balances - governmental funds \$ 11,127,987

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 as assets in governmental funds. Capital assets consist of the following at year-end:

Cost of the assets	\$ 57,173,803	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(32,050,480)</u>	25,123,323

Taxes receivable will be collected, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and, therefore, are deferred inflows of resources in the funds. The District has also reserved approximately 5% or \$18,000 of delinquent taxes receivable. 405,711

Interest on long-term liabilities is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. (66,000)

Net deferred (inflows) and outflows of resources related to actuarial OPEB differences are reported on the statement of net position and amortized over the average members' years of service. In the government funds, OPEB expense is based on required benefits paid. 181,861

Net deferred (inflows) and outflows of resources related to actuarial pension differences are reported on the statement of net position and amortized over the average members' years of service. In the government funds, pension expense is based on required contributions. 3,962,512

In advance refundings, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is recognized as a deferred outflow of resources on the statement of net position and is amortized. No such recognition is required in the governmental fund statements. 139,281

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of the following:

Bonds payable	(12,655,000)	
Other post employment benefits	(3,194,492)	
Net pension liability	(38,836,000)	
Compensated absences	<u>(814,981)</u>	<u>(55,500,473)</u>

Total net position (deficit) - governmental activities \$ (14,625,798)

	Total Governmental Funds	Long-term Assets and Outflow Transactions	Long-term Liability and Inflow Transactions	Reclassification and Eliminations	Statement of Net Position
Assets					
Cash	\$ 4,090,104	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,090,104
Investments	8,819,447	-	-	-	8,819,447
Taxes receivable	781,569	(18,000)	-	-	763,569
Intergovernmental receivable	1,494,678	-	-	-	1,494,678
Other receivables	25,889	-	-	-	25,889
Prepaid expenses	273,217	-	-	-	273,217
Inventories	54,900	-	-	-	54,900
Capital assets, net	-	25,123,323	-	-	25,123,323
Total assets	15,539,804	25,105,323	-	-	40,645,127
Deferred Outflows of Resources					
Deceased amount on bond refunding	-	139,281	-	-	139,281
Deferred outflows related to pensions	-	5,280,512	-	-	5,280,512
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	-	319,987	-	-	319,987
Total deferred outflows of resources	-	5,739,780	-	-	5,739,780
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 15,539,804	\$ 30,845,103	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,384,907
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Equity/Net Position (deficit)					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 721,219	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 721,219
Accrued liabilities	2,960,704	-	-	-	2,960,704
Accrued interest	-	-	66,000	-	66,000
Due to other funds	299,414	-	-	-	299,414
Unearned revenue	6,769	-	-	-	6,769
Bonds payable	-	-	12,655,000	-	12,655,000
Net pension liability	-	-	38,836,000	-	38,836,000
Compensated absences	-	-	814,981	-	814,981
Other post employment benefits	-	-	3,194,492	-	3,194,492
Total liabilities	3,988,106	-	55,566,473	-	59,554,579
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Deferred inflows related to pensions	-	-	1,318,000	-	1,318,000
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	-	-	138,126	-	138,126
Revenue not available - taxes	423,711	-	(423,711)	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	423,711	-	1,032,415	-	1,456,126
Fund equity & net position (deficit)	11,127,987	30,845,103	(56,598,888)	-	(14,625,798)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources & fund equity/net position (deficit)	\$ 15,539,804	\$ 30,845,103	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,384,907

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds \$ (3,284,629)

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. Activity for the current fiscal year ended was as follows:

Capital outlays	\$ 5,512,099	
Depreciation expense	<u>(1,257,870)</u>	4,254,229

Because some taxes will not be collected for several months after the District's year end, they are not considered as "available" revenue in the governmental funds. In the statement of activities amounts are recognized as revenue as they are considered earned. Deferred inflows of resources changed by this amount during the year.

57,804

Repayment of bond principal (including refunding of debt) is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This balance includes the net amortization of defeasement losses and bond premiums.

1,227,607

District's proportionate share of actuarial calculated pension expense and net amortization of deferred amounts are recorded in the statement of activities, whereas in the governmental funds, pension expense is based on the District's contribution to pension plan.

(129,956)

District's actuarial calculated OPEB expense and net amortization of deferred outflows and inflows related to OPEB are recorded in the statement of activities, whereas in the governmental funds OPEB expense is based on the District's required benefits paid to the OPEB plans.

(37,428)

Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized 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.

6,000

In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses - compensated absences, and special termination benefits - are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used.

14,961

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ 2,108,588

	Total Governmental Funds	Long-term Assets and Outflow Transactions	Long-term Liability and Inflow Transactions	Reclassification and Eliminations	Statement of Activities Totals
Revenue					
Real property taxes	\$ 8,051,992	\$ 57,804	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,109,796
Other taxes levied	1,223,316	-	-	-	1,223,316
Interest and earnings	446,640	-	-	-	446,640
Other local sources	447,258	-	-	(388,781)	58,477
State sources	14,513,640	-	-	(5,770,903)	8,742,737
Federal sources	658,042	-	-	(658,042)	-
Total revenue	25,340,888	57,804	-	(6,817,726)	18,580,966
Expenditures					
Instruction	13,962,985	687,235	109,233	(4,699,871)	10,059,582
Instructional student support	1,598,459	44,283	10,297	(349,056)	1,303,983
Administrative and financial support services	2,334,059	115,889	15,282	(438,465)	2,026,765
Operation and maintenance of plant services	2,182,471	32,748	-	(93,613)	2,121,606
Pupil transportation	1,014,604	199,986	15,452	(747,383)	482,659
Other support services	30,940	-	-	-	30,940
Student activities	558,069	24,844	2,159	(90,287)	494,785
Community services	39,341	2,009	-	(1,051)	40,299
Facility acquisition, construction, and improvement services	5,361,223	(5,361,223)	-	-	-
Debt service	1,543,366	-	(1,233,607)	(398,000)	(88,241)
Total expenditures	28,625,517	(4,254,229)	(1,081,184)	(6,817,726)	16,472,378
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	(3,284,629)	4,312,033	1,081,184	-	2,108,588
Other sources and uses					
Operating transfers in	5,198,814	-	-	(5,198,814)	-
Operating transfers out	(5,198,814)	-	-	5,198,814	-
Total other sources (uses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net change for year	\$ (3,284,629)	\$ 4,312,033	\$ 1,081,184	\$ -	\$ 2,108,588

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The *North East School District* is governed by the Education Law and other general laws of the State of Pennsylvania. The governing body is the Board of Education. The scope of activities included within the accompanying financial statements are those transactions which comprise School District operations, and are governed by or significantly influenced by, the Board of Education. Essentially, the primary function of the School District is to provide education for pupils. Support services such as transportation of pupils, administration, finance, and plant maintenance are also included. The financial reporting entity includes all funds, account groups, functions and organizations over which the School District officials exercise oversight responsibility. Oversight responsibility is determined on the basis of financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters.

B. Basis of Presentation

1. District-wide Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present financial information about the District's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety, except those that are fiduciary. Eliminations have been made to minimize double counting of internal transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, state subsidy, intergovernmental revenues, and other exchange and non-exchange transactions. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants. Business-type activities include the District's food service operation which is financed through sales and reimbursements of breakfasts and lunches.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenue.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Basis of Presentation (continued)

2. Fund Financial Statements

The fund statements provide information about the District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category (governmental, proprietary and fiduciary) are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

a. Governmental Fund Types

Governmental funds are those funds used to account for and report the operations of the School District. The acquisition, use, and balances of financial resources and related assets and liabilities are reported therein. The measurement focus is the determination of changes in financial position rather than net income determination. The following funds and aggregate governmental fund types are employed in accounting for and reporting School District operations. The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the School District and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Capital Projects Funds - The Capital Projects Funds are used to account for and report financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction or renovation of major capital facilities or equipment. These projects are approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and a portion of the costs will be reimbursed with state subsidy in future years.

b. Proprietary Fund Types

Proprietary Fund Types are used to account and report activities that are similar to business operations in the private sector where the focus is on determining net income and cash flows. Proprietary Fund Types include the following fund:

Food Service Fund - Accounts for all revenue and expenses pertaining to cafeteria operations.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Basis of Presentation (continued)

2. Fund Financial Statements (continued)

c. Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary Fund Types are used to account for fiduciary activities. Fiduciary activities are those in which the District acts as trustee or agent for resources that belong to others. These activities are not included in the district-wide financial statements, because their resources do not belong to the District, and are not available to be used. Included in the Fiduciary Fund are Expendable Funds (private purpose trusts) and Agency Funds. Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and generally are accounted for on the cash basis which approximates the modified accrual basis of accounting.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The district-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash transaction takes place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the District gives or receives value without directly receiving or giving equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The governmental fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period, except for taxes, which are considered to be available if they are collected within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)

general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

D. Budgeting Policies - Governmental Fund Types

1. General

The School District's policy relating to budgetary information as shown in the accompanying financial statements is for the School District administration to culminate a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education prior to commencement of a new fiscal year. Appropriations established by adoption of the budget constitute a limitation on expenditures which may be incurred.

2. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of moneys are recorded in order to reserve applicable appropriations, is employed as a control in preventing over-expenditure of established appropriations. Open encumbrances are reported as a reservation of fund equity since such commitments will be honored through budget appropriations in the subsequent year. Encumbrances do not constitute expenditures or liabilities.

E. Local Taxes

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education and received by tax collectors by December 31. Uncollected real property taxes are subsequently enforced by the Erie County Tax Claim Bureau. An amount representing uncollected real property taxes transmitted to the County for re-levy is recorded as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental fund financial statements until collected by the County.

Per capita, earned income and realty transfer taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education. Uncollected taxes are subsequently enforced by the tax collectors.

F. Inventory

Inventories of food in the Food Service Fund are recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis or in the case of surplus food, at stated value which approximates market.

**NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported at actual cost for acquisitions subsequent to October 28, 2009. For assets acquired prior to October 28, 2009, estimated historical costs, based on appraisals conducted by independent third-party professionals was used. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the time received.

Capitalization thresholds (the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts), depreciation methods, and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the district-wide statements as follows:

	<u>Capitalization Threshold</u>	<u>Depreciation Method</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Buildings	\$ 2,000	Straight-line	20-50 years
Land improvements	\$ 2,000	Straight-line	20 years
Furniture and equipment	\$ 2,000	Straight-line	5-10 years
Transportation vehicles	\$ 2,000	Straight-line	10 years

H. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net 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 a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The government has several items that qualify for reporting in this category. First is the deferred charge on refunding reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The second item is related to pensions reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability and difference during the measurement period between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The third item is the District contributions to the pension system subsequent to the measurement date. The fourth item is related to OPEB reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents actuarial differences that are deferred and amortized. The fifth item is the District contributions to the OPEB plans subsequent to the measurement date.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

H. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources (continued)

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position 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 District has several items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting and is reported as unavailable revenue – taxes and other state aid. The second item is related to pensions reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of actuarial differences that are deferred and amortized. The third item relates to OPEB reporting in the district-wide Statement of Net Position and represents the actuarial differences that are deferred and amortized.

I. Long-Term Debt

1. Compensated Absences

The District provides compensated absences benefits for its employees based on various employment contracts. Teaching Professionals who retire with at least 20 years of service within the District can accrue up to 200 days at a rate of \$125 per day for a maximum of \$25,000. Also, Teaching Professionals who retire from the District with at least 15 years of service can receive a severance payment of \$50 per year of service up to a maximum of \$2,000. If payment is less than \$5,000, employees can elect to receive a lump sum payment, otherwise the funds are deposited into an HRA to be utilized for future health insurance premiums. Administrative professionals who retire with at least 15 years of service within the District can accrue up to approximately 300 days at a rate of \$175 per day for a maximum of \$52,500. All other employee groups can accrue up to \$5,000 - \$10,000 based on contract provisions. In the district-wide statement of net position as of June 30, 2019, approximately \$828,000 was accrued for compensated absences.

2. Vacation Pay

Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. The District has no liability for unused vacation pay since all vacation leave is used or lost if not taken each year.

3. General Long-Term Indebtedness

Bonds and general obligation notes and capital leases are recognized when issued.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

J. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) and additions to/deductions from PSERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PSERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms investments are reported at fair value.

Plan description

The Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) is a governmental cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to public school employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The members eligible to participate in the System include all full-time public school employees, part-time hourly public school employees who render at least 500 hours of service in the school year, and part-time per diem public school employees who render at least 80 days of service in the school year in any of the reporting entities in Pennsylvania. PSERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.psers.state.pa.us.

Benefits provided

PSERS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Members are eligible for monthly retirement benefits upon reaching (a) age 62 with at least 1 year of credited service; (b) age 60 with 30 or more years of credited service; or (c) 35 or more years of service regardless of age. Act 120 of 2010 (Act 120) preserves the benefits of existing members and introduced benefit reductions for individuals who become new members on or after July 1, 2011. Act 120 created two new membership classes, Membership Class T-E (Class T-E) and Membership Class T-F (Class T-F). To qualify for normal retirement, Class T-E and Class T-F members must work until age 65 with a minimum of 3 years of service to attain a total combination of age and service that is equal to or greater than 92 with a minimum of 35 years of service. Benefits are generally equal to 2% or 2.5%, depending upon membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined in the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service. For members whose membership started prior to July 1, 2011, after completion of five years of service, a member's right to the defined benefits is vested and early retirement benefits may be elected. For Class T-E and Class T-F

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

J. Pensions (continued)

Benefits provided (continued)

members, the right to benefits is vested after ten years of service. Participants are eligible for disability retirement benefits after completion of five years of credited service. Such benefits are generally equal to 2% or 2.5%, depending upon membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined by the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service, but not less than one-third of such salary nor greater than the benefit the member would have had at normal retirement age. Members over normal retirement age may apply for disability benefits.

Death benefits are payable upon the death of an active member who has reached age 62 with at least one year of credited service (age 65 with at least three years of credited service for Class T-E and Class T-F members) or who has at least five years of credited service (ten years for Class T-E and Class T-F members). Such benefits are actuarially equivalent to the benefit that would have been effective if the member had retired on the day before death.

Contributions

Member contributions:

Active members who joined the System prior to July 22, 1983, contribute at 5.25% (Membership Class T-C) or at 6.5% (Membership Class T-D) of the member's qualifying compensation.

Members who joined the System on or after July 22, 1983, and who were active or inactive as of July 1, 2001, contribute at 6.25% (Membership Class T-C) or at 7.5% (Membership Class T-D) of the member's qualifying compensation.

Members who joined the System after June 30, 2001 and before July 1, 2011 contribute at 7.5% (automatic Membership Class T-D). For all new hires and for members who elected Class T-D membership, the higher contribution rates began with service rendered on or after January 1, 2002.

Members who joined the System after June 30, 2011, automatically contribute at the Membership Class T-E rate of 7.5% (base rate) of the member's qualifying compensation. All new hires after June 30, 2011, who elect Class T-F membership, contribute at 10.3% (base rate) of the member's qualifying compensation. Membership Class T-E and Class T-F are affected by a "shared risk" provision in Act 120 of 2010 that in future fiscal years could cause the Membership Class T-E contribution rate to fluctuate between 7.5% and 9.5% and Membership Class T-F contribution rate to fluctuate between 10.3% and 12.3%.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

J. Pensions (continued)

Employer contributions:

The school districts' contractually required contribution rate for fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 was 33.43% (32.60% - pension and .83% - health care contributions) of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the District were approximately \$3,599,000 for the year ended June 30, 2019.

K. Other Postemployment Benefits

Plan Descriptions

The North East School District has two separate other post-employment benefit plans that are provided to District employees and retirees which include a District Plan based on bargaining agreements and the Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program offered through the Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System.

District Plan

General Information

The District maintains a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan (the District Plan). The District Plan provides medical and dental insurance benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. Benefit provisions are based on bargaining agreements as negotiated from time to time. The District Plan does not issue a publicly available financial report. Eligibility for the District Plan is established by the District and specified in the District's employment contracts. For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the District Plan is determined on the basis of an actuarial valuation dated July 1, 2018.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 the plan had total active employees of 231 and retirees of 21.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

K. Other Postemployment Benefits (continued)

PSERS Plan - Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program

General Information

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) and additions to/deductions from PSERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PSERS. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

The System provides Premium Assistance which, is a governmental cost sharing, multiple-employer other postemployment benefit plan (OPEB) for all eligible retirees who qualify and elect to participate.

Employer contribution rates for Premium Assistance are established to provide reserves in the Health Insurance Account that are sufficient for the payment of Premium Assistance benefits for each succeeding year. Effective January 1, 2002 under the provisions of Act 9 of 2001, participating eligible retirees are entitled to receive premium assistance payments equal to the lesser of \$100 per month or their out of pocket monthly health insurance premium. To receive premium assistance, eligible retirees must obtain their health insurance through either their school employer or the PSERS' Health Options Program. As of June 30, 2018 there were no assumed future benefit increases to participating eligible retirees.

Premium Assistance Eligibility Criteria

Retirees of the System can participate in the Premium Assistance program if they satisfy the following criteria:

- Have 24 years or more years of service, or
- Are a disability retiree, or
- Have 15 or more years of service and retired after reaching superannuation age, and
- Participate in the HOP or employer-sponsored health insurance program.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

K. Other Postemployment Benefits (continued)

PSERS Plan - Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program (continued)

Pension Plan description

PSERS is a governmental cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to public school employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The members eligible to participate in the System include all full-time public school employees, part-time hourly public school employees who render at least 500 hours of service in the school year, and part-time per diem public school employees who render at least 80 days of service in the school year in any of the reporting entities in Pennsylvania. PSERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.psers.pa.gov.

Benefits provided

Participating eligible retirees are entitled to receive premium assistance payments equal to the lesser of \$100 per month or their out-of-pocket monthly health insurance premium. To receive premium assistance, eligible retirees must obtain their health insurance through either their school employer or the PSERS' Health Options Program. As of June 30, 2018 there were no assumed future benefit increases to participating eligible retirees.

Employer Contributions

The school districts' contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 was 0.83% of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the OPEB plan from the District were approximately \$90,000 year ended June 30, 2019.

L. Fund Equity

1. Governmental Funds

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions* (GASB 54). This Statement defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

L. Fund Equity (continued)

1. Governmental Funds (continued)

GASB 54 requires the fund balance amounts to be reported within one of the fund balance categories listed below:

A. Nonspendable

Fund balance associated with assets that are inherently nonspendable in the current period because of their form or because they must be maintained intact, including inventories, prepaids, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for relate (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned). The District had nonspendable fund balance related to inventories and prepaid expenses of \$328,117 at June 30, 2019.

B. Restricted

Fund balance amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by constitutional, external resource providers including creditors, grantors, contributors, etc., or through enabling legislation. The District's restricted reserves are as follows:

1. Capital Projects Reserve

This reserve is used to accumulate funds to finance future costs to be used for the acquisition or construction or renovation of major capital facilities or equipment.

2. Private Purpose Trusts

Funds used in this account for must be used for the specific purpose of the original contribution such as for scholarships and other donor designated purposes.

C. Committed

Fund balance amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District's Board of Education, which is the District's highest level of decision-making authority. The District's committed reserves are as follows:

1. Board Committed Fund Balance

The District's Board of Education established a reserve for future compensated absences, insurance, other post-retirement benefits, Erie County Technical School renovations, and capital projects. Designation of unreserved fund equity in governmental funds indicates that utilization of these resources in the ensuing year's budget or tentative plans for future use.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

L. Fund Equity (continued)

1. Governmental Funds (continued)

D. Assigned

Fund balance intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but does not meet the criteria to be restricted or committed. Along with the District's Board of Education, the Business Administrator and Treasurer have been authorized to assign fund balance amounts for specific purposes through the establishment of an encumbrance.

1. Encumbrance Accounting

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments of the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is used in the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Capital Projects Fund. If resources have already been restricted or committed for encumbrances, the encumbered amounts will be included with restricted or committed resources. If resources have not already been restricted or committed, amounts encumbered are considered assigned for the purpose of the expected expenditure.

2. Athletic Fund

The residual amount of athletic fund monies at year-end is reported as assigned fund balance.

3. Appropriated Fund Balance

General Fund - The District has approved a balanced budget and no amount has been appropriated to reduce taxes for the year ending June 30, 2020.

E. Unassigned

The residual classification of the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

2. Government-wide financial statements

A. Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt

This designation of net position is used to accumulate the capital asset balance in the statement of net position less accumulated depreciation and outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

L. Fund Equity (continued)

2. Government-wide financial statements (continued)

B. Restricted

This category represents amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by constitutional, external resource providers including creditors, grantors, contributors, etc., or through enabling legislation.

C. Unrestricted

This category represents net position of the District not restricted for any other purpose.

3. Order of Fund Balance Spending Policy

When more than one classification of fund balance of the District are eligible to be utilized for an expenditure of the District, the order in which the fund balance classifications will be utilized will be as follows:

- a. Restricted fund balance for which action has been taken by the Board of Education, a designated school official, or by the voters of the District, specifically designating funds to the expenditure;
- b. Committed fund balance for which action has been taken by the Board of Education, a designated school official, or by the voters of the District, specifically designating funds to the expenditure;
- c. Assigned fund balance created specifically for the expenditure (encumbered fund balance);
- d. Assigned fund balance within funds other than the General Fund of the District to which the expenditure relates;
- e. Unassigned fund balance.

M. Interfund Activity

The amounts reported on the Statement of Net Position for due to and from other funds represents amounts due between different fund types (governmental activities, business-type activities and fiduciary funds). Eliminations have been made for amounts due to and due from within the same fund type. A detailed description of the individual fund balances at year-end is provided subsequently in these notes.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

M. Interfund Activity (continued)

During the course of operations, the *North East School District* has numerous transactions between funds, including expenditures and transfers of revenue to provide services and construct assets. Eliminations have been also made for amounts transferred to and from the same fund type.

N. Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the reported revenue and expenditures/expenses.

O. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For financial statement purposes, all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less are considered as cash equivalents. This includes certificates of deposit, treasury notes and treasury bills.

P. Investments

Investments are carried at market value which approximates cost.

Q. Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

NOTE 2 - EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENTS

A. Total Fund Equity of Governmental Funds vs. Net Position of Governmental Activities

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the governmental fund statements and the district-wide statements, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items. The differences result primarily from the economic focus of the Statement of Activities, compared with the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds.

Total fund equity of the District's governmental funds differs from "net position" of governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the additional long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the solely current financial resources focus of the governmental fund Balance Sheet.

NOTE 2 - EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

B. Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Equity vs. Statement of Activities

Differences between the governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Equity and the Statement of Activities fall into one of three broad categories, which are summarized below.

1. Long-term Revenue Differences

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenue only when they are considered "measurable" and "available", whereas the Statement of Activities reports revenue when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a modified accrual basis, whereas the accrual basis of accounting is used on the Statement of Activities.

2. Capital Related Differences

Capital related differences include the difference between proceeds for the sale of capital assets reported on governmental fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the Statement of Activities, and the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items in the governmental fund statements and depreciation expense on those items as recorded in the Statement of Activities.

3. Long-term Debt Transaction Differences

Long-term debt transaction differences occur because both interest and principal payments are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund statements, whereas interest payments are recorded in the Statement of Activities as incurred, and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

4. Pension Differences

Pension differences occur as a result of changes in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset/liability and differences between the District's contributions and its proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension system.

5. OPEB Differences

OPEB differences occur as a result of changes in the District's total OPEB liability and differences between the District's contributions and OPEB expense.

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NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

A. Deposits

The School District invests excess funds with banks or trust companies authorized to do business in Pennsylvania. During the year ended June 30, 2019, the School District's deposits included interest bearing checking and savings accounts (including money market type investments, certificates of deposit and deposits to the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)). All funds were held by commercial banks and/or trust companies.

The District's cash and investments are required to be secured (for funds in excess of the FDIC insurance limitation of \$250,000) by a pledge of governmental securities having a market value at least equal to the amount on deposit. The banks use the pooling method to pledge securities for all public funds that are on deposit. This method allows the depository to pledge securities in one lump sum that covers all public funds on deposit at the bank.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure the District's deposits may not be returned to it. While the District does not have a specific policy with regards to custodial credit risk, State statutes govern the District's investment policies. At June 30, 2019, the District's bank deposits were fully collateralized.

Total financial institution balances at June 30, 2019, per the bank, were approximately \$4,500,000 of which \$750,000 was secured by FDIC insurance and \$3,750,000 was secured by the banks as required by Act 72 of 1971.

B. Investments

The following is a summary of the carrying value and market value of the District's investments as of June 30, 2019. The investments below are held in a custodial accounts with FNB Wealth Management.

	<u>Carrying/ Market Value</u>
FNB:	
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 94,550
US Treasury (1.625% – 2.625%)	1,185,787
Municipals (3.025% – 5.80%)	665,805
CD's (1.95% - 3.50%)	6,823,222
Accrued Interest	50,083
	<u>\$ 8,819,447</u>
Total Investments	

These investments are held in the School Districts name. The market value of the investments as of June 30, 2019 is based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2019 were as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance 06/30/18</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Ending Balance 06/30/19</u>
Governmental activities:			
Capital assets:			
Land	\$ 496,816	\$ --	\$ 496,816
Land improvements	1,674,035	22,660	1,696,695
Buildings and improvements	42,498,655	43,685	42,542,340
Construction in progress	606,035	4,962,323	5,568,358
Furniture, equipment and vehicles	<u>6,568,020</u>	<u>301,574</u>	<u>6,869,594</u>
Total historical cost	<u>51,843,561</u>	<u>\$ 5,330,242</u>	<u>57,173,803</u>
Accumulated depreciation:			
Land and land improvements	1,624,250	15,374	1,639,624
Building and improvements	24,100,420	968,343	25,068,763
Furniture, equipment and vehicles	<u>5,249,797</u>	<u>92,296</u>	<u>5,342,093</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:	<u>30,974,467</u>	<u>\$ 1,076,013</u>	<u>32,050,480</u>
Total net book value	<u>\$20,869,094</u>		<u>\$25,123,323</u>
Proprietary/business-type activities:			
Building improvements, furniture and equipment	\$ 728,718	\$ -	\$ 728,718
Less accumulated depreciation:	<u>618,901</u>	<u>\$ 11,937</u>	<u>630,838</u>
Total net book value	<u>\$ 109,817</u>		<u>\$ 97,880</u>
		<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Proprietary/ Business-type</u>
Depreciation expense:			
Instruction	\$ 714,863	\$ -	-
Support services	512,497	-	-
Non-instructional services	<u>30,510</u>	<u>11,937</u>	<u>11,937</u>
	<u>\$ 1,257,870</u>	<u>\$ 11,937</u>	

During the year-ended June 30, 2019 the District had capital additions in the amount of approximately \$5,512,000 in the governmental activity funds and approximately \$0 in business type funds. Governmental activity additions were primarily related to the purchase of vehicles, technology equipment and building renovations.

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NOTE 5 - INDEBTEDNESS

A. Short-Term Debt

1. Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes

The District did not issue any tax or revenue anticipation notes during the current fiscal year.

B. Long-Term Debt

1. Bonds Payable

The following is a description of the terms of the long-term bonds issued, and reported here under the terms of the financing agreement, in connection with the construction of the school building projects:

	Amount Outstanding
2015 Series Bonds (current refunding of 2005 series) that carry interest from .63%-2.7% and mature on September 2025.	\$ 7,390,000
2016 Series Bonds (current refunding of 2005 and 2006 series) that carry interest from .63%-2.1% and mature on September 2027.	5,265,000
	12,655,000
Less: Current portion	1,290,000
	\$ 11,365,000

2. Summary of Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of long-term liabilities outstanding at June 30, 2019:

Description	Balance June 30, 2019	Amounts Due Within One Year	Balance June 30, 2018
2015 Series Bonds	\$ 7,390,000	\$ 1,115,000	\$ 8,485,000
2016 Series Bonds	5,265,000	175,000	5,435,000
Other post - Employment benefits	3,194,492	-	3,073,284
Net pension liability	38,836,000	-	40,153,000
Compensated Absences	828,001	-	842,962
	\$ 55,513,493	\$ 1,290,000	\$ 57,989,246

The District made principal payments on serial bonds in the amount of \$1,265,000 during the current fiscal year. The net change in compensated absences was \$14,961 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The net change in other post-employment benefit liability was an increase of \$121,208 and the decrease in the net pension liability was \$1,317,000 due to actuarial updates.

NOTE 5 – INDEBTEDNESS (CONTINUED)

3. Long-term Debt Interest

Interest expense, for the year ended June 30, 2019 amounted to approximately \$278,000, which related to the serial bonds and is recorded in the General Fund.

4. Maturity

A summary of principal and interest payments on the District's serial bonds is as follows:

June 30,	Principal	Interest
2020	\$ 1,290,000	\$ 254,359
2021	1,315,000	229,466
2022	1,345,000	203,753
2023	1,365,000	175,918
2024	1,405,000	145,203
2025-2028	5,935,000	252,807
	\$ 12,655,000	\$ 1,261,506

5. Refunding of Long-Term Debt

In prior years, the District defeased certain serial bonds and other bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the District's financial statements. Total unamortized deferred outflows from previously refunded serial bonds amounted to \$139,281. This amount is being amortized over the remaining life of the refunding bonds as part of interest expense.

6. Debt Issuance costs, bond premiums and amortization

Debt issuance costs resulting from bond and other debt refinancing are expensed in the year they are incurred.

Bond premiums earned resulting from bond and other debt refinancing are being amortized over the life of the related debt using the interest method. These premiums are deferred and added to the outstanding principal balances for the bonds.

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NOTE 6 - CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

A. Federal and State Grants

The School District participates in both state and federal assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. The School District is potentially liable for any expenditure which may be disallowed pursuant to the terms of these grant programs. Management is not aware of any material items of noncompliance which would result in the disallowance of program expenditures.

B. Litigation

The School District, in the normal course of its operations, is involved in various litigation and arbitration cases. Management is of the opinion that any unfavorable outcome resulting from these actions would not have a material effect on the School District's financial position.

C. Self-Insurance

The School District is a participant in a multiple employer cost-sharing trust established for the purpose of self-insuring hospitalization expenses. The trust makes monthly premium payments to its program administrator who pays claims submitted. Monthly premiums are based on claims paid experience provided by the administrator, plus a premium stabilization amount. On a yearly basis, the administrator reconciles claims paid against premiums received.

D. Risk Financing and Related Insurance

1. General Information

The *North East School District* is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; natural disasters, etc. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past two years.

2. Risk Sharing Pools

For its employee health and accident coverage, *North East School District* is a participant in a self insurance plan that is administered by the Northwestern Region Employee Benefit Trust. The School District pays monthly premiums to the Plan for this health coverage.

**NOTE 6 - CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

D. Risk Financing and Related Insurance (continued)

2. Risk Sharing Pools (continued)

The Plan provides health coverage for its members and all claims are paid from the total premiums contributed by the District. At year-end the difference between the amounts paid in premiums compared to claims incurred is recorded as a prepaid expense or payable. As of June 30, 2019, the District recorded prepaid expense in the amount of approximately \$255,000 in the Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheets.

NOTE 7 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund receivable and payable balances as of June 30, 2019 and interfund revenue and expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2019 were:

	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	<u>Interfund Payable</u>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 299,414
Food Service Fund	258,189	-
Capital Project Fund	-	-
Agency Fund	41,225	-
	<u>\$ 299,414</u>	<u>\$ 299,414</u>

	<u>Interfund Revenue</u>	<u>Interfund Expenditure</u>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 5,198,814
Capital Projects Fund	5,198,814	-
	<u>\$ 5,198,814</u>	<u>\$ 5,198,814</u>

During the current year, the District transferred \$5,198,814 from the general fund to the capital project fund to be used toward various District projects.

NOTE 8 - RETIREMENT PLAN

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

At June 30, 2019, the District reported a liability of \$38,836,000 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by rolling forward the System's total pension liability as of June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was calculated utilizing the employer's one-year reported covered payroll as it relates to the total one-year reported covered payroll. At June 30, 2019, the District's proportion was .0809%, which was a decrease of .0004% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the District recognized pension expense of \$3,761,000. At June 30, 2019, 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
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	\$ 190,000	\$ -
Changes in proportions	21,000	717,000
Change in assumptions	724,000	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	313,000	601,000
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	4,032,512	-
	<u>\$ 5,280,512</u>	<u>\$ 1,318,000</u>

\$4,032,512 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending

NOTE 8 - RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2020. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:

2020	\$ 548,000
2021	168,000
2022	(638,000)
2023	<u>(148,000)</u>
Net deferred outflow/(inflow)	<u>\$ (70,000)</u>

Changes in Actuarial assumptions

The total pension liability as of June 30, 2018 was determined by rolling forward the System's total pension liability as of the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation to June 30, 2018 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Actuarial cost method – Entry Age Normal – level % of pay.
- Investment return – 7.25 %, includes inflation at 2.75%
- Salary increases – changed from an effective average of 5.50%, which reflects an allowance for inflation of 3%, and real wage growth and merit or seniority increases of 2.5% to an effective average of 5.00%, which reflects an allowance for inflation of 2.75% and real wage growth and merit or seniority increases of 2.25%
- Mortality rates were updated from the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for both males and females adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale.

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 by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The pension plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested plan assets is established and may be amended by the Board. Plan assets are managed with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the pension.

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NOTE 8 - RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Change in Actuarial assumptions (continued)

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global public equity	20.0%	5.2%
Fixed income	36.0%	2.2%
Commodities	8.0%	3.2%
Absolute return	10.0%	3.5%
Risk parity	10.0%	3.9%
Infrastructure/MLPs	8.0%	5.2%
Real estate	10.0%	4.2%
Alternative investments	15.0%	6.7%
Cash	3.0%	0.4%
Financing (LIBOR)	(20.0)%	0.9%
	<u>100%</u>	

The above was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2018.

Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those 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.

The following presents the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.25%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease 6.25%	Current Discount Rate 7.25%	1% Increase 8.25%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$48,140,000	\$38,836,000	\$30,969,000

Pension plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information about PSERS' fiduciary net position is available in PSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be found on the System's website at www.pfers.state.pa.us.

NOTE 9 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS

District Plan

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

At June 30, 2019, the District reported a liability of \$1,507,492. The net OPEB liability was measured as of July 1, 2018 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$140,801. At June 30, 2019, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in assumptions	\$ 29,714	\$ 39,126
Differences between expected and actual exp.	74,900	--
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	85,373	--
Total	<u>\$ 189,987</u>	<u>\$ 39,126</u>

\$85,373 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2020. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ending:	
2020	\$ 5,952
2021	5,952
2022	5,952
2023	5,952
2024	5,952
Thereafter	<u>35,728</u>
Total	<u>\$ 65,488</u>

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NOTE 9 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS (CONTINUED)

District Plan (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The Total OPEB Liability for the July 1, 2018 actuarial valuation, was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Actuarial cost method - Entry Age Normal - level % of pay.
- Investment return – 2.98% - S&P 20 Year Municipal Bond Rate.
- Salary growth – composed of a 2.5% cost of living adjustment, 1% real wage growth and for teachers and administrators a merit increase which varies by age from 0% to 2.75%.
- Assumed Healthcare cost trends of 6% in 2018, and 5.5% in 2019 through 2021. Rates decrease from 5.4% in 2022 to 3.8% in 2075.
- Mortality rates were similar rates assumed in the PSERS defined benefit pension plan actuarial valuation, projected generationally by the Buck Modified 2016 projection scale to reflect mortality improvement.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Service cost	\$	96,271
Interest		45,960
Differences between expected and actual experience		81,142
Changes in benefit terms		(7,382)
Changes in assumptions		(42,387)
Benefit payments		(83,396)
Net changes		90,208
Net OPEB liability – beginning of year		1,417,284
Net OPEB liability – end of year	\$	<u>1,507,492</u>

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease 2.8%-5.0%	Current Assumption 3.8%-6.0%	1% Increase 4.8%-7.0%
Total District Plan OPEB liability	\$ 1,344,478	\$ 1,507,492	\$ 1,699,805

NOTE 9 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS (CONTINUED)

District Plan (continued)

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease 1.98%	Current Assumption 2.98%	1% Increase 3.98%
Total District Plan OPEB liability	\$ 1,616,715	\$ 1,507,492	\$ 1,403,881

PSERS Plan - Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program

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

At June 30, 2019, the District reported a liability of \$1,687,000 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by rolling forward the System's total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was calculated utilizing the employer's one-year reported covered payroll as it relates to the total one-year reported covered payroll. At June 30, 2019, the District's proportion was .0809%, which was a decrease of .0004% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$71,000. At June 30, 2019, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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**NOTE 9 – OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
(CONTINUED)**

PSERS Plan - Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program (continued)

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

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in assumptions	\$ 27,000	\$ 64,000
Net difference between projected and actual earnings	3,000	--
Difference between expected and actual exp.	10,000	
Changes in proportion	--	35,000
Benefit payments subsequent to measurement date	90,000	--
Total	\$ 130,000	\$ 99,000

\$90,000 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2020. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ending:	
2020	\$ (13,000)
2021	(13,000)
2022	(13,000)
2023	(13,000)
2024	(13,000)
Thereafter	5,000
Total	\$ (59,000)

Actuarial Assumptions

The Total OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2018, was determined by rolling forward the System's Total OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Actuarial cost method - Entry Age Normal - level % of pay.
- Investment return – 2.98% - S&P 20 Year Municipal Bond Rate.
- Salary growth - Effective average of 5.00%, comprised of inflation of 2.75% and 2.25% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases.

NOTE 9 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS (CONTINUED)

PSERS Plan - Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

- Premium Assistance reimbursement is capped at \$1,200 per year.
 - Assumed Healthcare cost trends were applied to retirees with less than \$1,200 in premium assistance per year.
 - Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale.
- Participation rate:
- Eligible retirees will elect to participate Pre-age 65 at 50%
 - Eligible retirees will elect to participate Post-age 65 at 70%

The following assumptions were used to determine the contribution rate:

- The results of the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016 determined the employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2018.
- Cost Method: Amount necessary to assure solvency of Premium Assistance through the third fiscal year after the valuation date.
- Asset valuation method: Market Value.
- Participation rate: 63% of eligible retirees are assumed to elect premium assistance.
- Mortality rates and retirement ages were based on the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for both males and females adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale.

Investments consist primarily of short term assets designed to protect the principal of the plan assets. The expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using the OPEB asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each asset class.

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NOTE 9 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS (CONTINUED)

PSERS Plan - Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

The OPEB plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested plan assets is established and may be amended by the Board. Under the program, as defined in the retirement code employer contribution rates for Premium Assistance are established to provide reserves in the Health Insurance Account that are sufficient for the payment of Premium Assistance benefits for each succeeding year.

OPEB - Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	5.9%	0.03%
US Core Fixed Income	92.8%	1.2%
Non-US Developed Fixed	1.3%	0.4%
	<u>100%</u>	

The above was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2018.

Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the Total OPEB Liability was 2.98%. Under the plan's funding policy, contributions are structured for short term funding of Premium Assistance. The funding policy sets contribution rates necessary to assure solvency of Premium Assistance through the third fiscal year after the actuarial valuation date. The Premium Assistance account is funded to establish reserves that are sufficient for the payment of Premium Assistance benefits for each succeeding year. Due to the short term funding policy, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be sufficient to meet projected future benefit payments, therefore the plan is considered a "pay-as-you-go" plan. A discount rate of 2.98% which represents the S&P 20 year Municipal Bond Rate at June 30, 2018, was applied to all projected benefit payments to measure the total OPEB liability.

NOTE 9 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS (CONTINUED)

PSERS Plan - Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program (continued)

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

Healthcare cost trends were applied to retirees receiving less than \$1,200 in annual Premium Assistance. As of June 30, 2018, retirees Premium Assistance benefits are not subject to future healthcare cost increases. The annual Premium Assistance reimbursement for qualifying retirees is capped at a maximum of \$1,200. As of June 30, 2017, 93,380 retirees were receiving the maximum amount allowed of \$1,200 per year. As of June 30, 2017, 1,077 members were receiving less than the maximum amount allowed of \$1,200 per year. The actual number of retirees receiving less than the \$1,200 per year cap is a small percentage of the total population and has a minimal impact on Healthcare Cost Trends as depicted below.

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Current Assumption	1% Increase
Total Health Insurance Premium Assistance OPEB liability	\$ 1,686,000	\$ 1,687,000	\$ 1,687,000

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease 1.98%	Current Assumption 2.98%	1% Increase 3.98%
Total Health Insurance Premium Assistance OPEB liability	\$1,918,000	\$1,687,000	\$1,495,000

NOTE 9 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS (CONTINUED)

PSERS Plan - Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program (continued)

OPEB plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information about PSERS' fiduciary net position is available in PSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be found on the System's website at www.psers.pa.gov.

NOTE 10 - RECEIVABLES

A. Taxes Receivable

In the governmental fund financial statements, taxes receivable amounted to \$781,569 at June 30, 2019 and consist of the estimated delinquent real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes, and earned income collected in the first two months of the 2020 fiscal year. The taxes are ultimately collectible either by payment from the property owner or from the proceeds of a public sale of the levied property. The District recorded an \$18,000 reserve for potential uncollectible delinquent real estate taxes on the district-wide financial statements.

B. Intergovernmental Receivable

Included in the intergovernmental receivable balance of \$1,494,678 in the General Fund as of June 30, 2019 are amounts due from grant receivables from the Federal and State governments, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Education for reimbursement of social security, retirement, other subsidies, tuition receivable from various local school districts, and amounts due from the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5.

NOTE 11 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The District does not accrue a liability in the governmental funds for accumulating, non-vesting sick leave, since payment is based on an uncontrollable future event (sickness). In accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 16, the value of accumulating, non-vesting sick leave is considered a contingent liability.

In the district-wide statements, as of June 30, 2019, approximately \$828,000 was accrued for accumulating, vesting sick leave and longevity payments.

NOTE 12 – DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflows of resources are reported on the District's combined balance sheet. Deferred inflows of resources revenue arises when potential revenue does not meet both the measurable and available criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred inflows of resources also arises when resources are received by the District before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both recognition criteria are met, or when the District has legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred inflows of resources is removed and revenue is recognized. Deferred inflows of resources in the General Fund amounted to \$423,711 as of June 30, 2019 which pertains to taxes receivable at the end of the fiscal year less amounts collected within sixty days subsequent to the year-end.

NOTE 13 - CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

During the year ended June 30, 2019, the District incurred \$5,369,539 of capital project fund expenditures related to technology, vehicle purchases and other building improvements.

During the current year, the District transferred \$5,198,814 from the general fund to the capital project fund to be used towards the District's capital project fund expenditures.

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NOTE 14 - RELATED PARTY

The School District is one of various school districts of the Erie County Technical School. Erie County Technical School is controlled and governed by a Board which is composed of school board members of the member school districts. Direct oversight of Erie County Technical School's operation is the responsibility of the Board. The School District's share of annual operating and capital costs for Erie County Technical School fluctuates based on a percentage enrollment in the school. The District paid approximately \$338,000 in tuition for the year ended June 30, 2019, which is an expense recorded in the general fund.

Also, the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5 provides several services to the School District. These services include special education, a local area network, and other miscellaneous services.

NOTE 15 – FUND EQUITY

A. Classification

The District's fund equity is comprised of various components.

<u>Category / Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2019</u>
Nonspendable:		
General	Inventories	\$ 54,900
General	Prepaid expense	273,217
		<u>\$ 328,117</u>
Restricted:		
Fiduciary Fund	Restricted for scholarships and other	<u>\$ 18,760</u>
Capital Projects	Capital Reserve	<u>\$ 1,384,039</u>
Committed:		
General	Compensated absences reserve	\$ 842,962
General	Health claims reserve	359,000
General	ECTS renovations	1,752,605
General	Capital projects	2,500,000
General	OPEB	1,410,092
		<u>\$ 6,864,659</u>
Assigned:		
General	Athletic account	<u>\$ 947</u>

NOTE 16 – TAX ABATEMENTS

The District has a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) program with three taxpayers. The program calls for exemptions on property improvements located in deteriorated areas for a period not to exceed five years. The tax abated will be on a sliding scale beginning with 100% abated in year one and decreasing annually by 20% until year five. The terms of the three agreements are various with one extending through 2022-2023. Tax abated under the program during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 totaled approximately \$123,000.

NOTE 17 – PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 the District implemented GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The implementation of this statement requires District's to report Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities, OPEB expenses, deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflow of resources related to OPEB. GASB Statement No. 75 replaced GASB Statement 45, which also required the District to calculate and report a net other postemployment benefit obligation. However, under GASB 45 Districts were required to amortize the OPEB liability over a period of years. The District recorded a prior period adjustment as a reduction in the District's net position as a result of this change in accounting principle as follows:

OPEB Liability	
District Plan	\$ (1,150,988)
PSERS Plan	(1,790,000)
Benefit payments subsequent to measurement date	
District Plan	83,396
PSERS Plan	<u>90,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,767,592</u>

NOTE 18 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through December 19, 2019, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND

<i>Fiscal years ended June 30,</i>	2019	2018
Revenue		
Local sources:		
Taxes:		
Current real estate taxes	\$ 7,716,499	\$ 7,542,743
Realty transfer and earned income	1,214,180	1,236,765
Public utility realty tax	9,136	9,157
Delinquent real estate taxes	335,493	494,845
Total tax revenue	<u>9,275,308</u>	<u>9,283,510</u>
Interest earnings	422,382	115,172
Federal revenue received from intermediate and local sources	269,239	263,628
State revenue received from intermediate sources	8,470	8,400
Rentals	13,485	15,282
Tuition and other reimbursement	85,467	68,121
Miscellaneous	70,597	33,844
Total local sources	<u>10,144,948</u>	<u>9,787,957</u>
State sources:		
Basic instructional subsidy	8,741,302	8,658,639
Tuition	17,811	43,053
Rental	398,000	395,449
Transportation	421,867	397,926
Special education	1,182,258	1,184,465
Social security and retirement	2,823,770	2,690,211
School safety and security	50,000	10,000
Health services	32,237	31,503
Other state grants	288,240	286,805
Property tax relief subsidy	558,155	558,223
Total state sources	<u>14,513,640</u>	<u>14,256,274</u>
Federal sources:		
Title I	450,346	469,482
Title IIA	65,468	71,327
Title IV	33,974	10,609
Medical assistance reimbursement	108,254	140,361
Total federal sources	<u>658,042</u>	<u>691,779</u>
Total revenue and other sources	<u>\$ 25,316,630</u>	<u>\$ 24,736,010</u>

<i>Fiscal years ended June 30,</i>	2019	2018
Expenditures		
Instruction:		
Regular programs	\$ 10,104,972	\$ 9,766,320
Special programs	2,888,288	2,781,701
Vocational education programs	715,133	687,954
Other instructional programs	254,592	193,115
Total instruction	<u>13,962,985</u>	<u>13,429,090</u>
Support services:		
Pupil personnel	541,966	516,517
Instructional staff	<u>773,756</u>	<u>776,396</u>
Administration:		
Board services	108,545	99,872
Legal	79,637	52,024
Superintendent	360,166	362,962
Principals	1,432,699	1,367,257
Total administration	<u>1,981,047</u>	<u>1,882,115</u>
Other support services		
Pupil health	282,737	265,361
Business	353,012	356,449
Operation and maintenance of plant services	2,182,471	2,093,739
Student transportation services	1,014,604	943,964
Other support services	30,940	31,224
Total other support services	<u>3,863,764</u>	<u>3,690,737</u>
Total support services	<u>7,160,533</u>	<u>6,865,765</u>
Noninstructional services:		
Student activities	558,069	549,891
Community services	39,341	91,749
Total noninstructional services	<u>597,410</u>	<u>641,640</u>
Other financing uses:		
Debt service	1,543,366	1,551,389
Interfund transfer to capital reserve	5,198,814	2,138,000
Total other financing uses	<u>6,742,180</u>	<u>3,689,389</u>
Total expenditures and other financing uses	<u>28,463,108</u>	<u>24,625,884</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue and other sources over expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ (3,146,478)</u>	<u>\$ 110,126</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - ACTIVITY FUND Page 44

	Balances June 30, 2018	Total Receipts 2018-19	Total Receipts & Balances	Total Payments 2018-19	Balances June 30, 2019
Intermediate					
Student Activities	\$ 5,923	\$ 61,116	\$ 67,039	\$ 59,175	\$ 7,864
Intermediate Total	5,923	61,116	67,039	59,175	7,864
Middle School Activities					
Builders Club	-	-	-	-	-
Earth Force	99	1,742	1,841	1,742	99
Gettysburg Trip	13,308	43,096	56,404	44,341	12,063
Guidance	272	444	716	363	353
HOF	-	-	-	-	-
Yearbook	3,365	285	3,650	370	3,280
Student Government	23	780	803	226	577
Middle School Intramurals	4,118	19,284	23,402	21,168	2,234
MS Total	21,185	65,631	86,816	68,210	18,606
High School Activities					
AFS	165	541	706	336	370
Aquillo	5,299	16,475	21,774	16,089	5,685
American Gov't	155	-	155	-	155
Battle of the Books	2,444	2,236	4,680	1,762	2,918
Cheerleading-Football	5,903	7,851	13,754	9,843	3,911
Class of 2017	92	-	92	92	-
Class of 2018	3,988	-	3,988	3,988	-
Class of 2019	1,605	24,867	26,472	20,327	6,145
Class of 2020	861	18,951	19,812	16,157	3,655
Class of 2021	420	1,388	1,808	1,069	739
Class of 2022	-	500	500	25	475
Dance	9,246	7,218	16,464	6,182	10,282
Drama	7,779	10,903	18,682	9,790	8,892
Ecology	2,030	-	2,030	-	2,030
FBLA	11,730	30,701	42,431	42,115	316
Graffiti	214	-	214	-	214
Grapevine	337	-	337	-	337
TSA - Robotics	1,493	2,498	3,991	2,487	1,504
Life Smarts	209	-	209	-	209
Pep Club	327	-	327	-	327
Student Council	1,438	699	2,137	213	1,924
Inspire - Ms. Wilson	474	2,238	2,712	2,180	532
HS Total	56,209	127,066	183,275	132,655	50,620
Total activity funds	\$ 83,317	\$ 253,813	\$ 337,130	\$ 260,040	\$ 77,090

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S NET
OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS – DISTRICT PLAN
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

District Plan - Other Post Retirement Benefits

As of the measurement date of July 1,	2018	2017
Total OPEB Liability		
Service cost	\$ 96,271	\$ 94,450
Interest	45,960	34,506
Changes of benefit terms	(7,382)	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	81,142	-
Changes in assumptions	(42,387)	35,656
Benefit payments	(83,396)	(84,418)
Net change in total OPEB liability	90,208	80,194
Total OPEB liability - beginning	1,417,284	186,102
Prior period adjustment	-	1,150,988
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ 1,507,492</u>	<u>\$ 1,417,284</u>
Plan fiduciary net position		
Contributions - employer	\$ 83,396	\$ 84,418
Net investment income	-	-
Benefit payments	(83,396)	(84,418)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 1,507,492</u>	<u>\$ 1,417,284</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Covered-employee payroll	<u>\$ 9,627,770</u>	<u>\$ 9,005,426</u>
District's net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	<u>15.66%</u>	<u>15.74%</u>

Notes to Schedule:

Benefit Changes: Life insurance for administrators changed from 2 times final salary to \$200,000.

Changes in assumptions: Discount rate changed from 3.13% to 2.98% as of 7/1/18
 Now assumed that 75% of Teachers and Administrators
 and 25% of Support Staff will elect coverage.

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S NET
OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS – PSERS PLAN
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

PSERS Plan - Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program

As of the measurement date of June 30,	2018	2017
Total OPEB Liability		
Service cost	\$ 27,000	\$ 33,000
Interest	54,000	50,000
Difference between expected and actual experience	10,000	-
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	1,000	2,000
Changes in assumptions	39,000	(90,000)
Changes in proportions	(10,000)	(39,000)
Benefit payments	(90,000)	(90,000)
Net change in total OPEB liability	31,000	(134,000)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	1,656,000	-
Prior period adjustment	-	1,790,000
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ 1,687,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,656,000</u>
 Plan fiduciary net position		
Contributions - employer	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
Net investment income	-	-
Benefit payments	(90,000)	(90,000)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
 District's net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 1,687,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,656,000</u>
 Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
 Covered-employee payroll	<u>\$ 10,895,968</u>	<u>\$ 10,825,568</u>
 District's net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	<u>15.48%</u>	<u>15.30%</u>

Notes to Schedule:

Benefit Changes: None

Changes in assumptions: Discount rate from 3.13% as of 6/30/17 to 2.98% as of 6/30/18

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS – OPEB – DISTRICT PLAN
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

District Plan - Other Post Retirement Benefits

For the year ended June 30,	2019	2018
Actuarially determined contributions	\$ 83,396	\$ 84,418
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	(83,396)	(84,418)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 9,627,770	\$ 9,005,426
Contributions as a percentage of District's covered-employee payroll	0.87%	0.94%

Notes to Schedule

Valuation date: Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of July 1, 2018.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal Level % of Salary Method
Discount Rate	2.98% as of July 1, 2018
Healthcare cost trend rates	6.0% in 2018, and 5.5% in 2019 through 2021. Rates gradually decreased from 5.4% in 2022 to 3.9% in 2075 and later based on the Society of Actuaries Long-Run Medical Cost Trend Model
Salary increases	Based on 2.5% cost of living adjustment, 1% real wage growth, and for teachers and administrators a merit increase which varies by age from 2.75% to 0%
Mortality	Based on PSERS defined benefit pension plan actuarial valuation.
Participants	231 Active and 21 Retirees

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS – OPEB – PSERS PLAN
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

PSERS Plan - Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program

For the year ended June 30,	2019	2018
Actuarially determined contributions	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	(90,000)	(90,000)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 10,895,968	\$ 10,825,568
Contributions as a percentage of District's covered-employee payroll	0.83%	0.83%

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation date: 6/30/2017 and actuarially rolled forward to 6/30/18

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal Level % of Salary Method
Discount Rate	2.98% as of June 30, 2018
Healthcare cost trend rates	Premium Assistance reimbursement is capped at \$1,200 per year.
Salary increases	2.5% per year
Mortality	RPH-2016 Total Dataset Mortality Table fully generational using Scale MP-2016

**NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S
PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2013 THROUGH 2018**

Measurement date ended June 30,	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0809%	0.0813%	0.0831%	0.0835%	0.0837%	0.0819%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 38,836,000	\$ 40,153,000	\$ 41,182,000	\$ 36,169,000	\$ 33,130,000	\$ 33,527,000
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 10,895,968	\$ 10,825,568	\$ 10,766,615	\$ 10,742,130	\$ 10,680,471	\$ 10,506,769
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	356.4254%	370.9089%	382.4972%	336.7023%	310.1923%	319.0990%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	54.00%	51.84%	50.14%	54.36%	57.24%	54.49%

**NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS - PENSION
 FOR THE YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2013 THROUGH 2018**

Measurement date ended June 30,	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Contractually required contribution	\$ 3,458,380	\$ 3,161,066	\$ 2,691,654	\$ 2,202,137	\$ 1,708,875	\$ 1,208,278
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(3,458,380)	(3,161,066)	(2,691,654)	(2,202,137)	(1,708,875)	(1,208,278)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 10,895,968	\$ 10,825,568	\$ 10,766,615	\$ 10,742,130	\$ 10,680,471	\$ 10,506,769
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	31.7%	29.2%	25.0%	20.5%	16.0%	11.5%

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the **North East School District** and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in the schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in the schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the basic financial statements.

Note 2 - Non-monetary Federal Program

The accompanying **North East School District** is the recipient of a non-monetary federal award program. During the year ended June 30, 2019, the District reported in the Schedule of Federal Awards \$69,539 of donated commodities at fair market value received and disbursed.

Note 3 - Indirect costs

The District has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance in the current year.

**NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**

Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor	Source Code	Federal CFDA #	Pass-through Grantor's Number	Grant Period Beginning/Ending Date	Program or Award Amount	Grant Received	Revenue	Expenditure	Accrued or (Deferred) Revenue) 6/30/2019
United States Department of Education:									
Passed through the Pennsylvania Department of Education									
Title I	1	84.010	013-19-0287	7/01/18-9/30/19	\$ 450,346	\$ 386,559	\$ 450,346	\$ 450,346	\$ 63,787
Title IIA	1	84.367	020-19-0287	7/01/18-9/30/19	65,468	65,468	65,468	65,468	-
Title IV	1	84.424	144-19-0287	7/01/18-9/30/19	33,974	31,547	33,974	33,974	2,427
					<u>549,788</u>	<u>483,574</u>	<u>549,788</u>	<u>549,788</u>	<u>66,214</u>
Passed through the Northwest Tri-County IU #5									
IDEA, 611 **	2	84.027	H027A170093	7/01/18-6/30/19	267,465	267,435	267,465	267,465	30
IDEA, 619 **	2	84.173	H173A170090	7/01/18-6/30/19	1,774	1,774	1,774	1,774	-
					<u>269,239</u>	<u>269,209</u>	<u>269,239</u>	<u>269,239</u>	<u>30</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education					<u>819,027</u>	<u>752,783</u>	<u>819,027</u>	<u>819,027</u>	<u>66,244</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:									
Passed through the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services:									
Medical Assistance	3	93.778	044-00-7287	7/01/18-6/30/19	8,672	8,672	8,672	8,672	-
					<u>8,672</u>	<u>8,672</u>	<u>8,672</u>	<u>8,672</u>	<u>-</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services					<u>8,672</u>	<u>8,672</u>	<u>8,672</u>	<u>8,672</u>	<u>-</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture:									
Passed through the Pennsylvania Department of Education:									
School Breakfast Program ***	4	10.553	365-367	7/01/18-6/30/19	n/a	87,001	87,001	87,001	-
School Lunch Program ***	4	10.555	362	7/01/18-6/30/19	n/a	401,571	401,571	401,571	-
					<u>n/a</u>	<u>488,572</u>	<u>488,572</u>	<u>488,572</u>	<u>-</u>
Passed through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture									
School Lunch Program - non-cash assistance ***	5	10.555	n/a	7/01/18-6/30/19	n/a	69,539	69,539	69,539	-
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture					<u>n/a</u>	<u>558,111</u>	<u>558,111</u>	<u>558,111</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Federal Assistance					<u>\$ 827,699</u>	<u>\$ 1,319,566</u>	<u>\$ 1,385,810</u>	<u>\$ 1,385,810</u>	<u>\$ 66,244</u>

Sources of Federal Funds are:

- (1) United States Department of Education passed through the Pennsylvania Department of Education
- (2) United States Department of Education passed through the Pennsylvania Department of Education, passed through to the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5
- (3) United States Department of Health and Human Services passed through the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
- (4) United States Department of Agriculture passed through the Pennsylvania Department of Education
- (5) United States Department of Agriculture value of donated food passed through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

** Constitutes a cluster of Federal programs named Special Education Cluster with total revenue and expenditures of \$ 269,239
 *** Constitutes a cluster of Federal programs named Child Nutrition Cluster with total revenue and expenditures of \$ 558,111

See accompanying independent auditor's report on supplementary information.

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

**To the President and
Members of the Board of Education
North East School District
North East, Pennsylvania**

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, the business-type activities, and each major fund of *North East School District* as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise *North East School District's* basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2019.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered *North East 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 *North East School District's* internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of *North East 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 *North East School District's* financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro PC

BUFFAMANTE WHIPPLE BUTTAFARO, P.C.

**Olean, New York
December 19, 2019**

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

**To the President and
Members of the Board of Education
North East School District
North East, Pennsylvania**

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited *North East School District's* compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of *North East School District's* major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2019. *North East School District's* major federal programs are identified in the summary of audit results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide legal determination on *North East School District's* compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, *North East School District* complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance (continued)

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

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro PC

BUFFAMANTE WHIPPLE BUTTAFARO, P.C.

**Olean, New York
December 19, 2019**

**NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

I. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The independent auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of **North East School District**.
2. No material weaknesses relating to the audit of the financial statements are being reported in the 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".
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of **North East School District** were disclosed during the audit as reported in the 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".
4. No material weaknesses are being reported in relation to the audit of the major federal award programs as reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
5. The auditor's report on compliance for major federal award programs for **North East School District** expresses an unmodified opinion.
6. Audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a) are reported in this schedule.
7. The programs tested as major programs include:

<u>Name</u>	<u>CFDA#</u>	<u>Program Type</u>	<u>Expenditure Amount</u>
National School Breakfast Program *	10.553	Type B	\$ 87,001
National School Lunch Program *	10.555	Type B	401,571
National School Lunch Program – non-cash assistance *	10.555	Type B	69,539
Total tested			<u>\$ 558,111</u>
Total Federal assistance			<u>\$ 1,385,810</u>
Percent of total programs tested			<u>40.2%</u>

* constitutes a cluster of federal awards

8. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$750,000.
9. **North East School District** was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

**NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT – FINDINGS

A. INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Year ended June 30, 2019

There are no findings related to internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

B. COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Year ended June 30, 2019

There are no findings related to compliance and other matters during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

III. MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT – FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

A. COMPLIANCE

Year ended June 30, 2019

There are no findings related to compliance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

B. INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

Year ended June 30, 2019

There are no findings related to internal control over compliance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

I. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT – FINDINGS

A. INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Year ended June 30, 2018

There were no findings related to internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

B. COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Year ended June 30, 2018

There were no findings related to compliance and other matters during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

II. MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT – FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

A. COMPLIANCE

Year ended June 30, 2018

There were no findings related to compliance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

B. INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

Year ended June 30, 2018

There were no findings related to internal control over compliance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

**To the President and Members of
The Board of Education
North East School District
North East, Pennsylvania**

To the Board Members and Administration:

We have completed our audit of the District's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 and have issued our reports thereon dated December 19, 2019. Our audit report expressed an unmodified opinion which states that the District's financial statements are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America for governments and school districts located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition, we have issued a separate report on internal controls over financial reporting and compliance with laws and regulations as required by *Government Auditing Standards*.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the *North East School District* for the year ended June 30, 2019, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure and its operation.

Attached to this letter is a summary of additional comments which we desire to bring to the Board and Administration's attention involving various matters. Although such matters were not of sufficient nature to be disclosed in the previously mentioned reports, we do feel the comments should be reviewed and acted upon primarily by the business staff. In addition, on page 61, is a summary of revenue and expense comparisons and analysis of fund equity for the school years ended June 30, 2015 through June 30, 2019.

Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro PC

BUFFAMANTE WHIPPLE BUTTAFARO, P.C.

**Olean, New York
December 19, 2019**

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES COMPARISON AND ANALYSIS OF FUND
EQUITY - GENERAL FUND (AMOUNTS IN \$1,000)

	6/30/2019	6/30/2018	6/30/2017	6/30/2016	6/30/2015
Revenue and other sources					
Tax revenue	\$ 9,275	\$ 9,284	\$ 8,947	\$ 8,901	\$ 8,716
Other local sources	870	504	390	392	402
State aid	14,514	14,256	17,541	13,415	12,953
Federal aid	658	692	704	695	535
Bond refunding and all other	-	-	5,886	10,019	-
	<u>25,317</u>	<u>24,736</u>	<u>33,468</u>	<u>33,422</u>	<u>22,606</u>
Expenditures and other uses					
Instruction	13,963	13,429	13,241	12,912	12,453
Administration	1,981	1,882	1,959	1,909	1,701
Other support services	5,179	4,984	4,787	4,721	4,807
Noninstructional services	597	642	634	661	578
Debt service	1,543	1,551	1,091	1,237	1,539
Bond refunding and all other	-	-	5,788	9,911	0
Transfers to other funds	5,199	2,138	613	589	516
	<u>28,463</u>	<u>24,626</u>	<u>28,113</u>	<u>31,940</u>	<u>21,594</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	(3,146)	110	5,355	1,482	1,012
Fund equity					
Beginning of year	12,890	12,780	7,425	5,943	4,931
End of year	<u>\$ 9,743</u>	<u>\$ 12,890</u>	<u>\$ 12,780</u>	<u>\$ 7,425</u>	<u>\$ 5,943</u>

**NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

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Segregation of Duties

Districts that have a small/limited amount of staffing in its Business Office are exposed to greater risk of fraud or errors due to potential segregation/overlapping of duties. To guard against this, *North East School District* has implemented a system of checks and balances, that attempt to mitigate these risks. However, the District should continue to review its internal control processing to ensure proper segregation of duties is maintained.

Cash Receipts

The District has a standard "Cash Receipt Record" form that is completed with each cash receipt. Currently, only the "collector" signs off on the form which is typically the club advisor. We recommend that this form also be reviewed and signed off by a student representative for the Club, to evidence student involvement in the process.

District Response: Cash receipt records for student activities will be signed by a student representative where applicable.

Equipment and Inventory

The District reports approximately \$25 million of capital assets. The most significant dollar amount of these assets consist of the District buildings and capital improvements that are not as susceptible to the risk of loss or misuse. Assets that are more susceptible to such risk include equipment and inventory items. It is extremely important for the District to be aware of the risks associated with these assets and have processes in place to safeguard against their loss or misuse. Internal controls that the District may consider the following:

- Continued updating of the District's fixed asset and inventory additions and disposals within its asset database (Noted that the District's High School renovation project was completed for approximately \$7,000,000 and not added to the appraised cost);
- Obtaining a full independent appraisal every few years, that would compare the assets listed within the database compared with those physically counted;
- Periodically perform random spot checks of equipment and inventory and compare to asset database;
- Performing annual physical inventory counts and investigating any differences between the appraisal/inventory reports and physical count;

District's response: The District realizes the importance of internal controls to help reduce the risks associated with loss or misuse of assets. The District continues to update its inventory records as items are purchased. The District will continue to research and implement ways to improve physical inventory counts and perpetual inventory systems that are feasible given the current resources available in personnel.

GASB 84 – Fiduciary Activities

In 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities, which will be effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. This new standard's objective is to improve the guidance regarding the identification and reporting of fiduciary activities and focuses on the source of the revenue and control over activity assets. One of the characteristics of a fiduciary activity as defined by the standard are that the assets are for the benefit of individuals and the district does not have administrative involvement with the assets or direct financial involvement with the assets. School districts will be required to evaluate activity currently recorded in the trust and agency fund, including extraclassroom activities. Those activities that do not meet the fiduciary definition will be required to be reported in the governmental funds, either in the general fund or special revenue fund. The change also affects how certain fiduciary activities, custodial funds, are reported by requiring additions and subtractions to be included on the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. We recommend the District review the new fiduciary activity standard to ensure proper adherence.

GASB 87- Accounting for Leases

In 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. 87, Accounting for Leases, which will be effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The primary objective of this new standard is to bring most leases onto the balance sheet. The goal is to determine if any operating leases contain a right-to-use asset and record an asset and liability related to that lease. Also under the new standard there will be changes in the terms used for the two classifications; operating leases and finance leases (previously capital leases) and additional financial statement disclosures. We recommend that the District begin to collect pertinent data on all lease agreements for evaluation along with familiarizing themselves with the new lease standard, which may include continuing education, webinars and further training.