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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021



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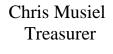
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Independent Auditor's Report

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To the Board of Education Grant Township School District No. 2 Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activity and the major fund of Grant Township School District No. 2 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for 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

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District'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, I 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.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

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Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Grant Township School District as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budget comparison information, and the schedules for the pension and other postemployment benefits plan as identified in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated November 20, 2021 on my consideration of the Grant Township School District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Grant Township School District No. 2's internal control over financial control over financial control over financial control over finance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Grant Township School District No. 2's internal control over financial control over financial control over finance.

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November 1, 2021

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Using this Annual Report

Our discussion and analysis of Grant Township School District No. 2 (the "District") is designed to: a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues; b) provide an overview of the District's financial activity; c) identify changes in the District's financial position (its ability to address the next and subsequent year challenges; d) identify any material deviations from the approved budget; and e) identify any issues or concerns.

Financial Highlights

• The District's total net position increased \$50,099 (194 percent) as a result of this year's operations.

• The net position at the end of the fiscal year was \$75,971, which included an unrestricted deficit of \$112,166 in this balance. The deficit was created when the net pension and net other postemployment liabilities and deferred amounts were recognized, which had a net decrease of \$373,121 toward the net position.

• The General Fund's unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$177,383 which represents 76 percent of the actual total General Fund expenditures for the current fiscal year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of three parts--management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements (including the notes to the financial statements), and required supplemental information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District.

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both longterm and short-term information about the District's overall financial status. These statements report information about the District, as a whole, using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Position includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expense are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid. The two government-wide statements report the District's net position and how they have changed.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual funds; reporting the operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.

GRANT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Reporting the District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the District, as a whole, and about its activities in a way that helps answer the question of whether the District, as a whole, is better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities. The two statements, mentioned above, report the District's net position and how it has changed. The reader can think of the District's net position (the difference between assets and liabilities) as one way to measure the District's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

Report the District's Major Fund

The fund financial statements begin with the Statement of Net Position and provide detailed information about the major fund. The District has only one fund (general fund) in which all of the District's activities are accounted.

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

Condensed Statement of Net Position							
	2020		2021		Variance		%
Assets							
Current and other assets	\$	201,628	\$	226,828	\$	25,200	12.50%
Capital assets		239,084		220,798		(18,286)	-7.65%
Total assets		440,712		447,626		6,914	1.57%
Deferred outflows of resources		111,509		137,823		26,314	23.60%
Liabilities							
Other liabilities		31,926		31,078		(848)	-2.66%
Long-term liabilities		412,024		405,782		(6,242)	-1.51%
Total liabilities		443,950		436,860		(7,090)	-1.60%
Deferred inflows of resources		82,937		72,618		(10,319)	-12.44%
Net position							
Net invested in capital assets		196,556		188,137		(8,419)	-4.28%
Unrestricted (deficit)		(170,684)		(112,166)		58,518	34.28%
Total net position	\$	25,872	\$	75,971	\$	50,099	193.64%

Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceed liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$75,971 at the close of 2021.

By far the largest portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets, which was \$188,137, which was offset by the balance of the lease installment purchase for a new bus. The unrestricted net position had a deficit of \$112,166. The deficit in District's net position includes a net pension liability and related deferred inflows and outflows of \$237,571 and net OPEB liability and related deferrals of \$70,345. The unrestricted net position balance, excluding the effects of these pronouncements enables the District to meet working capital cash flow requirements, as well as to provide for future uncertainties. The operating results of General Fund will have a significant impact on the changes in unrestricted net position from year to year. The District's net position increased by \$50,099 during 2021.

	2020	2021		2021 Variance		Percentage	
Program revenue							
Charges for services	\$ 3,603	\$	3,500	\$	(103)	-2.86%	
Operating grants and contributions	13,571		29,476		15,905	117.20%	
Nonoperating revenue							
Property taxes	192,294		192,501		207	0.11%	
State sources	14,254		32,388		18,134	127.22%	
Investment earnings	558		559		1	0.18%	
Total revenue	224,280		258,424		34,144	15.22%	
Operating expense							
Instruction	133,974		116,751		(17,223)	-12.86%	
Support services	110,209		89,941		(20,268)	-18.39%	
Interest expense	 2,126		1,633		(493)	-100.00%	
Total operating expense	246,309		208,325		(37,984)	-15.42%	
Increase (decrease) in net position	(22,029)		50,099		72,128	-327.42%	
Beginning net position	 47,901		25,872		(22,029)	-45.99%	
Ending net position	\$ 25,872	\$	75,971	\$	50,099	193.64%	

Condensed Statement of Activities

The revenues increased by \$34,144. The increase was primarily due an increase in federal funds (REAP and Coronavirus relief funds), and an increase in state aid due to a higher pupil count. The expenses decreased by \$37,984 in all classifications. The main reason for the decrease is pension and OPEB expense credits. There was also a decrease in transportation in the bus driver salary and fringes. There were also increases in salary and fringes related to the hiring of additional Para pros due to additional pupil count.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

The District's General Fund

The fund level financial statements are reported on a modified accrual basis. Only those assets that are: measurable" and "currently available" are reported. Liabilities are recognized when incurred.

	2020	2021	Amount Difference	Percentage Difference
Revenues	_0_0			2
Local sources	\$ 196,702	\$ 192,501	\$ (4,201)	-2%
Earnings on investments	558	559	1	0%
Other local sources	294	6,140	5,846	1988%
State sources	22,498	32,388	9,890	44%
Federal sources	13,278	23,336	10,058	76%
Inter-district sources	3,603	3,500	(103)	-3%
Total revenues	236,933	258,424	21,491	9%
Expenditures				
Instruction	134,678	141,792	7,114	5%
Support services:				
General administration	37,774	39,210	1,436	4%
Operations and maintenance	16,630	15,077	(1,553)	-9%
Transportation	39,694	25,335	(14,359)	-36%
Debt service	11,993	11,993	-	100%
Capital outlay	54,521		(54,521)	-100%
Total expenditures	295,290	233,407	(61,883)	-21%
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over				
expenditures	(58,357)	25,017	83,374	-143%
Other financing sources (uses)				
Lease installment proceeds	54,521	-	(54,521)	100%
Total other financing sources	54,521	-	(54,521)	100%
Net change in fund balance	(3,836)	25,017	28,853	-752%
Beginning fund balance	176,202	172,366	(3,836)	-2%
Ending fund balance	\$ 172,366	\$ 197,383	\$ 25,017	15%

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

The revenues increased by \$21,490. There was an increase in federal revenue due to an increase in the REAP grant (\$8,143) and Coronavirus Relief Funds (\$1,915) that was recognized during 2021. The State revenue increased by \$18,134 due to additional pupil count during 2021. The expenditures decreased by \$61,883 as compared to the prior year. The Institution function increased due to the need to hire additional Para pros and an increase in fringe benefits. The Transportation function decreased by \$14,358 due to a decreased in bus driver salary and fringes and a decrease in bus maintenance cost. In the prior year the District purchased a bus for \$54,521, ther e was no capital outlay during the current year.

Budgetary Highlights

Prior to the beginning of any year, the District's budget is compiled based upon certain assumptions and facts available at that time. During the year, the District's Board of Education acts to amend its budget to reflect changes in these original assumptions, facts and/or economic conditions that were unknown at the time the original budget was compiled.

The final amended budget and actual revenue for the General Fund was \$269,831 and \$258,424, respectively. The revenue budget was amended throughout the year. The original expenditure budget was \$239,453 and was amended throughout the year as needed. The final amended expenditure budget was \$256,108 and the final actual expenditures were \$233,407.

Capital Asset Administration

The District's investment in capital assets at June 30, 2021, amounts to \$220,798 (net of accumulated depreciation). There was a decrease of \$18,286 in the District's net investments in capital assets for the current fiscal year due to depreciation expense. More details can be found in Note 4 in the notes to the financial statements.

Long-Term Obligations

The District has one installment purchase agreement for the purchase of a bus for \$54,521 during 2020. The lease purchase was for a period of four years at five percent interest. During 2021, there was a principal payment of \$9,867, leaving a balance due of \$32,661 at June 30, 2021. More details can be found in Note 5 of the notes to the financial statements.

GRANT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The District depends primarily on local non-principal residence property taxes to fund its operations. Based on information currently available, there will be a slight increase expected to occur in the nature of the funding for operations of the District in 2021/2022. The budget will also include a slight increase in salaries and wages and related fringe benefits.

Contacting the District's Management

This financial report is intended to provide a general overview of the District's finances to those with an interest in the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, we welcome you to contact the Ms. Miranda Kilpela Davis, P.O. Box 74, Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GRANT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2021

ASSETS

Cash and investments	\$ 209,859
Receivables	16,969
Capital assets being depreciated, net	220,798
Total assets	 447,626
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred pension amounts	102,872
Deferred other postemployment benefit amounts	 34,951
Total deferred outflows of resources	 137,823
LIABILITIES_	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	22,742
Due to other governments	4,007
Interest payable	1,633
Unearned revenue-ESSER grant	2,696
Long-term debt:	
Long-term debt-due within one year	10,360
Long-term debt-due in more than one year	22,301
Net pension liability	318,311
Other postemployment benefits liability	 54,810
Total liabilities	 436,860
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred pension amounts	22,132
Deferred other postemployment benefit amounts	 50,486
Total deferred inflows of resources	 72,618
NET POSITION	
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	188,137
Unrestricted (deficit)	 (112,166)
Total net position	\$ 75,971

GRANT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

			Program			
Functions/Programs	E	Expenses	Charges for Services		perating ants and tributions	Net Expense) evenues
Governmental activities						
Instruction	\$	116,751	\$ -	\$	21,421	\$ (95,330)
Supporting services		89,941	3,500		8,055	(78,386)
Interest expense		1,633	-		-	(1,633)
Total governmental activities	\$	208,325	\$ 3,500	\$	29,476	\$ (175,349)

General revenues:

Property taxes State sources - unrestricted Unrestricted investment earnings	\$ 192,501 32,388 559
Total general revenues	225,448
Change in net position	50,099
Net position beginning of year	25,872
Net position, end of year	\$ 75,971

GRANT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2021

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE			
<u>Assets</u>	 General Fund			
Cash and investments	\$ 209,859			
Receivables:				
Due from other governments	 16,969			
Total assets	\$ 226,828			
Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources and Fund Balance				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 3,398			
Accrued salaries and other liabilities	19,344			
Due to other governments	4,007			
Unearned revenue-ESSER grant	 2,696			
Total liabilities	 29,445			
Fund balance				
Unrestricted fund balance				
Assigned for transportation	20,000			
Unassigned	 177,383			
Total fund balance	 197,383			
Total liabilities, deferred inflow of resources and fund balance	\$ 226,828			

GRANT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET FUND BALANCE TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Total governmental fund balance		\$ 197,383
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 are not reported in the fund.		
Capital assets	\$ 372,503	
Accumulated depreciation	(151,705)	220,798
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in		
the current period and are not reported in the fund statement.		
Installment purchase agreement payable	(32,661)	
Note payable	(1,633)	(34,294)
Certain pension and other postemployment benefit-related amounts, such as the net pension liability, net other		
postemployment benefit liability and deferred amounts are not due		
and payable in the current period or do not represent current		
financial resources, and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Net pension liability	(318,311)	
Net other postemployment benefit liability	(54,810)	
Deferred outflows related to net pension liability	102,872	
Deferred inflows related to net pension liability	(22,132)	
Deferred outflows related to net other postemployment benefit		
liability	34,951	
Deferred inflows related to net other postemployment benefit		
liability	(50,486)	(307,916)
Net position of governmental activities		\$ 75,971

GRANT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	General Fund	
Revenues		
Local sources	\$	192,501
Earnings on investments and deposits		559
Other local sources		6,140
State sources		32,388
Federal sources		23,336
Inter-district sources		3,500
Total revenues		258,424
Expenditures		
Current		
Instruction		141,792
Support services		79,622
Capital outlay		
Debt service		
Principal		9,867
Interest		2,126
Total expenditures		233,407
Revenues over (under) expenditures		25,017
Net change in fund balance		25,017
Fund balancebeginning		172,366
Fund balanceending	\$	197,383

GRANT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Net Change in Fund BalanceTotal Governmental Fund		\$ 25,017
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the fund. Depreciation expense	(18,286)	(18,286)
Repayment of installment purchase agreements is an expenditure in governmental funds, but reduces the long-term liabilities and accrued interest payable in the statement of net position		
Principal payment Change in interest payable	9,867 493	10,360
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
Pension expense	21,912	
OPEB expense	11,096	33,008
Change in net position of governmental activities		\$ 50,099

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements of Grant Township School District No. 2 (the "District"), Keweenaw County, were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies and should be viewed as an integral part of this report:

A - Reporting Entity

The District is governed by an elected five-member Board of Education. The District has determined that no entities should be consolidated into the basic financial statements as component units. Therefore, the reporting entity consists of the primary government financial statements only. The criteria for including a component unit include significant operational or financial relations with the District.

B - Financial Statement Presentation

<u>Government-Wide Financial Statements</u>. The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information of the activities of the District. There is only one fund reported in the government-wide financial statements. The General Fund accounts for all of the financial resources of the District. It is the District's only fund.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Program expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Property taxes, intergovernmental payments and other items not included as program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

The Statement of Net Position presents the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference being reported as either invested in capital assets or restricted net position.

<u>Fund Financial Statements</u>. Separate financial statements are provided for the General Fund (governmental fund). The Operating Fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C - Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

<u>Government-Wide Financial Statements</u>. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Fund Financial Statements. Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Property taxes, intergovernmental revenue, and interested associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the government.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position or fund balance are available, the District's policy is to first apply restricted resources.

D - Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The governmental fund is under formal budgetary control. The budget is adopted at the function level and control is excised at the function level by the District's Board of Education. The budget basis of accounting does not differ significantly from the modified accrual basis used to reflect actual revenues and expenditures for this fund. Budgeted revenues and expenditures, as presented in the financial statements, include any authorized amendments to the original budget as adopted. All annual appropriations lapse at year end. Encumbrance accounting is not utilized by the District.

E - Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. The District did not have any short-term investments at June 30, 2021. Investments are stated at fair value.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F – Receivables

Accounts receivable is primarily amounts due from other units of government. No allowance for uncollectible amounts was recorded.

<u>G – Taxes Receivable</u>

Property taxes are levied and becomes a lien as of December 1 on the taxable valuation of the property located within the District as of the preceding December 1st. Property taxes are payable without interest on or before February 14.

The 2020 taxable valuation was \$39,558,160, on which the Districted levied 4.9809 mills on nonprincipal residences and commercial personal property. The taxes collected are recognized during

<u>H – Unearned Revenue</u>

Revenue that is received, but have not been earned, are recorded as unearned revenue in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

I - Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property and improvements, buses and other vehicles, and furniture and other equipment are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and computer and other electronic equipment with an initial cost of more than \$500. Capital assets are stated at historical cost or estimated historical cost of purchase or construction. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Costs relating to maintenance and repairs are charged to expense, whereas those for renewals and betterments, when significant in amount, are capitalized.

Depreciation

Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings and improvements	10 to 50 years
Buses and other vehicles	5 to 10 years
Furniture and other equipment	5 to 25 years

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

<u>J – Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>

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(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then The District reports deferred outflows of resources related to the net pension liability and net other postemployment benefit liability. A portion of these costs represent contributions to the plan subsequent to the plan measurement date.

<u>K</u> – Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and/or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The governmental funds also report unavailable revenues, which arise only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that are reported as deferred inflows of resources (State and Federal received past 60 days after year end). These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. The District's deferred inflows of resources are related to pension and other postemployment benefit liabilities in the government-wide financial statements.

L – Compensated Absences

The District generally provides for granting sick and personal leave with pay. There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick or personal leave pay since the District does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service from the District. A liability for these amounts, including related benefits, is reported in government funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of resignations or retirements.

M - Pension

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS) and additions to/deductions from the plan fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by MPSERS. 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 a fair value. The pension net liability and related deferred inflows/outflows and pension expense are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

N - Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) Costs

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 Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS) Plan and additions to/deductions from MPSERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by MPSERS. 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 a fair value. The OPEB net liability and related deferred inflows/outflows and OPEB expense are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

O - Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental statement of net position. In the fund financial statements, debt is recognized as other financial sources received with no liability recorded.

P - Fund Balance/Net Position

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the following components of fund balance:

Restricted Fund Balance:

- Nonspendable Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Items such as prepaid expenses are included in this component.
- Restricted Constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted Fund Balance:

- Committed Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constrictions imposed by formal action of the District's Board of Education. Commitments are made and can be rescinded only via resolution of the board
- Assigned Amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed.
- Unassigned any remaining fund balance not included in any of the other four categories.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Government-wide financial statement net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The District may report three categories of net position as follows: (1) *investment of capital assets*, net of related debt; (2) *Restricted net position* is considered restricted if its use is constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations, such as federal and state laws. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets; (3) Unrestricted *net position* consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above components and is available for general use by the District.

Q - Fund Balance Flow Assumption

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the government's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

<u>R</u> - Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the government-wide financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the government's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

<u>S – State Foundation Revenue</u>

The State of Michigan utilizes a foundation grant approach which provides for a specific annual amount of revenue per pupil, based on a statewide formula. The foundation is funded from state and local sources. Revenues from state sources are primarily governed by the School Aid Act and the School Code of Michigan. The Michigan Department of Education administers the allocation of state funds to school districts based on information supplied by the districts. For the year ended June 30, 2021 the foundation allowance was based on pupil membership counts taken in October of the current year and February of the previous year.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

T - Use of Estimates

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

NOTE 2--BUDGETARY LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Budgetary Procedures

Budgetary procedures are established pursuant to Public act 2 of 1968, as amended (MCL 141.421), which requires the Board of Education to approve a budget for the District. Pursuant to the Act, the District's chief administrative officer prepares and submits a proposed operating budget to the Board of Education for its review and consideration. The Board of Education conducts a public budget hearing and subsequently, adopts the operating budget. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is the same basis as the financial statements. The budget is reviewed and amended throughout the year.

NOTE 3--CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL), Section 129.91 (Public Act 20 of 1943, as amended), authorizes the county to deposit and invest in the accounts of Federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities, and other obligations of the United States, or an agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government

in Michigan; and commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan. The District has designated three financial institutions for the deposit of its funds. The investment policy adopted by the District in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investments permitted under Public Act 20 of 1943, as amended. The District's deposits and investment policies are in accordance with statutory authority.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

NOTE 3--CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

At June 30, 2021, the District's deposits (there were no investments other than long-term certificates of deposits) were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

	Boo	ok Balance	Bank Balance		
Bank Deposits (Checking and Savings Accounts)	\$	163,624	\$	164,856	
Certificates of Deposits		46,235		46,235	
Total	\$	209,859	\$	211,091	

All of the bank deposits and certificates of deposits were covered under the federal depository insurance no remaining balance was uncollateralized. At the year-end (and during the year) the District did not have any investments other than a certificate of deposits.

<u>Disclosures Relating to Credit Risk.</u> Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

<u>Interest Rate Risk</u>. Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The District will minimize interest rate risk by structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operating, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturities.

<u>Concentration of Credit Risk-Deposits.</u> Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. State law does not require and the District does not have a policy for deposit custodial credit risk. As of year-end, \$0 of the bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized. As a result, the District evaluates each financial institution with which it deposits funds and assesses the level of risk of each institution; only those institutions with an acceptable level are used as depositories.

<u>Custodial Credit Risk.</u> Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Michigan law does not contain requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits. However, the asset diversification requirements included in the District's investment policy would limit, to some extent, exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits. Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government's indirect investment in securities through the use of mutual funds or government investment pools.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

NOTE 4--CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of the changes in the capital assets:

Primary government	Beginning Balance			Ending Balance
Governmental activities				
Capital assets being depreciated				
Building and improvements	\$ 255,008	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 255,008
Vehicle	104,773	-	-	104,773
Equipment	12,722	-	-	12,722
Total capital assets	372,503	-	-	372,503
Accumulated depreciation				
Building and improvements	69,328	8,766	-	78,094
Vehicle	54,956	8,315	-	63,271
Equipment	9,135	1,205	-	10,340
Total accumulated depreciation	133,419	18,286	-	151,705
Total capital assets being depreciatednet	239,084	(18,286)	-	220,798
Total net capital assets	\$ 239,084	\$ -	\$ 18,286	\$ 220,798

Depreciation expense was charge to the following activities:

Governmental activities	
Instruction	\$ 1,205
Operations and maintenance	8,766
Transportation	8,315
Total depreciation expense	\$ 18,286

NOTE 5—LONG-TERM DEBT

The District purchased a 2019 Blue Bird Bus on an installment purchase agreement. The total cost of the bus was \$54,521 and will be paid off over four years with annual payments of \$11,993 at an interest rate of five percent.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

NOTE 5—LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

The long-term debt of the District, and the changes therein, may be summarized as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	Beginning Balance	Additions	(Reductions)	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Installment purchase agreement for Blue Bird Bus, for 4 years with annual payments of \$11,993 at 5%	¢ 42.529	¢	¢ (0.967)	¢ 22 cc1	¢ 10.260
interest Total Governmental Activities	\$ 42,528 \$ 42,528	<u>\$</u> - \$-	\$ (9,867) \$ (9,867)	\$32,661 \$32,661	\$ 10,360 \$ 10,360

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the above loans and contractual obligations are as follows:

Fiscal year	Governmental Activities			
ended	Principal	Interest	Total	
2022	\$ 10,360	\$ 1,633	\$ 11,993	
2023	10,878	1,115	11,993	
2024	11,423	570	11,993	
Total	\$ 32,661	\$ 3,318	\$ 35,979	

NOTE 6--NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS

The following summarizes the components of investment in capital assets, net of related debt reported in the Statement of Net Position at June 30, 2021:

Capital assets	
Depreciable, net	\$220,798
Total net capital assets	220,798
Related debt	
Installment purchase payable	(32,661)
Total related debt	(32,661)
Investment in capital assets, net	\$188,137

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

NOTE 7--EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

*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 Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS) and additions to/deductions from MPSERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by MPSERS. 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.

General Information about the Pension Plan

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

The System's pension plan was established by the State to provide retirement, survivor and disability benefits to public school employees. In addition, the System's health plan provides all retirees with the option of receiving health, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage under the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Act (1980 PA 300 as amended).

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

The System's financial statements are available on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

Benefits Provided

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

<u>NOTE 7--EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN</u> (Continued)

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

Contributions

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

Employer contributions to the System are determined on an actuarial basis using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The portion of this cost allocated to the current valuation year is called the normal cost. The remainder is called the actuarial accrued liability. Normal cost is funded on a current basis. The unfunded (overfunded) actuarial accrued liability as of the September 30, 2019 valuation will be amortized over a 2019-year period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2038. The schedule below summarizes pension contribution rates in effect for fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

Benefit Structure	Member	Employer
Basic	0.0 - 4.0%	19.41%
Member Investment Plan	3.0 - 7.0%	19.41%
Pension Plus	3.0 - 6.4%	16.46%
Pension Plus 2	6.2%	19.59%
Defined Contribution	0.0%	13.39%

Required contributions to the pension plan from the District were \$25,465 for the year ended September 30, 2020.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

<u>NOTE 7--EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN</u> (Continued)

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

At June 30, 2020, the District reported a liability of \$318,311 for its proportionate share of the MPSERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 2019. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was determined by dividing each employer's statutorily required pension contributions to the system during the measurement period by the percent of pension contributions required from all applicable employers during the measurement period. At September 30, 2020 the districts proportion was .00092664 percent, which was an increase of .0079 percent from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2019.

For the year ending June 30, 2021, the District recognized pension expense of (7,284). At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred		De	ferred
	Outflows of		Inflows of	
	Resources		Resources	
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$	4,864	\$	678
Changes of assumptions		35,272		-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		43,124		-
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions		1,651	/	21,454
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date		17,961	l	-
Total	\$	102,872	\$ 2	22,132

Contributions subsequent to the measurement date reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2022.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

NOTE 7--EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

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

Year	Amount
2021	\$ 8,263
2022	6,011
2023	4,359
2024	2,358

Actuarial Assumptions

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

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions

Valuation Date:		September 30, 2019		
Actuarial Cost Method:		Entry Age, Normal		
Wage Inflation Rate:		2.75%		
Investment Rate of Return:				
- MIP and Basic Plans:		6.80%		
- Pension Plus Plan:		6.80%		
- Pension Plus 2 Plan:		6.00%		
Projected Salary Increases:		2.75 - 11.55%, including wage inflation at 2.75%		
Cost-of-Living Pension Adjustments:		3% Annual Non-Compounded for MIP Members		
Mortality:	Retirees:	RP-2014 Male and Female Healthy Annuitant Mortality Tables, scaled by 82% for males and 78% for females and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2017 from 2006.		
	Active Members:	P-2014 Male and Female Employee Annuitant Mortality Tables, scaled 100% and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2017 from 2006.		

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

<u>NOTE 7--EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN</u> (Continued)

Notes:

- Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the period 2012 through 2017 have been adopted by the System for use in the annual pension valuations beginning with the September 30, 2017 valuation. The total pension liability as of September 30, 2020, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2019, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures, including the experience study.
- Recognition period for liabilities is the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees in years: [4.4892 for non-university employers]
- Recognition period for assets in years: 5.0000
- Full actuarial assumptions are available in the 2020 MPSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report found on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

Long-Term Expected Return on Plan Assets

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2020, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return*
Domestic Equity Pools	25.0%	5.6%
Private Equity Pools	16.0%	9.3%
International Equity	15.0%	7.4%
Fixed Income Pools	10.5%	0.5%
Real Estate and Infrastructure Pools	10.0%	4.9%
Absolute Return Pools	9.0%	3.2%
Real Return/Opportunistic Polls	12.5%	6.6%
Short Term Investment Pools	2.0%	0.1%
Total	100.0%	
*Long term rates of return are not of	administrative exce	es and 2.3% inflation

*Long-term rates of return are net of administrative excess and 2.3% inflation.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

<u>NOTE 7--EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN</u> (Continued)

Rate of Return

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investment, net of pension plan investment expense, was 5.37%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Discount Rate

A discount rate of 6.80% was used to measure the total pension liability (6.80% for the Pension Plus plan, 6.0% for the Pension Plus 2 plan, hybrid plans provided through non-university employers only). This discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 6.80% (6.80% for the Pension Plus plan, 6.0% for the Pension Plus 2 plan). The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.80% (6.80% for the Pension Plus plan, 6.0% for the Pension Plus 2 plan), as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage higher:

		Cur	rent Single		
		Dise	count Rate		
1% Decrease		Assumption		1% Increase	
5.80%/5.80%/5%		6.80%/6.80%/6%		7.80%/7.80%/7%	
\$	411,999	\$	318,311	\$	240,664

* Discount rates listed in the following order: Basic and Member Investment Plan (MIP), Pension Plus 2. Non-university employers provide Basic, MIP, Pension Plus and Pension Plus 2 plans.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

<u>NOTE 7--EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN</u> (Continued)

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

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued MPSERS CAFR, available on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

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

At year end, the District had accounts payable of \$0 due to the MPSERS for the defined benefit pension plan.

NOTE 8--POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

For purposes of measuring the net Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expenses, information about the fiduciary net position of the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS) and additions to/deductions from the District's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the MPSERS. 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 Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (System or MPSERS) is a costsharing, multiple employer, state-wide, defined benefit public employee retirement plan governed by the State of Michigan (State) originally created under Public Act 136 of 1945, recodified and currently operating under the provisions of Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended. Section 25 of this act establishes the board's authority to promulgate or amend the provisions of the System. The board consists of twelve members—eleven appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Instruction, who serves as an ex-officio member.

The System's health plan provides all eligible retirees with the option of receiving health, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage under the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Act (1980 PA 300 as amended).

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

The System's financial statements are available on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

<u>NOTE 8--POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS</u> (Continued)

Benefits Provided

Benefit provisions of the postemployment healthcare plan are established by State statute, which may be amended. Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions. Retirees have the option of health coverage, which, through 2012, was funded on a cash disbursement basis. Beginning fiscal year 2013, it is funded on a prefunded basis. The System has contracted to provide the comprehensive group medical, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage for retirees and beneficiaries. A subsidized portion of the premium is paid by the System with the balance deducted from the monthly pension of each retiree healthcare recipient. For members who first worked before July 1, 2008, (Basic, MIP-Fixed, and MIP Graded plan members) the subsidy is the maximum allowed by statute. To limit future liabilities of Other Postemployment Benefits, members who first worked on or after July 1, 2008 (MIP-Plus plan members) have a graded premium subsidy based on career length where they accrue credit towards their insurance premiums in retirement, not to exceed the maximum allowable by statute. Public Act 300 of 2012 sets the maximum subsidy at 80% beginning January 1, 2013; 90% for those Medicare eligible and enrolled in the insurances as of that date. Dependents are eligible for healthcare coverage if they meet the dependency requirements set forth in Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended.

Public Act 300 of 2012 granted all active members of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System, who earned service credit in the 12 months ending September 3, 2012 or were on an approved professional services or military leave of absence on September 3, 2012, a voluntary election regarding their retirement healthcare. Any changes to a member's healthcare benefit are effective as of the member's transition date, which is defined as the first day of the pay period that begins on or after February 1, 2013.

Under Public Act 300 of 2012, members were given the choice between continuing the 3% contribution to retiree healthcare and keeping the premium subsidy benefit described above, or choosing not to pay the 3% contribution and instead opting out of the subsidy benefit and becoming a participant in the Personal Healthcare Fund (PHF), a portable, tax-deferred fund that can be used to pay healthcare expenses in retirement. Participants in the PHF are automatically enrolled in a 2% employee contribution into their 457 account as of their transition date, earning them a 2% employer match into a 401(k) account. Members who selected this option stop paying the 3% contribution to retiree healthcare as of the day before their transition date, and their prior contributions were deposited into their 401(k) account.

Contributions

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

<u>NOTE 8--POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS</u> (Continued)

Employer OPEB contributions to the System are determined on an actuarial basis using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The portion of this cost allocated to the current valuation year is called the normal cost. The remainder is called the actuarial accrued liability. Normal cost is funded on a current basis. The unfunded (overfunded) actuarial accrued liability as of the September 30, 2019 valuation will be amortized over a 19-year period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 3038.

The schedule below summarizes OPEB contribution rates in effect for fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

Benefit Structure	Member	Employer
Premium Subsidy	3.00%	8.09%
Personal Healthcare Fund (PHF)	0.0%	7.57%

Required contributions to the OPEB plan from District were \$7,228 for the year ended September 30, 2020.

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

At June 30, 2021, the District reported a liability of \$54,810 for its proportionate share of the MPSERS net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of September 30, 2020, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 2019. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was determined by dividing each employer's statutorily required OPEB contributions to the system during the measurement period by the percent of OPEB contributions required from all applicable employers during the measurement period. At September 30, 2020, the District's proportion was .00102310 percent, which did not change significantly from its proportion measured as of October 1, 2019.

For the year ending June 30, 2021, the District recognized OPEB expense of (\$1,378). At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

<u>NOTE 8--POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS</u> (Continued)

		eferred tflows of	Deferred Inflows of
	Re	sources	Resources
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$	-	\$ 40,839
Changes of assumptions		18,072	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments		457	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions		8,348	9,647
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date		8,074	
Total	\$	34,951	\$ 50,486

Contributions subsequent to the measurement date reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year	Amount
2021	\$ (7,435)
2022	(6,820)
2023	(5,209)
2024	(2,919)
2025	(1,226)

Actuarial Assumptions

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

<u>NOTE 8--POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS</u> (Continued)

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions

Valuation Date:	September 30, 2019
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry Age, Normal
Wage Inflation Rate:	2.75%
Investment Rate of Return:	6.95%
Projected Salary Increases:	2.75 - 11.55%, including wage inflation at $2.75%$
Healthcare Cost Trend Rate:	7.5% Year 1 graded to 3.5% Year 12
Mortality: Retirees:	RP-2014 Male and Female Healthy Annuitant Mortality Tables, scaled by 82% for males and 78% for females and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2017 from 2006.
Active Members:	RP-2014 Male and Female Healthy Annuitant Mortality Tables, scaled by 100% and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP- 2017 from 2006.
Other Assumptions:	2017 from 2006.
Opt Out Assumptions Survivor Coverage	 21% of eligible participants hired before July 1, 2008 and 30% of those hired after June 30, 2008 are assumed to opt out of the retiree health plan. 80% of male retirees and 67% of female retirees are assumed to have coverages continuing after the retiree's death
Coverage Election at Retirement	75% of male and 60% of female future retirees are assumed to elect coverage for 1 or more dependents.

Notes:

- Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the period 2012 through 2017 have been adopted by the System for use in the annual OPEB valuations beginning with the September 30, 2017 valuation. The total OPEB liability as of September 30, 2020, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2019, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures, including the experience study.
- Recognition period for liabilities is the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees in years: [5.6018 for non-university employers]
- Recognition period for assets in years is 5.0000
- Full actuarial assumptions are available in the 2020 MPSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report found on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

<u>NOTE 8--POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS</u> (Continued)

Long-Term Expected Return on Plan Assets

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a buildingblock method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of OPEB 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. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the OPEB plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2020, are summarized in the following table:

		Long Term Expected
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Real Rate of Return*
Domestic Equity Pools	25.0%	5.6%
Private Equity Pools	16.0%	9.3%
International Equity	15.0%	7.4%
Fixed Income Pools	10.5%	0.5%
Real Estate and Infrastructure Pools	10.0%	4.9%
Absolute Return Pools	9.0%	3.2%
Real Return/Opportunistic Pools	12.5%	6.6%
Short Term Investment Pools	2.0%	-0.1%
Total	100.0%	
*I	durinistrative average	and 2 10/ inflation

*Long-term rates of return are net of administrative excess and 2.1% inflation.

Rate of Return

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, the annual money-weighted rate of return on OPEB plan investment, net of OPEB plan investment expense, was 5.24%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Discount Rate

A discount rate of 6.95% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments of 6.95%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB 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 OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

NOTE 8--POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.95%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage higher:

		Ne	et OPEB					
Ne	t OPEB	Liabilit	y at Current	Net OPEB				
Liability at 1%		Disc	ount Rate	Liability at 1%				
Decrease 5.95%			5.95%	Decrease 7.95%				
\$	70,410	\$	54,810	\$	41,677			

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to Healthcare Cost Trend Rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using assumed trend rates, as well as what the District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher:

		Ne	et OPEB				
Ne	t OPEB	y at Current	Ne	et OPEB			
Liability at 1% H			ncare Trend	Liability at 1%			
Trend Decrease			Rate	Trend Increase			
\$	41,174	\$	54,810	\$	70,320		

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued 2020 MPSERS CAFR, available on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

Payables to the OPEB Plan

At June 30, 2021, there was \$0 payable to the OPEB Plan.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

NOTE 9--CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; medical benefits provided to employees and natural disasters. The District has purchased commercial insurance for general liability, property and casualty, auto and workers compensation. As of June 30, 2021, there were no claims that exceeded insurance coverage. The District did not have any significant reduction in insurance coverage from previous years. Settled claims for the District have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past 3 years.

NOTE 10—ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Grant Township School District No. 2 receives a substantial amount of its revenues from property taxes. A significant reduction in the level of this support, if this were to occur, could have an effect on the Grant Township School District No. 2's ability to continue its activities.

In June 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No. 87, Leases, which improves accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This statement requires recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources. The District is currently evaluating the impact this standard will have on the financial statements when adopted. The provisions of this statement are effective for the District's financial statements for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFOMRATION

GRANT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF REVENUES--BUDGET AND ACTUAL For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Original Adopted Budget	Final Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues				
Local sources: Property taxes Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes	\$ 181,000 -	\$ 210,559 233	\$ 192,268 233	\$ (18,291)
Total local sources	181,000	210,792	192,501	(18,291)
Earnings on investments and deposits Interest earned	210	716	559	(157)
Other local sources Donations Private sources Total other local sources	300 - 300	3,824 2,367 6,191	3,840 2,300 6,140	16 (67) (51)
	500	0,171	0,140	(31)
State Grants State aid Total State grants	10,000	25,296 25,296	32,388 32,388	7,092 7,092
Federal grants REAP grant Coronavirus relief funds	10,000	21,421 1,915	21,421 1,915	-
Total federal grants	10,000	23,336	23,336	-
Inter-district sources Transportation Total inter-district sources	3,500 3,500	3,500	3,500 3,500	
Total operating revenues	205,010	269,831	258,424	(11,407)
Expenditures				
Instruction	132,915	146,685	141,792	4,893
Support services General administration Operations and maintenance Transportation	39,795 16,150 38,600	43,885 20,745 32,800	39,210 15,077 25,335	4,675 5,668 7,465
Total support services	94,545	97,430	79,622	17,808

GRANT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF REVENUES--BUDGET AND ACTUAL For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

(Continued)

	Original Adopted Budget	Final Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Debt service				
Principal	9,867	9,867	9,867	-
Interest expense	2,126	2,126	2,126	-
Total debt service	11,993	11,993	11,993	-
Total expenditures	239,453	256,108	233,407	22,701
Excess (dificiency) of revenues over				
expenditures	(34,443)	13,723	25,017	11,294
Net change in fund balance	(34,443)	13,723	25,017	11,294
Fund balance, beginning of year	176,203	172,366	172,366	_
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 141,760	\$ 186,089	\$ 197,383	\$ 11,294

GRANT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION Pension Required Supplementary Information MPSERS Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Plan

Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability

	Year Ended September 30,									
	2020		2019		2018		2017			2016
District's proportion of the net pension liability	\$	225,763	\$	304,468	\$	308,404	\$	278,627	\$	286,908
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	0.00092664%		0.000919400%		0.001025900%		0.00107500%		0.0	00115000%
District's covered payroll	\$	92,099	\$	79,718	\$	85,506	\$	84,730	\$	105,199
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll		245.13%		381.93%		360.68%		328.84%		272.73%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		59.72%		60.31%		64.21%		64.21%		63.27%

Note: GASB 68 was implemented in fiscal year 2015. This schedule is being built prospectively. Ultimately, 10 years of data will be presented

Schedule of District's Pension Contributions

			Year Ended June 30,							
	2021		2020		2019		2018			2017
Statutorily required contributions	\$	23,146	\$	35,362	\$	27,935	\$	25,219	\$	23,289
Contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions		23,146		35,362		27,935		25,219		23,289
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
District's covered-employee payroll		88,844		93,688		77,713		89,444		74,673
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		26.05%		37.74%		35.95%		28.20%		31.19%

Note: GASB 68 was implemented in fiscal year 2015. This schedule is being built prospectively. Ultimately, 10 years of data will be presented.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Changes of benefit terms: There we no changes of benefits terms in FY 2020.

Changes of benefit assumptions: There were no changes of benefit assumptions in FY 2020.

GRANT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION Other Post Employment Benefit Required Supplementary Information MPSERS Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Plan

Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Pension Liability

	Year Ended September 30,							
	2020 0.001023%		2019 0.00090596%		2018 0.00099871%			2017
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability								010950%
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	\$	54,810	\$	65,028	\$	79,387	\$	96,963
District's covered payroll District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its	\$	92,099	\$	79,718	\$	85,506	\$	84,730
covered payroll		59.51%		81.57%		92.84%		114.44%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		59.44%		48.46%		42.95%		36.39%

Note: GASB 75 was implemented in fiscal year 2018. This schedule is being built prospectively. Untimately, 10 years of data will be presented.

Schedule of District's OPEB Contributions

	Year Ended June 30,							
	2021		2020		2019		2018	
Statutorily required contributions	\$	9,097	\$	9,097	\$	6,483	\$	8,525
Contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions		9,097		9,097		6,483		8,525
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
District's covered-employee payroll		88,844		93,688		77,713		89,444
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		10.24%		9.71%		8.34%		9.53%

Note: GASB 75 was implemented in fiscal year 2018. This schedule is being built prospectively. Untimately, 10 years of data will be presented.

Notes to Required Suplementary Information

Changes of benefit terms: There we no changes of benefits terms in FY 2020 **Changes of benefit assumptions**: There were no changes of benefit assumptions in FY 2020.

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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Board of Education Grant Township School District No. 2 Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918

I 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, and major fund Grant Township School District No. 2, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Grant Township School District No. 2's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated November 1, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered Grant Township School District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Grant Township School District No. 2's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Grant Township School District No. 2'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 Grant Township School District No. 2'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.

My 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. I did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses that I consider to be significant deficiencies, listed as finding 2021-1

To the Board of Education Grant Township School District No. 2 Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918 Page 2

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Grant Township School District No. 2's financial statements are free from material misstatement, I 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 my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, listed as finding 2021-2 that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Grant Township School District No. 2's Response to Findings

The Grant Township School District No. 2's response to the findings identified in my audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. The Grant Township School District No. 2's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Grant Township School District No. 2's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Susan D. Sanford CPA PLLC

Susan D Sanford, CPA PLLC Traverse City, Michigan

November 1, 2021

Schedule of Findings and Responses

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Finding 2021-001Lack of Appropriate Segregation of Accounting Duties
(Repeat comment)

Finding Type: Significant Deficiency in Internal Control over Accounting Duties

Criteria: Management is responsible for establishing effective internal controls to safeguard the District's assets, and to prevent or detect misstatements to the financial statements. In establishing appropriate internal controls, careful consideration must be given to the cost of a particular control and the related benefits to be received. Accordingly, management must make the difficult decision of what degree of risk it is willing to accept, given the District's unique circumstances.

Condition: As is the case with many organizations of similar size, the District lacks a sufficient number of accounting personnel in order to ensure a complete segregation of duties within its accounting function. Ideally, no single individual should ever be able to authorize a transaction, record the transaction in the accounting records, and maintain custody of the assets resulting from the transaction. Effectively, proper segregation of duties is intended to prevent an individual from committing an act of fraud or abuse and being able to conceal it.

Cause: This condition is a result of the District's limited resources, and the small size of its accounting staff.

Effect: As a result of this condition, the District is exposed to an increased risk that misstatements (whether caused by error or fraud) may occur and not be prevented or detected by management in a timely manner.

Recommendation: There are, of course, no easy answers to the challenge of balancing the costs and benefits of internal controls and the segregation of incompatible duties. Recognizing this fact, we encourage the District to continue to mitigate this risk by requiring as much independent review, reconciliation, and approval of accounting function by qualified members of management as possible.

View of Responsible Officials:

We acknowledge the risk associated with internal control and issues with the segregation of the duties listed above. We have compensating controls in place where possible and will continue to monitor and mitigate risks periodically. While the governing board is always looking for ways to introduce more checks and balances to all of the accounting functions, limited staffing will always make total separation of duties a challenge

Schedule of Findings and Responses

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Finding 2021-002 Availability of information on website in accordance with Section 18(2) of the State School Aid Act (repeat comment with update)

Finding Type: Statutory Compliance

Criteria: Section 18(2) of the State School Aid Act requires the following:

2) A district or intermediate district shall adopt an annual budget in a manner that complies with the uniform budgeting and accounting act, 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.421 to 141.440a. Within 15 days after a district board adopts its annual operating budget for the following school fiscal year, or after a district board adopts a subsequent revision to that budget, the district shall make all of the following available through a link on its website homepage, or may make the information available through a link on its intermediate district's website homepage, in a form and manner prescribed by the department:

- a) The annual operating budget and subsequent budget revisions.
- b) Using data that have already been collected and submitted to the department, a summary of district expenditures for the most recent fiscal year for which they are available, expressed in the following 2 visual displays:
 - i) A chart of personnel expenditures, broken into the following subcategories: (A) Salaries and wages. (B) Employee benefit costs, including, but not limited to, medical, dental, vision, life, disability, and long-term care benefits. (C) Retirement benefit costs. (D) All other personnel costs.
 - (ii) A chart of all district expenditures, broken into the following subcategories: (A) Instruction. (B) Support services. (C) Business and administration. (D) Operations and maintenance
- c) Links to all of the following:
 - i) The current collective bargaining agreement for each bargaining unit.
 - ii) Each health care benefits plan, including, but not limited to, medical, dental, vision, disability, longterm care, or any other type of benefits that would constitute health care services, offered to any bargaining unit or employee in the district.
 - iii) The audit report of the audit conducted under subsection (4) for the most recent fiscal year for which it is available.
 - iv) The bids required under section 5 of the public employees health benefit act, 2007 PA 106, MCL 124.75.
 - v) The district's written policy governing procurement of supplies, materials, and equipment.
 - vi) The district's written policy establishing specific categories of reimbursable expenses, as described in section 1254(2) of the revised school code, MCL 380.1254.
 - vii) Either the district's accounts payable check register for the most recent school fiscal year or a statement of the total amount of expenses incurred by board members or employees of the district that were reimbursed by the district for the most recent school year.
- e) The annual amount spent on dues paid to associations.
- h) Identification of all credit cards maintained by the district as district credit cards, the identity of all individuals authorized to use each of those credit cards, the credit limit on each credit card, and the dollar limit, if any, for each individual's authorized use of the credit card.
- i) Costs incurred for each instance of out-of-state travel by the school administrator of the district that is fully or partially paid for by the district and the details of each of those instances of out-of-state travel, including at least identification of each individual on the trip, destination, and purpose.

Schedule of Findings and Responses

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Condition: The District lacks a sufficient number of administrative/accounting personnel in order to fully comply the above requirements.

Cause: This condition is a result of the District's limited resources, and the small size of its administrative/accounting staff.

Effect: As a result of this condition, the District is exposed to a withholding of up to 10% of the total state school aid due.

Recommendation: I recommend that the District discuss with their tech on how to download and link the information requested. The District has posted the budget information on the web and has submitted the audits for posting on the web as well. I recommend that the Board adopt written policies on procurement of supplies, material and equipment as well as a policy on reimbursable expenses and travel and the remainder of the Section 18(2) requirements.

View of Responsible Officials:

We will provide our tech with the necessary information to post on the website. The Board is currently working on a written policy on reimbursable expenses and travel. We have set a target date of December 31, 2020 for completion of the Section 18(2) requirements.

Grant Township School District No. 5 Schedule of Prior Findings and Responses For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Finding 2018-02 Lack of Appropriate Segregation of Accounting Duties (Repeat comment)

Finding Type: Significant Deficiency in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Criteria: Management is responsible for establishing effective internal controls to safeguard the District's assets, and to prevent or detect misstatements to the financial statements. In establishing appropriate internal controls, careful consideration must be given to the cost of a particular control and the related benefits to be received. Accordingly, management must make the difficult decision of what degree of risk it is willing to accept, given the District's unique circumstances.

Condition: As is the case with many organizations of similar size, the District lacks a sufficient number of accounting personnel in order to ensure a complete segregation of duties within its accounting function. Ideally, no single individual should ever be able to authorize a transaction, record the transaction in the accounting records, and maintain custody of the assets resulting from the transaction. Effectively, proper segregation of duties is intended to prevent an individual from committing an act of fraud or abuse and being able to conceal it.

Cause: This condition is a result of the District's limited resources, and the small size of its accounting staff.

Effect: As a result of this condition, the District is exposed to an increased risk that misstatements (whether caused by error or fraud) may occur and not be prevented or detected by management in a timely manner.

Recommendation: There are, of course, no easy answers to the challenge of balancing the costs and benefits of internal controls and the segregation of incompatible duties. Recognizing this fact, we encourage the District to continue to mitigate this risk by requiring as much independent review, reconciliation, and approval of accounting function by qualified members of management as possible.

View of Responsible Officials:

We acknowledge the risk associated with internal control and issues with the segregation of the duties listed above. We have compensating controls in place where possible and will continue to monitor and mitigate risks periodically. While the governing board is always looking for way to introduce more checks and balances to all of the accounting functions, limited staffing will always make total separation of duties a challenge.

Grant Township School District No. 5 Schedule of Prior Findings and Responses For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Finding 2018-03Adoption of annual budget; availability of information on websiteFinding Type:Statutory Compliance

Criteria: Section 18(2) of the State School Aid Act requires the following:

(2) A district or intermediate district shall adopt an annual budget in a manner that complies with the uniform budgeting and accounting act, 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.421 to 141.440a. Within 15 days after a district board adopts its annual operating budget for the following school fiscal year, or after a district board adopts a subsequent revision to that budget, the district shall make all of the following available through a link on its website homepage, or may make the information available through a link on its intermediate district's website homepage, in a form and manner prescribed by the department:

(a) The annual operating budget and subsequent budget revisions. CORRECTED IN 2021

(b) Using data that have already been collected and submitted to the department, a summary of district expenditures for the most recent fiscal year for which they are available, expressed in the following 2 visual displays:

(i) A chart of personnel expenditures, broken into the following subcategories: (A) Salaries and wages. (B) Employee benefit costs, including, but not limited to, medical, dental, vision, life, disability, and long-term care benefits. (C) Retirement benefit costs. (D) All other personnel costs.

(ii) A chart of all district expenditures, broken into the following subcategories: (A) Instruction. (B) Support services.(C) Business and administration. (D) Operations and maintenance.

(c) Links to all of the following:

(i) The current collective bargaining agreement for each bargaining unit.

(ii) Each health care benefits plan, including, but not limited to, medical, dental, vision, disability, long-term care, or any other type of benefits that would constitute health care services, offered to any bargaining unit or employee in the district.

(iii) The audit report of the audit conducted under subsection (4) for the most recent fiscal year for which it is available.

(iv) The bids required under section 5 of the public employees health benefit act, 2007 PA 106, MCL 124.75.

(v) The district's written policy governing procurement of supplies, materials, and equipment.

(vi) The district's written policy establishing specific categories of reimbursable expenses, as described in section 1254(2) of the revised school code, MCL 380.1254.

(vii) Either the district's accounts payable check register for the most recent school fiscal year or a statement of the total amount of expenses incurred by board members or employees of the district that were reimbursed by the district for the most recent school fiscal year.

(e) The annual amount spent on dues paid to associations.

(h) Identification of all credit cards maintained by the district as district credit cards, the identity of all individuals authorized to use each of those credit cards, the credit limit on each credit card, and the dollar limit, if any, for each individual's authorized use of the credit card.

(i) Costs incurred for each instance of out-of-state travel by the school administrator of the district that is fully or partially paid for by the district and the details of each of those instances of out-of-state travel, including at least identification of each individual on the trip, destination, and purpose.

Schedule Prior of Findings and Responses

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Condition: The District lacks a sufficient number of administrative/accounting personnel in order to fully comply the above requirements.

Cause: This condition is a result of the District's limited resources, and the small size of its administrative/accounting staff.

Effect: As a result of this condition, the District is exposed to a withholding of up to 10% of the total state school aid due.

Recommendation: I recommend that the District discuss with their tech on how to download and link the information requested. The District has recently posted the budget information on the web. That is a good start. I recommend that the Board adopt written policies on procurement of supplies, material and equipment as well as a policy on reimbursable expenses and travel.

View of Responsible Officials:

We have already posted the budget and will continue to post budgets as we make amendments. We will work on getting the rest of the requirements posted to the web site and develop the recommended policies.



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November 1, 2021

Susan D. Sanford, CPA PLLC 3303 Silver Lake Road Traverse City, Michigan 49684

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Grant Township School District No. 2 (the "District") which comprise the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and the major fund as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of November 1, 2021 the following representations made to you during your audit.

Financial Statements

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated October 4, 2021, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP. We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for the financial statements and related notes.
- 2) We have reviewed and approved the various adjusting journal entries that were proposed by you for recording in our books and records and reflected in the financial statements. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP and include all properly classified funds. There are no component units.
- 3) We acknowledge our responsibility for 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.

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- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5) Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 6) There have been no related party relationships or transactions.
- 7) Adjustments or disclosures have been made for all events, including instances of noncompliance, subsequent to the date of the financial statements that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.
- 8) The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole for each opinion unit. In addition, you have proposed adjusting journal entries that have been posted to the District's accounts. We are in agreement with those adjustments.
- 9) The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments, if any, have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 10) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the District is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

Information Provided

11) We have provided you with:

- a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
- b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
- c) Unrestricted access to persons within the District from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- d) Minutes of the meetings of District or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 12) All material transactions have been recorded, except as made known to you, in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 13) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 14) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the District and involves:
 - Management,
 - Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 15) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the District's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- 16) We have no knowledge of instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements, except as made known to you.
- 17) We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- 18) There are no District's related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

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Government—specific

- 19) There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
- 20) We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- 21) We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 22) We have provided our views on reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as our planned corrective actions, for the report.
- 23) The District has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or equity.
- 24) We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts; and legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 25) We are unaware of instances, which have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that we believe have a material effect on the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance.
- 26) We are unaware of instances, which have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of noncompliance with provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- 27) We are unaware of instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- 28) There are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), except those made known to you. There are no violations or possible violations of provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.
- 29) The District has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral, except as disclosed to you.
- 30) The District has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 31) The financial statements include all component units as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations.
- 32) The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34.
- 33) All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASBS Nos. 34 and 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
- 34) Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted), and components of fund balance (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.

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- 35) Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 36) Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
- 37) Deposits and investments are properly classified as to risk and are properly disclosed.
- 38) Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated.
- 39) We have appropriately disclosed the District's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available and have determined that net position is properly recognized under the policy.
- 40) We are following our established accounting policy regarding which resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available. That policy determines the fund balance classifications for financial reporting purposes.
- 41) We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.
- 42) We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.
- 43) With respect to the RSI for pensions an OPEB:
 - a) We believe that the actuarial assumptions and methods used to measure pension and OPEB liabilities and costs for financial account purposes are appropriate in the circumstance.
 - b) We are responsible for the fair presentation of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS) and related amounts. We provided MPSERS with complete and accurate information regarding the District's participation in the plan, and have reviewed the information provided by MPSERS for inclusion in the District's financial statements.

Signature Christing Musiel Title Board Treasurer

Title

Signature //

Board President



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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN For the year ended June 30, 2021

Finding 2018-02 Lack of Appropriate Segregation of Accounting Duties

Finding Type: Significant Deficiency in Internal Controls

Condition: As is the case with many organizations of similar size, the District lacks a sufficient number of accounting personnel in order to ensure a complete segregation of duties within its accounting function. Ideally, no single individual should ever be able to authorize a transaction, record the transaction in the accounting records, and maintain custody of the assets resulting from the transaction. Effectively, proper segregation of duties is intended to prevent an individual from committing an act of fraud or abuse and being able to conceal it.

Steps already taken: We have hired an outside bookkeeper to compile the financial statements and process various payroll and accounting entries.

Plans for monitoring: The District Treasurer monitors and reconciles accounts with the bookkeeper records and the District records. The District also prepares the draft financial statements.

Reasons for not fully complying with recommendation: We have evaluated the cost vs. benefit of hiring additional personnel to fully segregate accounting duties. We have concluded that the cost exceeds the benefit, and have implemented mitigating controls to compensate for the internal control weaknesses.

Name of responsible official: Christine Musiel, Treasurer

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Finding 2018-03 Availability of information on website required under Section 18(2) of the State School Aid Act

Finding Type: Statutory Compliance

Condition: The District is not fully in compliance with Section 18(2) of the State School Aid Act.

Steps already taken: We have posted the budget and will continue to post budgets as we make amendments. We have posted the various COVID-19 Learning Plans. We have submitted our student handbook and audits for inclusion on the website. We have adopted a policy on procurement of supplies, materials and equipment, and are working on a policy for reimbursable expenses and travel. We have created an entirely new website.

Steps that will be taken: The new website will be launched. The Board is currently working on a written policy on reimbursable expenses and travel. We have set a target date of November 30, 2021 for completion of the Section 18(2) requirements.

Plans for monitoring: Once launched, we will continue to upload documents to our website to bring it into compliance.

Name of responsible official: Christine Musiel, Treasurer



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

November 1, 2021

To the Board of Education Grant Township School District #2 Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activity and the major fund of Grant Township School District No. 2 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021. Professional standards require that I provide you with information about my responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of my audit. I have communicated such information in my letter to you dated October 4, 2021. Professional standards also require that I communicate to you the following information related to my audit.

My Responsibility Under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing <u>Standards</u>

As communicated in my engagement letter dated October 4, 2021, my responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. My audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities. My responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

As part of my audit, I considered the internal control of the District. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining my audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of District's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. However, the objective of my tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

I am responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in my professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, I am not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.

My audit of the District's financial statements has also been conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Under *Government Auditing Standards*, I am obligated to communicate certain matters that come to my attention related to my audit to those responsible for the governance of the District, including compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, certain instances of error or fraud, illegal acts applicable to government agencies, and significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit. I have issued a separate letter dated November 1, 2021 regarding my consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

I performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in my meeting about planning matters on October 4, 2021.

Qualitative Aspects of the District's Significant Accounting Practices

Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the District are described in Note A to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2021. I noted no transactions entered into by the District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Significant Accounting Estimates

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

The most sensitive estimates affecting the District's financial statements were:

• Management's estimate of the useful lives of depreciable capital assets is based on the length of time it is believed that those assets will provide some economic benefit in the future. I evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the depreciation expense in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

I evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates and determined that they are reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole and in relation to the applicable opinion units.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were: net pension and OPEB liabilities and other related amounts which are dependent on assumptions and estimates made by the plan. These estimates are based on historical trends and industry standards, but are not within the control of management. The disclosure of the pension and OPEB in Notes 7 and 8 to the financial statements describe the actuarial assumptions used to determine the net pension and OPEB liabilities and related deferred inflows and outflows.

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

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

I encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing my audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

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

Disagreements with Management

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

Management Representations

I have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 1, 2021.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

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

Other Audit Findings or Issues

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

Other Matters

I applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis, which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. My procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing

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the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

I was engaged to report on the combining nonmajor special revenue funds and general fund individual schedules, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, I made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to my audit of the financial statements. I compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the governing body and management of the Grant Township School District No. 2 and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Susan D Sanford, CPA PLIC

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