

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing statutes, regulations, and judicial decisions, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations, although in the case of corporations (as defined for federal income tax purposes) such interest is taken into account in determining adjusted current earnings for purposes of such alternative minimum tax. This opinion of Bond Counsel is subject to continuing compliance by the School District with its covenants in the Resolution and other documents to comply with requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and applicable regulations thereunder (herein defined).

Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "Commonwealth") as presently enacted and construed, the Bonds are exempt from personal property taxes in the Commonwealth and the interest on the Bonds is exempt from the Commonwealth's Personal Income Tax and the Commonwealth's Corporate Net Income Tax.

The Bonds are "qualified tax-exempt obligations", for purposes and effect contemplated by Section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (relating to expenses and interest relating to tax-exempt income of certain financial institutions).

For further information concerning federal and state tax matters relating to the Bonds, see "Tax Exemption and Other Tax Matters" herein.

\$8,500,000

West Chester Area School District (Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania) General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2016

Bonds Dated: Date of Delivery

Principal Due: May 15, as shown on inside cover

Interest Due: May 15 and November 15

First Interest Payment: May 15, 2017

The bonds described herein will be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$8,500,000 and will be designated as the General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2016 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds will be issued in denominations of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof, and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as the owner and nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, under its book-entry only system maintained through its brokers and dealers who are, or act through, DTC Participants. The purchasers of the Bonds will not receive physical delivery of the Bonds. A purchaser of the Bonds must maintain an account with a broker or a dealer who is, or acts through, a DTC Participant to receive payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds. See "**BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM**" herein. If, under the circumstances described herein, Bonds are ever issued in certificated form, such Bonds will be subject to registration or transfer, exchange and payment as described herein. The principal of any certificated Bonds will be paid to the registered owners or assigns, when due, upon presentation and surrender of such Bonds to Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company (the "Paying Agent"), acting as paying agent, registrar and sinking fund depository, at its designated corporate trust office. Interest on the Bonds is payable initially on May 15, 2017 and thereafter semiannually on May 15 and November 15 of each year, until the principal sum thereof is paid. DTC Participants and Indirect Participants will be responsible for remitting interest and principal payments to Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

The Bonds are general obligations of the West Chester Area School District, a public school district located in portions of Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania (the "School District"), payable from its tax and other general revenues. The School District has covenanted that it will provide in its budget in each year, and will appropriate from its general revenues in each such year, the amount of the debt service due on the Bonds for such year and will duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid from the sinking fund established under the Resolution (herein defined) or any other of its revenues or funds the principal of every Bond and the interest thereon on the dates, at the place and in the manner stated in the Bonds, and for such budgeting, appropriation and payment the School District has irrevocably pledged its full faith, credit and taxing power, which taxing power presently includes the power to levy an annual ad valorem tax on all taxable real property within the School District, within the limits provided by law. (See "**THE BONDS – "Security"**" and "**TAXING POWERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**" *infra*).

The Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as described herein.

Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to pay the costs of planning, designing, acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping additions and improvements to the School District's existing elementary schools and, to the extent of remaining funds, other buildings and facilities of the School District, and pay the costs of issuing the Bonds.

The Bonds are an authorized investment for fiduciaries in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the Pennsylvania Probate, Estate and Fiduciaries Code, Act of June 30, 1972, No. 164, P.L. 508, as amended and supplemented.

MATURITIES, AMOUNTS, RATES, YIELDS/PRICES AND CUSIPS*

[As Shown on Inside Front Cover]

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to withdrawal or modification of the offer without notice, and subject to the approving legal opinion of Rhoads & Sinon LLP, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Bond Counsel to the School District, to be furnished upon delivery of the Bonds. Certain other legal matters will be passed upon for the School District by Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees, P.C., West Chester, Pennsylvania, School District Solicitor. PFM Financial Advisors LLC, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, will serve as the School District's Financial Advisor in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through DTC, on or about December 30, 2016.

PNC CAPITAL MARKETS LLC

\$8,500,000

West Chester Area School District
(Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania)
General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2016

Bonds Dated: Date of Delivery
Interest Due: May 15 and November 15
Denomination: Integral multiples of \$5,000

Principal Due: May 15 (as shown below)
First Interest Payment: May 15, 2017
Form: DTC Book-Entry Only

Maturity Date (May 15) Year	Principal Amounts	Interest Rates	Initial Offering Yields	Initial Offering Prices	CUSIP⁽¹⁾
2021**	\$20,000	2.000%	2.000%	100.000%	952030Y40
2028**	35,000	2.750	2.750	100.000	952030Z31
2032**	8,445,000	3.000	3.000	100.000	952030Z72

⁽¹⁾The above CUSIP (Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures) numbers have been assigned by an organization not affiliated with the School District or the Underwriter, and such parties are not responsible for the selection or use of the CUSIP numbers. The CUSIP numbers are included solely for the convenience of bondholders and no representation is made as to the correctness of such CUSIP numbers. CUSIP numbers assigned to securities may be changed during the term of such securities based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, the refunding or defeasance of such issue or the use of secondary market financial products. Neither the School District nor the Underwriter has agreed to, and there is no duty or obligation to, update this Official Statement to reflect any change or correction in the CUSIP numbers set forth above.

**Term Bond

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(Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania)

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

\$8,500,000

West Chester Area School District (Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania)

General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2016

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement, including the cover page and inside cover page hereof, and Appendices hereto, is furnished by the West Chester Area School District, a public school district that includes portions of Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania (the "School District"), in connection with the offering of \$8,500,000 aggregate principal amount, of its General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2016 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to, and are secured by, a Resolution of the Board of School Directors of the School District adopted on November 28, 2016 (the "Resolution"), and in accordance with the Local Government Unit Debt Act, 53 Pa. C.S. Chs. 80-82 (the "Debt Act"), of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "Commonwealth" or "State").

PURPOSE OF THE ISSUE

Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to pay the costs of planning, designing, acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping additions and improvements to the School District's existing elementary schools and, to the extent of remaining funds, other buildings and facilities of the School District, and pay the costs of issuing the Bonds.

Sources and Uses of Bond Proceeds

The following is a summary of the sources and uses of the proceeds from the issuance of the Bonds.

<u>Sources of Funds:</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bond Proceeds.....	\$8,500,000.00
Net Original Issue Premium.....	0.00
<i>Total</i>	<u><u>\$8,500,000.00</u></u>
<u>Uses of Funds:</u>	
Construction Fund Deposit.....	\$8,321,588.00
Costs of Issuance ⁽¹⁾	178,412.00
<i>Total</i>	<u><u>\$8,500,000.00</u></u>

⁽¹⁾ Includes legal, financial advisor, printing, rating, total bond discount, CUSIP, paying agent, and miscellaneous costs.

THE BONDS

Description

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form in denominations of \$5,000 principal amount and integral multiples thereof, in the aggregate principal amount of \$8,500,000. The Bonds will be dated as of the date of the original issuance and delivery thereof (the "Date of Delivery"), and will bear interest at the rates and mature in the amounts and on the dates set forth on the inside front cover of this Official Statement. Interest on each of the Bonds will be payable initially on May 15, 2017, and, thereafter, semiannually on May 15 and November 15 of each year until the maturity date of such Bond or, if such Bond is redeemable and is called for redemption prior to maturity, until the date fixed for redemption thereof, if payment of the redemption price has been duly made or provided for.

When issued, the Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. Purchasers of the Bonds (the "Beneficial Owners") will not receive any physical delivery of Bond certificates, and beneficial ownership of the Bonds will be evidenced only by book entries. See "BOOK – ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

Payment of Principal and Interest

So long as Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, when due, are to be made to DTC, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to satisfy fully and to discharge the obligations of the School District with respect to, and to the extent of, principal, redemption premium, if any, and interest so paid. If the use of the Book-Entry Only System for the Bonds is discontinued for any reason, bond certificates will be issued and payment of principal, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall be made as described in the following paragraphs:

The principal of any certificated Bonds, when due upon maturity or upon any earlier redemption, will be paid to the registered owners of the Bonds, or registered assigns, upon surrender of such Bonds to Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company (the "Paying Agent"), acting as paying agent and sinking fund depository for the Bonds, at its designated corporate trust offices (or to any successor paying agent at its designated office(s)).

Interest on any certificated Bonds will be payable to the registered owner of such Bond from the interest payment date next preceding the date of registration and authentication of such Bond, unless: (a) such Bond is registered and authenticated as of an interest payment date, in which event such Bond shall bear interest from said interest payment date, or (b) such Bond is registered and authenticated after a Record Date (hereinafter defined) and before the next succeeding interest payment date, in which event such Bond shall bear interest from such interest payment date, or (c) such Bond is registered and authenticated on or prior to the Record Date preceding May 15, 2017, in which event such Bond shall bear interest from the Date of Delivery, or (d) as shown by the records of the Paying Agent, interest on such Bond shall be in default, in which event such Bond shall bear interest from the date to which interest was last paid on such Bond. Interest on a certificated Bond will be payable by check drawn on the Paying Agent, which shall be mailed to the registered owner whose name and address shall appear, at the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day (whether or not a day on which the Paying Agent is open for business) next preceding each interest payment date (the "Record Date"), on the registration books maintained by the Paying Agent, irrespective of any transfer or exchange of each Bond subsequent to such Record Date and prior to such interest payment date, unless the School District shall be in default in payment of interest due on such interest payment date. In the event of any such default, such defaulted interest shall be payable to the person in whose name the certificated Bond is registered at the close of business on a special record date for the payment of such defaulted interest established by notice mailed by the Paying Agent to the registered owner of such Bond not less than fifteen (15) days preceding such special record date. Such notice shall be mailed to the person in whose name such Bond is registered at the close of business on the fifth (5th) day preceding the date of mailing.

If the date for payment of the principal of or interest on any Bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in the Commonwealth are authorized or required by law or executive order to close, then the date for payment of such principal or interest shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which such banking institutions are authorized or required to close, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the nominal date established for such payment.

Transfer, Exchange and Registration of Bonds

Subject to the provisions described below under "Book-Entry Only System," a certificated Bond is transferable or exchangeable by the registered owner, thereof upon surrender of such Bond to the Paying Agent, accompanied by a written instrument or instruments in form, with instructions, and with guaranty of signature satisfactory to the Paying Agent, duly executed by the registered owner of such Bond or his attorney-in-fact or legal representative. The Paying Agent shall enter any transfer of ownership of certificated Bonds in the registration books and shall authenticate and deliver at the earliest practicable time in the name of the transferee or transferees a new fully registered Bond or Bonds of authorized denominations of the same maturity and interest rate for the aggregate principal amount which the registered owner is entitled to receive. The School District and the Paying Agent may deem and treat the registered owner of any Bond as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not such Bond shall be overdue) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of principal and interest and for all other purposes, and the School District and the Paying Agent shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary.

The School District and the Paying Agent shall not be required (a) to register the transfer or exchange any Bonds then considered for redemption during a period beginning at the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day next preceding any date of selection of Bonds to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the day on which the applicable notice of redemption is mailed or (b) to register the transfer of or exchange any portion of any Bond selected for redemption until after the redemption date. Bonds may be exchanged for a like aggregate principal amount of Bonds of other authorized denominations of the same maturity and interest rate.

Security

The Bonds will be general obligations of the School District, payable from its tax and other general revenues. The School District has covenanted that it will provide in its budget for each year, and will appropriate from its general revenues in each such year, the amount of the debt service on the Bonds for such year, and will duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid from its Sinking Fund, as hereinafter defined, or any other of its revenues or funds, the principal of each of the Bonds and the interest thereon at the dates and place and in the manner stated on the Bonds, and for such budgeting, appropriation and payment the School District irrevocably has pledged its full faith, credit and taxing power, which taxing power includes the power to levy an annual ad valorem tax on all taxable property within the School District, within the limits provided by law (see "TAXING POWERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT" herein). The Debt Act presently provides for the enforcement of debt service payments as hereinafter described (see "DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES" herein), and the Public School Code presently provides for the withholding and application of subsidies in the event of failure to pay debt service (See "Commonwealth Enforcement of Debt Service Payments" below).

State Enforcement of Debt Service Payments

Section 633 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended by Act 154 of 1998 and Act 70 of 2004 (the "Public School Code"), presently provides that in all cases where the board of school directors of any school district fails to pay or to provide for the payment of any indebtedness at date of maturity or date of mandatory redemption, or any interest due on such indebtedness on any interest payment date, in accordance with the schedule under which the bonds were issued, the Secretary of Education shall notify such board of school directors of its obligation and shall withhold out of any Commonwealth appropriation due such school district an amount equal to the sum of the principal amount maturing or subject to mandatory redemption and interest owing by such school district, and shall pay over the amount so withheld to the bank or other person acting as sinking fund depository for such bond issue. These withholding provisions are not part of any contract with the holders of the Bonds, and may be amended or repealed by future legislation.

There can be no assurance, however, that any payments pursuant to this withholding provision will be made by the date on which such payments are due to the Bondholders.

The effectiveness of Section 633 of the Public School Code may be limited by the application of other withholding provisions contained in the Public School Code, such as provisions for withholding and paying over of appropriations for payment of unpaid teachers' salaries. Enforcement may also be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, or other laws or equitable principles affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally. But see "**Pennsylvania Budget Adoption**".

Pennsylvania Budget Adoption

Over the past several years the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has, from time to time, started its fiscal year without a fully adopted state budget. Most recently, in the state's 2015-16 fiscal year, a final budget was not enacted until March 27, 2016, which was 270 days following the beginning of the fiscal year on March 27, 2016 when the Governor failed to sign or veto the state budget that was adopted by the General Assembly on March 17, 2016.

For the current 2016-17 fiscal year, the state budget became law, known as Act 16A of 2016, on July 12, 2016 when the Governor failed to sign or veto the state budget that was adopted by the General Assembly on July 1, 2016. On July 13, 2016, the General Assembly adopted and Governor signed into law an additional tax and revenue package known as Act 85 of 2016, that was needed to balance the 2016-17 state budget.

During a state budget impasse, school districts in Pennsylvania cannot be certain when state subsidies and revenues owed them from the Commonwealth will become available. This includes many of the major state subsidies, and overall revenues, that a Pennsylvania school district receives including basic education funding, special education funding, PlanCon reimbursements, and certain block grants, among many others. Future budget impasses may affect the timeliness or amount available to be paid by the Commonwealth under the withholding provisions of Section 633 of the Public School Code, however recent legislation included in Act 85 of 2016 has attempted to address the timeliness of the withholding provisions of Section 633 of the Public School Code during any future budget impasses. See "Act 85 of 2016" below.

Act 85 of 2016 (New Changes in the Law Governing the State Intercept of Subsidies to Pay Debt Service)

On July 13, 2016, the Governor of the Commonwealth signed into law Act No. 85 of 2016, (P.L. 664, No. 85) ("Act 85 of 2016"), an amendment to the Act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 343, No. 176), known as the Fiscal Code ("Fiscal Code"). Act 85 of 2016 adds to the Fiscal Code Article XV1-E.4, entitled "School District Intercepts for the Payment of Debt Service During Budget Impasse", which provides for intercept of subsidy payments by PDE from a school district subject to an intercept statute or an intercept agreement in the event of a Commonwealth budget impasse in any fiscal year.

Act 85 of 2016 includes in the definition of "intercept statutes" Sections 633 of the Public School Code. The School District's general obligation bonds, including the Bonds, are subject to Section 633 of the Public School Code.

Act 85 of 2016 provides that the amounts as may be necessary for PDE to comply with the provisions of the applicable intercept statute or intercept agreement "shall be appropriated" to PDE from the General Fund of the Commonwealth after PDE submits justification to the majority and minority chairs of the appropriations committees of the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives allowing ten (10) calendar days for their review and comment, if, in any fiscal year:

- (1) annual appropriations for payment of Commonwealth money to school districts have not been enacted by July 1 and continue not to be enacted when a payment is due;
- (2) the conditions under which PDE is required to comply with an intercept statute or intercept agreement have occurred, thereby requiring PDE to withhold payments which would otherwise be due to school districts; and
- (3) the Secretary of PDE, in consultation with the Secretary of the Budget, determines that there are no payments or allocations due to be paid to the applicable school districts from which PDE may withhold money as required by the applicable intercept statute or intercept agreement.

The necessary amounts shall be appropriated on the expiration of the tenth (10th) day following submission of the justification described above to the majority and minority chairs of the appropriations committees, who may comment on the justification but cannot prevent the effectiveness of the appropriation.

The total of all intercept payments under Article XV11-E.4 for a school district may not exceed 50% of the total nonfederal general fund subsidy payments made to that school district in the prior fiscal year.

Act 85 of 2016 requires that each school district subject to an intercept statute or intercept agreement must deliver to PDE, in such format as PDE may direct, a copy of the final Official Statement for the relevant bonds or notes or the loan documents relating to the obligations, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proceeds of the obligations. The School District intends on submitting this information to PDE within the prescribed timeframe following the issuance of the Bonds. Act 85 of 2016 provides that any obligation for which PDE does not receive the required documents shall not be subject to the applicable intercept statute or intercept agreement.

The provisions of Act 85 of 2016 are not part of any contract with the holders of the Bonds and may be amended or repealed by future legislation without notice from the School District.

Sinking Fund

The sinking fund for the payment of debt service on the Bonds, designated "General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2016 - Sinking Fund" (the "Sinking Fund"), created under the Resolution shall be held by the Paying Agent as sinking fund depository. The School District shall deposit in the Sinking Fund a sufficient sum not later than the date when interest and/or principal is to become due on the Bonds so that on each payment date the Sinking Fund will contain an amount which, together with any other funds available therein, is sufficient to pay in full interest and/or principal then due on the Bonds.

The Sinking Fund shall be held by the Paying Agent, as sinking fund depository, and funds deposited therein will be invested by the Paying Agent in such securities or shall be deposited in such funds or accounts as are authorized by law, upon direction of the School District. Such deposits and securities shall be in the name of the School District, but subject to withdrawal or collection only by the Paying Agent, as sinking fund depository, and such deposits and securities, together with the interest thereon, shall be a part of the Sinking Fund.

The Paying Agent, as sinking fund depository, is authorized without further order from the School District to pay from the Sinking Funds the principal of and interest on the Bonds, as and when due and payable.

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

The information in this section has been obtained from materials provided by DTC for such purpose. The School District (herein referred to as the "Issuer") and the Underwriter do not guaranty the accuracy or completeness of such information, and such information is not to be construed as a representation of the School District or the Underwriter.

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the Bonds (the "Bonds"). The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC the world's largest securities depository is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.6 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not affect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds: DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative,

Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds of any particular maturity are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such maturity to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to Issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Payments of Principal, interest and redemption premium, if any, on the Bonds, will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Issuer or the Paying Agent, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Issuer or the Paying Agent, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payments of Principal, interest and redemption premium, if any, on the Bonds, to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Issuer or the Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Issuer or the Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The issuer may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that Issuer believes to be reliable, but Issuer takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

NEITHER THE ISSUER NOR THE PAYING AGENT WILL HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO ANY DTC PARTICIPANT, INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OR BENEFICIAL OWNER OR ANY OTHER PERSON WITH RESPECT TO: (1) THE BONDS; (2) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT; (3) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPAL OR REDEMPTION PRICE OF OR INTEREST ON THE BONDS; (4) THE DELIVERY TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OF ANY NOTICE WHICH IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ORDINANCE TO BE GIVEN TO BONDHOLDERS; (5) THE SELECTION OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF ANY PARTIAL REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS; OR (6) ANY OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS BONDHOLDER.

The Issuer and the Paying Agent cannot give any assurances that DTC or the Participants will distribute payments of the principal or redemption price of and interest on the Bonds paid to DTC or its nominee, as the registered owner of the Bonds, or any redemption or other notices, to the Beneficial Owners or that they will do so on a timely basis, or that DTC will serve and act in the manner described in this Official Statement.

REDEMPTION OF BONDS

Optional Redemption

The Bonds stated to mature on or after May 15, 2028, shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the School District, as a whole or on any date thereafter, or from time to time, in part (and if in part, in any order of maturities designated by the School District and within a maturity by lot) on May 15, 2022, or on any date thereafter, in either case upon payment of a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, together with accrued interest to the redemption date.

Mandatory Redemption

The Bonds stated to mature on May 15, 2021, May 15, 2028, and May 15, 2032 are subject to redemption prior to maturity as required by the Resolution, in the amounts and on May 15 of the years shown below, from money in the Mandatory Sinking Fund created pursuant to the Resolution, upon payment of the principal amount being redeemed, together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption.

Bonds stated to mature May 15, 2021:

2018	\$5,000
2019	5,000
2020	5,000
2021	5,000*

Bonds stated to mature May 15, 2028:

2022	\$5,000
2023	5,000
2024	5,000
2025	5,000
2026	5,000
2027	5,000
2028	5,000*

Bonds stated to mature May 15, 2032:

2029	\$2,020,000
2030	2,080,000
2031	2,140,000
2032	2,205,000*

* Stated Maturity

In lieu of such mandatory redemption, the Paying Agent, on behalf of the School District, may purchase from money in the Sinking Fund, at a price not to exceed the principal amount plus accrued interest, or the School District may tender to the Paying Agent, all or part of the Bonds subject to being drawn for redemption in any such year.

Notice of Redemption

So long as Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, the School District and the Paying Agent shall send redemption notices only to Cede & Co. See "BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM" herein for further information regarding conveyance of notices to Beneficial Owners.

Notice of any redemption of certificated Bonds shall be given by depositing a copy of a redemption notice in first class mail not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, addressed to the registered owners of each of the Bonds to be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the addresses shown on the registration books kept by the Paying Agent as of the day such Bonds are selected for redemption; provided, however, that failure to give such notice by mailing, or any defect therein or in the mailing thereof, shall not affect the validity of any proceeding for redemption of other Bonds called for redemption as to which proper notice has been given.

On the date designated for redemption, notice having been provided as aforesaid, and money for payment of the principal and accrued interest being held by the Paying Agent, interest on the Bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption shall cease to accrue and such Bonds or portions thereof shall cease to be entitled to any benefit or security under the Resolution, and registered owners of such Bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption shall have no rights with respect thereto, except to receive payment of the principal thereof and accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

If at the time of mailing of a notice of redemption the School District shall not have deposited with the Paying Agent, as sinking fund depository, money sufficient to redeem all Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption, the notice of redemption may state that it is conditional, *i.e.*, that it is subject to the deposit of sufficient redemption money with the Paying Agent not later than the redemption date, and such notice shall be of no effect unless such money is so deposited. If the Bonds to be called for redemption shall have been refunded, money sufficient to redeem such Bonds shall be deemed to be on deposit with the Paying Agent for the purposes of this paragraph and the notice of redemption need not state that it is conditional, if the redemption money has been deposited irrevocably with another bank or bank and trust company which shall have been given irrevocable instructions to transfer the same to the Paying Agent not later than the redemption date. If sufficient funds are not received, such notice of redemption shall be of no effect.

Manner of Redemption

So long as Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, payment of the redemption price shall be made to Cede & Co. in accordance with the existing arrangements by and among the School District, the Paying Agent and DTC and, if less than all Bonds of any particular maturity of a series are to be redeemed, the amount of the interest of each DTC Participant, Indirect Participant and Beneficial Owner in such Bonds to be redeemed shall be determined by the governing arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. See "BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM" herein for further information regarding redemption of Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co.

If a Bond is of a denomination larger than \$5,000, a portion of such Bond may be redeemed. For the purposes of redemption, a Bond shall be treated as representing the number of Bonds that is equal to the principal amount thereof divided by \$5,000, each \$5,000 portion of such Bond being subject to redemption. In the case of partial redemption of a Bond, payment of the redemption price shall be made only upon surrender of such Bond in exchange for Bonds of the same maturity and in authorized denominations of the same series, maturity and interest rate in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the principal amount thereof.

If the redemption date for any Bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in the Commonwealth are authorized or required by law or executive order to close, then the date for payment of the principal, premium, if any, and interest upon such redemption shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which such banking institutions are authorized or required to close, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the nominal date of redemption.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Introduction

The School District encompasses several communities in central Chester County and one municipality in western Delaware County and covers an area of approximately 75 square miles. The School District's boundaries are coterminous with those of the Borough of West Chester and the Townships of East Bradford, East Goshen, Thornbury, West Goshen, Westtown and West Whiteland, all located in Chester County, and the Township of Thornbury in Delaware County. The Borough of West Chester, located in the geographic center of the School District and county seat of Chester County, is approximately 25 miles west of metropolitan Philadelphia, 15 miles north of Wilmington, Delaware, and 15 miles south of King of Prussia and Valley Forge. Many well-known unincorporated communities are located within the School District and these include: Exton in West Whiteland Township, Goshenville in East Goshen Township, Chatwood in West Goshen Township, Cheyney and Glen Mills in Thornbury Township, Delaware County, and Darlington Corners in Westtown Township.

West Chester Area School District is characterized by rolling hills and fertile valleys flanking the east branch of the Brandywine Creek and the tributaries of the Chester Creek. The Borough of West Chester is the financial and professional center for the surrounding area. The Townships encompassed within the School District are principally residential in character, with regional shopping centers and industrial parks. Four major public institutions are within the School District: West Chester University; Cheyney University; Chester County Courthouse; and Chester County Hospital.

Administration

The School District is governed by a nine member Board of School Directors (the "School Board") who are elected for four-year terms. The Superintendent is the chief administrative officer of the School District, with overall responsibility for all aspects of operations, including education. The Director of Business Affairs is responsible for budget and financial operations. Both of these officials are appointed by the School Board.

School Facilities

The School District operates ten elementary schools, three middle schools and three high schools, all as described on the following table. Students at the secondary level also attend the Central Chester County Area Vocational Technical School.

**TABLE 1
WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES**

Building	Original Construction Date	Addition and/or Renovation Date	Grades	2016-17 Enrollment*
B. Rustin High School	2003-06	-	9-12	1,286
East High School	1973	1976/92/93/04	9-12	1,245
East/Fugett Athletic Fields	2004	-	-	
Henderson High School	1951	1956/64/76/94/98/04	9-12	1,222
Henderson-North Campus Athletics	2006	-	-	
E. N. Peirce Middle School	1963	1998/01/03	6-8	953
G. A. Stetson Middle School	1959	1961/98/03/07	6-8	973
J. R. Fugett Middle School	1969	2009	6-8	883
East Bradford Elementary	1958	1966/70/89/14	K-5	440
East Goshen Elementary	1955	1960/64/67/95/01	K-5	405
Exton Elementary.....	1940	1953/57/91/92/93/00	K-5	476
Fern Hill Elementary.....	1955	1960/89	K-5	532
Glen Acres Elementary	1966	1997	K-5	555
Hillsdale Elementary	1976	2007	K-5	562
Mary C. Howse Elementary	1962	1965/97	K-5	524
Penn Wood Elementary.....	1966	1970/89/01/13	K-5	510
Sarah W. Starkweather Elementary	1991	1998	K-5	583
Westtown-Thornbury Elementary	1954	1956/89/13	K-5	440
Facilities & Operations Center	1999	-	-	-
Spellman Administration	1924	1952/55/77/99	Admin./Gifted	-
			Totals	11,589

*Projected for September 30, 2016 enrollment.

Source: School District Officials. Enrollments do not include vo-tech students or students attending facilities not operated by the School District.

Enrollment Trends

The following table presents recent trends in school enrollment and projections of enrollment for the next 4-5 years, as prepared by the School District's administrative officials.

**TABLE 2
WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT TRENDS**

Actual Enrollments					Projected Enrollments				
School Year	K-5	6-8	9-12	Total	School Year	K-5	6-8	9-12	Total
2012-13	5,069	2,763	3,855	11,687	2016-17	5,145	2,791	3,740	11,676
2013-14	5,037	2,754	3,824	11,615	2017-18	5,154	2,723	3,812	11,689
2014-15	5,026	2,790	3,808	11,624	2018-19	5,095	2,768	3,776	11,639
2015-16	4,943	2,782	3,758	11,483	2019-20	5,087	2,780	3,799	11,666
2016-17	5,027	2,809	3,753	11,589	2020-21	5,127	2,771	3,754	11,652

Source: School District officials.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES

Introduction

The School District budgets and expends funds according to procedures mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. An annual operating budget is prepared by the Superintendent and Director of Business Affairs and submitted to the School Board for approval prior to the beginning of each fiscal year ("FY") on July 1.

Financial Reporting

The School District keeps the books and prepares the financial reports for the General Fund according to a modified accrual basis of accounting. Major accrual items are payrolls, payroll taxes and pension fund contributions payable, loans receivable from other funds, and revenues receivable from other governmental units. Taxes are credited when received.

As of July 1, 2001, the School District adopted provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments, Statement No. 37, Basic Financial Statements – and Management Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments: Omnibus, and Interpretation No. 6, Recognition and Measurement of Certain Liabilities and Expenditures in Governmental Fund Balance Statements.

The School District financial statements are audited annually by an independent certified public accountant, as required by Commonwealth law. The firm of Barbacane, Thornton & Company LLP, Wilmington, Delaware, currently serves as the School District's auditor.

The School District's auditor has not been engaged to perform, and has not performed, since the date of its report included in an Appendix to this Official Statement, any procedure on the financial statements addressed in that report. Such auditor also has not performed any procedures relating to this Official Statement.

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Budgeting Process as modified by Act 1 of 2006 (Taxpayer Relief Act)

In General. School districts budget and expend funds according to procedures mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. An annual operating budget is prepared by school district administrative officials on a uniform form furnished by such Department and submitted to the board of school directors for approval prior to the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1.

Procedures for Adoption of the Annual Budget. Under Pennsylvania Act No. 1 of the Special Session of 2006, as amended by Act 25 of 2011 (the "Taxpayer Relief Act" or "Act 1"), all school districts of the first class A, second class, third class and fourth class (except as described below) must adopt a preliminary budget proposal (which must include estimated revenues and expenditures and proposed tax rates) no later than 90 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the fiscal year. The preliminary budget proposal must be printed and made available for public inspection at least 20 days prior to its adoption; the board of school directors may hold a public hearing on the budget; and the board must give at least 10 days public notice of its intent to adopt the final budget.

If the adopted preliminary budget includes an increase in the rate of any tax levy, the preliminary budget must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) no later than 85 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the fiscal year. PDE is to compare the proposed percentage increase in the rate of any tax with the school district's Index (see "The Taxpayer Relief Act" herein) and within 10 days, but not later than 75 days prior to the upcoming election, inform the school district whether the proposed percentage increase is less than or equal to the Index. If PDE determines that a proposed tax increase will exceed the Index, the school district must reduce the proposed tax increase, seek voter approval for the tax increase at the upcoming election, or seek approval to utilize one of the referendum exceptions authorized under The Taxpayer Relief Act.

With respect to the utilization of any of the Taxpayer Relief Act referendum exceptions for which PDE approval is required (see "The Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1)" herein), the school district must publish notice of its intent to seek PDE approval not less than one week before submitting its request for approval to PDE and, if PDE determines to schedule a public hearing on the request, a notice of the date, time and place of such hearing. PDE is required by the Taxpayer Relief Act to rule on the school district's request and inform the school district of its decision no later than 55 days prior to the upcoming election so that, if PDE denies the school district's request, the school district may submit a referendum question to the local election officials at least 50 days before the upcoming election, if it so chooses.

If a school district seeks voter approval to increase taxes at a rate higher than the applicable Index, whether or not it first seeks approval to utilize one of the referendum exceptions available under the Taxpayer Relief Act, and the referendum question is not approved by a majority of the voters voting on the question, the board of school directors may not approve an increase in the tax rate greater than the applicable Index.

Simplified Procedures in Certain Cases. The above budgetary procedures will not apply to a school district if the board of school directors adopts a resolution no later than 110 days prior to the election immediately preceding the upcoming fiscal year declaring that it will not increase any tax at a rate that exceeds the Index and that a tax increase at or below the rate of the Index will be sufficient to balance its budget. In that case, the Taxpayer Relief Act requires only that the proposed annual budget be prepared at least 30 days, and made available for public inspection at least 20 days, prior to its adoption, and that at least ten (10) days' public notice be given of the board's intent to adopt the annual budget. No referendum exceptions are available to a school district adopting such a resolution.

Status of FY 2016-17 Budget Under Act 1. On May 25, 2016, at its regular monthly meeting the School Board of the School District adopted a FY 2016-17 Final Budget. The budget for the next fiscal year calls for a tax millage rate increase of 2.7%, up .52 mills over the previous approved FY budget to 20.0982 mills, but relies heavily on School District spending reductions and the use of approximately \$7.9 million of the School District's accumulated fund balance. Property tax millage rates in the School District will remain the lowest of any district in Chester County or Delaware County.

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Summary and Discussion of Financial Results

A summary of the comparative governmental fund balance sheets is presented in Table 3 and Table 4 shows historic changes in the general fund balances of the School District. Table 5 summarizes revenues and expenditures for the past four years and the 2016-17 budget.

TABLE 3
WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
(Fiscal Years Ending June 30)

ASSETS	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Current:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$21,186,043	\$21,056,456	\$22,136,164	\$17,622,072	\$23,439,719
Investments	29,800,981	29,986,905	47,173,414	57,583,651	44,283,458
Internal Balances	0	0	0	0	(492)
Investments (restricted).....	0	1,892,658	1,894,735	0	0
Property Taxes Receivable, Net.....	5,038,789	5,130,823	4,760,811	4,253,307	3,651,985
Due from other Governments.....	1,738,483	1,232,213	2,170,257	2,683,899	3,557,838
Other Receivables.....	665,398	1,461,604	1,429,544	868,411	814,784
Prepaid Expenditures	1,966,173	1,277,682	1,918,300	3,482,456	4,413,770
Other Current Assets.....	0	0	0	12,270	0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$60,395,867	\$62,038,341	\$81,483,225	\$86,506,066	\$80,161,062
Noncurrent Assets					
Capital Assets:					
Bond issuance costs	\$2,099,265	\$2,089,774	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other post-employment benefits	141,479	0	0	0	0
Land.....	33,159,800	33,159,800	33,159,800	33,159,800	33,159,800
Land Improvements	14,452,651	14,452,651	14,737,125	14,737,125	15,387,038
Buildings.....	360,129,654	361,025,298	363,112,043	364,460,917	396,169,432
Construction in Progress	1,715,107	5,946,351	18,914,012	27,269,498	8,544,126
Furniture and Equipment	31,713,443	31,878,086	33,152,717	33,064,984	35,366,723
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS,					
NET OF DEPRECIATION.....	\$443,411,399	\$448,551,960	\$463,075,697	\$472,692,324	\$488,627,119
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(\$141,049,710)	(\$152,666,816)	(\$164,135,053)	(\$173,719,145)	(\$185,790,681)
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$362,757,556	\$357,923,485	\$380,423,869	\$385,479,245	\$382,997,500
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred amount on refunding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,544,256	\$30,863,176
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED					
OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$362,757,556	\$357,923,485	\$380,423,869	\$391,023,501	\$413,860,676
LIABILITIES					
Current:					
Accounts Payable and other current liabilities	\$18,041,988	\$18,586,164	\$23,697,396	\$25,042,441	\$27,410,251
Bond and Notes Payable Due Within One Year.....	12,559,000	13,107,000	13,765,676	15,571,743	11,835,240
Accrued Interest.....	2,252,622	2,053,135	1,654,712	2,062,171	1,933,474
Deferred Revenues.....	19,317	44,571	23,781	195,159	105,440
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES.....	\$32,872,927	\$33,790,870	\$39,141,565	\$42,871,514	\$41,284,405
Long-Term:					
Bonds and Notes Payable Due After One Year.....	\$286,412,199	\$273,424,676	\$286,418,634	\$284,067,626	\$277,603,614
Accrued Severance and Compensated Absences.....	6,277,128	6,509,029	6,827,788	4,877,394	4,805,853
Other post-employment benefits	0	41,873	37,180	236,392	293,516
Net pension liability.....	0	0	0	0	262,381,000
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	\$292,689,327	\$279,975,578	\$293,283,602	\$289,181,412	\$545,083,983
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$325,562,254	\$313,766,448	\$332,425,167	\$332,052,926	\$586,368,388
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES					
Deferred pension.....	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,757,000
NET POSITION (DEFICIT)					
Net investment in capital assets	\$7,083,089	\$8,057,190	\$5,876,233	\$7,710,407	\$20,989,220
Restricted for Capital Projects	14,506,078	14,329,759	15,646,701	17,672,551	22,203,300
Unrestricted (Deficit).....	15,606,135	21,770,088	30,867,282	34,101,596	(\$234,457,232)
TOTAL FUND EQUITIES.....	\$37,195,302	\$44,157,037	\$52,390,216	\$59,484,554	(\$191,264,712)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND					
FUND EQUITIES/NET ASSETS	\$362,757,556	\$357,923,485	\$384,815,383	\$391,537,480	\$413,860,676

Source: School District's Annual Financial Reports.

TABLE 4
WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND BALANCE*
(Fiscal Years Ending June 30)

	<u>Actual</u>			<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017⁽¹⁾</u>
Beginning Fund Balance	\$25,376,004	\$32,371,890	\$33,351,073	\$31,665,559	\$29,299,721
Revenues over (under) Expenditure	6,995,886	979,183	(1,685,514)	(2,904,578)	(\$7,971,022)
Prior Period Adjustment.....	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$32,371,890</u>	<u>\$33,351,073</u>	<u>\$31,665,559</u>	<u>\$28,760,981</u>	<u>\$21,328,699</u>

*Totals may not add due to rounding.

⁽¹⁾Budget, as adopted May 25, 2016.

Source: School District Annual Financial Reports and Budget.

General Fund Revenue

The School District received \$213,970,536 in total revenue in FY 2014-15, an estimated \$213,970,536 in FY 2015-16, and has budgeted total revenue of \$229,453,273 in FY 2016-17. Local sources decreased as a share of total revenue in the past five years, from 84.25% in FY 2012-13 to a budgeted 82.07% in FY 2016-17. Revenue from Commonwealth sources increased slightly as a share of the total revenue from 14.39% to a budgeted 17.29% over this period. Federal and other revenue decreased as a share of the total revenue from 1.35% to 0.65% over this period.

TABLE 5
WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL FUND
REVENUES*
(Fiscal Years Ending June 30)

REVENUE:	<u>Actual</u>			<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017 (1)</u>
Local Sources:					
Real Estate Taxes (Current).....	\$141,839,871	\$143,225,113	\$147,447,717	\$151,929,043	\$156,123,607
Interim Real Estate Taxes	1,573,196	679,486	955,973	780,930	1,311,717
Total Act 511 Taxes	22,165,152	23,185,205	23,505,224	24,325,967	24,835,098
Public Utility Realty Tax	223,786	210,851	214,682	198,340	200,000
Delinquencies on Taxes Levied.....	4,069,877	3,365,905	3,246,013	3,000,329	3,008,800
Earnings from Temporary Deposits & Investments	129,835	70,970	165,496	332,215	194,088
PA Revenue Rec'd.-Other Intermediate Sources.....	413,737	419,389	136,281	152,905	131,500
Fed. Rev. Rec'd.-Other Intermediate/PA Sources	1,264,456	1,154,666	1,215,754	1,199,740	1,193,717
Tuition from Patrons.....	143,171	29,342	149,291	157,429	151,075
Rentals.....	298,044	332,728	347,233	402,308	360,000
Contributions and Donations	6,500	11,500	5,000	13,381	0
Receipts from Other LEAs	583,741	408,333	213,468	385,557	310,000
Refund of Prior Years' Expenditures	24,824	14,881	16,391	36,859	25,000
All Other Local Revenues Not Specified.....	20,944	106,126	398,020	406,290	460,485
Other Sources	74,943	13,861	0	0	0
Total Local Sources	<u>\$172,832,076</u>	<u>\$173,228,355</u>	<u>\$178,016,542</u>	<u>\$183,321,293</u>	<u>\$188,305,087</u>
State Sources:					
Total State Sources	\$29,520,370	\$31,717,857	\$34,209,926	\$35,806,500	\$39,665,177
Federal Sources:					
Total Federal Sources	\$2,776,774	\$1,507,117	\$1,744,067	\$1,665,595	\$1,483,009
Other Sources:					
Total Other Sources	\$973	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$205,130,193</u>	<u>\$206,453,328</u>	<u>\$213,970,536</u>	<u>\$220,793,388</u>	<u>\$229,453,273</u>

*Totals may not add due to rounding.

⁽¹⁾Budget, as adopted May 25, 2016.

Source: School District Annual Financial Reports and Budget.

General Fund Expenditures

TABLE 5
WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL FUND
EXPENDITURES*
(Fiscal Years Ending June 30)

EXPENDITURES:	Actual			Estimated	Budgeted
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 (1)
Instruction.....	\$113,035,856	\$116,101,438	\$122,147,058	\$130,495,364	\$137,097,197
Pupil Personnel	7,296,705	7,675,484	8,265,336	8,637,182	9,103,816
Instructional Staff.....	4,921,268	4,881,281	4,873,550	5,213,154	5,677,842
Support Services – Administration.....	9,887,950	10,502,799	10,279,965	10,569,909	11,437,154
Support Services - Pupil Health	1,907,607	2,002,751	2,075,995	2,165,522	2,177,760
Business	1,382,290	1,521,955	1,711,746	1,859,038	1,808,815
Operation & Maintenance.....	14,582,011	15,281,210	15,377,641	15,696,512	18,027,336
Pupil Transportation.....	12,849,133	12,650,019	13,005,903	13,183,652	13,409,049
Central Support Services.....	2,136,470	2,158,719	3,209,406	3,489,068	3,593,682
Support Services – Other.....	125,729	127,739	262,755	127,780	226,988
Community Services.....	0	0	0	0	0
Non-instructional Services	4,159,666	4,237,967	4,610,182	4,803,105	5,135,562
Facilities Acquisition, Construction and Improvement....	650,293	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Debt Service.....	21,896,024	23,653,792	21,246,767	18,350,433	25,318,815
Refund Prior Year Expenditures	(390,690)	97,744	0	0	0
Other Support Services	0	0	0	0	0
Budgetary Reserves & Transfers.....	3,693,995	4,581,247	8,589,744	9,107,247	4,410,279
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$198,134,307	\$205,474,145	\$215,656,048	\$223,697,966	\$237,424,295
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES					
OVER EXPENDITURES	\$6,995,886	\$979,183	(\$1,685,512)	(\$2,904,578)	(\$7,971,022)

*Totals may not add due to rounding.

⁽¹⁾Budget, as adopted May 25, 2016.

Source: School District Annual Financial Reports and Budget.

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TAXING POWERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

In General

Subject to statutory limitations imposed by the Taxpayer Relief Act, Act No. 1 of the Special Session of 2006, as amended (see “The Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1)” herein), the School District is empowered by the School Code and other statutes to levy the following taxes:

1. A basic annual tax on all real property taxable for school purposes, not to exceed 25 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, to be used for general school purposes.
2. An unlimited ad valorem tax on the property taxable for school purposes to provide funds:
 - a. for minimum salaries and increments of the teaching and supervisory staff;
 - b. to pay rentals due any municipality authority or non-profit corporation or due the State Public School Building Authority;
 - c. to pay interest and principal on any indebtedness incurred pursuant to the Local Government Unit Debt Act, or any prior or subsequent act governing the incurrence of indebtedness of the school district; and
 - d. to pay for the amortization of a bond or note issue which provided a school building prior to the first Monday of July, 1959.
3. An annual per capita tax on each resident or inhabitant over 18 years of age of not more than \$5.00.
4. Additional taxes subject to division with other political subdivisions authorized to levy similar taxes on the same person, subject, business, transaction or privilege, under Act No. 511, enacted December 31, 1965, as amended (“The Local Tax Enabling Act”). These taxes, which may include, among others, an additional per capita tax, a wage and other earned income tax, a real estate transfer tax, a gross receipts tax, a local services tax and an occupation tax, shall not exceed, in the aggregate, an amount equal to the product of the market valuation of real estate in the School District (as certified by the State Tax Equalization Board of the Commonwealth – “STEB”) multiplied by twelve mills. All local taxing authorities are required by the Local Tax Enabling Act to exempt disabled veterans and members of the armed forces reserve who are called to active duty at any time during the tax year from any local services tax and to exempt from any local services tax levied at a rate in excess of \$10 those persons whose total income and net profits from all sources within the political subdivision is less than \$12,000 for the tax year. The Local Tax Enabling Act also authorizes, but does not require, taxing authorities to exempt from per capita, occupation, and earned income taxes and any local services tax levied at a rate of \$10 or less per year, any person whose total income from all sources is less than \$12,000 per year.

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The Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1)

Under Act 1, a school district may not levy any new tax for the support of the public schools which was not levied in the previous fiscal year, raise the rate of any earned income and net profits tax if already imposed under the authority of the Local Tax Enabling Act (Act 511), or increase the rate of any tax for school purposes by more than the Index (defined below), unless in each case either (a) such increase is approved by the voters in the school district at a public referendum or (b) one of the exceptions summarized below is applicable and the use of such exception is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE):

1. to pay interest and principal on indebtedness approved (“incurred” as defined by Act 1) (i) prior to September 4, 2004, in the case of a school district which had elected to become subject to the provisions of the prior Homeowner Tax Relief Act, Act 72 of 2004, or (ii) prior to June 27, 2006, in the case of a school district which had not elected to become subject to Act 72 of 2004; to pay interest and principal on any indebtedness approved by the voters at referendum (electoral debt); and to pay interest and principal on debt refunding or refinancing debt for which one of the above exceptions is permitted, as long as the refunding or refinancing incurs no additional debt other than for costs and expenses related to the refunding or refinancing and the funding of appropriate debt service reserves;
2. to pay costs incurred in providing special education programs and services to students with disabilities, under specified circumstances; and
3. to make payments into the State Public School Employees’ Retirement System when the increase in the estimated payments between the current year and the upcoming year is greater than the Index, as determined by PDE in accordance with the provisions of Act 1.

Any revenue derived from an increase in the rate of any tax allowed under the exception numbered 1 above may not exceed the anticipated dollar amount of the expenditure, and any revenue derived from an increase in the rate of any tax allowed pursuant to any other exception enumerated above may not exceed the rate increase required, as determined by PDE. If a school district’s petition or request to increase taxes by more than the Index pursuant to one or more of the allowable exceptions is not approved, the school district may submit the proposed tax increase to a referendum.

The Index (to be determined and reported by PDE by September of each year for application to the following fiscal year) is the average of the percentage increase in the statewide average weekly wage, as determined by the State Department of Labor and Industry for the preceding calendar year, and the employment cost index for elementary and secondary schools, as reported by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics for the preceding 12-month period beginning July 1 and ending June 30. If and when a school district has a Market Value/Income Aid Ratio greater than 0.40 for the prior school year, however, the Index is adjusted upward by multiplying the unadjusted Index by the sum of 0.75 and such Aid Ratio.

The Act 1 Index applicable to the School District in the next, current and prior fiscal years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Index %</u>
2017-18	2.5
2016-17	2.4
2015-16	1.9
2014-15	2.1
2013-14	1.7

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education website.

In accordance with Act 1, the School District put a referendum question on the ballot at the May, 15, 2007, primary election seeking voter approval to levy (or increase the rate of) an earned income and net profits tax (“EIT”) or a personal income tax (“PIT”) and use the proceeds to reduce local real estate taxes by a homestead and farmstead exclusion. This referendum question was not approved by the voters. A board of school directors may submit, but is not required to submit, a referendum question to the voters at the municipal election in any later year seeking approval to levy or increase the rate of an EIT or a PIT for the purpose of funding homestead and farmstead exclusions, but the proposed rate of the EIT or PIT shall not exceed the rate that is required to provide the maximum homestead and farmstead exclusions allowable under law.

Status of the Bonds Under Act 1

The 2016AA Bonds constitute indebtedness incurred after the effective date of Act 1 and, therefore, no exception to the referendum requirement is expected for new taxes to pay the debt service on the 2016AA Bonds if a tax increase greater than the Index is required. The School District believes that it has included sufficient new tax millage in its 2016/17 budget to cover the full amount of the debt service on the 2016AA Bonds without exceeding the 2016/17 Index (although the actual tax increase may exceed the 2016/17 Index as a result of the other available and approved (non-debt related) exceptions to the Index).

Legislation Limiting Unreserved Fund Balances

Pennsylvania Act No. 2003-48 (enacted December 23, 2003) prohibits a school district from increasing real property taxes, unless the school district has adopted a budget for such school year that includes an estimated ending unreserved undesignated fund balance which is not more than a specified percentage of the total budgeted expenditures, as set forth below:

<u>Total Budgeted Expenditures</u>	<u>Estimated Ending Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balance as a Percentage of Total Budgeted Expenditures</u>
Less than or equal to \$11,999,999	12.0%
Between \$12,000,000 and \$12,999,999	11.5%
Between \$13,000,000 and \$13,999,999	11.0%
Between \$14,000,000 and \$14,999,999	10.5%
Between \$15,000,000 and \$15,999,999	10.0%
Between \$16,000,000 and \$16,999,999	9.5%
Between \$17,000,000 and \$17,999,999	9.0%
Between \$18,000,000 and \$18,999,999	8.5%
Greater than or equal to \$19,000,000	8.0%*

“Estimated ending unreserved fund balance” is defined in Act 2003-48 as that portion of the fund balance which is appropriate for expenditure or not legally or otherwise segregated for a specific or tentative future use, projected for the close of the school year for which a school district’s budget was adopted and held in the general fund accounts of the school district.

*Applicable to the School District.

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Tax Levy Trends

Table 6 which follows shows the recent trend of tax rates levied by the School District. Table 7 shows the comparative trend of real property tax rates for the School District, the Borough, Townships, and the County.

**TABLE 6
WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATES**

	Chester County (mills)	Delaware County (mills)	Real Estate Transfer⁽¹⁾ (%)	Wage and Income⁽¹⁾ (%)
2012-13-----	18.6700	13.7800	1.00	1.00
2013-14-----	18.6700	13.7800	1.00	1.00
2014-15-----	19.2100	13.6500	1.00	1.00
2015-16-----	19.5779	13.9059	1.00	1.00
2016-17-----	20.0982	14.7113	1.00	1.00

⁽¹⁾Subject to sharing providing the municipality levies the tax.
Source: School District officials.

**TABLE 7
WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMPARATIVE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES
(Mills on Assessed Value)**

	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
<i>School District</i>					
Chester County -----	18.6700	18.6700	19.2100	19.5779	20.0982
Delaware County -----	13.7800	13.6200	13.6500	13.9059	14.7113
East Bradford Township -----	0.3400	0.3400	0.3400	0.3400	1.0000
East Goshen Township -----	1.2500	1.2500	1.2500	1.2500	1.2500
Thornbury Township -----	0.8400	0.8400	0.9950	0.9950	0.9950
Thornbury Township (Delaware County) -----	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
West Chester Borough -----	6.9600	6.9600	6.9600	6.9600	6.9600
West Goshen Township -----	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000
West Whiteland Township -----	0.6000	0.7190	0.7190	0.7190	0.7190
Westtown Township -----	2.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000
Chester County -----	3.9650	4.1630	4.1630	4.1630	4.1630

Source: Chester County and Delaware County websites.

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Real Property Tax

The real property tax including interim collections (excluding delinquent collections) produced \$158,266,705 in 2015-16, approximately 71.68% of overall revenue.

The following tables summarize trends of assessed and market valuations of real property. For the 2008-09 fiscal year, eligible taxpayers could opt into the installment method of payment for their school taxes. Installment payments are based upon three (3) one-third payments of the base tax amount.

Table 8 shows real property assessment data for the School District, Table 9 shows assessment by municipality and Table 10 shows assessment by land use. Table 11 summarizes recent trends in real property tax collection. The last countywide reassessment in Chester County was in 1998 and for Delaware County it was in 2000.

**TABLE 8
WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT DATA**

Fiscal Year	Market Value	Assessed Value	Ratio
2016-17*	\$12,786,398,937	\$8,399,494,496	64.79%
2015-16	12,891,822,543	8,364,493,464	64.88%
2014-15	12,786,398,938	8,283,779,633	64.79%
2013-14	12,546,941,354	8,272,286,725	65.93%
2012-13	12,536,540,439	8,271,805,460	65.98%
2011-12	11,993,394,603	8,268,621,635	68.94%

*Market value based on prior year's ratio and assessed value taken from the PDE 2028 for FYE June 30, 2017.

Source: The Tax Equalization Division (TED) (formerly PA State Tax Equalization Board (STEB))

**TABLE 9
WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT DATA BY MUNICIPALITY**

	2014-15 Market Value	2014-15 Assessed Value	2015-16 Market Value	2015-16 Assessed Value
<i>School District</i>	\$12,786,398,938	\$8,283,779,633	\$12,224,122,542	\$8,345,996,336
<i>Chester County</i>	56,007,223,658	36,650,182,318	57,018,760,039	37,582,234,034
East Bradford Township	1,225,841,430	808,009,814	1,228,268,755	809,645,794
East Goshen Township	2,460,002,893	1,608,485,256	2,471,299,602	1,617,685,936
Thornbury Township	447,761,800	313,090,559	453,835,913	317,168,399
Thornbury Township (Del County)	736,704,933	642,425,224	74,185,252	647,334,859
West Chester Borough	1,416,783,104	696,520,670	1,442,164,765	708,052,445
West Goshen Township	2,773,250,996	1,776,988,873	2,826,211,697	1,806,463,873
West Whiteland Township	2,511,985,481	1,684,674,012	2,512,623,395	1,685,060,215
Westtown Township	1,214,068,300	753,585,225	1,215,533,163	754,584,815

Source: The Tax Equalization Division (TED) (formerly PA State Tax Equalization Board (STEB))

**TABLE 10
WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASSESSMENT BY LAND USE**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Residential	\$6,251,775,095	\$6,246,647,821	\$6,259,613,155	\$6,284,258,852	\$6,320,020,535
Land	33,333,358	30,550,302	42,183,581	40,040,064	52,180,016
Industrial	152,354,560	150,608,660	148,415,270	147,601,360	147,070,325
Commercial	1,806,207,942	1,817,913,317	1,782,733,167	1,773,571,097	1,802,557,370
Agriculture	22,861,940	22,769,440	22,066,740	22,066,740	22,703,280
Trailers	1,446,400	1,442,150	1,451,340	1,447,630	1,464,810
Lots	642,340	1,873,770	15,823,472	14,793,890	37,835,275
Total	\$8,268,621,635	\$8,271,805,460	\$8,256,463,253	\$8,268,985,743	\$8,345,996,336

Source: The Tax Equalization Division (TED) (formerly PA State Tax Equalization Board (STEB))

TABLE 11
WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION DATA

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Mills</u>	<u>Adjusted Levied⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Current Collections Amount</u>	<u>Current Year Collections as Percent</u>	<u>Total Collections Amount⁽²⁾</u>	<u>Total Collections as Percent</u>
2011-12.....	\$8,267,705,393	18.3600	\$149,159,276	\$143,252,119	96.04%	\$147,068,533	98.59%
2012-13.....	8,228,527,694	18.6700	150,509,123	144,033,647	95.70%	148,103,524	98.40%
2013-14.....	8,254,223,475	18.6700	150,888,350	145,796,697	96.63%	149,162,602	98.85%
2014-15	8,322,991,732	19.2100	156,297,569	151,076,254	96.66%	154,322,267	98.74%
2015-16.....	8,364,493,464	19.5779	160,086,202	155,266,376	96.99%	158,266,705	98.86%

⁽¹⁾Plus penalties, less discounts and exonerations.

⁽²⁾Includes real property assessments plus delinquent collections.

Source: School District officials.

The ten largest real property taxpayers, together with 2016-17 assessed values, are shown on Table 12 which follows. The aggregate assessed value of these ten taxpayers totals approximately 3.76% of total assessed value.

TABLE 12
WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
TEN LARGEST REAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS, 2016-17

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>2016-17 Assessed Value</u>
Exton Square Inc	Shopping Mall	\$66,363,880
Arhc Properties	Wellington Senior Living	41,550,000
QVC Realty	Industrial Bldg./TV Shopping	32,132,000
Main Street At Exton LP	Shopping Center	33,282,510
TRC Valley Creek	Business Complex	28,500,000
Pointe Apartments Owner L.P.	Apartment Complex	26,592,000
HCRI Pa Properties Holding	Bellingham Senior Living	22,849,280
Exton Crossing Apartments	Apartment Complex	21,023,480
Whiteland Investors LP	Shopping Center	19,320,000
Hankin Family Limited Partnership	Residential Apartments Complex	17,331,650
Total		\$308,944,800

*As of January 1, 2016.

Other Taxes

Under Act 511, the School District collected an estimated \$24,325,967 in taxes in FY 2015-16. Among the taxes authorized by Act 511, the Real Estate Transfer Tax and Wage and Income Taxes are levied by the School District. The Act 511 limit, equal to 12 mills on the market value of real property, was approximately \$1,534,367,872.

Real Estate Transfer. The School District levies a tax of 0.5% of the value of real estate transfers. In FY 2015-16 the School District's collected portion of this tax yielded an estimated \$4,207,420 of total revenue.

Wage and Income Tax. The School District levies a tax of 0.5% of the earned income of residents. In FY 2015-16 the School District's collected portion of this tax yielded an estimated \$20,118,547 of total revenue.

DEBT AND DEBT LIMITS

Commonwealth Aid to School Districts

Pennsylvania school districts receive financial assistance from the Commonwealth in a number of forms, all subject to statutory provisions and annual appropriation by the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

The largest subsidy, the basic instructional subsidy, is allocated to all school districts based on (1) the per pupil market value of assessable real property in the school district; (2) the per pupil earned income in the school district; and (3) the school district's tax effort, as compared with the tax effort of other school districts in the Commonwealth. School districts also receive subsidies for special education, pupil transportation; vocational education, health service and debt service are also received by the school district.

Current Lack of State Appropriations for Debt Service Subsidies

Commonwealth law presently provides that the School District will receive, subject to state legislative appropriation, reimbursement from the Commonwealth for a portion of debt service paid on the Bonds following final approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Education ("DOE"). Commonwealth reimbursement is calculated based on the "Reimbursable Percentage" assigned to the Bonds by the DOE and the School District's permanent Capital Account Reimbursement Fraction ("CARF") (27.54%) or the wealth based Market Value Aid Ratio ("MVAR") currently (10.00%), whichever is higher. The Reimbursable Percentage is determined through a process known as the "Planning and Construction Workbook" or "PlanCon".

For budget and planning purposes, the District is not relying on any reimbursement from the Commonwealth on the debt service of the Bonds.

Based on the current PlanCon program, School District officials have estimated that the Reimbursable Percentage of the 2016AA Bonds will be 0.00% (there has been no determination by the DOE). The School District's CARF (which is higher than the MVAR) is 27.54%. The product of these two factors is 0.00%, which is the estimated percentage of debt service which may be reimbursed by the Commonwealth, subject to annual appropriation. In future years, this percentage may change as the School District's MVAR changes, or as a result of future legislation regarding changes to, or even elimination of, the PlanCon program.

In May of 2016, the Commonwealth enacted appropriation legislation know as Act 25 ("Act 25"), which contains authorization for the Commonwealth Finance Authority ("CFA") to issue up to \$2.5 billion of debt to fund PlanCon reimbursements to school districts. Act 25 also instituted a moratorium on new projects entering the PlanCon process while an advisory committee established under Act 25 considers amendments to the PlanCon reimbursement program. This new moratorium went into effect on May 15, 2016 and is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2017.

On October 31, 2016, CFA issued its Revenue Bonds, Series A of 2016 (Federally Taxable) in the total amount of \$758,185,000 to provide for PlanCon reimbursement owed to school districts. It is expected that proceeds of this issue will be used to provide PlanCon reimbursement that is owed to the District for past and current fiscal years. However, the District cannot be certain that any future PlanCon reimbursement will be received by PDE as the ability for CFA to issue additional bonds in the future to fund future PlanCon reimbursements owed to school districts may impact the availability of PlanCon reimbursements payable to the District. Any failure by the Commonwealth to adopt a timely budget and enact necessary spending authorizations could have a material adverse effect upon the District's anticipated receipt of PlanCon reimbursements.

There can be no assurances that the District will be able to successfully apply for, be awarded, and receive sufficient PlanCon reimbursement for the costs of the any current or future projects of the District. A failure by the District to receive such reimbursement could force the District to apply other available funds, if any, toward the completion costs of the Project and may have a material adverse effect on the financial resources of the District to fund other obligations, including payment of debt service on the Bonds.

Legislation has been introduced from time to time in the Pennsylvania legislature containing language that would revise or even abolish the debt service reimbursement program for Pennsylvania school districts. As of the date hereof none of these proposals have been signed into law. To the extent that any future legislation contains material changes to the PlanCon program as currently is structured, the amount of PlanCon reimbursement to the School District may be positively or negatively affected, which could materially impact the amount of local funds needed to be raised by the School District to pay debt service or its debt obligations.

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Debt Statement

Table 13 which follows shows the debt of the West Chester Area School District as of November 30, 2016 and includes the new issuance of the Bonds.

TABLE 13
WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEBT STATEMENT
(As of November 30, 2016) *

NONELECTORAL DEBT	Gross Outstanding
General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2016 (last maturity 2032).....	\$8,500,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2016 (last maturity 2027).....	32,030,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2016 (last maturity 2024)	15,200,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2015 (last maturity 2021).....	3,650,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2015 (last maturity 2032).....	9,690,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2015 (last maturity 2017)	1,290,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2014 (last maturity 2030).....	57,280,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2014 (last maturity 2024).....	30,880,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2014 (last maturity 2032)	12,000,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2013 (last maturity 2020)	3,285,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2012 (last maturity 2022).....	39,100,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2012 (last maturity 2032).....	21,000,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2011 (last maturity 2029)	7,905,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2010 (last maturity 2022).....	18,585,000
General Obligation Note, Series of 2009 (last maturity 2027).....	9,965,000
<i>NONELECTORAL DEBT</i>	\$270,360,000
 LEASE RENTAL DEBT	
<i>NET LEASE RENTAL DEBT</i>	\$0
 <i>TOTAL NET NONELECTORAL AND LEASE RENTAL DEBT</i>	\$270,360,000

*Includes the Bonds offered through this Official Statement. Excludes additional indebtedness incurred but unissued for the Capital Projects and to refund the Series of 2011 Bonds in 2017.

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Table 14 presents the overlapping indebtedness and debt ratios of the School District. After the issuance of the Bonds, the principal of direct debt of the School District will total \$270,360,000. After adjustment for available funds and estimated Commonwealth aid, the local effort of direct debt will total \$254,050,992.

TABLE 14
WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AND DEBT RATIOS*
(As of November 30, 2016)*

DIRECT DEBT(1)	Gross Outstanding	Local Effort or Net of Available Funds and Estimated Commonwealth Aid⁽²⁾
Nonelectoral Debt.....	\$270,360,000	\$254,050,992
Lease Rental Debt	0	0
TOTAL DIRECT DEBT	\$270,360,000	\$254,050,992
OVERLAPPING DEBT		
Chester County, General Obligation ⁽²⁾	\$127,348,241	\$127,348,241
Delaware County, General Obligation ⁽³⁾	99,835,562	99,835,562
Municipal Debt.....	110,033,227	110,033,227
TOTAL OVERLAPPING DEBT	\$337,217,030	\$337,217,030
TOTAL DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING DEBT	\$607,577,030	\$591,268,021
DEBT RATIOS		
Per Capita	\$5,602.83	\$5,452.44
Percent 2015-16 Assessed Value.....	7.23%	7.04%
Percent 2015-16 Market Value.....	4.75%	4.62%

*Includes the Bonds offered through this Official Statement.

⁽¹⁾Gives effect to expected future Commonwealth Reimbursement of School District sinking fund payments based on current CARF. See "Commonwealth Aid to School Districts".

⁽²⁾Pro rata 21.44% share of \$695,059,000 principal outstanding, including self-supporting debt of the County or local municipalities.

⁽³⁾Pro rata 29.77% share of \$325,914,000 principal outstanding, including self-supporting debt of the County or local municipalities.

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Debt Limit and Remaining Borrowing Capacity

The statutory borrowing limit of the School District under the Debt Act is computed as a percentage of the School District's "Borrowing Base". The "Borrowing Base" is defined as the annual arithmetic average of "Total Revenues" (as defined by the Debt Act), for the three full fiscal years ended next preceding the date of incurring debt. The School District calculates its present borrowing base and borrowing capacity as follows:

Total Revenues for FY 2013-14	\$206,453,329
Total Revenues for FY 2014-15	213,970,517
Total Revenues for FY 2015-16 (estimated)	220,793,388
<i>Total Revenues, All Three Fiscal Years.....</i>	<u>\$641,217,234</u>
 Annual Arithmetic Average (Borrowing Base)	 <u>\$213,739,078</u>

Under the Debt Act as presently in effect, no school district shall incur any nonelectoral debt or lease rental debt, if the aggregate net principal amount of such new debt together with any other net nonelectoral debt and lease rental debt then outstanding, would cause the net nonelectoral debt plus net lease rental debt to exceed 225% of the Borrowing Base. The application of the aforesaid percentage to the School District's Borrowing Base produces the following product:

	<u>Legal Limit</u>	<u>Net Debt Outstanding*</u>	<u>Remaining Borrowing Capacity</u>
Net Nonelectoral Debt Limit:			
225% of Borrowing Base.....	\$480,912,925	\$270,360,000	\$210,552,925

*Includes the Bonds described herein, and does not reflect credits against gross indebtedness that may be claimed for a portion of principal of any debt to be reimbursed by Commonwealth aid.

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Debt Service Requirements

Table 15 presents the debt service requirements on the School District's outstanding general obligation indebtedness including debt service on the Bonds.

The School District has never defaulted on the payment of debt service.

TABLE 15

**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS***

<u>Year</u>	<u>Other General Obligation Debt</u>	<u>Series AA of 2016</u>			<u>Total Requirements</u>
		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	
2016-17	\$24,289,164	\$0	\$95,517	\$95,517	\$24,384,681
2017-18	25,045,744	5,000	254,713	259,713	25,305,457
2018-19	25,101,886	5,000	254,613	259,613	25,361,499
2019-20	25,063,529	5,000	254,513	259,513	25,323,042
2020-21	25,046,171	5,000	254,413	259,413	25,305,584
2021-22	24,993,504	5,000	254,313	259,313	25,252,817
2022-23	24,830,211	5,000	254,175	259,175	25,089,386
2023-24	24,247,544	5,000	254,038	259,038	24,506,582
2024-25	24,187,799	5,000	253,900	258,900	24,446,699
2025-26	24,184,460	5,000	253,763	258,763	24,443,223
2026-27	24,077,451	5,000	253,625	258,625	24,336,076
2027-28	24,350,470	5,000	253,488	258,488	24,608,958
2028-29	18,896,098	2,020,000	253,350	2,273,350	21,169,448
2029-30	18,167,765	2,080,000	192,750	2,272,750	20,440,515
2030-31	9,427,490	2,140,000	130,350	2,270,350	11,697,840
2030-32	9,427,815	2,205,000	66,150	2,271,150	11,698,965
Total	\$351,337,101	\$8,500,000	\$3,533,667	\$12,033,667	\$363,370,768

*Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 16 presents data on the extent to which Commonwealth Aid provides coverage for debt service requirements.

TABLE 16

**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
COVERAGE OF DEBT SERVICE
REQUIREMENTS BY COMMONWEALTH AID***

2016-17 (budgeted) Commonwealth Aid Received.....	\$39,665,177
2016-17 (budgeted) Debt Service Requirements	\$25,318,815
Maximum Future Debt Service Requirements after Issuance of Bonds	\$25,361,499
Coverage of 2016-17 (est.) Debt Service Requirements.....	1.57 times
Coverage of Maximum Future Debt Service Requirements after Issuance of Bonds.....	1.56 times

*Assumes current Commonwealth Aid Ratio. See "Commonwealth Aid to School Districts."

Future Financing

The School District anticipates issuing additional long-term debt of approximately \$30,000,000 within the next three (3) years to fund a capital improvements program.

LABOR RELATIONS

School District Employees

There are approximately 1,396 employees of the School District.

The West Chester Area Education Association (the "Association"), which is affiliated with the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA), covering the professional employees of the School District other than administrators is under a contract which expires June 30, 2017. Secretarial and clerical personnel are represented by the Pennsylvania Education Association (ESPA-PSEA-NEA) under a contract which expires June 30, 2018. Custodial and maintenance personnel are represented by ESPA-PSEA under a contract which expires June 30, 2019.

Pension Program

School Districts in Pennsylvania are required to participate in a statewide pension program administered by the Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS). All of the School District's full-time employees, part-time employees who work more than 80 days in a school year, and hourly employees who work over 500 hours a year participate in the program. However, please note a Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision ⁽¹⁾ has removed the hourly de minimis requirement for current members of PSERS regarding the purchase of credit for their part-time school service rendered prior to their being members of PSERS, for purposes of increasing their pension benefits.

Beginning July 1, 1976, certain revisions were made in the pension program. The Retirement Board, previously under the Department of Education of the Commonwealth, became an independent agency. However, the program is still guaranteed by the Commonwealth. Currently, each party to the program contributes a fixed percentage of the employee's salary as follows:

Active members who joined the System prior to July 22, 1983, contribute at 5.25% (Membership Class T-C) or at 6.50% (Membership Class T-D) of the member's qualifying compensation.

Members who joined the System on or after July 22, 1983, and who were active or inactive as of July 1, 2001, contribute at 6.25% (Membership Class T-C) or at 7.50% (Membership Class T-D) of the member's qualifying compensation.

Members who joined the System after June 30, 2001 and before July 1, 2011, contribute at 7.50% (automatic Membership Class T-D). For all new hires and for members who elected Class T-D membership, the higher contribution rates began with service rendered on or after January 1, 2002.

Members who joined the System after June 30, 2011, automatically contribute at the Membership Class T-E rate of 7.50% (base rate) of the member's qualifying compensation. All new hires after June 30, 2011, who elect Class T-F membership, contribute at 10.30% (base rate) of the member's qualifying compensation. Membership Class T-E and Class T-F are affected by a "shared risk" provision in Act 120 of 2010 that in future fiscal years could cause the Membership Class T-E contribution rate to fluctuate between 7.50% and 9.50% and Membership Class T-F contribution rate to fluctuate between 10.30% and 12.30%.

The Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS) Board of Trustees certified an annual employer contribution rate of 25.84% for fiscal year 2015-16, which began on July 1, 2015. The 25.84% employer contribution rate is composed of 0.84% for health insurance premium assistance and a pension rate of 25.00%. The pension component of the rate was capped at a 4.50% increase from the previous year. This was the fifth year of planned increases in the employer contribution rate under Act 120 of 2010 which were needed to raise the rate to the actuarially required level. Based on projections, fiscal year 2015-16 would be the last fiscal year rate minimums and maximums would be in place. On December 8, 2015 the Board of Trustees certified an annual employer contribution rate of 30.03% for fiscal year 2016-17, which will commence July 1, 2016. The rate caps established under Act 120 of 2010 are no longer in effect. This year the increase in the pension component of the rate was less than the 4.50% rate collar. Total employer contributions for fiscal year 2016-17 are estimated at \$4.1 billion.

The Commonwealth reimburses school employers for not less than 50% of the total employer contribution rate. Contributions for the School District are as follows:

2011-12	\$7,377,780
2012-13	10,336,175
2013-14	14,359,550
2014-15	18,609,908
2015-16 (estimated)	2,272,652
2016-17 (budgeted)	27,487,130

PSERS is also funded through investment earnings and mandatory member contributions. Investment earnings are the largest source of funding for PSERS. For the most recent fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, PSERS' investments added over \$1.3 billion in investment income (net of fees) to the fund. PSERS members contribute from 5.25% to 10.30% of payroll depending on their membership class and when they joined PSERS. Members will contribute an average of 7.52% of their salary to fund their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2016-17. Member contributions of approximately \$1 billion are expected in fiscal year 2016-17.

In June 2012, the Government Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") issued "Statement No. 68 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – An Amendment of GASB Statement No 27." The primary objective of this Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. The new accounting standard will require the School District to report in its government-wide financial statements its proportionate share of the new pension liability of the pension systems to which it contributes. GASB 68 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014, which, in the case of the School District will begin with fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Please see the School District's Audited Financial Statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 in Appendix E for the net effects of the implementation of GASB 68.

⁽¹⁾Pennsylvania Sch. Boards Ass'n, Inc. v. Com., Pub. Sch. Employees' Ret. Bd., 580 Pa. 610, 612, 863 A.2d 432, 434 (2004).

Source: Pennsylvania School Board Association at www.PSBA.org and PSERS at www.PSERS.state.pa.us

Other Post-Employment Benefits ("OPEB")

The School District provides a defined-benefit post-employment healthcare benefit, which provides medical benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. The District has four bargaining units which participate in this plan: the West Chester Education Support Personnel, the Service Support personnel, the teachers, and the administrators. In addition, the non-bargaining staff members participate in the plan. Members of the Education support personnel and the Service Support personnel who were at least 50 years old as of 7/1/2012 and had 20 years of service receive a Health Reimbursement Account of \$2,000 per year towards single employer health benefit coverage for a maximum of four years. Teachers hired before 7/1/2003 that reach age 50 with 15 years of service in the School District are eligible to receive single plan post-retirement benefits at the same level as current employees. Teachers hired before 7/1/2003 are eligible to receive a Health Reimbursement Account of \$20,000 towards single employer health benefit coverage. Administrators that reach age 50 with 12 years of service receive benefits for administrator and spouse for 10 years or until Medicare eligible. Administrators receiving this benefit are required to cost-share for administrator coverage at a rate equal to the higher of the maximum reimbursement provided by PSERS (currently \$100 per month) or active employee contribution and 50 percent of the cost of the spousal coverage cost. Non-bargaining employees receive the same coverage as administrators with no spousal coverage. The employee must retire from service to receive the post-employee benefits and not work for another school district.

The health Insurance plan is a single-employer, defined-benefit OPEB plan. The medical, prescription drug, dental and vision benefits are self-Insured. Only the PC-65 product is fully insured. The medical benefits are administered through Blue Cross and the prescription drug benefits through Caremark. Separate financial statements are not issued for the plan. The term life Insurance is purchased from U.S. Life; the Universal Life coverage is purchased from Genworth Financial.

OPEB Funding Policy

As of July 1, 2014, the most recent valuation, the School District has no segregated assets to fund this liability. It is the intention of the School District to pay the premium each year as it comes due.

OPEB Funding Progress

The schedule of funding progress of OPEB is as follows:

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Liability (AAL) - Entry Age (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll [(b-a)/c]
7/1/2014	\$ -	\$13,296,649	\$13,296,649	0.00%	\$83,546,655	15.92%
7/1/2012	\$ -	\$19,107,176	\$19,107,176	0.00%	\$80,033,237	23.87%
7/1/2010	\$ -	\$26,658,307	\$26,658,307	0.00%	\$86,718,957	30.74%

The actuarial valuation of an ongoing plan involves estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrences of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment and mortality. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revisions as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made into the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplemental information following the notes to the financial statements, presents information about the actuarial value of the plan assets. In subsequent years, this schedule will present multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

OPEB Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical 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 actual value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations. In the July 1, 2014 actuarial valuation, the following actuarial assumptions were used:

- Interest – 4.5% compounded annually net of investment expenses
- Amortization method – Level dollar method at the valuation interest rate
- Amortization period – 30 years
- Salary increases – 2.5% cost of living + merit 0.25% to 2.75% per year
- Actuarial valuation cost method – Entry age normal

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligations

The School District's annual OPEB cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution (“ARC”) of the employer. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal costs each year and to amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period not to exceed 30 years. The following table shows the components of the School District's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and the changes in the District's net OPEB obligation.

Annual OPEB Cost:	
Normal Cost	\$ 504,701
Amortization of unfunded actuarial accrued liability	1,354,852
Interest on net OPEB Obligation.....	10,638
Funding Adjustment.....	(24,087)
ANNUAL OPEB COST.....	\$1,846,104
Net OPEB Obligation (Asset):	
Net OPEB Obligation July 1, 2014	\$ 236,392
OPEB Cost for the year ended June 30, 2015	1,846,104
Contributions for year ended June 30, 2015.....	(1,788,980)
NET OPEB OBLIGATION (ASSET).....	\$ 293,516

Source: 2015 Audit Report

LITIGATION

At the time of settlement, the President or Vice-President of the Board of School Directors of the School District will deliver a certificate on the Date of Delivery, certifying that there is no litigation pending which challenges the validity or enforceability of the Bonds.

DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

In the event of failure of the School District to pay or cause to be paid the interest on or principal of the Bonds, the holders of the Bonds shall be entitled to certain remedies provided by the Debt Act. Among the remedies, if the failure to pay shall continue for 30 days, holders of the Bonds shall have the right to recover the amount due by bringing actions in assumpsit (contests) in the Court of Common Pleas of Chester or Delaware Counties. The Debt Act provides that any judgment shall have an appropriate priority upon the funds next coming into the treasury of the School District. The Debt Act also provides that upon a default of at least 30 days, holders of at least 25% of the Bonds may appoint a trustee to represent them. The Debt Act provides certain other remedies in the event of default, and further qualifies the remedies hereinbefore described.

TAX EXEMPTION AND OTHER TAX MATTERS

Federal Income Tax Matters

On the date of delivery of the Bonds, Rhoads & Sinon LLP, having an office in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as Bond Counsel to the School District, will issue an opinion to the effect that under existing statutes, regulations and judicial decisions, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations, but that in the case of corporations (as defined for federal income tax purposes) such interest is taken into account in determining adjusted current earnings for purposes of such alternative minimum tax. This opinion of Bond Counsel will assume the accuracy of certifications made by the School District and will be subject to the condition that the School District will comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that the interest thereon be, and continue to be, excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. See the proposed text of the Opinion of Bond Counsel appended to this Official Statement. The School District has covenanted to comply with all such requirements, which include, among others, restrictions upon the yield at which proceeds of the Bonds and other money held for the payment of the Bonds and deemed to be “proceeds” thereof may be invested and the requirement to calculate and rebate any arbitrage that may be generated with respect to investments allocable to the Bonds. Failure to comply with such requirements could cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

Certain maturities of the Bonds may be sold to the public in the initial offering at a price less than the stated redemption price of such Bonds at maturity (that is, at less than par or the stated principal amount), the difference being "original issue discount". Generally, original issue discount accruing on a tax-exempt obligation is treated as interest excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. In addition, original issue discount that has accrued on a tax-exempt obligation is treated as an adjustment to the issue price of the obligation for the purpose of determining taxable gain upon sale or other disposition of such obligation prior to maturity. The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, provides specific rules for the accrual of original issue discount on tax-exempt obligations for federal income tax purposes. Prospective purchasers of Bonds being sold with original issue discount should consult their tax advisors for further information.

Ownership of the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, certain subchapter S corporations with substantial passive income and Subchapter C earnings and profits, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry the Bonds. Bond Counsel will express no opinion as to such collateral tax consequences, and prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors.

No representation is made or can be made by the School District or any other party associated with the issuance of the Bonds as to whether or not any legislation now or hereafter introduced and enacted will be applied retroactively so as to subject interest on the Bonds to inclusion in gross income for Federal income tax purposes or so as to otherwise affect the marketability or market value of the Bonds. Enactment of any legislation that subjects the interest on the Bonds to inclusion in gross income for federal income tax purposes or otherwise imposes taxation on the Bonds or the interest paid thereon may have an adverse effect on the market value or marketability of the Bonds.

Changes in Federal Tax Laws

From time to time, there are Presidential proposals, proposals of various federal committees, and legislative proposals in the Congress and in the states that, if enacted, could alter or amend the federal and state tax matters referred to herein or adversely affect the marketability or market value of the Bonds or otherwise prevent holders of the Bonds from realizing the full benefit of the tax exemption of interest on the Bonds. Further, such proposals may impact the marketability or market value of the Bonds simply by being proposed. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any such proposal might be enacted or whether if enacted it would apply to bonds issued prior to enactment. In addition, regulatory actions are from time to time announced or proposed and litigation is threatened or commenced which, if implemented or concluded in a particular manner, could adversely affect the market value, marketability or tax status of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether any such regulatory action will be implemented, how any particular litigation or judicial action will be resolved, or whether the Bonds would be impacted thereby.

Purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed legislation, regulatory initiatives or litigation. The disclosures and opinions expressed herein are based upon existing legislation and regulations as interpreted by relevant judicial and regulatory authorities as of the date of issuance and delivery of the Bonds, and no opinion is expressed as of any date subsequent thereto or with respect to any proposed or pending legislation, regulatory initiatives or litigation.

Pennsylvania Tax Matters

On the date of delivery of the Bonds, Bond Counsel will issue an opinion to the effect that under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "Commonwealth") as presently enacted and construed, the Bonds are exempt from personal property taxes within the Commonwealth and the interest on the Bonds is exempt from the Commonwealth's Personal Income Tax and the Commonwealth's Corporate Net Income Tax. See the proposed text of the Opinion of Bond Counsel appended to this Official Statement.

Profits, gains or income derived from the sale, exchange or other disposition of the Bonds are subject to state and local taxation within the Commonwealth, in accordance with Pennsylvania Act No. 1993-68.

Certain maturities of the Bonds may be sold to the public in the initial offering at a price less than their stated redemption price at maturity (that is, at an "original issue discount"). For Pennsylvania Personal Income Tax purposes, original issue discount on publicly offered obligations is treated under current regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue as interest and, for purposes of determining taxable gain upon sale or other distribution of an obligation, the interest on which is exempt from income taxation by the Commonwealth, as an adjustment to basis. For Pennsylvania Corporate Net Income Tax purposes, original issue discount is to be accorded similar treatment, according to a Private Letter Ruling issued by the Office of the Chief Counsel of the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue dated December 2, 1993, but such Private Letter Ruling may be relied upon only by the taxpayer to whom it was addressed.

Prospective purchasers of Bonds issued with original issue discount should consult their tax advisors for further information and advice concerning the reporting of profits, gains or other income related to a sale, exchange or other disposition of such Bonds for Pennsylvania tax purposes.

No representation is made or can be made by the School District, or any other party associated with the issuance of the Bonds, as to whether or not any legislation now or hereafter introduced and enacted in the Commonwealth will be applied, either prospectively or retroactively, so as to subject interest on such Bonds to taxation in the Commonwealth or so as to otherwise affect the marketability or market value of such bonds. Enactment of any legislation that subjects the interest on such bonds to state or local taxes in the Commonwealth or otherwise imposes taxation on such Bonds may have an adverse effect on the market value or marketability of such bonds.

Federal Income Tax Interest Expense Deductions for Financial Institutions

Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), financial institutions are disallowed 100 percent of their interest expense deductions that are allocable, by a formula, to tax-exempt obligations acquired after August 7, 1986. An exception, which reduces the amount of the disallowance is provided for certain tax-exempt obligations that are designated or "deemed designated" by the issuer as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265 of the Code.

Each of the Bonds has been designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for purposes and effect contemplated by Section 265 of the Code (relating to expenses and interest relating to tax-exempt income of certain financial institutions).

Financial institutions intending to purchase Bonds should consult with their professional tax advisors to determine the effect of the interest expense disallowance on their federal income tax liability.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

In accordance with the requirement of Rule 15-c2-12 (the "Rule") promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), the School District (being an "obligated person" with respect to the Bonds, within the meaning of the Rule), will agree to provide certain financial and operating information to the Municipal Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, either directly, or indirectly through a designated agent, as set forth in its Continuing Disclosure Certificate, substantially in the form attached hereto as Appendix C.

With respect to the filing of annual financial and operating information, the School District reserves the right to modify from time to time the specific types of information provided or the format of the presentation of such information to the extent necessary or appropriate as a result of a change in legal requirements or a change in the nature of the School District or its operations or financial reporting, but the School District will agree that any such modification will be done in a manner consistent with the Rule.

The School District is required to give notice of certain events as set forth in Section 6 of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate (not all of which will be relevant to the School District). The School District may from time to time choose to file notice of other events in addition to those specified in the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, but does not commit to provide notice of the occurrence of any events except those specifically listed in Section 6 of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

The School District acknowledges that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule described herein and in the Continuing Disclosure Certificate is intended to be for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds and shall be enforceable by the holder and beneficial owner of the Bonds, but the right of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds to enforce the provisions of the School District's continuing disclosure undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement, and any failure by the School District to comply with the provisions of the undertaking shall not be an event of default with respect to the Bonds.

The School District's obligations with respect to continuing disclosure described herein shall terminate upon the prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds or if and when the School District is no longer an "obligated person" with respect to the Bonds, within the meaning of the Rule.

The MSRB has been designated by the SEC to be the central and sole repository for continuing disclosure information filed by issuers of municipal securities since July 1, 2009. Information and notices filed by municipal issuers (and other defined "obligated persons") with respect to municipal securities issues are made available through the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) System, which may be accessed on the internet at <http://www.emma.msrb.org>.

Continuing Disclosure Filing History

The School District has entered into prior undertakings to provide information pursuant to previous continuing disclosure certificates for several outstanding bond issues. The following table provides information regarding annual filing deadlines and history of filings for the financial information, operating data and material event notices specified in previous continuing disclosure undertakings during the past five years:

Fiscal Year Ending	Filing Deadline ^[1]	Financial Statements		Budget		Operating Data	
		Filing Date	EMMA ID ^[2]	Filing Date	EMMA ID ^[2]	Filing Date	EMMA ID ^[2]
6/30/2011	12/27/2011	1/18/2012	ER479237	9/19/2014	EP664162	9/19/2014	EP664193
6/30/2012	12/27/2012	12/06/2012 ^[3]	EP588966	12/06/2012	EP588966	9/19/2014	EP664194
6/30/2013	12/27/2013	12/18/2013	ER594251	12/18/2013 ^[4]	ER594251	9/19/2014	EP664196
6/30/2014	12/27/2014	12/16/2014	EP674031	12/16/2014	EP674036	12/16/2014	EP674039
6/30/2015	12/27/2015	12/10/2015	EP709068	12/10/2015	EP709080	12/10/2015	EP709075

Notes:

^[1] For these purposes, assumes the shortest filing deadline of the School District's previous Continuing Disclosure Agreements in effect during the past five years.

^[2] Submission ID is the EMMA Submission ID for each filing. To access a filing, insert the Submission ID to the end of the web address below:
<http://emma.msrb.org/ContinuingDisclosureView/ContinuingDisclosureDetails.aspx?submissionId=>

^[3] Interim filing of the PDE-2057 Annual Financial Report. The Audited Financial Statements were filed on July 8, 2013, EMMA ID #EA466432.

^[4] Labeled as the June 30, 2013 budget; however, when the Adobe PDF is launched it is the June 30, 2014 budget.

As outlined in the table above, the School District failed to provide certain annual financial information in a timely manner during the past five (5) years. The School District subsequently filed all the required annual financial information along with a "Failure to File Annual Information" notice to the MSRB's EMMA System, which was not filed in a timely manner. In addition to the previous Failure to File Annual Information notice, the District recently filed a clarification filing detailing the instances of the past failures. These included for fiscal years June 30, 2011 through and including June 30, 2012, the School District failed to file its Audited Financial Statements in a timely manner; however, it did file its PDE-2057 Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 as an interim filing in a timely manner. For fiscal years June 30, 2011 through and including June 30, 2013, the School District failed to file its operating data in a timely manner.

With regards to the same or similar material events listed in the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, attached hereto as Appendix C, some of the School District's bond issues outstanding during the past five (5) years were insured by various bond insurance companies that have received rating changes by both S&P and Moody's during that period. This information was publicly available from widely accepted information sources at the time of their respective downgrades or upgrades. For informational purposes, the School District filed a summary of rating upgrades and downgrades relating to certain bond insurance companies.

Future Continuing Disclosure Compliance

As detailed above, the School District has reviewed its continuing disclosure obligations and corresponding submissions. Upon discovering any omissions with respect to these filings, the School District acted to bring its continuing disclosure information current, and has disclosed those omissions as described above. Currently, the School District is not aware of any other outstanding past-due continuing disclosure filings.

In an effort to augment the School District's procedures and policies intended to maintain future compliance, the School District has adopted steps intended to facilitate future compliance with its Continuing Disclosure Certificates. These procedures include implementing the MSRB's EMMA's internal notification system whereby the School District has set-up email reminders a month in advance for all of the School District's annual disclosure filings and coordinating filing and event information with the School District's financial advisor.

A member of the School District's business office has been designated as the "compliance officer" responsible for overseeing ongoing continuing disclosure compliance. Members of the School District's business office will seek to participate in ongoing continuing education regarding continuing disclosure undertaking if offered by local groups or affiliated organizations such as PASBO, etc. The School District may communicate with its financial advisor, underwriter(s), bond counsel, or solicitor regarding any questions or concerns regarding ongoing continuing disclosure compliance. The School District will also communicate with its local auditor and advise of the School District's need for financial statements in a timely manner. In the event audited financial statements are not available by the filing deadline, the School District will file with EMMA, if available, its PDE-2057 Annual Financial Report as an interim filing until such audited financial statements are available. Some of the operating data requirements may be found contained within the School District's financial statements or budget filing and may not be filed separately.

RATING

Moody's Investors Service has assigned an underlying municipal Bond rating of "Aaa" to the Bonds. Such rating reflects only the view of such organization and any desired explanation of the significance of such rating should be obtained from the rating agency furnishing the same, at the following address: Moody's Investors Service, 7 World Trade Center, 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007. Generally, a rating agency bases its rating on the information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies and assumptions of its own. There is no assurance that any such rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by the rating agency, if circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

UNDERWRITING

The Underwriter has agreed to purchase the Bonds for a purchase price of \$8,398,000.00, equal to the par value of the Bonds less an underwriters' discount of \$102,000.00.

LEGAL OPINIONS

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to withdrawal or modification of the offer without notice, and subject to the approving legal opinion of Rhoads & Sinon LLP, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Bond Counsel to the School District, to be furnished upon delivery of the Bonds. Certain other legal matters will be passed upon for the School District by Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees, P.C, of West Chester, Pennsylvania, School District Solicitor.

Neither the Bond Counsel nor the Solicitor has been engaged to verify, and has not independently verified, the accuracy, completeness or truthfulness of any statements, certifications or financial information set forth in this Official Statement, or otherwise used in connection with the offer and sale of the Bonds set forth in or delivered by the School District officials, except where specifically referred to. They express no opinion with respect to whether the School District in connection with the sale of the Bonds or preparation of this Official Statement has made any untrue statement of a material fact necessary in order to make any statement made therein not misleading.

The various legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds express the professional judgement of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues explicitly addressed therein. In rendering a legal opinion, the attorneys do not become an insurer or guarantor of that expression of professional judgement of the transaction opined upon, or the future performance of the parties to the transaction. Nor does rendering a legal opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

The School District has retained PFM Financial Advisors LLC, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as financial advisor (the "Financial Advisor") in connection with the preparation, authorization and issuance of the Bonds. The Financial Advisor is not obligated to undertake, and has not undertaken to make, an independent verification or to assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or fairness of the information contained in the Official Statement. PFM Financial Advisors LLC is an independent advisory firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities.

MISCELLANEOUS

This Official Statement has been prepared under the direction of the School District by PFM Financial Advisors LLC, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in its capacity as Financial Advisor to the School District. The information set forth in this Official Statement has been obtained from the School District and from other sources believed to be reliable. Insofar as any statement herein includes matters of opinion or estimates about future conditions, it is not intended as representation of fact, and there is no guarantee that it is, or will be, realized. Summaries or descriptions of provisions of the Bonds, the Resolution, and all references to other materials not purporting to be quoted in full are only brief outlines of some of the provisions thereof. Reference is hereby made to the complete documents, copies of which will be furnished by the School District or the Financial Advisor upon request. The information assembled in this Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract with holders of the Bonds.

The School District has authorized the distribution of this Official Statement.

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania

By: /s/ Dr. Ricky Swalm
President, Board of School Directors

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APPENDIX A
Demographic and Economic Information
Relating to the West Chester Area School District

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Introduction

The School District encompasses several communities in central Chester County and one municipality in western Delaware County and covers an area of approximately 75 square miles. The School District’s boundaries are coterminous with those of the Borough of West Chester and the Townships of East Bradford, East Goshen, Thornbury, West Goshen, Westtown and West Whiteland, all located in Chester County, and the Township of Thornbury in Delaware County. The Borough of West Chester, located in the geographic center of the School District and county seat of Chester County, is approximately 25 miles west of metropolitan Philadelphia, 15 miles north of Wilmington, Delaware and 15 miles south of King of Prussia and Valley Forge. Many well-known unincorporated communities are located within the School District and these include: Exton in West Whiteland Township, Goshenville in East Goshen Township, Chatwood in West Goshen Township, Cheyney and Glen Mills in Thornbury Township, Delaware County and Darlington Corners in Westtown Township.

West Chester Area School District is characterized by rolling hills and fertile valleys flanking the east branch of the Brandywine Creek and the tributaries of the Chester Creek. The Borough of West Chester is the financial and professional center for the surrounding area. The Townships are principally residential in character, with regional shopping centers and industrial parks. Four major public institutions are within the School District: West Chester University; Cheyney University; Chester County Courthouse; and Chester County Hospital.

Table A-1 which follows shows recent population trends for the School District, Chester County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Table A-2 shows 2000 age composition and average number of persons per household in Chester County and for the Commonwealth. Average household size was higher for Chester County than the statewide average.

**TABLE A-1
RECENT POPULATION TRENDS**

<u>Area</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Compound Average Annual Percentage Change 2000-2010</u>
School District	101,207	108,441	0.77%
Chester County	376,396	433,501	1.58%
Pennsylvania	11,881,643	12,281,054	0.37%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 & 2010 Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File and the Pennsylvania State Data Center.

**TABLE A-2
AGE COMPOSITION**

	<u>0-17 Years</u>	<u>65+ Years</u>	<u>Persons Per Household</u>
Chester County	26.2%	11.7%	2.7
Pennsylvania	23.8%	15.6%	2.5

Source: Pennsylvania State Data Center, 2000 General Population and Housing Characteristics: Pennsylvania.

Employment

Overall employment data are not compiled for the School District, but such data are compiled for the Montgomery-Bucks-Chester, PA Metropolitan Division (an area which includes the School District) as shown on Table A-3.

DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY MONTGOMERY-BUCKS-CHESTER, PA METROPOLITAN DIVISION (Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery – PA Counties)

**TABLE A-3
NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	June 2016	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	June 2015	June 2014
TOTAL NONFARM	1,070,500	1,046,600	1,040,600	1,033,200	23,900	37,300
TOTAL PRIVATE	986,100	963,600	956,900	949,600	22,500	36,500
GOODS-PRODUCING	145,800	142,800	142,000	140,300	3,000	5,500
Mining, Logging and Construction	52,900	52,500	51,900	49,300	400	3,600
Manufacturing	90,300	90,300	90,100	91,000	0	(700)
Durable Goods	45,400	45,400	45,200	47,100	0	(1,700)
Non-Durable Goods	44,900	44,900	44,900	43,900	0	1,000
Chemical mfg.	19,200	19,200	19,100	18,900	0	300
SERVICE-PROVIDING	924,700	903,800	898,600	892,900	20,900	31,800
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	840,300	820,800	814,900	809,300	19,500	31,000
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	208,400	210,100	209,000	206,200	(1,700)	2,200
Wholesale trade	58,600	59,700	58,400	58,700	(1,100)	(100)
Retail trade	121,800	122,600	122,700	120,900	(800)	900
General merchandise stores	18,400	17,500	17,300	17,800	900	600
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	28,000	27,800	27,900	26,600	200	1,400
Information	21,300	20,400	20,500	20,900	900	400
Financial Activities	78,800	77,900	78,700	77,200	900	1,600
Finance and Insurance	64,300	64,300	64,800	63,300	0	1,000
Credit intermediation and related activities	16,000	15,200	15,500	15,600	800	400
Depository credit intermediation	9,800	9,900	10,000	10,000	(100)	(200)
Insurance carriers and related activities	27,300	26,300	26,600	26,500	1,000	800
Real estate and rental and leasing	14,500	13,600	13,900	13,900	900	600
Professional and Business Services	208,000	194,600	194,200	196,000	13,400	12,000
Professional and technical services	107,900	100,000	99,400	102,400	7,900	5,500
Scientific research and development services	16,400	14,700	14,600	14,400	1,700	2,000
Management of companies and enterprises	27,900	26,800	26,500	26,700	1,100	1,200
Administrative and waste services	72,200	67,800	68,300	66,900	4,400	5,300
Education and Health Services	180,500	179,600	178,400	172,600	900	7,900
Educational services	24,000	24,100	26,600	23,900	(100)	100
Health care and social assistance	156,500	155,500	151,800	148,700	1,000	7,800
Ambulatory health care services	59,000	56,700	54,600	53,600	2,300	5,400
Hospitals	31,800	31,900	31,400	31,200	(100)	600
Nursing and residential care facilities	37,500	38,100	37,400	37,000	(600)	500
Social assistance	28,200	28,800	28,400	26,900	(600)	1,300
Leisure and Hospitality	95,900	91,200	86,100	88,300	4,700	7,600
Accommodation and food services	74,000	69,800	68,500	68,200	4,200	5,800
Other Services	47,400	47,000	48,000	48,100	400	(700)
Government	84,400	83,000	83,700	83,600	1,400	800
Federal Government	6,200	6,000	6,000	5,900	200	300
State Government	9,900	8,800	9,800	8,600	1,100	1,300
Local Government	68,300	68,200	67,900	69,100	100	(800)
Local government educational services	47,600	47,900	48,800	48,000	(300)	(400)
Local government excluding educational services	20,700	20,300	19,100	21,100	400	(400)

Data benchmarked to March 2014

Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Center for Workforce Information & Analysis.

**Chester County
Top 25 Employers
1st Quarter 2016
Initial Data**

Federal and State Government Entities Aggregated

1	VANGUARD GROUP INC
2	QVC NETWORK INC
3	COUNTY OF CHESTER
4	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
5	THE CHESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL
6	MAIN LINE HOSPITALS INC
7	GIANT FOOD STORES LLC
8	CERNER HEALTH SERVICES INC
9	PA STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
10	YMCA OF GREATER BRANDYWINE VALLEY
11	THE DEVEREUX FOUNDATION
12	DOWNINGTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
13	WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
14	CHESTER COUNTY INTERMEDIATE
15	JANSSEN RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT LLC
16	WAWA INC
17	COMCAST CABLEVISION CORP(PA)
18	STATE GOVERNMENT*
19	WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC
20	ACME MARKETS INC
21	WEGMANS FOOD MARKETS INC
22	COMMUNICATIONS TEST DESIGN INC.
23	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE INC
24	TREDYFFRIN EASTTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
25	GEORGE KRAPF JR & SONS INC

*State Government includes all state employment except Pennsylvania State University, SEPTA, System of Higher Education, PA College of Technology, and PHEAA.

Source: Center for Workforce Information & Analysis

Table A-4 shows recent trends in labor force, employment and unemployment for Chester County and the Commonwealth.

**TABLE A-4
TRENDS IN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

Chester County				
<u>Time Period</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u>
2011	266,600	250,100	16,500	6.20%
2012	270,300	253,600	16,700	6.20%
2013	271,800	256,000	15,800	5.80%
2014	272,300	261,000	11,200	4.10%
2015	276,400	266,200	10,200	3.70%
Sept. 2016	282,400	271,000	11,400	4.10%

Pennsylvania				
<u>Time Period</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u>
2011	6,397,000	5,885,000	512,000	8.00%
2012	6,466,000	5,954,000	513,000	7.90%
2013	6,460,000	5,982,000	478,000	7.40%
2014	6,352,000	6,033,000	319,000	5.00%
2015	6,424,000	6,094,000	330,000	5.10%
Sept. 2016	6,515,000	6,146,000	370,000	5.70%

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Center for Workforce Information and Analysis website.

Income

The data on Table A-5 shows recent trends in per capita income for the School District, Chester County and the Commonwealth over the 2000-2009 period.

**TABLE A-5
RECENT TRENDS IN PER CAPITA INCOME***

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Percentage Change 2000-2009</u>
School District	\$35,713	\$41,433	1.66%
Chester County	20,601	31,627	4.88%
Pennsylvania	14,068	20,880	4.49%

*Income is defined by the Bureau of the Census as the sum of wage and salary income, non-farm self-employment income, net self-employment income, Social Security and Railroad retirement income, public assistance income, interest, dividends, pensions, etc. before deductions for personal income taxes, Social Security, etc. School District income is the population-weighted average for political subdivisions.

Source: 2000: U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) & 2009: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey.

Commercial Activity

Commercial activity within the School District is centered in the Borough of West Chester and in large shopping centers, including Exton Square and the West Goshen Shopping Center.

Exton Square, a large shopping mall, includes many major shops and the Chester County Library centered around three anchored major retail stores. The enclosed mall is situated four miles north of the Borough of West Chester at the intersection of U.S. Route 30 and 100. Other large shopping centers include: Fairfield Place and Whiteland Towne Center.

Table A-6 shows retail sales for the 2011-2015 period for the County, the PMSA and the Commonwealth.

**TABLE A-6
TOTAL RETAIL SALES
(000)**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Chester County	\$ 12,218,832	\$ 12,210,801	\$ 8,705,297	\$ 12,708,571	\$ 12,869,709
PMSA	94,935,061	94,890,513	89,309,763	91,259,939	92,944,956
Pennsylvania.....	188,193,104	188,149,727	187,412,600	199,975,257	198,215,135

Source: The Nielsen Company.

Housing

Housing construction has progressed in an orderly fashion during the past decade as former agricultural land has been developed in accordance with strict zoning guidelines. The School District contains some of the finest single-family residential housing in the greater Delaware Valley area. Most new home construction taking place in the School District is in the \$555,000 median price range. The median selling price of all housing within the School District during 2013 was \$325,000, as compared with Chester County as a whole of \$297,000, according to the Chester County Planning Commission.

Educational Institutions

West Chester University and Cheyney University are located within the School District. Both universities are run by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. West Chester University, which is located in the Borough of West Chester and West Goshen Township, is a multi-purpose university. Cheyney University is located in Thornbury Township, Delaware and Chester Counties. Both universities provide a liberal arts education.

Medical Facilities

Medical care facilities are provided by Chester County Hospital (the "Hospital") in West Chester. The Hospital provides complete professional, medical and surgical treatment to the central and eastern portions of Chester County. Paoli Memorial Hospital, while outside the School District, is within easy reach.

Transportation

The School District's economic position has been bolstered by a network of federal and state highways and has realized further growth due to the opening of the Exton Bypass. The School District is served by over eighty motor freight companies. U.S. 202 passes through the School District in a north-south direction connecting the area with Valley Forge to the north and Wilmington, Delaware to the south. U.S. 30 crosses the area in an east-west direction connecting the area with Lancaster via Coatesville to the west and Philadelphia via Paoli to the east. State Route 100 connects the School District with the Pennsylvania Turnpike (Downingtown Interchange) which is approximately 2 miles north of the School District. Other major highways include: U.S. 1 and 322 and State Routes 3 (West Chester Pike), 29, 52, 162, 352, 842, and 926.

Passenger railroad service is provided by one line, Main Line, by Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). Freight services are provided by two branch lines of Conrail.

Bus service to Philadelphia and Wilmington is provided by SEPTA. Light plane air service is available at West Chester Airport, established in 1959, which has single and multiple engine aircraft available for charter flights with licensed pilots, and student flight training.

Recreation

School District residents have access to a variety of recreational facilities through public, private and quasi-public agencies. There are four private and several public golf courses located in the School District. The Borough of West Chester, East Bradford, East Goshen, West Goshen and West Whiteland Townships provide recreational parks throughout the area for use by their residents.

Utilities

Sewer: Resident of portions of East Goshen Township, portions of East Bradford Township portions of West Goshen Township, portions of West Whiteland Township, West Chester Borough and portions of Westtown Township are provided with sewer service by either various municipal authorities or the municipality. Some of the less developed portions of these areas are served by on-site systems. All other Townships are served by on-site systems.

Water: Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. and other private water companies supply water service to the Borough and developed portions of the various Townships. Other residents of the Townships are served by on-site wells.

Electricity and Gas: PECO provides both electricity and natural gas to users within the School District.

Telephone: Verizon supplies telephone service to residents of the School District.

Municipal Services

All Townships and the Borough have full-time protection from either the state police or local police departments. The Embreeville State Police is located just outside the School District. All communities support their local volunteer fire companies.

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APPENDIX B
Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel

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[LETTERHEAD OF BOND COUNSEL]

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**Re: WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania
\$8,500,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of
General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2016**

OPINION

We have acted as Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance of the General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2016, in the aggregate principal amount of Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,500,000) (the “Bonds”), by West Chester Area School District, in Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania (the “School District”), a public school district of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the “Commonwealth”).

The Board of School Directors of the School District, by a resolution (the “Resolution”), has authorized and secured the issuance of the Bonds. The Resolution provides that the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to pay the costs of planning, designing, acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping additions and improvements to the School District’s existing elementary schools and, to the extent of remaining funds, other buildings and facilities of the School District, and pay the costs of issuing the Bonds, all in accordance with the Local Government Unit Debt Act, 53 Pa.C.S. Chs. 80-82 (the “Act”), of the Commonwealth.

The Resolution contains covenants of the School District to comply with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and applicable regulations promulgated thereunder, to preserve the Federal income tax exemption of the interest on the Bonds. The School District has taken appropriate action to qualify the Bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations,” as defined in Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Code.

As Bond Counsel, we have examined, among other things: the proceedings related to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds, as filed with the Department of Community and Economic Development; an executed counterpart of the Resolution; a certificate of no litigation; a non-arbitrage and rebate compliance certificate of the School District; and usual closing certificates and documents. We have also examined the executed Bonds, and assume that the Bonds, and any separate Bonds that may, from time to time, be issued in exchange therefor, will at all times be issued in registered form as required by the Resolution.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials furnished to us without undertaking to verify such facts by independent investigation.

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the School District enforceable in accordance with its terms.

2. The School District has covenanted, in the Resolution, to and with registered owners, from time to time, of the Bonds that shall be outstanding, from time to time, pursuant to the Resolution, that the School District: (i) shall include the amount of the debt service for the Bonds, for each fiscal year of the School District in which such sum is payable, in its budget for that year, (ii) shall appropriate such amounts from its general revenues for the payment of such debt service, and (iii) shall duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid from the sinking fund established under the Resolution or any other of its revenues or funds the principal of and interest on the Bonds at the dates and place and in the manner stated in the Bonds, according to the true intent and meaning thereof; and, for such budgeting, appropriation and payment, the School District has pledged, irrevocably, its full faith, credit, and taxing power.

3. Under the laws of the Commonwealth as presently enacted and construed, the Bonds are exempt from personal property taxes in the Commonwealth and the interest on the Bonds is exempt from the Commonwealth's Personal Income Tax and the Commonwealth's Corporate Net Income Tax.

4. Assuming investment and application of the proceeds of the Bonds as set forth in the Resolution and the aforementioned non-arbitrage and rebate compliance certificate, the Bonds are not presently an "arbitrage bonds" as described in Section 103(b)(2) and Section 148 of the Code and applicable regulations promulgated thereunder.

5. Under present statutes, regulations and judicial decisions, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations, although it should be noted that in the case of corporations (as defined for federal income tax purposes) such interest is taken into account in determining adjusted current earnings for purposes of such alternative minimum tax. The opinions expressed in this paragraph are subject to the condition that the School District comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that the interest thereon be, or continue to be, excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, as the School District has covenanted to do in the Resolution and other aforementioned documents. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

6. Each of the Bonds is a “qualified tax-exempt obligation” for purposes and effect contemplated by Section 265 of the Code (relating to expenses and interest relating to tax-exempt income of certain financial institutions). The opinion expressed in the preceding sentence is subject to the condition that interest on the Bonds is, and continues to be, excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Code.

We express no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

It is to be understood that rights of holders of the Bonds and the enforceability thereof may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other similar laws affecting creditors’ rights heretofore or hereafter enacted and that their enforcement may be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with general principles of equity.

Very truly yours,

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APPENDIX C
Form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate

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CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

Re: WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania
\$8,500,000 Aggregate Principal Amount
General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2016
Dated [Date of Delivery]

[Date of Delivery]

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the “Disclosure Certificate”) is executed and delivered by West Chester Area School District, in Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania (the “School District”), in connection with the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2016 (the “Bonds”), dated the date of delivery of the Bonds. The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of School Directors of the School District (the “Resolution”). The School District makes the following certifications and representations as an inducement to the Participating Underwriter and others to purchase the Bonds:

SECTION 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the School District for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(5).

SECTION 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

“Annual Report” shall mean any Annual Report filed by the School District pursuant to, and as described in, Section 3 of this Disclosure Certificate.

“Bondholder” shall mean any registered owner of the Bonds or any person who (i) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any of the Bonds (including persons holding through any nominee, securities depository or other intermediary) or (ii) is treated as the holder of any Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

“Business Day” shall mean a day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, or a day on which the New York Stock Exchange is closed or a day on which banks located in the Commonwealth are authorized or required by law or executive order to close.

“Commonwealth” shall mean the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

“Listed Events” shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5 of this Disclosure Certificate.

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

“Official Statement” shall mean the final official statement relating to the Bonds prepared by or on behalf of the School District and distributed in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds by the Participating Underwriter.

“Participating Underwriter” shall mean any of the original underwriter of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with the primary offering of the Bonds.

“Rule” shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

“SEC” shall mean the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

SECTION 3. Filing of Annual Reports. The School District agrees to file with the MSRB:

(a) *Financial Information.* Annually, beginning on April 1, 2017, and on each April 1 thereafter, the following financial information and operating information pertaining to the School District:

(1) financial statements for the most recent fiscal year, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local government units;

(2) a summary of the budget for the then current fiscal year;

(3) the total assessed value and aggregate market value of all taxable real estate for the then current fiscal year;

(4) the taxes and millage rates imposed for the then current fiscal year;

(5) the real property tax collection results for the most recent fiscal year, including (a) the real estate levy imposed (expressed both as a millage rate and an aggregate dollar amount), (b) the dollar amount of real estate taxes collected that represented current collections (expressed as an aggregate dollar amount), (c) the amount of real estate taxes collected that represented taxes levied in prior years (expressed as an aggregate dollar amount), and (d) the total amount of real estate taxes collected (expressed as an aggregate dollar amount);

(b) *Audited Financial Statements.* If not submitted as part of the annual financial information of the School District in accordance with subparagraph (a) above, then when and if available, audited financial statements of the School District for the most recent fiscal year.

Each Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package. Any or all of the items listed above may be incorporated by reference from other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the Issuer or related public entities which have been filed with MSRB or with the SEC. If the document incorporated by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the MSRB. The Issuer shall clearly identify each other document so incorporated by reference.

SECTION 4. Notices of Late Filing of Annual Information. If the School District has failed to file, or is unable to file, an Annual Report with the MSRB within the time set forth in Section 3 above, the School District will file, in a timely manner, a notice with the MSRB stating such fact and, if appropriate, the date by which the School District expects to file the Annual Report.

SECTION 5. Reporting of Listed Events. In a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) Business Days after the occurrence of the event, the School District will file with the MSRB notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds:

- (a) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (b) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (c) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (d) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (e) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (f) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax-exempt status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Bonds;
- (g) modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material;
- (h) bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (i) defeasances;
- (j) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (k) rating changes;
- (l) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the School District;
- (m) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the School District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the School District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; and
- (n) appointment of a successor or additional trustee, or the change of name of a trustee, if material.

The School District may from time to time choose to provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events affecting the Bonds or the School District, in addition to those listed above, if, in the judgment of the School District, such other event is material with respect to the Bonds, but the School District does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any material event except those events listed above.

SECTION 6. Manner of Filing. All filings to be made with the MSRB in accordance with this Disclosure Certificate are to be filed in such electronic format as is prescribed by the MSRB and accompanied by such identifying information as is prescribed by the MSRB.

As of the date of this Disclosure Certificate, the rules of the MSRB require all such filings to be made using the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access System ("EMMA") at <http://emma.msrb.org>.

SECTION 7. Dissemination Agent. The School District may, at any time and from time to time, appoint or engage another person (the "Dissemination Agent") to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor and without notice to Bondholders.

SECTION 8. Termination of Disclosure Obligation. The School District's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds or if and when the School District no longer remains an "obligated person" with respect to the Bonds, within the meaning of the Rule.

SECTION 9. Default. In the event of a failure of the School District to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the School District to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default with respect to the Bonds, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the School District to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 10. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the School District, the Participating Underwriters and Bondholders, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The School District causes this Continuing Disclosure Certificate to be executed on its behalf by the President of the Board of School Directors all as of the date set forth above.

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania

By: _____
President of the Board of
School Directors

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APPENDIX D
Financial Statements
West Chester Area School District
West Chester, Pennsylvania
June 30, 2015

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**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WEST CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA**

AUDIT REPORT

JUNE 30, 2015

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

November 25, 2015

Board of School Directors
West Chester Area School District
West Chester, Pennsylvania

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the West Chester Area School District (the "District"), West Chester, Pennsylvania, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, 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

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the West Chester Area School District, West Chester, Pennsylvania, as of June 30, 2015 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Notes 1 and 19 to the financial statements, the West Chester Area School District has adopted the requirements of GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions," and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68." These statements modify the accounting for the District's pension. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 15, the schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability on page 55, and the schedule of the District contributions on page 56 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the West Chester Area School District's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-

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Profit Organizations,” and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 25, 2015, on our consideration of the West Chester Area School District’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


BARBACANE, THORNTON & COMPANY LLP

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - UNAUDITED
JUNE 30, 2015

INTRODUCTION

The discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the West Chester Area School District (the "District") provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole. Readers also should review the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The District's mission is to educate and inspire our students to achieve their personal best.

DISTRICT PROFILE

The District consists of ten elementary schools, three middle schools and three high schools, serving 11,600 students. The District serves a 75 square-mile suburban, urban, and rural area in Chester County, Pennsylvania and is comprised of West Chester Borough and the surrounding townships of East Goshen, West Goshen, East Bradford, West Whiteland, Westtown, and Thornbury in Chester County and Thornbury Township in Delaware County. During 2014-2015, there were nearly 1,000 professional staff, of which 70 percent held a master's degree or higher. Seven of the District's schools have been awarded as Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education, and in 2014, ten of the District's schools received the Governor's Schools of Excellence awards.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2014-2015, while the economy had started to recover, the nationwide recovery was slow. The District revenues reflected this slow recovery. District revenues that were economically driven experienced a slight growth in 2014-2015.
- The largest District revenue stream is local property tax. In 2014-2015, the School Board raised property taxes 2.9 percent or 0.54 mills. The taxpayers in Chester County were assessed for property taxes at 19.21 mills. (Please note that one mill is equal to one-tenth of a cent or \$0.001 of assessed value.) The Delaware County tax rate was assessed based upon the equalized millage calculation, which resulted in a slight increase in tax rate from 13.62 mills in 2013-2014 to 13.65 mills in 2014-2015.
- During 2014-2015, the District implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. The major impact of GASB Statement No. 68 is to present, on the Statement of Financial Position, certain items related to the District's proportionate liability from its participation in the Commonwealth's Public School Employees Retirement System ("PSERS"), which was not required to be presented in the past. With the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68, the District has a deficit unrestricted net position as of June 30, 2015. For consistency purposes, the June 30, 2014 Statement of Net Position has been restated in the management's discussion and analysis to reflect GASB Statement No. 68 retroactively.

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- Elements of GASB Statement No. 68 included within the Statement of Net Position include the actuarially determined liability for PSERS of \$262,381,000, deferred outflows of \$23,271,540 comprising contributions made by the District made after the measurement date of June 30, 2014, contributions made in excess of the required contribution made in the year of the measurement date, and changes in the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and deferred inflows of \$18,757,000 comprised of investment returns on pension assets over projected returns to be recognized as a future reduction in pension expense, and a decrease in the liability until fully recognized.
- On an entity-wide basis, the District's total net position was negative \$189,856,535 at June 30, 2015 and \$191,579,252 at June 30, 2014. This represented a change of \$1,722,717 from the prior year.
- On a fund level reporting basis, compared to the prior year, the District's General Fund total revenues, excluding other financing sources, increased 3.64 percent or \$7,515,696. This increase was driven by property tax revenue growth.
- On a fund level reporting basis, compared to the prior year, the District's General Fund expenditures increased \$6,188,252 or 3.08 percent. The driving factor in this increase was the rising cost of employee benefits. With the increase in the required pension contribution rate, the District's pension contributions increased 29.6 percent, or \$4,245,305.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34 and present both entity-wide and fund level financial statements using both the accrual basis and modified accrual basis of accounting, respectively.

Entity-Wide Financial Statements

The first two statements are entity-wide financial statements - the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall financial status.

The entity-wide 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 expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indication of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

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To assess the overall health of the District, the reader needs to consider additional nonfinancial factors, such as changes in the District's property tax base and the performance of the students.

The entity-wide financial statements of the District are divided into two categories:

- **Governmental Activities** – All of the District's basic services are included here, such as instruction, administration, and community services. Property taxes and state and federal subsidies and grants finance most of these activities.
- **Business-type Activities** – The District operates a food service operation and charges fees to staff and students to cover the costs of the food service operation.

Fund Level Financial Statements

The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District's operations in more detail than the entity-wide statements. The governmental funds statements tell how the District's general services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Proprietary fund statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about the activities that the District operates like a business. For this District, this is our Food Service Fund. Fiduciary fund statements provide information about financial relationships for which the District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others.

- **Governmental Funds** – Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on the determination of financial position and change in financial position, not on income determination. The District's major governmental funds are the General Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, and the Capital Reserve Fund. Governmental funds are reported using the modified accrual accounting method, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's operations and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.
- **Proprietary Funds** – These funds are used to account for District activities that are similar to business operations in the private sector; or where the reporting is on determining net income, financial position, changes in financial position, and a significant portion of funding through user charges. When the District charges customers for services it provides - whether to outside customers or to other units in the District - these services generally are reported in proprietary funds. The Food Service Fund is the District's proprietary fund and is the same as the business-type activities reported in the entity-wide statements.
- **Fiduciary Funds** – The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for some scholarship funds. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

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The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT – ENTITY-WIDE STATEMENTS

During 2014-2015, the District implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 68, which required a restatement of the net position to record the net pension liability. Unrestricted net position was restated at June 30, 2014 to record the net pension liability and deferred outflow for contributions made to the plan subsequent to the measurement date for the net pension liability.

The District's total net position was negative \$189,856,535 at June 30, 2015. This represents an increase of \$1,722,717 over the prior year. The table below presents condensed financial information for the net position of the District as of June 30, 2015 and 2014.

Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2015 and 2014

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
ASSETS:						
Current and other assets	\$ 80,161,062	\$ 86,506,066	\$ 1,487,897	\$ 1,602,246	\$ 81,648,959	\$ 88,108,312
Capital assets	302,836,438	298,973,179	297,638	224,324	303,134,076	299,197,503
TOTAL ASSETS	382,997,500	385,479,245	1,785,535	1,826,570	384,783,035	387,305,815
Deferred outflows of resources	30,863,176	19,908,859	-	-	30,863,176	19,908,859
LIABILITIES:						
Current liabilities	41,284,405	42,357,535	377,358	513,979	41,661,763	42,871,514
Long-term liabilities	545,083,983	555,922,412	-	-	545,083,983	555,922,412
TOTAL LIABILITIES	586,368,388	598,279,947	377,358	513,979	586,745,746	598,793,926
Deferred inflows of resources	18,757,000	-	-	-	18,757,000	-
NET POSITION (DEFICIT):						
Net investment in capital assets	20,989,220	13,254,663	297,638	224,324	21,286,858	13,478,987
Restricted	22,203,300	17,672,551	-	-	22,203,300	17,672,551
Unrestricted (deficit)	(234,457,232)	(223,819,057)	1,110,539	1,088,267	(233,346,693)	(222,730,790)
TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	\$(191,264,712)	\$(192,891,843)	\$ 1,408,177	\$ 1,312,591	\$(189,856,535)	\$(191,579,252)

The governmental activities restricted net position in the amount of \$22,203,300 are set aside to fund capital improvements, the replacement of and additions to public works, and deferred maintenance. The total unrestricted net position in the amount of negative \$233,346,693 included \$1,110,539 which could be used for capital and other expenditures within the District's food service program.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - UNAUDITED (CONT'D)
JUNE 30, 2015

The results of this year's operations as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities. All expenses are reported in the first column. Specific charges, grants, revenues, and subsidies that relate directly to specific expense categories are presented to determine the final amount of the District's activities that are supported by other general revenues. The largest revenues are property taxes, local taxes, and the state basic education subsidy.

The table below presents condensed financial information for the Statement of Activities in a different format so that the reader can see the total revenues for the year. Compared to the prior year, the District's total revenues increased by \$7,501,537, or 3.6 percent. The largest change in revenue occurred in property taxes. Property taxes increased \$4,379,198 or 3.0 percent. The balance of the revenue growth came from increases in operating grants and contributions.

Expenses increased by \$12,836,031 or 6.3 percent. The largest drivers of this increase were Instruction and Administrative/Financial Support spending for personnel costs.

Statement of Activities
For the Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
REVENUES						
Program services:						
Charges for services	\$ 1,133,400	\$ 1,189,792	\$2,335,418	\$2,549,726	\$ 3,468,818	\$ 3,739,518
Operating grants and contributions	26,309,774	23,727,227	940,701	904,898	27,250,475	24,632,125
General revenues:						
Property taxes	151,649,702	147,270,504	-	-	151,649,702	147,270,504
Other taxes	23,565,368	23,154,723	-	-	23,565,368	23,154,723
Grants, subsidies and contributions not restricted	10,859,971	10,652,411	-	-	10,859,971	10,652,411
Other revenue	459,133	302,822	1,500	1,327	460,633	304,149
TOTAL REVENUES	213,977,348	206,297,479	3,277,619	3,455,951	217,254,967	209,753,430
EXPENSES						
Instruction	133,218,154	121,627,033	-	-	133,218,154	121,627,033
Instructional student support	16,718,808	15,311,671	-	-	16,718,808	15,311,671
Administrative/financial support	17,552,768	15,643,360	-	-	17,552,768	15,643,360
Operation and maintenance of plant services	17,447,190	18,309,057	-	-	17,447,190	18,309,057
Pupil transportation	13,850,307	13,420,543	-	-	13,850,307	13,420,543
Student activities	4,855,516	4,377,690	-	-	4,855,516	4,377,690
Community services	140,742	116,354	-	-	140,742	116,354
Interest on long-term debt	8,566,732	10,397,433	-	-	8,566,732	10,397,433
Food service	-	-	3,182,033	3,493,078	3,182,033	3,493,078
TOTAL EXPENSES	212,350,217	199,203,141	3,182,033	3,493,078	215,532,250	202,696,219
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	1,627,131	7,094,338	95,586	(37,127)	1,722,717	7,057,211
BEGINNING NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	(192,891,843)	(199,986,181)	1,312,591	1,349,718	(191,579,252)	(198,636,463)
ENDING NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	\$ (191,264,712)	\$ (192,891,843)	\$1,408,177	\$1,312,591	\$ (189,856,535)	\$ (191,579,252)

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - UNAUDITED (CONT'D)
JUNE 30, 2015

EXPENSES

The table below presents condensed financial information on the expenses of the District by function. The table illustrates both the gross and net costs of services. Unrestricted grants, subsidies, and contributions are deducted to reflect the amount needed to be funded by other revenue sources. The amount needed to be funded by other revenue sources increased by \$10,413,361, or 6.4 percent, more than the prior year. The table for business-type activity reflects condensed financial activities of the food service program, the only business-type activity of the District.

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
Expenses - Governmental Activities:				
Instruction	\$ 133,218,154	\$121,627,033	\$116,004,704	\$106,548,408
Instructional student support	16,718,808	15,311,671	14,688,320	13,273,111
Administrative and financial support	17,552,768	15,643,360	16,317,417	14,645,258
Operation and maintenance of plant services	17,447,190	18,309,057	16,139,137	17,175,475
Pupil transportation	13,850,307	13,420,543	10,183,760	9,644,603
Student activities	4,855,516	4,377,690	4,048,074	3,647,874
Community services	140,742	116,354	140,605	114,337
Interest on long-term debt	8,566,732	10,397,433	7,385,026	9,237,056
	\$ 212,350,217	\$199,203,141	184,907,043	174,286,122
			(10,859,971)	(10,652,411)
			\$174,047,072	\$163,633,711
<u>Business-type Activities</u>				
Expenses - Business-type Activities:				
Food services	\$ 3,182,033	\$ 3,493,078	\$ (94,086)	\$ 38,454

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JUNE 30, 2015

THE DISTRICT FUNDS

General Fund

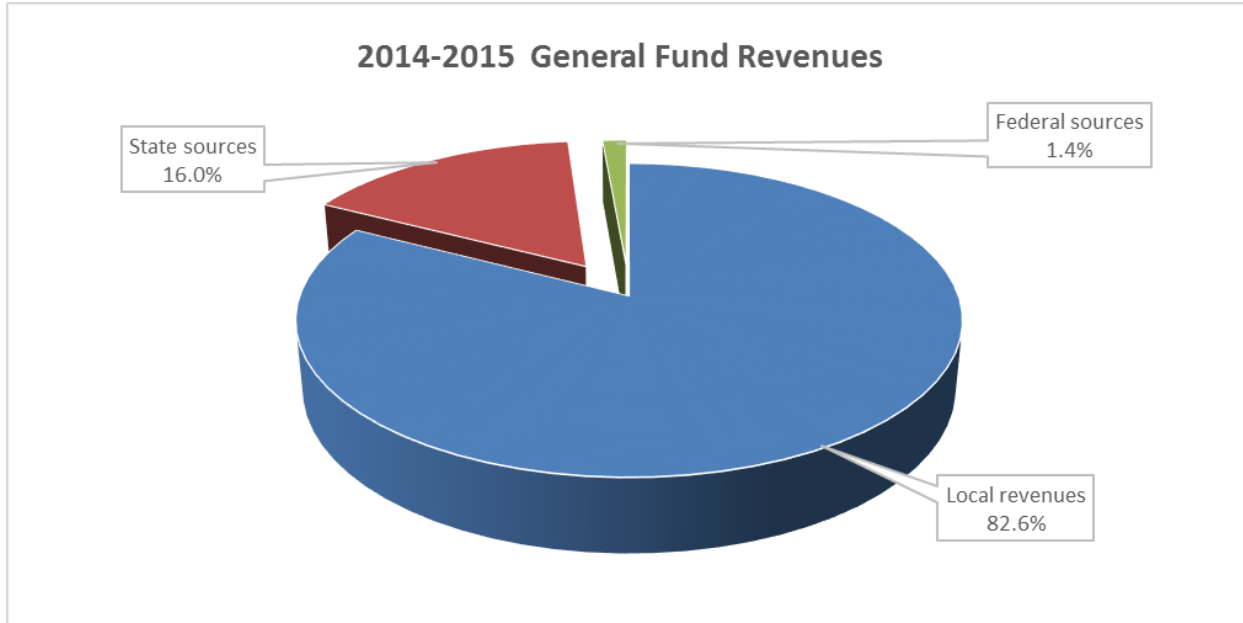
At June 30, 2015, the District reported a General Fund fund balance of \$31,665,559, which represents 15.3 percent of total expenditures and was a decrease of \$1,685,513 over the prior year. Of this amount, the District committed \$4,899,442 for the purpose of healthcare rate stabilization. Due to the nature of self-insuring health insurance claims, the District experiences volatility in annual health insurance costs. To smooth these expenditures, the District established a health insurance rate stabilization fund and increased this commitment by \$43,252 to bring the balance of the commitment to \$4,899,442. The District also utilized \$2,383,000 of the previous commitment of \$4,500,000 for PSERS costs, bringing the total commitment balance to \$2,117,000. Lastly, the District assigned \$5,646,426 of the fund balance towards Tax Rate Stabilization. These funds will be used to offset the 2016-2017 budget gaps and eliminate the need for future tax increases. The School Board of the District manages the fund balance to respond to unforeseen contingencies and economic conditions. This philosophy was established during a healthy and growing economy within the District, and accurate and timely forecasting which allows the District to constantly monitor economic trends within our community. This philosophy conforms to the Board's belief that the tax burden should be aligned with the current funding needs of the District. The remaining assigned fund balance of \$115,700 is assigned for athletic activities.

REVENUE

General Fund Revenues, excluding other financing sources, total \$213,954,144, which is an increase from the collections in the prior year. The table below reflects a comparison of current year revenues to prior year revenues:

	General Fund Revenues 2015	Percentage of Total	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2014	Variance Over/(Under) Final Budget
Local revenues	\$176,784,398	82.6%	\$ 4,725,590	\$ 968,491
State sources	34,209,926	16.0%	2,492,069	(314,272)
Federal sources	2,959,820	1.4%	298,037	600,904
TOTAL	\$213,954,144	100.0%	\$ 7,515,696	\$ 1,255,123

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Local revenues increased by \$4,725,590. The District's real estate tax revenues increased \$4,499,091 from the prior year due to a 2.9 percent, or 0.54 mill, increase in the tax rate. Additionally, real estate transfer tax increased \$420,475, and earnings on investment increase \$94,526. The increases were offset by a decrease in delinquent real estate tax collection by \$119,892 and a decrease in earned income taxes by \$100,456.

The increase in State revenues is due to an increase in the District's retirement subsidy. The state reimburses the District for 50 percent of the District's pension cost. The dramatic increase in the state pension rates caused both an increase in the annual pension costs as well as an increase of \$2,119,732 in the related retirement subsidy reimbursement.

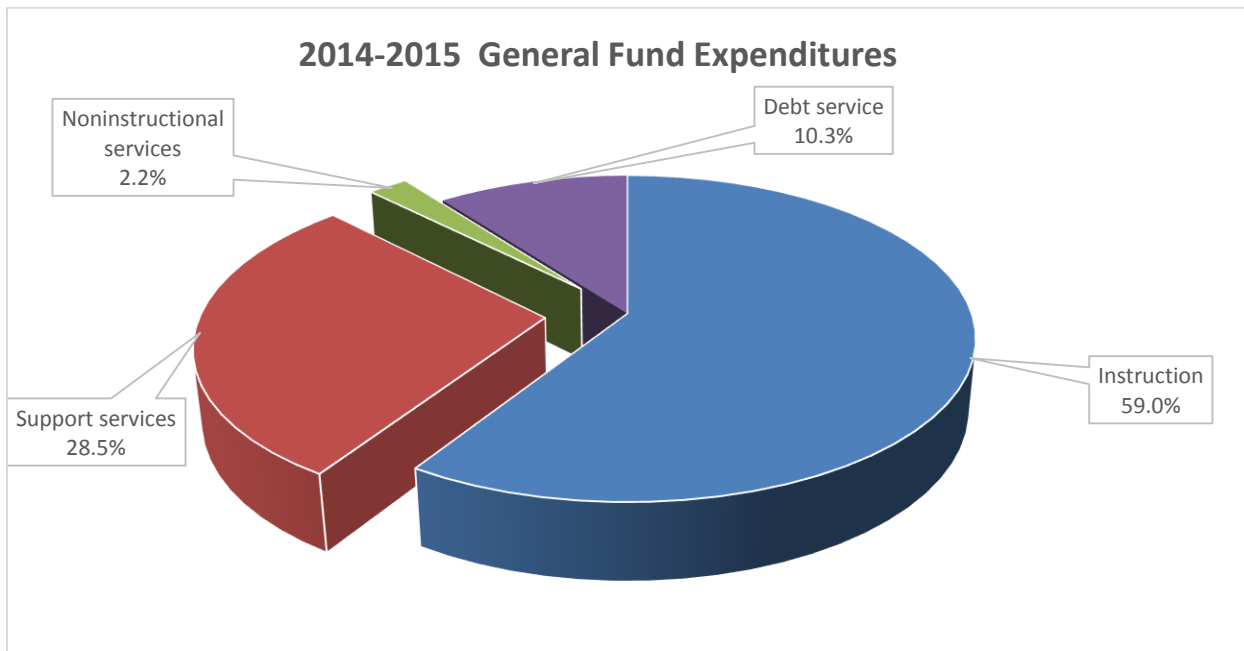
Federal revenues increased by 11.2 percent, the net effect of an increase in Title I funding of \$358,489 that was offset by a decrease in Medical Assistance funding of \$194,438 and an increase of \$94,526 in Title II spending.

EXPENDITURES

General Fund expenditures, excluding transfers to other governmental funds, totaled \$206,983,406. This was an increase of \$6,188,252, or 3.1 percent, over the prior year, and it was \$3,639,919 under the approved budget. The expenditures were segregated into various programs depending on the functions of the activity. These programs and the costs associated with each, as well as comparison to the costs incurred in the prior year and the final 2014-2015 budget, are as follows:

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	General Fund Expenditures 2015	Percentage of Total	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2014	Variance Over/(Under) Final Budget
Instruction	\$122,147,058	59.0%	\$ 6,045,620	\$ (10,760)
Support services	59,062,297	28.5%	2,260,340	(1,783,513)
Noninstructional services	4,610,182	2.2%	372,215	(1,235,277)
Debt service	21,163,869	10.3%	(2,489,923)	(610,369)
TOTAL	\$206,983,406	100.0%	\$ 6,188,252	\$ (3,639,919)



The driving factor for 2014-2015 increases in expenses was benefit cost. The District's employer pension expenses rose 29.6 percent in 2014-2015. Rising health care costs added to benefit cost. Benefit costs drove the increase in instruction, support service, and non-instructional support services expenses. The District reduced debt service expense by taking advantage of the favorable interest rate market for borrowers and refinancing debt when possible.

Capital Projects Fund

Fiscal year 2014-2015 represented the fourth year of the District's elementary school master plan renovations. By the completion of this plan, all ten elementary schools will have been renovated. As of June 30, 2015, the District had a capital projects deficit fund balance of \$3,451,176. This deficit

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JUNE 30, 2015

balance was caused by capital projects expenditures being accrued at year end in excess of the cash and investments held to fund these projects. The District will issue additional long-term debt early in the subsequent fiscal year in order to fund these capital projects, and eliminate the deficit balance. The District also reported expenditures of \$11,883,939 in 2014-2015. These expenditures were primarily related to the design and renovation of the elementary schools.

Capital Reserve Fund

The Capital Reserve Fund had a fund balance of \$22,203,300 at June 30, 2015. This was a \$4,530,749 increase from the prior year. The Capital Reserve Fund is funded by transfers from the General Fund. In 2014-2015, the capital outflows from the Capital Reserve Fund were spent on technology replacements as well as repairs and maintenance projects. The Capital Reserve Fund received a transfer in of \$8,589,744 from the General Fund. This transfer represented funding for maintenance projects, savings in variable rate debt, and debt service savings achieved through refinancing two existing bond issues.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

During the fiscal year, the Board of School Directors authorizes revisions to the original budget to accommodate differences from the original budget to the actual expenditures of the District. All adjustments are confirmed again at the time the annual audit is accepted. This is done after the end of the fiscal year in accordance with state law. A schedule showing the District's original and final budget amounts compared with amounts actually paid and received is provided in the financial statements.

Due to legislative restrictions, the District must adopt a preliminary budget six months before the start of the fiscal year. Subsequent to the start of the fiscal year, the District's projections indicated that future budget years would experience a budgetary shortfall due to rising pension rates and limited local revenue increases. In reaction to this anticipated gap, the District has been conservative with spending. This is evident when reviewing the District's actual expenditures versus the approved budget. Total revenues were collected near budgeted amounts at \$1,255,123 over budget, or 0.6 percent. Total expenditures were under the amended budget by \$3,639,919, or 1.7 percent.

CAPITAL ASSETS

At June 30, 2015, the District had \$303,134,076 invested in a broad range of governmental capital assets, including land, buildings, and furniture and equipment. This amount represents a net increase (including additions, deletions, and depreciation) of \$3,936,573, or 1.3 percent, from the prior year. Additionally, the District's construction-in-progress balance decreased by \$18,725,372 from the prior year. Three elementary school renovation projects were completed and moved from construction-in-progress as of June 30, 2015.

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The following schedule depicts the capital assets for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. More detailed information about fixed assets is included in the notes to the financial statements.

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total Assets
Capital assets:			
Land	\$ 33,159,800	\$ -	\$ 33,159,800
Land improvements	15,387,038	-	15,387,038
Buildings	396,169,432	-	396,169,432
Construction-in-progress	8,544,126	-	8,544,126
Furniture and equipment	35,366,723	804,561	36,171,284
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	488,627,119	804,561	489,431,680
TOTAL ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	185,790,681	506,923	186,297,604
CAPITAL ASSETS, NET	\$ 302,836,438	\$ 297,638	\$ 303,134,076

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

As of June 30, 2015, the District had total outstanding bonds and related charges of \$289,438,854, a decrease of \$10,200,515 from the prior year. During 2014-2015, the District refinanced \$70,240,000 in outstanding debt to take advantage of the favorable financing market conditions. Based upon a projection of future debt margins, the retirement of principal on current issues, and estimated future borrowing, the District is certain that it will not exceed its debt limit.

Debt Service Schedule
June 30, 2015

	Principal Outstanding June 30, 2014	Maturities/ Refinancing	Additions	Principal Outstanding June 30, 2015
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES	\$ 285,016,000	\$ 78,675,000	\$ 65,485,000	\$ 271,826,000
<i>Deferred amounts:</i>				
Net issuance premium	14,623,369	2,872,147	5,861,632	17,612,854
LONG-TERM DEBT	\$ 299,639,369	\$ 81,547,147	\$ 71,346,632	\$ 289,438,854

OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Other obligations include accrued vacation pay and severance for specific employees of the District. More detailed information about long-term liabilities is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

The District forecasts budgetary impacts five years forward. Looking forward, the District is currently forecasting expenses to outpace revenues, creating a budgetary gap. Local revenue, the District's largest budgetary stream, has been slow to recover after the national economic downturn. Interim real estate tax, earned income tax, growth in real estate tax base, and transfer tax collections all follow local economic trends. While state and federal funding has increased recently, increases were driven by pension and social security subsidy increases that are mirrored by the cost and do not assist in addressing budgetary gaps. Expense growth in the future will continue to be driven by pension and healthcare costs. The District's employer pension contribution rate rose to 25.84 percent in 2015-2016 and will continue to increase going forward. The District also projects an annual increase of 7.57 percent per year in health benefits.

In response, the District continues to budget conservatively. The District uses fund balance management techniques to reserve funds for future pension needs, potential healthcare cost, and reduce millage impact. The District has changed healthcare plans for all its labor groups in an attempt to limit healthcare expenses. While currently the District is showing a deficit, the District School Board and staff are working hard to develop methods to address the District's long-term financial needs.

Within the District's capital funds, the District initiated its 16-year long-term elementary school master plan which includes renovations and/or additions to each of its 10 elementary schools. This project was the continuation of the District's secondary school renovation program that was completed. The District is completed its third building renovation and is in progress with the fourth and fifth renovation. As for the balance of the plan, the District is cautious due to the current financial environment. The District has always exercised caution in a conservative approach to borrowing, including waiting until long-term bonds (20-year notes) were capable of being sold at advantageous, fixed rates of interest.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Our financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, parents, students, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the Board's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or wish to request additional financial information, please contact Mr. John Scully, Director of Business Affairs at The West Chester Area School District, 829 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380, (484) 266-1020.

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015

	Primary Government		Total
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,439,719	\$ 85,862	\$ 23,525,581
Investments	44,283,458	1,145,875	45,429,333
Internal balances	(492)	492	-
Due from other governments	3,557,838	42,988	3,600,826
Other receivables	814,784	197,034	1,011,818
Taxes receivable	3,651,985	-	3,651,985
Prepaid expenses	4,413,770	-	4,413,770
Inventories	-	15,646	15,646
Total Current Assets	80,161,062	1,487,897	81,648,959
Noncurrent Assets:			
Capital assets			
Land	33,159,800	-	33,159,800
Construction-in-progress	8,544,126	-	8,544,126
Land improvements	15,387,038	-	15,387,038
Buildings	396,169,432	-	396,169,432
Furniture and equipment	35,366,723	804,561	36,171,284
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(185,790,681)	(506,923)	(186,297,604)
Total Noncurrent Assets	302,836,438	297,638	303,134,076
TOTAL ASSETS	382,997,500	1,785,535	384,783,035
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred amount on refunding	7,591,636	-	7,591,636
Deferred pension contributions	18,609,908	-	18,609,908
Deferred pension	4,661,632	-	4,661,632
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	30,863,176	-	30,863,176
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 413,860,676	\$ 1,785,535	\$ 415,646,211
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION (DEFICIT)			
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	\$ 27,410,251	\$ 229,623	\$ 27,639,874
Accrued interest	1,933,474	-	1,933,474
Unearned revenues	105,440	147,735	253,175
Bonds and notes payable, net	11,835,240	-	11,835,240
Total Current Liabilities	41,284,405	377,358	41,661,763
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Bonds and notes payable, net	277,603,614	-	277,603,614
Accrued severance and compensated absences	4,805,853	-	4,805,853
Other post-employment benefits	293,516	-	293,516
Net pension liability	262,381,000	-	262,381,000
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	545,083,983	-	545,083,983
TOTAL LIABILITIES	586,368,388	377,358	586,745,746
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES			
Deferred pension	18,757,000	-	18,757,000
NET POSITION (DEFICIT)			
Net investment in capital assets	20,989,220	297,638	21,286,858
Restricted for capital projects	22,203,300	-	22,203,300
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(234,457,232)	1,110,539	(233,346,693)
TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	(191,264,712)	1,408,177	(189,856,535)
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	\$ 413,860,676	\$ 1,785,535	\$ 415,646,211

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Business-type Activities	Totals
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:					
Instruction	\$ 133,218,154	\$ 362,760	\$ 16,850,690	\$ -	\$ (116,004,704)
Instructional student support	16,718,808	-	2,030,488	-	(14,688,320)
Administrative and financial support services	17,552,768	-	1,235,351	-	(16,317,417)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	17,447,190	347,233	960,820	-	(16,139,137)
Pupil transportation	13,850,307	-	3,666,547	-	(10,183,760)
Student activities	4,855,516	423,407	384,035	-	(4,048,074)
Community services	140,742	-	137	-	(140,605)
Interest on long-term debt	8,566,732	-	1,181,706	-	(7,385,026)
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	212,350,217	1,133,400	26,309,774	-	(184,907,043)
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:					
Food service	3,182,033	2,335,418	940,701	-	94,086
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	\$ 215,532,250	\$ 3,468,818	\$ 27,250,475	\$ -	(184,812,957)
GENERAL REVENUES					
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				-	151,649,702
Taxes levied for specific purposes				-	23,565,368
Grants, entitlements, and contributions not restricted to specific programs				-	10,859,971
Investment earnings				-	258,288
Gain on sale of asset				1,500	70,058
Other				-	132,287
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES				1,500	186,535,674
CHANGE IN NET POSITION				95,586	1,722,717
NET POSITION (DEFICIT), BEGINNING OF YEAR, RESTATED				1,312,591	(191,579,252)
NET POSITION (DEFICIT), END OF YEAR				\$ 1,408,177	\$ (189,856,535)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Capital Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,269,373	-	\$ 12,170,346	-	\$ 23,439,719
Investments	34,241,175	158,329	9,883,954	-	44,283,458
Taxes receivable	3,651,985	-	-	-	3,651,985
Due from other funds	-	-	340,350	-	340,350
Due from other governments	3,557,838	-	-	-	3,557,838
Other receivables	811,606	-	3,178	-	814,784
Prepaid expenditures	4,128,770	-	285,000	-	4,413,770
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 57,660,747</u>	<u>\$ 158,329</u>	<u>\$ 22,682,828</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 80,501,904</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)					
LIABILITIES:					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 3,967,111	\$ 3,268,819	\$ 479,528	-	\$ 7,715,458
Unearned revenue	105,440	-	-	-	105,440
Due to other funds	156	340,686	-	-	340,842
Payroll accruals and withholdings	19,694,793	-	-	-	19,694,793
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>23,767,500</u>	<u>3,609,505</u>	<u>479,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,856,533</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	2,227,688	-	-	-	2,227,688
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>2,227,688</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,227,688</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT):					
Nonspendable	4,128,770	-	285,000	-	4,413,770
Restricted	-	-	21,918,300	-	21,918,300
Committed	7,016,442	-	-	-	7,016,442
Assigned	5,762,126	-	-	-	5,762,126
Unassigned	14,758,221	(3,451,176)	-	-	11,307,045
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)	<u>31,665,559</u>	<u>(3,451,176)</u>	<u>22,203,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,417,683</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ 57,660,747</u>	<u>\$ 158,329</u>	<u>\$ 22,682,828</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 80,501,904</u>

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**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015**

TOTAL FUND BALANCES FOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS \$ 50,417,683

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds. The cost of assets was \$488,627,119 accumulated depreciation was \$185,790,681. 302,836,438

Some of the District's revenues will be collected after year end but are not available soon enough to pay the current year's expenditures and, therefore, are reported as unavailable revenue - property taxes in the governmental funds. 2,227,688

Governmental funds report deferred amounts on bond refundings as other financing sources. However, these amounts are reported on the statement of net position as deferred outflows of resources and amortized over the life of the refunding debt. 7,591,636

Other post-employment benefits (OPEB) are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. (293,516)

Long-term liabilities applicable to the governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Accrued interest	\$ (1,933,474)	
Bonds and notes payable in future years, net	(289,438,854)	
Accumulated compensated absences	(4,805,853)	
Net pension liability	<u>(262,381,000)</u>	(558,559,181)

Deferred inflows and outflows related to the District's net pension liability are based on the differences between actuarially determined actual and expected investment returns, changes in the actuarially determined proportion of the District's amount of the total pension liability, and pension contributions made after the measurement date of the net pension liability. These amounts will be amortized over the estimated remaining average service life of the employees.

Deferred outflows of resources:		
Deferred pension contributions	18,609,908	
Deferred outflows - pension	4,661,632	
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Deferred inflows - pension	<u>(18,757,000)</u>	<u>4,514,540</u>

TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT) OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES \$ (191,264,712)

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**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Capital Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
REVENUES					
Local sources	\$ 176,784,398	-	\$ 92,792	-	\$ 176,877,190
State sources	34,209,926	-	-	-	34,209,926
Federal sources	2,959,820	-	-	-	2,959,820
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>213,954,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>214,046,936</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Instruction	122,147,058	-	1,909,081	-	124,056,139
Support services	59,062,297	-	656,323	220,545	59,939,165
Operation of noninstructional services	4,610,182	-	-	-	4,610,182
Debt service:					
Principal	11,620,000	-	-	-	11,620,000
Interest	9,543,869	-	-	-	9,543,869
Bond issuance costs	-	56,166	-	-	56,166
Capital outlays	-	11,827,773	1,681,366	-	13,509,139
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>206,983,406</u>	<u>11,883,939</u>	<u>4,246,770</u>	<u>220,545</u>	<u>223,334,660</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>6,970,738</u>	<u>(11,883,939)</u>	<u>(4,153,978)</u>	<u>(220,545)</u>	<u>(9,287,724)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Refund of prior year expenditures	16,391	-	-	-	16,391
Refund of prior year revenue	(82,898)	-	-	-	(82,898)
Bonds issued for refunding	-	-	-	65,485,000	65,485,000
Payment to refund bonds	-	-	-	(71,069,921)	(71,069,921)
Premium on bonds issued	-	-	-	5,861,632	5,861,632
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	56,166	94,983	-	94,983
Transfers in	-	-	8,589,744	-	8,645,910
Transfers out	(8,589,744)	-	-	(56,166)	(8,645,910)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(8,656,251)</u>	<u>56,166</u>	<u>8,684,727</u>	<u>220,545</u>	<u>305,187</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	<u>(1,685,513)</u>	<u>(11,827,773)</u>	<u>4,530,749</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,982,537)</u>
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>33,351,072</u>	<u>8,376,597</u>	<u>17,672,551</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,400,220</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT), END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 31,665,559</u>	<u>\$ (3,451,176)</u>	<u>\$ 22,203,300</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 50,417,683</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS \$ (8,982,537)

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is capitalized and allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In addition, disposal of assets before they are fully depreciated results in a loss that is not reported in the governmental funds. In the current period, these amounts are:

Capital outlays	\$ 16,670,180	
Depreciation expense	(12,780,496)	
Loss on disposal of capital assets	<u>(26,425)</u>	3,863,259

Because some amounts will not be collected for several months after the District's fiscal year ends, they are not considered as "available" revenues in the governmental funds. (154,537)

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items. Repayment of note principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. 10,200,515

Governmental funds report deferred amounts on bond refundings as other financing sources. However, these amounts are reported on the statement of net position as deferred outflows of resources and amortized over the life of the refunding debt. 2,047,380

In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses – compensated absences (vacations and sick leave) and special termination benefits (early retirement) – are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid). This is the amount by which current period amounts paid exceeded current period compensated absences 71,541

In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses – other post-employment benefits – are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts paid). This is the amount by which current period amounts paid exceeded current period amounts (57,124)

Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due and, thus, requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. 128,697

Pension expense in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because pension expense is recognized in the statement of activities based on the organization's proportionate share of the expenses of the cost-sharing pension plan, whereas pension expenditures are recognized in the governmental funds when a requirement to remit contributions to the plan exists. (5,490,063)

CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES \$ 1,627,131

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON STATEMENT - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Local sources	\$ 175,815,907	\$ 175,815,907	\$ 176,784,398	\$ 968,491
State sources	34,524,198	34,524,198	34,209,926	(314,272)
Federal sources	2,358,916	2,358,916	2,959,820	600,904
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>212,699,021</u>	<u>212,699,021</u>	<u>213,954,144</u>	<u>1,255,123</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction				
Regular programs, elementary/secondary	85,821,354	84,865,084	84,864,112	972
Special programs, elementary/secondary	29,532,252	31,033,460	31,033,460	-
Vocational education programs	5,332,187	5,404,070	5,395,734	8,336
Other instructional programs	760,624	827,446	827,446	-
Nonpublic school programs	11,755	27,758	26,306	1,452
Total Instruction	<u>121,458,172</u>	<u>122,157,818</u>	<u>122,147,058</u>	<u>10,760</u>
Support services				
Pupil personnel	8,083,489	8,269,116	8,265,336	3,780
Instructional staff	4,725,387	5,008,574	4,873,550	135,024
Administration	11,361,888	10,292,386	10,279,965	12,421
Pupil health	2,811,532	2,146,280	2,075,995	70,285
Business	1,639,773	1,711,746	1,711,746	-
Operation and maintenance of plant services	17,101,842	16,691,854	15,377,641	1,314,213
Student transportation services	13,272,447	13,252,553	13,005,903	246,650
Central	2,436,252	3,210,546	3,209,406	1,140
Other support services	125,729	262,755	262,755	-
Total Support Services	<u>61,558,339</u>	<u>60,845,810</u>	<u>59,062,297</u>	<u>1,783,513</u>
Operation of noninstructional services				
Student activities	5,698,093	5,698,221	4,462,944	1,235,277
Community services	126,695	147,238	147,238	-
Total Operation of Noninstructional Services	<u>5,824,788</u>	<u>5,845,459</u>	<u>4,610,182</u>	<u>1,235,277</u>
Debt service				
Principal, interest, and fiscal agent fees	25,182,970	21,774,238	21,163,869	610,369
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>214,024,269</u>	<u>210,623,325</u>	<u>206,983,406</u>	<u>3,639,919</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(1,325,248)</u>	<u>2,075,696</u>	<u>6,970,738</u>	<u>4,895,042</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Refund of prior year expenditures	-	-	16,391	16,391
Refund of prior year receipts	-	-	(82,898)	(82,898)
Interfund transfer out	(5,188,800)	(8,589,744)	(8,589,744)	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>(5,188,800)</u>	<u>(8,589,744)</u>	<u>(8,656,251)</u>	<u>(66,507)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(6,514,048)	(6,514,048)	(1,685,513)	4,828,535
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>33,351,072</u>	<u>33,351,072</u>	<u>33,351,072</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 26,837,024</u>	<u>\$ 26,837,024</u>	<u>\$ 31,665,559</u>	<u>\$ 4,828,535</u>

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**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>Food Service Fund</u>
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 85,862
Investments	1,145,875
Due from other governments	42,988
Due from other funds	492
Other receivables	197,034
Inventories, donated commodities	15,646
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>1,487,897</u>
 CAPITAL ASSETS:	
Furniture and equipment, net	<u>297,638</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 1,785,535</u></u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 229,623
Unearned revenue	147,735
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>377,358</u>
 NET POSITION:	
Investment in capital assets	297,638
Unrestricted	1,110,539
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>1,408,177</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	<u><u>\$ 1,785,535</u></u>

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**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION -
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>Food Service Fund</u>
OPERATING REVENUES	
Food service revenues	\$ 2,335,418
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>2,335,418</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Professional and contract services	3,129,851
Depreciation	38,807
Other operating costs	13,375
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>3,182,033</u>
OPERATING LOSS	<u>(846,615)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES	
State sources	70,075
Federal sources	868,408
Local sources	1,107
Interest income	1,111
Gain on sale of assets	1,500
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES	<u>942,201</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	95,586
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,312,591</u>
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 1,408,177</u></u>

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**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>Food Service Fund</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Receipts from customers	\$ 2,186,660
Payments to suppliers	<u>(3,210,360)</u>
NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>(1,023,700)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
State sources	69,857
Federal sources	742,598
Other sources	1,107
NET CASH PROVIDED BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>813,562</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Proceeds from sale of assets	1,500
Purchase of capital assets	<u>(112,121)</u>
NET CASH USED BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>(110,621)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Sale of investment securities and deposits to investment pools	261,979
Interest income	1,111
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>263,090</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(57,669)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>143,531</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 85,862</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating loss	\$ (846,615)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Depreciation	38,807
Commodities usage	124,927
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) in other receivables	(192,991)
(Increase) in due from other funds	(492)
Decrease in inventory, donated commodities	1,555
(Decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(181,346)
(Decrease) in due to other funds	(12,270)
Increase in unearned revenue	44,725
NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ (1,023,700)</u>
<u>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE</u>	
NONCASH NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITY:	
USDA donated commodities	<u>\$ 124,927</u>

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WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>Student Activity Funds</u>	<u>Other Agency Fund</u>	<u>Total Agency Funds</u>	<u>Private- Purpose Trust</u>
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 422,327	\$ 88,254	\$ 510,581	\$ 496,915
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 422,327</u>	<u>\$ 88,254</u>	<u>\$ 510,581</u>	<u>\$ 496,915</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION				
LIABILITIES:				
Other current liabilities	\$ 422,327	\$ 88,254	\$ 510,581	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>422,327</u>	<u>88,254</u>	<u>510,581</u>	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION:				
Restricted	-	-	-	496,915
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>496,915</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 422,327</u>	<u>\$ 88,254</u>	<u>\$ 510,581</u>	<u>\$ 496,915</u>

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**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION - FIDUCIARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>Private- Purpose Trust</u>
ADDITIONS	
Gifts and contributions	<u>\$ 917,008</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>917,008</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
Grants	<u>1,092,020</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>1,092,020</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(175,012)
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>671,927</u>
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 496,915</u></u>

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WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The District's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the District are discussed below.

Reporting Entity

The District is governed by an elected Board of Directors. Generally accepted accounting principles require that the financial statements present the District and its component units, entities for which the District is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the District's operations and, therefore, data from these units are required to be combined with data of the primary school district. Each discretely presented component unit, on the other hand, is required to be reported in a separate column in the entity-wide financial statements to emphasize it is legally separate from the District. Based on the application of these principles, there are no component units presented in the District's financial statements.

Entity-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The entity-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for services.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct 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. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds even though the latter are excluded from the entity-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The entity-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. 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.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and, therefore, have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only a portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

The District reports the following major government funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital assets other than those financed by enterprise operations.

Capital Reserve Fund – This capital reserve fund is used for funds set aside that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

The District reports one nonmajor fund (debt service), which is used to record certain debt activity.

The District reports the following major proprietary fund:

Food Service Fund – The Food Service Fund (an Enterprise Fund) is used to account for the operations of the District's school cafeterias that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise wherein the intent of the governing body is that the cost of providing goods or services to the school population on a continuing basis will be recovered or financed primarily through user charges.

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

These funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the proprietary funds' principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of the District's enterprise fund is food service charges. Operating expenses for the District's enterprise fund includes food production costs, supplies, and administrative costs. All revenues or expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows of proprietary funds, cash equivalents include all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Additionally, the District reports the following fund types:

Fiduciary Funds – Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, or other governments. These include private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. Private-purpose trust funds account for resources, including both principal and earnings, which must be expended in accordance with a trust agreement and are accounted for in essentially the same manner as proprietary funds. Agency funds are purely custodial and, thus, do not involve measurement of the results of operations.

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity

Deposits and Investments

Under Section 440-1 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, the District is permitted to invest funds consistent with sound business practices in the following types of investments:

- Obligations of (a) the United States of America or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America; (b) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth; or (c) any political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the political subdivision.
- Deposits in savings accounts or time deposits or share accounts of institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation ("FSLIC") to the extent that such accounts are so insured and, for any amounts above the insured maximum, provided that approved collateral as provided by law, therefore, shall be pledged by the depository.

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the noncurrent portion of interfund loans). Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the entity-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of any allowance for uncollectibles. There are no allowances at June 30, 2015.

Taxes are levied on July 1 and payable in the following periods:

Discount Period	-	July 1 to August 31	-	2% of gross levy
Flat Period	-	September 1 to October		
Penalty Period	-	November 1 to collection	-	10% of gross levy
Lien Date	-	January 15		

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are reported as prepaid items in both entity-wide and fund financial statements.

Inventory

All inventories are valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the entity-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during construction is not capitalized.

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Property, plant, and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	20-40 years
Land improvements	20 years
Furniture and equipment	3-10 years

Compensated Absences

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. The liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave is accounted for in the accrued severance pay. This time is paid out only through severance pay calculations.

District employees who are required to work on a 12-month schedule are credited with vacation at rates which vary with length of service or job classification. Vacation must be taken in the year subsequent to when it was earned. If separation of service occurs in the year subsequent to earning, then the unused balance of the amount earned in the prior year is paid at separation. The liability at June 30 represents vacation earned at that date that will be taken in the subsequent year.

Accrued Severance Pay

Administrative personnel who have completed at least 12 years of credit District service and retire under normal PSERS guidelines receive severance pay in the form of compensation. Instructional, secretarial, and support personnel who have completed at least 15 years of credited District service and retire under the normal PSERS guidelines receive severance pay in the form of compensation. Administrative personnel receive \$45 - \$80 per day for every day of accumulated sick and personal days at retirement. Instructional personnel receive \$45 - \$80 per day. Secretarial and support personnel receive \$65 per day for every day of accumulated sick and personal days at retirement to a maximum \$10,000 of compensation. Severance pay generally is liquidated by the General Fund.

Long-term Obligations

In the entity-wide financial statements and proprietary fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are netted against outstanding principal balances and amortized over the life of the bonds. Bond issuance costs are expensed when incurred. Deferred amounts on refunding are recorded as deferred inflows or outflows of resources and amortized over the life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter. All amortized amounts are amortized using the straight-line method which approximates the effective interest method.

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Deferred Inflows and Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets and liabilities, the statement of net position includes separate sections for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. These separate financial statement elements represent an addition to or consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) or inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The District has various items that are reported in these categories. The first deferred outflow is the deferred charge on refunding reported in the government-wide statement of net position. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

The second deferred outflow relates to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date of the net pension liability (generally measured one year prior to the date of the financial statements), and the unamortized portion of contributions made in excess of the District's share of its proportionate contributions to its pension plan. Deferred outflows also encompass the actuarially determined amount of the additional expense resulting from the change in the District's share of the net pension liability from year to year. These amounts are amortized over the actuarially determined estimated remaining service life of all employees in the plan.

In the statement of net position, a deferred inflow is recorded when the pension plan's investments realize a greater rate of return than the estimated rate of return used as part of the actuarial valuation of the plan; the excess amount is amortized over five years. See Note 13 for further analysis of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to the net pension liability.

Governmental funds report deferred inflows of resources in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition with resources that have been received, but not yet earned. At the end of the current fiscal year, deferred inflows of resources reported in the general fund resulted from delinquent property taxes receivable.

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Fund Equity

Fund balance will be displayed in the following classification (if applicable) depicting the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

Nonspendable – that portion of the fund balance that cannot be spent because it is either in a nonspendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – that portion of the fund balance that is constrained to be used for a specific purpose as per an external party or law.

Committed – that portion of the balance that is to be used for a specific purpose as per School Board motion. These constraints can be removed or changed by equal level action. Action to constrain resources should occur prior to the fiscal year end. Direction from the School Board can commit specific dollar amounts, percentages, or funds related to a specific activity.

Assigned – that portion of the fund balance that is intended to be used for specific purposes. The Property and Finance Committee, the Superintendent, or the Business Manager may assign amounts for specific purposes.

Unassigned – that portion of the fund balance that represents expendable available financial resources. It is the residual after the nonspendable, restricted, committed, and assigned portions are deducted from the total fund balance. A negative unassigned fund balance may be reported in the other governmental funds (not general fund) if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

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

The District is committed to maintaining a prudent level of financial resources to protect against the needs to reduce service levels because of temporary revenue shortfalls or unpredicted expenditures. The District's minimum fund balance policy requires that the unassigned fund balance equal or exceed five percent of the subsequent year's general fund operating expenditures.

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Net Position

The entity-wide financial statements report net position in one of three components. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the outstanding balances of borrowings attributable to acquiring, constructing, or improving those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Those restrictions affect net position arising from the capital projects fund. Unrestricted net position consists of net position that does not meet the definition of "net investment in capital assets" or "restricted."

Implementation of GASB Statements

During the year ended June 30, 2015, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions," and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68." GASB Statement No. 68 replaces the requirements of GASB Statement No. 27, with the objective of improving the accounting and financial reporting of state and local governments for pensions. It requires that state and local governments recognize and record the actuarially determined net pension liability, or, for multi-employer cost sharing plans, the entity's share of the net pension liability, in the entity's financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 71 amends GASB Statement No. 68 and addresses an issue regarding application of the transition provisions in the year of implementation. It requires that in the year of implementation, the state or local government recognize a beginning deferred outflow of contributions for its pension contributions made after the date of measurement.

NOTE 2 BUDGETARY INFORMATION

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the general fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. Project-length financial plans are adopted for all capital projects funds.

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

1. The Director of Business Affairs submits to the School Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

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NOTE 2 BUDGETARY INFORMATION (cont'd)

2. Public meetings are conducted at the District offices to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.
4. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the general fund.
5. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the School Board.

NOTE 3 DEPOSITS

Statutes authorize the District to invest in U.S. Treasury bills; short-term obligations of the U.S. government or its agencies; deposits in savings accounts or time deposits insured by the FDIC or the National Credit Union Share insurance fund, and for any amounts above the insured maximum, provided that approved collateral is pledged by the depository; obligations of the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, any of its agencies or instrumentalities or any of its political subdivisions backed by the full faith and credit of the political subdivision; or approved local government investment pools or mutual funds.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk but operates under the provisions of Commonwealth laws (Act 72). At June 30, 2015, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$24,533,077, and the bank balance was \$25,331,403. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance. The remaining balance was fully collateralized. This collateral was held by the depository's agent on a pooled basis not in the District's name.

NOTE 4 INVESTMENTS

Statutes authorize the District to invest in U.S. Treasury bills; short-term obligations of the U.S. government or its agencies; deposits in savings accounts or time deposits insured by the FDIC or the National Credit Union Share insurance fund, and for any amounts above the insured maximum, provided that approved collateral is pledged by the depository; obligations of the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, any of its agencies or instrumentalities or any of its political subdivisions backed by the full faith and credit of the political subdivision; or approved local government investment pools or mutual funds.

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NOTE 4 INVESTMENTS (cont'd)

As of June 2015, the District had the following investments.

Investments Held in the District's Name:

<u>Money Market</u>	
General fund accounts	\$ 2,432,600
Capital reserve fund account	1,443,714
Total Money Market	<u>3,876,314</u>
<u>Agencies and CDs</u>	
General fund accounts	29,528,350
Capital reserve fund account	8,439,217
Total Agencies and CDs	<u>37,967,567</u>
Total Investments Held in the District's Name	<u>\$ 41,843,881</u>

The District purchases money market holdings, certificates of deposit ("CDs") and agencies through Fulton Financial Advisors. The money market is a federal money market fund and maintains a stable net asset value of \$1 per share, is rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, and is subject to an independent annual audit. As of June 30, 2015, it was rated AAA by a nationally recognized statistical rating agency. Fulton Financial Advisors is a registered member of the Securities and Exchange Commission and subject to the Commission's oversight. These investments are held by a third party. Investments are in short-term securities in accordance with the District's investment policy and school district code. All agencies purchased are highly rated by a nationally recognized rating agency. All CDs are purchased at values to stay within the FDIC insurance limits.

Pooled Investments:

<u>Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund ("PSDLAF")</u>	
General fund accounts	\$ 1,995,111
Capital reserve fund account	778
Total Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund	<u>1,995,889</u>
<u>Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust ("PLGIT")</u>	
Capital project fund account	158,329
Capital reserve fund account	242
Total Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	<u>158,571</u>
<u>Pennsylvania Treasurer's Investment Program ("PTIP")</u>	
General fund account	285,114
Capital reserve fund account	3
Food service fund account	1,145,875
Total Pennsylvania Treasurer's Investment Program	<u>1,430,992</u>
Total Pooled Investments	<u>\$ 3,585,452</u>

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NOTE 4 INVESTMENTS (cont'd)

Although not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and not subject to regulatory oversight, PSDLAF, PLGIT, and PTIP act like money market mutual funds in that its objective is to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1 per share, is rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, and is subject to an independent annual audit. As of June 30, 2015, each was rated as AAA by a nationally recognized statistical rating agency.

NOTE 5 TAXES RECEIVABLE

Taxes receivable as of year-end for the District, in the aggregate, are as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>
Real estate taxes	\$ 2,564,589
Transfer taxes	305,588
Earned income taxes	<u>781,808</u>
Total Taxes Receivable	<u>\$ 3,651,985</u>

The District's evaluation of taxes resulted in no allowance for uncollectible accounts.

Governmental funds report unavailable revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. At the end of the current fiscal year, unavailable revenue of \$2,227,688 reported in the governmental funds resulted from delinquent property taxes receivable which was not collected within 60 days of fiscal year end.

NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2015 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 33,159,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,159,800
Construction-in-progress	<u>27,269,498</u>	<u>13,629,875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32,355,247)</u>	<u>8,544,126</u>
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>60,429,298</u>	<u>13,629,875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32,355,247)</u>	<u>41,703,926</u>

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NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS (cont'd)

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Land improvements	14,737,125	3,181	-	646,732	15,387,038
Buildings	364,460,917	-	-	31,708,515	396,169,432
Furniture and equipment	33,064,984	3,037,124	735,385	-	35,366,723
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>412,263,026</u>	<u>3,040,305</u>	<u>735,385</u>	<u>32,355,247</u>	<u>446,923,193</u>
Accumulated depreciation for:					
Land improvements	5,155,968	741,216	-	-	5,897,184
Buildings	139,208,948	10,017,279	-	-	149,226,227
Furniture and equipment	29,354,229	2,022,001	708,960	-	30,667,270
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>173,719,145</u>	<u>12,780,496</u>	<u>708,960</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>185,790,681</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>238,543,881</u>	<u>(9,740,191)</u>	<u>26,425</u>	<u>32,355,247</u>	<u>261,132,512</u>
Governmental Activities, Net	<u>\$298,973,179</u>	<u>\$ 3,889,684</u>	<u>\$ 26,425</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$302,836,438</u>
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES					
Capital assets:					
Furniture and equipment	\$ 692,440	\$ 112,121	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 804,561
Total Capital Assets	<u>692,440</u>	<u>112,121</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>804,561</u>
Accumulated depreciation for:					
Furniture and equipment	468,116	38,807	-	-	506,923
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>468,116</u>	<u>38,807</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>506,923</u>
Business-type Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 224,324</u>	<u>\$ (73,314)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 297,638</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the District as follows:

Governmental activities:	
Instruction	\$ 7,844,554
Instructional student support	962,096
Administrative and financial support services	1,033,289
Operation and maintenance of plant services	1,826,624
Pupil transportation	822,414
Student activities	282,209
Community services	9,310
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 12,780,496</u>
Business-type Activities - Food Service	<u>\$ 38,807</u>

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NOTE 7 INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

The composition of Interfund balances as of June 30, 2015 is as follows:

Receivable to	Payable from	Amount
Capital Reserve Fund	Capital Projects Fund	\$ 340,350
General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	336
Food Service Fund	General Fund	492
TOTAL		<u>\$ 341,178</u>

Interfund receivables and payables exist as a result of a time lag between dates when goods and services were provided and payments between funds were made. All will be paid within one year. The general fund transferred \$8,589,744 to the capital reserve fund for the year ended June 30, 2015 to fund future planned capital expenditures.

NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT

The following summarizes the changes in the long-term liabilities of governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2015:

	Principal Outstanding June 30, 2014	Repayments	Additions	Principal Outstanding June 30, 2015	Due on One Year
General obligation note, Series B of 2000	\$ 2,431,000	\$ 1,185,000	\$ -	\$ 1,246,000	\$ 1,246,000
General obligation bonds, Series of 2006	29,300,000	29,300,000	-	-	-
General obligation bonds, Series A of 2006	29,745,000	29,745,000	-	-	-
General obligation bonds, Refunding Series of 2006	18,850,000	1,555,000	-	17,295,000	1,620,000
General obligation bonds, Refunding Series A of 2006	36,980,000	155,000	-	36,825,000	160,000
General obligation note, Series of 2009	9,980,000	5,000	-	9,975,000	5,000
General obligation bonds, Refunding Series of 2010	11,195,000	11,195,000	-	-	-
General obligation bonds, Refunding Series A of 2010	5,615,000	640,000	-	4,975,000	665,000
General obligation bonds, Refunding Series AA of 2010	22,010,000	2,300,000	-	19,710,000	1,125,000
General obligation bonds, Refunding Series of 2011	8,925,000	505,000	-	8,420,000	515,000
General obligation bonds, Series AA of 2012	39,325,000	110,000	-	39,215,000	115,000
General obligation bonds, Series A of 2012	21,000,000	-	-	21,000,000	-

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT (cont'd)

	Principal Outstanding June 30, 2014	Repayments	Additions	Principal Outstanding June 30, 2015	Due on One Year
General obligation bonds, Series of 2013	6,770,000	1,975,000	-	4,795,000	745,000
General obligation bonds, Series of 2014	12,000,000	-	-	12,000,000	-
General obligation bonds, Series A of 2014	30,890,000	5,000	-	30,885,000	5,000
General obligation bonds, Series AA of 2014	-	-	57,635,000	57,635,000	355,000
General obligation bonds, Series of 2015	-	-	7,850,000	7,850,000	3,240,000
	<u>285,016,000</u>	<u>78,675,000</u>	<u>65,485,000</u>	<u>271,826,000</u>	<u>9,796,000</u>
Deferred amounts: Issuance (discounts) premium	<u>14,623,369</u>	<u>2,872,147</u>	<u>5,861,632</u>	<u>17,612,854</u>	<u>2,039,240</u>
LONG-TERM DEBT	<u>\$299,639,369</u>	<u>\$81,547,147</u>	<u>\$71,346,632</u>	<u>\$289,438,854</u>	<u>\$11,835,240</u>

General Obligation Bonds

Refunding Series of 2006, original principal amount of \$22,245,000, maturing April 15, 2007 through April 15, 2024, bearing interest ranging from 4.00% to 4.25%, interest payable semi-annually on April 15 and October 15. \$ 17,295,000

Refunding Series A of 2006, original principal amount of \$37,935,000, maturing February 1, 2007 through February 1, 2027, bearing interest ranging from 3.70% to 4.50%, interest payable semi-annually on February 15 and August 15. 36,825,000

Refunding Series A of 2010, original principal amount of \$7,510,000, maturing May 15, 2011 through May 15, 2022, bearing interest ranging from 2.00% to 2.75%, interest payable semi-annually on May 15 and November 15. 4,975,000

Refunding Series AA of 2010, original principal amount of \$28,220,000, maturing March 15, 2012 through March 15, 2022, bearing interest ranging from 2.50% to 5.00%, interest payable semi-annually on March 15 and September 15. 19,710,000

Refunding Series of 2011, original principal amount of \$9,585,000, maturing February 15, 2013 through February 15, 2029, bearing interest ranging from 2.00% to 3.20%, interest payable semi-annually on February 15 and August 15. 8,420,000

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT (cont'd)

Series A of 2012, original principal amount of \$21,000,000, maturing May 15, 2014 through May 15, 2032, bearing interest of 3.00%, interest payable semi-annually on May 15 and November 15. 21,000,000

Refunding Series AA of 2012, original principal amount of \$39,330,000, maturing May 15, 2014 through May 15, 2022, bearing interest ranging from 2% to 5%, interest payable semi-annually on May 15 and November 15. 39,215,000

Refunding Series of 2013, original principal amount of \$8,215,000, maturing October 1, 2013 through October 1, 2020, bearing interest ranging from 2% to 4%, interest payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1. 4,795,000

Refunding Series A of 2014, original principal amount of \$30,890,000, maturing May 15, 2015 through May 15, 2024, bearing interest ranging from 0.30% to 5%, interest payable semi-annually on May 15 and November 15. 30,885,000

Series of 2014, original principal amount of \$12,000,000, maturing May 15, 2025 through May 15, 2032, bearing interest ranging from 3.75% to 4.25%, interest payable semi-annually on May 15 and November 15. 12,000,000

Refunding Series AA of 2014, original principal amount of \$57,635,000, maturing May 15, 2016 through May 15, 2030, bearing interest ranging from 2% to 5%, interest payable semi-annually on May 15 and November 15. The refunding resulted in a cash flow savings of \$7,433,269 and an economic benefit of \$7,255,818. 57,635,000

Refunding Series of 2015, original principal amount of \$7,850,000, maturing November 15, 2015 through November 15, 2017, bearing interest ranging from 2% to 4%, interest payable semi-annually on May 15 and November 15. The refunding resulted in a cash flow savings of \$101,356 and an economic benefit of \$100,355. 7,850,000

TOTAL BONDS 260,605,000

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT (cont'd)

General Obligation Notes

Series B of 2000, original principal amount of \$13,461,000, maturing November 25, 2001 through November 25, 2015, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 15%. Interest to be paid monthly.

1,246,000

Series of 2009, original principal amount of \$10,000,000, maturing September 15, 2010 through March 15, 2015, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 25%. Interest to be paid monthly.

9,975,000

TOTAL NOTES

11,221,000

TOTAL BONDS AND NOTES

\$ 271,826,000

Payments of long-term debt are expected to be funded by the General Fund.

Presented below is a summary of the bonds and notes debt service requirements to maturity by year:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal Maturities</u>	<u>Interest Maturities</u>	<u>Total Maturities</u>
2016	\$ 9,796,000	\$ 10,652,458	\$ 20,448,458
2017	14,525,000	10,405,199	24,930,199
2018	15,155,000	10,047,231	25,202,231
2019	15,825,000	9,436,850	25,261,850
2020	16,465,000	8,759,110	25,224,110
2021-2025	92,860,000	32,644,218	125,504,218
2026-2030	93,245,000	11,585,958	104,830,958
2031-2032	13,955,000	726,325	14,681,325
	<u>\$ 271,826,000</u>	<u>\$ 94,247,349</u>	<u>\$ 366,083,349</u>

Prior Year Defeased Debt

In a prior year, the District defeased the Series of 2006 and Series A of 2006 bonds by placing new bond proceeds in an irrevocable trust to provide for future debt service payments on the defeased bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the District's financial statements. At June 30, 2015, \$59,045,000 of defeased bonds is still outstanding.

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NOTE 9 CHANGES IN OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Other long-term liabilities are summarized as follows:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2015</u>
Accrued compensated absences	\$ 1,778,429	\$ 685,928	\$ (561,848)	\$ 1,902,509
Accrued severance	3,098,965	278,285	(473,906)	2,903,344
	<u>\$ 4,877,394</u>	<u>\$ 964,213</u>	<u>\$(1,035,754)</u>	<u>\$ 4,805,853</u>

NOTE 10 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

NOTE 11 CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS

As of June 30, 2015, the District had construction projects yet to be completed. The commitments and amounts completed to date are as follows:

	<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Completed as of June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Commitment</u>
Renovations	<u>\$ 35,696,669</u>	<u>\$ 27,997,646</u>	<u>\$ 7,699,023</u>

NOTE 12 RISK MANAGEMENT

The District self-insures workers' compensation through its Insurance Consortium. The District's Insurance Consortium is an association consisting of school districts, intermediate units, and vocational-technical schools of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The District obtained a self-insurance exemption from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor and Industry, Bureau of Workers' Compensation, which allows the District to self-insure workers' compensation.

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NOTE 12 RISK MANAGEMENT (cont'd)

Each year, the District is required to deposit funds into the central fund. The District then is billed monthly for actual claims for the current year paid during the previous month up to the level of retention. After the level of retention is reached, claim payments are made from the central fund. At the end of each fiscal year, reserves are established or adjusted on all outstanding claims. Funds in the central fund at the end of the fiscal year are not refunded. Total claims paid for the year ended June 30, 2015 were \$137,002.

Additionally, the District self-insures group dental, vision, and prescription coverage. The District has accrued a three-month value for potential claims under dental, vision, and prescription coverage. Total claims paid for the year ended June 30, 2015 were \$7,267,302.

NOTE 13 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS

The District contributes to the Public School Employees' Retirement System ("PSERS"), a governmental cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to public school employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The members eligible to participate in the system include all full-time public school employees, part-time hourly public school employees who render at least 500 hours of service in the school year, and part-time per diem public school employees who render at least 80 days of service in the school year in any of the reporting entities in Pennsylvania. PSERS issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan. A copy of this report may be obtained by writing to the Public School Employees' Retirement System, P.O. Box 125, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108-0125, or by visiting the PSERS website at www.psers.state.pa.us.

Benefits Provided

PSERS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Members are eligible for monthly retirement benefits upon reaching (a) age 62, with at least one year of credited service, (b) age 60 with 30 or more years of credited service, or (c) 35 or more years of service regardless of age. Act 120 of 2010 ("Act 120") preserves the benefits of existing members, and introduced benefit reductions for individuals who became new members on or after July 1, 2011. Act 120 created two new membership classes, Membership Class T-E ("Class T-E"), and Membership Class T-F ("Class T-F"). To qualify for normal retirement, Class T-E and Class T-F members must work until age 65 with a minimum of three years of service, or attain a total combination and age and service that is equal to or greater than 92, with a minimum of 35 years of service. Benefits are generally equal to two percent or two and one-half percent, depending upon the membership class, of the member's final average salary as defined in the Code, multiplied by the number of years of credited service. For members whose membership started prior to July 1, 2011, after completion of five years of service, a member's right to the defined benefits is vested, and early retirement may be elected. For Class T-E and Class T-F members, the right to benefits is vested after 10 years of service.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 13 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (cont'd)

Participants are eligible for disability retirement benefits after completion of five years of credited service. Such benefits are generally equal to two percent or two and one-half percent, depending upon the membership class, of the member's final average salary as defined in the Code, multiplied by the number of years of credited service, but not less than one-third of such salary nor greater than the benefit the member would have had at normal retirement age. Members over normal retirement age may apply for disability benefits.

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

Member Contributions

Active members who joined the system prior to July 22, 1983 contributed at 5.25 percent (Membership Class T-C), or at 6.50 percent (Membership Class T-D) of the member's qualifying compensation.

Members who joined the system on or after July 22, 1983, and who were active or inactive as of July 1, 2001, contribute at 6.25 percent (Membership Class T-C), or at 7.50 percent (Membership Class T-D) of the member's qualifying compensation.

Members who joined the system after June 30, 2001 and before July 1, 2011 contribute at 7.50 percent (automatic Membership Class T-D). For all new hires and for members who elected Class T-D membership, the higher contribution rates began with service rendered on or after January 1, 2002.

Members who joined the system after June 30, 2011 automatically contribute at the Membership Class T-E rate of 7.50 percent (base rate) of the member's qualifying compensation. All new hires after June 30, 2011, who elect Class T-F membership, contribute at 10.30 percent (base rate) of the member's qualifying compensation. Membership Class T-E and T-F are affected by a "shared risk" provision in Act 120 of 2010 that in future fiscal years could cause the Membership Class T-E contribution rate to fluctuate between 7.50 percent and 9.50 percent, and Membership Class T-F contribution rate to fluctuate between 10.30 percent and 12.30 percent.

Employer Contributions

The District's contractually required annual contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount that, when combined with the employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. For the year ended June 30, 2015, the

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 13 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (cont'd)

rate of the employer contribution was 21.40 percent of covered payroll, allocated 20.50 percent to pensions and 0.90 percent to health insurance assistance. The District's contribution to PSERS for the years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 was \$18,609,908, \$14,364,603, and \$10,336,175, respectively.

Pension Liability and Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

At June 30, 2015, the District reported a liability of \$262,381,000 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by rolling forward the system's total pension liability as of June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2014. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was calculated utilizing the employer's one-year reported covered payroll as it relates to the total one-year reported covered payroll.

At June 30, 2014, the District's proportion was 0.6629 percent, which was an increase of 0.0113 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2013.

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the District recognized pension expense of \$24,099,971. At June 30, 2015, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	\$ -	\$18,757,000
Changes in proportions	3,728,000	-
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of total contributions	933,632	-
Contributions subsequent to the date of measurement	<u>18,609,908</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$23,271,540</u>	<u>\$18,757,000</u>

Deferred outflows of resources in the amount of \$18,609,908 resulted from the District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date, which will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts will be reported as deferred outflows and resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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NOTE 13 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (cont'd)

Year Ended June 30,

2016	\$ 3,566,029
2017	3,566,029
2018	3,566,029
2019	3,567,029
2020	<u>(169,748)</u>
	<u>\$ 14,095,368</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability as of June 30, 2014 was determined by rolling forward the system's total pension liability as of the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuation to June 30, 2014 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Actuarial cost method – Entry age normal, level percentage of pay.
- Investment return – 7.50 percent, including inflation of 3.00 percent.
- Salary increases – Effective average of 5.50 percent, which reflects an allowance for inflation of 3.00 percent, real wage growth of 1.00 percent, and merit or seniority increases of 1.50 percent.
- Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Annuitant Tables (male and female) with age set back three years for both males and females. For disabled annuitants, the RP-2000 Combined Disabled Tables (male and female) with age set back seven years for males and three years for females.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2013 valuation were based on the experience study that was performed for the five-year period ended June 30, 2010. The recommended assumption changes based on this experience study were adopted by the PSERS Board of Directors at its March 11, 2011 Board meeting, and were effective beginning with the June 30, 2011 actuarial valuation.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using the 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.

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 13 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (cont'd)

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

A schedule of plan investments by asset class, target allocations, and long-term expected real rate of return is as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Public markets global equity	19%	5.0%
Private markets (equity)	21%	6.5%
Private real estate	13%	4.7%
Global fixed income	8%	2.0%
U.S. long treasuries	3%	1.4%
TIPS	12%	1.2%
High yield bonds	6%	1.7%
Cash	3%	0.9%
Absolute return	10%	4.8%
Risk parity	5%	3.9%
MLPs/infrastructure	3%	5.3%
Commodities	6%	3.3%
Financing (LIBOR)	(9%)	1.1%
	100.00%	

The above was the PSERS Board's adopted asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2014.

Discount Rate

The discount used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at contractually required rates which are actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 13 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSION PLANS (cont'd)

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

The following presents the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease <u>6.50%</u>	Current Rate Discount Rate <u>7.50%</u>	1% Increase <u>8.50%</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 327,283,000	\$ 262,381,000	\$ 206,971,000

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

NOTE 14 OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan Description

The District provides a defined-benefit post-employment healthcare benefit, which provides medical benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. The District has four bargaining units which participate in this plan: the West Chester Education Support Personnel, the Service Support personnel, the teachers, and the administrators. In addition, the non-bargaining staff members participate in the plan. Members of the Education Support personnel and the Service Support personnel who were at least 50 years old as of 7/1/2012 and had 20 years of service receive a Health Reimbursement Account of \$2,000 per year towards single employer health benefit coverage for a maximum of four years. Teachers hired before 7/1/2003 that reach age 50 with 15 years of service in the District are eligible to receive single plan post-retirement benefits at the same level as current employees. Teachers hired before 7/1/2003 are eligible to receive a Health Reimbursement Account of \$20,000 towards single employer health benefit coverage. Administrators that reach age 50 with 12 years of service receive benefits for administrator and spouse for 10 years or until Medicare eligible. Administrators receiving this benefit are required to cost-share for administrator coverage at a rate equal to the higher of the maximum reimbursement provided by PSERS (currently \$100 per month) or

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 14 OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (cont'd)

active employee contribution and 50 percent of the cost of the spousal coverage cost. Non-bargaining employees receive the same coverage as administrators with no spousal coverage. The employee must retire from service to receive the post-employee benefits and not work for another school district.

The health insurance plan is a single-employer, defined-benefit OPEB plan. The medical, prescription drug, dental, and vision benefits are self-insured. Only the PC-65 product is fully insured. The medical benefits are administered through Blue Cross and the prescription drug benefits through Caremark. Separate financial statements are not issued for the plan. The term life insurance is purchased from U.S. Life; the Universal Life coverage is purchased from Genworth Financial.

Funding Policy

As of July 1, 2014, the most recent valuation, the District has no segregated assets to fund this liability. It is the intention of the District to pay the premium each year as it comes due.

Funding Progress

The schedule of funding progress of OPEB is as follows:

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Liability (AAL) - Entry Age (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll [(b-a)/c]
7/1/2014	\$ -	\$13,296,649	\$13,296,649	0.00%	\$83,546,655	15.92%
7/1/2012	\$ -	\$19,107,176	\$19,107,176	0.00%	\$80,033,237	23.87%
7/1/2010	\$ -	\$26,658,307	\$26,658,307	0.00%	\$86,718,957	30.74%

The actuarial valuation of an ongoing plan involves estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrences of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment and mortality. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revisions as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made into the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplemental information following the notes to the financial statements, presents information about the actuarial value of the plan assets. In subsequent years, this schedule will present multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 14 OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (cont'd)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical 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 actual value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations. In the July 1, 2014 actuarial valuation, the following actuarial assumptions were used:

- Interest – 4.5% compounded annually net of investment expenses
- Amortization method – Level dollar method at the valuation interest rate
- Amortization period – 30 years
- Salary increases – 2.5% cost of living + merit 0.25% to 2.75% per year
- Actuarial valuation cost method – Entry age normal

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligations

The District's annual other post-employment benefit ("OPEB") cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution ("ARC") of the employer. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal costs each year and to amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period not to exceed 30 years. The following table shows the components of the District's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and the changes in the District's net OPEB obligation.

Annual OPEB Cost:	
Normal cost	\$ 504,701
Amortization of unfunded actuarial accrued liability	1,354,852
Interest on net OPEB obligation	10,638
Funding adjustment	<u>(24,087)</u>
ANNUAL OPEB COST	<u>\$ 1,846,104</u>
Net OPEB Obligation:	
Net OPEB obligation July 1, 2014	\$ 236,392
OPEB cost for year ended June 30, 2015	1,846,104
Contribution for the year ended June 30, 2015	<u>(1,788,980)</u>
NET OPEB OBLIGATION	<u>\$ 293,516</u>

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NOTE 15 FUND BALANCES

As of June 30, 2015, fund balances are composed of the following:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Capital Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Nonspendable	\$ 4,128,770	\$ -	\$ 285,000	\$ 4,413,770
Restricted:				
Capital projects	-	-	21,918,300	21,918,300
Committed:				
PSERS	2,117,000	-	-	2,117,000
Healthcare	4,899,442	-	-	4,899,442
Assigned:				
Tax stabilization	5,646,426	-	-	5,646,426
Gate receipts	115,700	-	-	115,700
Unassigned	<u>14,758,221</u>	<u>(3,451,176)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,307,045</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 31,665,559</u>	<u>\$ (3,451,176)</u>	<u>\$ 22,203,300</u>	<u>\$ 50,417,683</u>

NOTE 16 ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS FOR FRINGE BENEFITS

The District recognizes as revenue and expenses contributions made by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for District employees' social security and pension contributions. On-behalf payments to the District totaled \$3,163,668 and \$9,316,997 for social security and retirement contributions, respectively. These contributions are recorded in the General Fund as revenue and expenditures.

NOTE 17 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND DEFICIT FUND BALANCE

At June 30, 2015, the capital projects fund presented a deficit fund balance totaling \$3,451,176. This deficit balance was caused by capital project expenditures being accrued at year end in excess of the cash and investments held to fund these projects. The District issued General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2015 on August 25, 2015 to fund these capital projects and eliminate the deficit balance.

NOTE 18 DEFICIT NET POSITION

For governmental activities, the unrestricted net deficit amount of \$234,457,232 includes the effect of deferring the recognition of pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date of the net pension liability, the unamortized portion of contributions made

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 18 DEFICIT NET POSITION (cont'd)

in excess of the District's share of its proportionate contributions to its pension plan, and the deferred outflows resulting from the change in the District's share of the net pension liability. This is offset by the District's actuarially determined pension liability and the deferred inflows resulting from the projected and actual investment earnings.

NOTE 19 PRIOR PERIOD RESTATEMENT

In accordance with the adoption of GASB Statement No. 68 and No. 71, as discussed in Note 1, the District has restated its July 1, 2014 net position in its governmental activities to record the net pension liability and deferred outflows at June 30, 2014. The net result of this change is a decrease of \$252,376,397 in net position of its governmental activities.

NOTE 20 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On August 25, 2015, the District issued \$9,690,000 of General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2015 for the purpose of funding new capital projects. On September 24, 2015, the District issued Series AA of 2015 to refund the remaining balances of Series A of 2010. The refunding resulted in a cash flow savings of \$145,775.

The District receives a significant amount of its governmental funds revenues from state sources (including federal funds passed through the state). As of the date of this report, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has not approved a budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and, as a result, appropriations of funds have not been released to Pennsylvania school districts. To ensure consistency and comparability in financial reporting, receivables from the State which would normally be received within 60 days of the fiscal year end but have not yet been received as a result of the budget impasse are considered available under the modified accrual basis of accounting, as permitted by GASB.

The District has evaluated all subsequent events through November 25, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
 OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**

	<u>June 30, 2014</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.6629%
District's proportion of the net pension liability - dollar value	\$262,381,000
District's covered employee payroll	\$ 84,585,517
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	310.20%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	57.24%

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, this schedule has been prepared prospectively as the above information for the preceding years is not readily available. This schedule will accumulate each year until sufficient information to present a ten-year trend is available.

**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS**

	June 30, 2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 17,854,136
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	17,854,136
Contribution excess	\$ -
District's covered employee payroll	\$ 87,093,346
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	20.50%

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, this schedule has been prepared prospectively as the above information for the preceding years is not readily available. This schedule will accumulate each year until sufficient information to present a ten-year trend is available.

SINGLE AUDIT SUPPLEMENT

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

November 25, 2015

Board of School Directors
West Chester Area School District
West Chester, Pennsylvania

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the West Chester Area School District, West Chester, Pennsylvania, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the West Chester Area School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 25, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Board of School Directors
West Chester Area School District

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Barbacane, Thornton & Company LLP
BARBACANE, THORNTON & COMPANY LLP

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S
REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH
MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY
OMB CIRCULAR A-133

November 25, 2015

Board of School Directors
West Chester Area School District
West Chester, Pennsylvania

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the West Chester Area School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Circular A-133 *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the West Chester Area School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. The West Chester Area School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and recommendations.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the West Chester Area School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations." Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the West Chester Area School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

Board of School Directors
West Chester Area School District

Opinion on Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the West Chester Area School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the West Chester Area School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the West Chester Area School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal programs to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major federal programs and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the West Chester Area School District's internal control over compliance.

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.


BARBACANE, THORNTON & COMPANY LLP

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PART A - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued [*unmodified, qualified, adverse, or disclaimer*]:

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes None reported
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes None reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs [*unmodified, qualified, adverse, or disclaimer*]:

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133?

Yes No

Identification of major programs:

CFDA Numbers _____

Name of Federal Program or Cluster _____

84.010
84.027, 84.173

Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies
Special Education Cluster - IDEA

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:

\$ 300,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

Yes No

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PART B - FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

None.

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

PART C - FINDINGS RELATED TO FEDERAL AWARDS

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

None.

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Source Code	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Grant Period Beginning - Ending	Program or Award Amount	Total Received for Year	Accrued (Unearned) Revenue 07/01/14	Revenue Recognized	Expenditures	Accrued (Unearned) Revenue 06/30/15
U.S. Department of Education										
Passed through PA Department of Education										
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	I	84.010	013-150470	07/03/14-09/30/15	\$ 818,064	\$ 764,256	\$ -	\$ 818,064	\$ 818,064	\$ 53,808
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	I	84.010	013-140470	07/01/13-09/30/14	457,707	59,042	59,042	-	-	-
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	I	84.010	107-130470	07/01/12-09/30/13	1,094,908	37,413	37,413	-	-	-
Total CFDA #84.010						860,711	96,455	818,064	818,064	53,808
English Language Acquisition Grants	I	84.365	010-150470	07/01/14-09/30/15	107,785	86,228	-	81,724	81,724	(4,504)
English Language Acquisition Grants	I	84.365	010-140470	07/01/13-09/30/14	94,510	63,007	28,684	34,323	34,323	-
Total CFDA #84.365						149,235	28,684	116,047	116,047	(4,504)
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	I	84.367	020-150470	07/03/14-09/30/15	277,596	74,026	-	15,904	15,904	(58,122)
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	I	84.367	020-140470	07/01/13-09/30/14	276,775	184,362	(73,977)	276,775	276,775	18,436
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	I	84.367	020-130470	07/01/12-09/30/13	291,759	38,867	37,623	1,244	1,244	-
Total CFDA #84.367						297,255	(36,354)	293,923	293,923	(39,686)
Passed through Chester County I.U.										
IDEA Special Education - Grants to States	I	84.027	62-1400024	07/01/14-09/30/15	1,208,173	682,099	-	1,208,173	1,208,173	526,074
IDEA Special Education - Grants to States	I	84.027	62-1300024	07/01/13-09/30/14	1,148,571	306,286	306,286	-	-	-
Total CFDA #84.027						988,385	306,286	1,208,173	1,208,173	526,074
IDEA Special Education - Preschool Grants	I	84.173	131-140024B	07/01/14-09/30/15	7,581	7,581	-	7,581	7,581	-
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION						2,303,167	395,071	2,443,788	2,443,788	535,692
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services										
Passed through PA Dept of Public Welfare										
Title XIX Medical Assistance Program	I	93.778	N/A	07/01/14-06/30/15	24,880	24,880	-	24,880	24,880	-
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES						24,880	-	24,880	24,880	-

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**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Source Code	Federal CFDA Number	Pass- Through Grantor's Number	Grant Period Beginning - Ending	Program or Award Amount	Total Received for Year	Accrued (Unearned) Revenue 07/01/14	Revenue Recognized	Expenditures	Accrued (Unearned) Revenue 06/30/15
U.S. Department of Agriculture										
Passed through PA Department of Agriculture										
Value of USDA Donated Commodities	I	10.555	N/A	07/01/14-06/30/15	N/A	123,375	-	107,729	107,729	(15,646)
Value of USDA Donated Commodities	I	10.555	N/A	07/01/13-06/30/14	N/A	-	(17,198)	17,198	17,198	-
Passed through PA Department of Education										
National School Lunch Program	I	10.555	362	07/01/14-06/30/15	N/A	613,830	30,195	614,737	614,737	31,102
Total CFDA #10.555						737,205	12,997	739,664	739,664	15,456
School Breakfast Program	I	10.553	365	07/01/14-06/30/15	N/A	128,768	8,194	128,744	128,744	8,170
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE						865,973	21,191	868,408	868,408	23,626
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS						\$ 3,194,020	\$ 416,262	\$ 3,337,076	\$ 3,337,076	\$ 559,318
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA) (CFDA's #84.027 AND #84.173)						\$ 995,966	\$ 306,286	\$ 1,215,754	\$ 1,215,754	\$ 526,074
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER (CFDA's #10.553 AND #10.555)						\$ 865,973	\$ 21,191	\$ 868,408	\$ 868,408	\$ 23,626

Source Code:

I - Indirect Funding

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

NOTE A BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards reflects federal expenditures for all individual grants which were active during the fiscal year.

NOTE B BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The District uses the modified accrual method of recording transactions except as noted for the accounting of donated commodities in Note C. Revenues are recorded when measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when incurred.

NOTE C NONMONETARY FEDERAL AWARDS - DONATED COMMODITIES

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania distributes federal surplus food to institutions (schools, hospitals, and prisons) and to the needy. Expenditures reported in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards under CFDA #10.555 (Value of USDA Commodities) represent surplus food consumed by the District during the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The District has food commodities totaling \$15,645 in inventory as of June 30, 2015.

NOTE D ACCESS PROGRAM

The ACCESS Program is a medical assistance program that reimburses local educational agencies for direct eligible health-related services provided to enrolled special needs students. Reimbursements are federal source revenues but are classified as fee-for-service and are not considered federal financial assistance. The amount of ACCESS funding recognized for the year ended June 30, 2015 was \$491,152.

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