# **EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

June 30, 2015

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# Management's Discussion and Analysis For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

The Management's Discussion and Analysis, a requirement of GASB 34, is intended to be Eau Claire Public Schools' Management's Discussion and Analysis of the financial results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

Superintendent

David Gray

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) according to GASB 34 require the reporting of two types of financial statements: District-Wide Financial Statements and Fund Financial Statements.

#### **Fund Financial Statements:**

The fund level financial statements are reported on a modified accrual basis. Only those assets that are "measurable" and "currently available" are reported. Liabilities are recognized to the extent that they are normally expected to be paid with current financial resources.

The fund statements are formatted to comply with the legal requirements of the Michigan Department of Education's "Accounting Manual". The District's major instructional support activities are reported in the General Fund. Additional activities are reported in their relevant funds including Debt Funds and School Service Funds, which are comprised of Food Service and various activity accounts.

In the fund financial statements, purchased capital assets are reported as expenditures in the year of acquisition. No asset is reported. The issuance of debt is recorded as a financial resource. The current year's payments of principal and interest on long-term obligations are recorded as expenditures. Future years' debt obligations are not recorded.

# **District-Wide Financial Statements:**

The District-wide financial statements are full accrual basis statements. They report all of the District's assets and liabilities, both short and long-term, regardless of whether they are "currently available" or not. For example, assets that are restricted for use in the Debt Funds solely for the payment of long-term principal or interest are grouped with unrestricted assets of the General Fund. Capital assets and long-term obligations of the District are reported in the Statement of Net Position of the District-wide financial statements.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

# **Summary of Net Position:**

The following summarizes the net position at fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014.

### **Net Position Summary**

	<u>Ju</u>	ne 30, 2015	<u>Ju</u>	ne 30, 2014
Assets				
Current assets	\$	5,019,267	\$	5,571,036
Capital assets:				
Nondepreciable	\$	154,000	\$	154,000
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation		7,752,571		7,550,497
Capital assets, net book value	\$	7,906,571	\$	7,704,497
<b>Deferred Outflow-Pension</b>	\$	1,215,028	\$	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$	14,140,866	\$	13,275,533
Liabilities				
Current liabilities	\$	1,742,044	\$	1,797,008
Long-term liabilities		16,238,737		5,092,154
Total Liabilities	\$	17,980,781	\$	6,889,162
Deferred Inflow-Pension	\$	1,265,130	\$	<u>-</u>
Net Position				
Net investment in capital assets	\$	2,926,571	\$	2,433,687
Restricted		1,441,078		1,795,020
Unrestricted		(9,472,694)		2,157,664
Total Net Position	\$	(5,105,045)	\$	6,386,371
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND NET POSITION	\$	14,140,866	\$	13,275,533

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## **Analysis of Financial Position:**

During fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 the District's net position decreased by \$11,491,416. Of this decrease, \$10,416,944 is related to a prior period adjustment, and \$1,074,472 is from current operations. A few of the significant factors affecting net position during the year are discussed below:

# A. Net Position Liability

The above decrease related to the prior period adjustment is to record the beginning net pension liability for the District. Under GASB 68, adopted during the current year, the District is required to record their estimated portion of the Michigan Public Schools Employees Retirement System (MPSERS) pension liability. The change in the current year net pension liability accounts for \$1,077,076 of the current period decrease.

# **B.** General Fund Operations

The District's expenditures from General Fund operations exceeded revenues by \$40,239 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. See the section entitled Results of Operations, below, for further discussion of General Fund operations.

### C. Debt, Principal Payments

The District made principal payments on bonded, long-term debt obligations that reduced the amount of the District's long-term liabilities by \$285,000.

	Principal Balance ne 30, 2014	_	Additions eductions)		Principal Balance ne 30, 2015
2007 Qualified Zone Academy Bonds	\$ 1,500,000	\$	-	\$	1,500,000
2009 Qualified Zone Academy Bonds	700,000		-		700,000
2009 Refunding Bonds	170,000		(170,000)		-
2012 Building and Site Bonds	 2,895,000		(115,000)	_	2,780,000
Long-Term Bond Obligations	\$ 5,265,000	\$	(285,000)	\$	4,980,000

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# **C.** Net Investment in Capital Assets

The District's net investment in capital assets increased \$202,074 during the fiscal year. This can be summarized as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2014 A	dditions <u>Deletions</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2015</u>
Capital assets	\$ 14,318,917 \$	587,526 \$ (148,267)	\$ 14,758,176
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(6,614,420)	(385,452) 148,267	(6,851,605)
Net Investment Capital Outlay	\$ 7,704,497 \$	202,074 \$ -	\$ 7,906,571

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# **Results of Operations:**

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 the District-wide results of operations were:

	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
Revenues: General Revenues: Property taxes levied for general operations	\$ 467,731	\$ 493,509
Property taxes levied for debt service	334,932	301,518
State of Michigan unrestricted foundation aid	3,680,942	3,418,786
Interest and investment earnings	17,770	16,229
Other general revenues	59,450	5,109
Total General Revenues	\$ 4,560,825	\$ 4,235,151
Operating Grants:	Φ 0.007.050	Ф. 4.000.400
Federal	\$ 2,097,953	\$ 1,983,409
State of Michigan	3,497,568	3,122,173
Total Operating Grants	\$ 5,595,521	\$ 5,105,582
Charges for Services	\$ 39,702	\$ 37,555
Total Revenues	\$ 10,196,048	\$ 9,378,288
Expenses:		
Instruction and instructional support	\$ 6,289,904	\$ 4,876,887
Support services	3,174,820	2,758,746
Athletic services	468,907	368,926
Food services Community	613,158 18,312	506,128 21,834
Facility improvements	262,342	279,602
Interest on long-term debt	57,625	55,651
Depreciation	385,452	364,014
Total Expenses	\$ 11,270,520	\$ 9,231,788
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	\$ (1,074,472)	\$ 146,500
Beginning Net Position	6,386,371	6,278,697
Prior Period Adjustment	(10,416,944)	(38,826)
Ending Net Position	\$ (5,105,045)	\$ 6,386,371

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Management's Discussion and Analysis For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

## 1. State of Michigan Unrestricted Aid (Net State Foundation Grant)

The State of Michigan aid, unrestricted, is determined with the following variables:

- a. State of Michigan State Aid Act per student foundation allowance
- b. Student Enrollment Blended at 90 percent of current year's fall count and 10 percent of current year's winter count
- c. The District's non-homestead levy

#### **Per Student, Foundation Allowance:**

Annually, the State of Michigan establishes the per student foundation allowance. The Eau Claire Public Schools' foundation allowance was \$7,126 per student for the 2014-2015 school year. This represents a \$100 increase in allowance, as the foundation allowance for the 2013-2014 school year was \$7,026 per student.

#### **Student Enrollment:**

The District's student full time equivalent (FTE) for the fall count of 2014-2015 was 919.54 students. The following summarizes the FTEs for the past five years:

	FTE History						
	State	Change	Prior	Current			
<b>Fiscal</b>	Aid	From	Year's	Year's			
Year	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Winter Count</b>	Fall Count			
2014-2015	907.51	46.37	799.26	919.54			
2013-2014	861.14	4.3	745.93	867.92			
2012-2013	856.84	67.85	696.91	866.30			
2011-2012	788.99	(1.32)	688.54	800.15			
2010-2011	790.31	5.67	679.00	827.41			

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#### 2. Property Taxes Levied for General Operations (General Fund Non-Homestead Taxes)

The District levied 18.000 mills of property taxes for operations (General Fund) on non-homestead properties. Under Michigan law, the taxable levy is based on the taxable valuation of properties. Annually, the taxable valuation increase in property values is capped at the rate of the prior year's CPI increase or 5 percent, whichever is less. At the time of sale, a property's taxable valuation is readjusted to the State Equalized Value, which is, theoretically, 50 percent of the market value.

**Superintendent** 

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The District's non-homestead property revenue for the 2014-2015 fiscal year was \$467,731. The non-homestead tax levy decreased by 5.22 percent over the prior year.

The following summarizes the District's non-homestead levy the past five years:

		Nor	n-Homestead S	% Increase From	No	n-Homestead
<u>Levy</u>	Fiscal Year		Tax Levy	Prior Year	Pr	operty Value
18.0000	2014-2015	\$	467,731	(5.22%)	\$	26,541,499
18.0000	2013-2014		493,509	11.02%		26,941,667
18.0000	2012-2013		444,522	(7.10%)		25,078,670
18.0000	2011-2012		478,499	3.01%		25,690,515
18.0000	2010-2011		464,528	0.47%		25,643,949

Average Increase Last 5 Years .44%

# 3. Debt Fund Property and Industrial Facility in Lieu of Taxes

The District's debt fund levy, which is used to pay the principal and interest on bond obligations, is based on the taxable valuation of all properties, homestead and non-homestead.

For 2014-2015, the District's debt millage levy was 2.84 mills that generated revenue of \$334,932.

### 4. School Lunch Program

The actual revenues from Food Service operations exceeded total expenditures for the year for an increase of \$12,556. The Food Service fund balance at the beginning of the year was \$67,315 and the ending Food Service fund balance was \$79,871.

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### GENERAL FUND BUDGET & ACTUAL REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

# General Fund Expenditures Budget vs. Actual 5-Year History

				Variance Actual to	Variance Actual to
	Original	Final		Original	Final
Fiscal Year	<u>Budget</u>	<b>Budget</b>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
2010-2011	\$ 7,239,737	\$ 7,570,543	\$ 7,534,265	4.07%	(0.48%)
2011-2012	7,627,018	7,583,892	74,127,850	(2.81%)	(2.26%)
2012-2013	7,662,365	8,393,896	7,586,358	(1.00%)	(10.64%)
2013-2014	8,744,852	8,744,852	8,080,710	(8.02%)	(8.02%)
2014-2015	7,868,404	9,417,162	9,417,162	14.98%	(1.75%)
Five Year Ave	erage Over (Ui	nder) Budget		1.44%	(4.63%)

# General Fund Revenue Budget vs. Actual 5-Year History

				Variance Actual to	Variance Actual to
	Original	Final		Original	Final
Fiscal Year	<u>Budget</u>	<b>Budget</b>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
2010-2011	\$ 7,353,564	\$ 8,030,431	\$ 7,613,391	3.53%	(5.19%)
2011-2012	7,727,080	8,037,021	8,049,969	4.18%	0.16%
2012-2013	7,791,863	8,745,814	8,317,415	6.32%	(5.15%)
2013-2014	8,874,683	8,874,683	8,580,835	(3.42%)	(3.42%)
2014-2015	7,863,351	9,743,718	9,424,496	16.56%	(3.39%)
Five Year Ave	erage Over (Ui	nder) Budget		5.43%	(3.40%)

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis** For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

# Original vs. Final Budget

The Uniform Budget Act of the State of Michigan requires that that local Board of Education approve the original budget for the upcoming fiscal year prior to July 1, the start of the fiscal year.

Superintendent

David Gray

# **Change from Original to Final Budget:**

		<u>Percent</u>
Total Revenues Original Budget	\$7,868,404	100.0%
Total Revenues Final Budget	9,417,162	<u>119.7%</u>
Increase in Budgeted Revenues	\$1.548.758	19.7%
merease in Baagetea revenaes	<u>Ψ1,2 10,720</u>	17.170

The District's actual General Fund revenues were \$9,254,759 - \$162,403 less than final budget, a variance of (1.75) percent.

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# **General Fund Expenditures:**

The District's budget for expenditures changed as follows during the year:

		<u>Percent</u>
Total Expenditures Original Budget	\$7,863,351	100.0%
Total Expenditures Final Budget	9,743,718	<u>123.9%</u>
Increase in Budgeted Expenditures	<u>\$1,880,367</u>	23.9%

The District's actual expenditures were \$9,424,496 - \$319,222 less than the final budget, a variance of 3.39 percent.

**Superintendent** 

David Gray

# **Contacting the District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the District's finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Business Office, Eau Claire Public Schools.



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October 19, 2015

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education Eau Claire Public Schools Eau Claire, Michigan

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Eau Claire Public Schools, 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 entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT - Continued**

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Eau Claire Public Schools as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matters

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages I through X and 37 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 Eau Claire Public Schools' financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, and statistical tables, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 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-Profit Organizations*, and is also 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.

The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the statistical tables have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT - Continued**

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 19, 2015, on our consideration of Eau Claire Public Schools' 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 Eau Claire Public Schools' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Gerbel & Conpany, P.C.

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Statement of Net Position June 30, 2015

	Governmental <u>Activities</u>		
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents - NOTE 2	\$ 3,251,188		
Accounts receivable	14,325		
Due from other governments	1,734,683		
Inventory - NOTE 1G	1,091		
Prepaid expenditures	17,980		
Total Current Assets	\$ 5,019,267		
Noncurrent Assets			
Capital Assets:			
Nondepreciable	\$ 154,000		
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	7,752,571		
Total Noncurrent Assets	\$ 7,906,571		
Deferred Outflow - Pension	\$ 1,215,028		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 14,140,866		

	Governmental <u>Activities</u>				
Liabilities and Net Assets					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 474,010				
Accrued salaries and withholding	988,826				
Accrued interest	9,208				
Bonds payable, due within one year - NOTE 4	270,000				
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 1,742,044				
Noncurrent Liabilities					
Bonds payable - NOTE 4	\$ 4,710,000				
Compensated absences and severance pay - NOTE 4	84,819				
Net pension liability	11,443,918				
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	\$ 16,238,737				
Total Liabilities	\$ 17,980,781				
Deferred Inflow - Pension	\$ 1,265,130				
Net Position					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 2,926,571				
Restricted for debt service	1,081,010				
Restricted for food service	75,425				
Restricted for capital projects	284,643				
Unrestricted	(9,472,694)				
Total Net Position	\$ (5,105,045)				
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$ 14,140,866				

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Statement of Activities June 30, 2015

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Charges for Services	Revenues Operating <u>Grants</u>	Ne Re	Activities et (Expense) evenue and anges in Net Assets
Governmental Activities:					
Instruction and instructional support	\$ 6,289,904	\$ -	\$ 5,018,253	\$	(1,271,651)
Support services	3,174,820	3,799	-		(3,171,021)
Athletic services	468,907	23,483	-		(445,424)
Community	18,312	-	-		(18,312)
Facility improvements	262,342	-	-		(262,342)
Food services	613,158	12,420	577,268		(23,470)
Interest on long-term debt	57,625	-	-		(57,625)
Depreciation (unallocated)	385,452				(385,452)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 11,270,520</u>	\$ 39,702	\$ 5,595,521	\$	(5,635,297)
General Revenues: Taxes: Property taxes, levied for of Property taxes, levied for of State of Michigan aid, unrest Interest and investment earn Other	debt service tricted	าร		\$	467,731 334,932 3,680,942 17,770 59,450
Total General Revenues				\$	4,560,825
Change In Net Position				\$	(1,074,472)
Net Position, July 1, 201	4				6,386,371
Prior period adjustment	- NOTE 12				(10,416,944)
NET POSITION, END C	F YEAR			\$	(5,105,045)

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS Balance Sheet June 30, 2015

Access	<u>General</u>		2012 Capital <u>Project</u>		Debt Service <u>Funds</u>		lonmajor ood Service <u>Fund</u>	Go	Total vernmental <u>Funds</u>
Assets Cash Accounts receivable	\$ 1,664,771 14,325	\$	473,363 -	\$	1,034,343	\$	78,711 -	\$	3,251,188 14,325
Due from other funds Due from other governments Inventory	1,259 1,722,658 -		-		60,951 - -		12,025 1,091		62,210 1,734,683 1,091
Prepaid	17,980								17,980
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,420,993	\$	473,363	\$	1,095,294	\$	91,827	\$	5,081,477
Liabilities and Fund Balances Liabilities:									
Accounts payable Salaries payable	\$ 283,733 538,789	\$	188,720	\$	-	\$	1,557 9,140	\$	474,010 547,929
Accrued liabilities	440,897		_		_		-		440,897
Due to other funds	46,667			_	14,284		1,259		62,210
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,310,086	\$	188,720	\$	14,284	\$	11,956	\$	1,525,046
Fund Balances:									
Nonspendable: Inventory	\$ -	\$		\$		\$	1,091	\$	1,091
Prepaid	17,980	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	Ψ	1,091	Ψ	17,980
Restricted for:	,000								,000
Food service	-		-		-		74,334		74,334
Debt service	-		-		1,081,010		-		1,081,010
Capital projects	-		284,643		-		-		284,643
Assigned: Budget appropriation Unassigned, reported in:	197,290		-		-		4,446		201,736
General Fund	1,895,637		_		_		_		1,895,637
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Total Fund Balances	\$ 2,110,907	\$	284,643	\$	1,081,010	\$	79,871	\$	3,556,431
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND									
FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,420,993	\$	473,363	\$	1,095,294	\$	91,827	\$	5,081,477

### **EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

# Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2015

**Total Governmental Fund Balances** 

\$ 3,556,431

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

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

The cost of the capital assets is	\$ 14,758,176	
Accumulated depreciation is	(6,851,605)	7,906,571

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the funds.

Bonds payable	(4,980,000)
Compensated absences	(84,819)
Net pension liability	(11.443.918)

Pension deferred inflow and outflow of resources are not financial resources and are not reported in the funds.

Deferred outflow of resources	1,215,028
Deferred inflow of resources	(1,265,130)

Accrued interest payable more than sixty days after the current period is not included as a liability in governmental funds. (9,208)

Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ (5,105,045)

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

# Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended June 30, 2015

		<u>General</u>		<u>General</u>		<u>General</u>		<u>General</u>		<u>General</u>		<u>General</u>		<u>General</u>		<u>General</u>		<u>General</u>		2012 Capital Projects	Debt Service <u>Funds</u>		Nonmajor Food Service <u>Fund</u>		Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>									
Revenues:																																		
Local sources:																																		
Property taxes	\$	467,731	\$	-	\$	334,932	\$	-	\$	802,663																								
Charges for services		27,282		-		-		12,420		39,702																								
Interest		1,101		-		16,632		37		17,770																								
Other local revenue		59,450		-		-		-		59,450																								
State sources		7,152,092		-		-		26,418		7,178,510																								
Federal sources		1,547,103						550,850		2,097,953																								
Total Revenues	\$	9,254,759	\$		\$	351,564	\$	589,725	\$	10,196,048																								
Expenditures:																																		
Current:																																		
Instruction	\$	5,547,861	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,547,861																								
Support services		3,700,052		22,821		-		-		3,722,873																								
Community		17,914		-		-		-		17,914																								
Facility improvements		-		470,240		-				470,240																								
Food service		-		-		-		577,169		577,169																								
Payments to other governments		29,171		-		-		-		29,171																								
Debt service:						005 000				005.000																								
Debt repayment		-		-		285,000		-		285,000																								
Interest and debt service charges	_			<u>-</u>	_	65,053		<u>-</u>	_	65,053																								
Total Expenditures	\$	9,294,998	\$	493,061	\$	350,053	\$	577,169	\$	10,715,281																								
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	_				_		_			4																								
Over (Under) Expenditures	\$	(40,239)	\$	(493,061)	\$	1,511	\$	12,556	\$	(519,233)																								
Other Financing Sources (Uses):																																		
Operating transfers in	\$	-	\$	-	\$	129,498	\$	-	\$	129,498																								
Operating transfers out	·	(129,498)	·	-	·	, <u>-</u>	·	-		(129,498)																								
operating transfers out																																		
Total Other Financing																																		
Sources (Uses)	\$	(129,498)	\$	_	\$	129,498	\$	_	\$	_																								
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Net Change in Fund Balance	\$	(169,737)	\$	(493,061)	\$	131,009	\$	12,556	\$	(519,233)																								
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		2,280,644		777,704		950,001		67,315		4,075,664																								
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$	2,110,907	\$	284,643	\$	1,081,010	\$	79,871	\$	3,556,431																								

# **EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

# Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2015

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds		\$ (519,233)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; in the statement of activities, these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation.		
Depreciation expense	\$ (385,452)	
Capital outlay	 587,526	202,074
Accrued interest is recorded in the statement of activities when incurred; it is not reported in governmental funds until paid.		1,618
Bond premium is amortized and recorded in the statement of activities when incurred; it is reported in governmental funds when received.		5,810
Repayments of bond principal are an expenditure in the governmental		
funds, but not in the statement of activities (where they reduce long-term debt).		285,000
Decreases in compensated absences are not reported in the governmental funds.		27,335
Change in net pension liability and deferred inflow and outflow of resources related to the pension plan.		(1,077,076)
. States to the periodic plant		 (1,577,575)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ (1,074,472)

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FIDUCIARY FUND Statement of Net Position June 30, 2015

	4	Agency <u>Fund</u>
Assets Cash Investments - NOTE 2B	\$	102,907 57,715
Total Assets	<u>\$</u>	160,622
<b>Liabilities</b> Due to student groups	\$	160,622

#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies of Eau Claire Public Schools (the "District") conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies.

# A. Reporting Entity:

The Eau Claire Public Schools' Board of Education (the "Board") is the basic level of government which has oversight responsibility and control over all activities related to the public school education in the area comprised by the District. The Board receives funding from State and Federal government sources and must comply with the concomitant requirements of these funding source entities. However, the Board is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity," as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement 14, since Board members are elected by the public and have decision-making authority, the authority to levy taxes, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters. In addition, under the criteria of the GASB pronouncement, student, parent, and teacher organizations are not included, except to the extent that the District holds assets in the capacity of an agent.

#### B. Basic Financial Statements:

**Government-Wide Statements** - The District's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the District as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the District's major funds). The government-wide financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business-type. All of the District's activities are classified as governmental activities.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, both the governmental activities column (a) is presented on a consolidated basis, (b) and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The District's net position are divided into three components.

**Net Investment in Capital Assets** - consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increase by balances of deferred outflows of resources to those assets.

**Restricted Net Position** - net position is considered restricted if their use is constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state laws or buyers of the Schools' bonds. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets.

**Unrestricted Net Position** - consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the District.

The District first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the District's functions. The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permits and charges, etc.). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants.

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

#### B. Basic Financial Statements - Continued:

The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (property taxes, state and federal sources, interest income, etc.)

The District does not allocate indirect costs. In creating the government-wide financial statements, the District has eliminated interfund transactions.

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the School District as an entity and the change in the School District's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

**Fund Statements** - The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenue, and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Governmental funds are defined as follows:

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

**Special Revenue Funds** - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt retirement or capital projects.

**Debt Service Funds** - Debt Service Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

**Capital Projects Fund** - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

Fiduciary funds are defined as follows:

**Agency Funds** - Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the School District as an agent for student activity organizations. Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

#### B. Basic Financial Statements - Continued:

Fund balance is comprised of five classifications as follows:

**Nonspendable Fund Balance** - The nonspendable fund balance category represents amounts that are not in a spendable form or are required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted Fund Balance** - The restricted fund balance category represents amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers, through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

**Committed Fund Balance** - The committed fund balance category represents amounts constrained to specific purposes by the Board; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board takes action to remove or change the constraint.

**Assigned Fund Balance** - The assigned fund balance category represents amounts the Board intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the Board or by an official or committee to which the Board delegates the authority.

**Unassigned Fund Balance** - The unassigned fund balance category represents amounts that are available for any purpose; these amounts are reported only in the General Fund.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted (nonspendable) or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

# C. Basis of Accounting:

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

#### **ACCRUAL**

Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

### **MODIFIED ACCRUAL**

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when they become measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Eau Claire Public Schools considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current period.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred, provided the liability normally would be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

#### D. Encumbrances:

Encumbrance accounting provides for the recording of purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments that have not been performed. The recording facilitates the reservation of the corresponding appropriation. No encumbrances were required to be recorded at June 30, 2015.

### E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting:

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

- Prior to June 30, the superintendent of the School District submits to the school board a
  proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1 of that year. The
  operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them for the
  General Fund and Special Revenue Funds.
- 2. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution, and in accordance with Public Act 621 of the State.
- 3. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all budgetary funds.
- 4. The School District is required under Public Act 621 of 1978 and by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to adopt a budget for the General Fund and individual Special Revenue Funds.
- 5. Budget amounts are reported in the financial statements as originally adopted and as amended by the Board of Education.

# F. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For the purposes of balance sheet classification, the District considers its investments in highly liquid pooled money funds to be cash equivalents.

#### G. Inventory:

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market. The inventory in the Food Service Fund includes food and expendable supplies.

#### H. Capital Assets:

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 two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

#### H. Capital Assets - Continued:

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining lives of the related fixed assets.

Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings and additions 25-50 years
Buses and other vehicles 8 years
Furniture and other equipment 10 years

### I. Property Tax Revenue:

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of December 31, and are levied on the following December 1. Property taxes become available for expenditure and are thus recognized as revenue in the fiscal year they are levied.

### J. Risk Management:

The District carries commercial insurance for risks of loss, including torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; workers' compensation and employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in the past fiscal year.

#### K. Use of Estimates:

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

#### L. Deferred Outflows of Resources:

The School District reports decreases in net assets that relate to future periods as deferred outflows of resources in a separate section of its government-wide statements of net position. The only deferred outflows of resources reported in this year's financial statements are a deferred amount arising from recording pension liability.

#### M. Deferred Inflows of Resources:

The School District's Statement of Net Position and its Governmental Fund Balance Sheet report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element reflects an increase in net assets that applies to a future period.

#### **NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

#### A. Cash:

Deposits and investments are stated at cost. Various state laws authorize the School District to deposit in federally insured banks, credit unions and savings and loan associations, and to invest in various U.S. government, federal agency, and instrumentality obligations. All deposits are held in the name of Eau Claire Public Schools. The School District's deposits and investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

**Custodial Credit Risk** - **Deposits** - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. The School District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2015, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$3,354,095 and the respective bank balances totaled \$3,206,889. The exposure to custodial credit risk is as follows:

Insured by the FDIC \$ 250,000 Uninsured and uncollateralized 2,956,889

\$ 3,206,889

#### **B.** Investments:

The District does not have an investment policy, but is in accordance with statutory authority. All highly liquid investments with a maturity of six months or less are defined as cash equivalents. All investments are reported at fair value. Since the common stock investment is part of the fiduciary funds, the District is not subject to credit risk or interest rate risk for the investment.

Market <u>Value</u> Fiduciary Funds:

Common Stock \$ 57,715

**NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS** 

Capital assets activities for the year ended June 30, 2015 were as follows:

Governmental Activities	Balance July 1, 2014 A		<u>Additions</u>		Disposals and Adjustments		Balance <u>June 30, 2015</u>		
Nondepreciable Capital Assets Land	\$	154,000	\$		\$		\$	154,000	
Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets	\$	154,000	\$		\$		\$	154,000	
Depreciable Capital Assets									
Building and site improvements	\$	12,323,271	\$	207,897	\$	-	\$	12,531,168	
Buses and other vehicles		813,356		110,150		(148,267)		775,239	
Furniture and equipment		1,028,290		269,479				1,297,769	
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	\$	14,164,917	\$	587,526	\$	(148,267)	\$	14,604,176	
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:									
Building and site improvements	\$	(5,439,840)	\$	(252,792)	\$	-	\$	(5,692,632)	
Buses and other vehicles		(595,227)		(56,721)		148,267		(503,681)	
Furniture and equipment		(579,353)	_	(75,939)				(655,292)	
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$	(6,614,420)	\$	(385,452)	\$	148,267	\$	(6,851,605)	
Total Depreciable Capital Assets,									
Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$	7,550,497	\$	202,074	\$		\$	7,752,571	
Governmental Activities Total Capital	Asse	ts,							
Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$	7,704,497	\$	202,074	\$		\$	7,906,571	

Depreciation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 amounted to \$385,452. The District determined that it was impractical to allocate depreciation to the various governmental activities as the assets serve multiple functions.

### **NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM DEBT**

The following is a summary of debt transactions of the School District for the year ended June 30, 2015:

Long-term debt activity can be summarized as follows:

Governmental Activities	Balance July 1, 2014	<u>Additions</u>	Reductions	Balance <u>June 30, 2015</u>	Due Within One Year
2007 Qualified Zone Academy Bonds due in one installment of \$1,500,000 on June 18, 2022 with interest at 0%.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -
2009 Qualified Zone Academy Bonds due in one installment of \$700,000 on July 9, 2024 with interest at 0%.		-	-	700,000	-
2009 Refunding Bond due in annual installments of \$170,000 through May 1, 2015; interest rate at 5.00%. Bond was paid in full for the year ended June 30, 2015		-	(170,000)	-	-
2012 School Building and Site Bonds due in annual installments of \$105,000 to \$340,000 through May 1, 2024; interest rate at 0.90% to 2.70%.		_	(115,000)	2,780,000	270,000
Total Bonds Payable	\$5,265,000	\$ -	\$ (285,000)		\$ 270,000
Bond issuance premium	5,810	-	(5,810)	-	ψ 270,000 -
Compensated absences and termination benefits.	112,154		(27,335)	84,819	
Total Governmental Activities	\$5,382,964	\$ -	\$ (318,145)	\$ 5,064,819	\$ 270,000

The annual requirements to amortize all applicable debt outstanding excluding compensated absences of \$84,819 as of June 30, 2015, including interest payments of \$325,875 are as follows:

		<b>Governmental Activities</b>						
<b>Year Ending</b>			·					
<u>June 30,</u>		<u>Principal</u>		<u>Interest</u>		<u>Total</u>		
2016		\$	270,000	\$	55,246	\$	325,246	
2017			280,000		52,274		332,274	
2018			290,000		48,775		338,775	
2019			300,000		44,280		344,280	
2020			310,000		39,180		349,180	
2021-2025		_3	3,530,000		86,120		3,616,120	
	Total	<u>\$</u>	1,980,000	\$	325,875	\$	5,305,875	

The compensated absences liability attributable to the governmental activities will be liquidated by the fund in which it originates primarily by the General Fund.

# NOTE 5 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

Interfund balances at June 30, 2015, consisted of the following:

		Due from					
		2012 Debt Retirement	General	Food Service	Total		
le to	General Fund 2009 Debt Retirement Fund	<b>Fund</b> \$ - 14,284	<b>Fund</b> \$ - 46,667	Fund \$ 1,259 	**Total		
Due	Total	\$ 14,284	\$ 46,667	\$ 1,259	\$ 62,210		

The Food Service Fund owes the General Fund \$1,259 for general expenditures.

The 2012 Debt Retirement Fund owes the 2009 Debt Retirement Fund \$14,284 for debt service expenditures.

During the year the General Fund transferred \$129,498 to the QZAB Debt Funds for future payment of debt, \$46, 667 of which was transferred after June 30, 2015.

# NOTE 6 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

# **Expenditures Over Budgets**

The General Fund incurred expenditures in excess of appropriations in the activities indicated below:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Actual Over <u>Budget</u>
General Fund:			
Instruction			
Basic Programs	\$ 3,959,289	\$ 4,021,082	\$ (61,793)
Support			
Business Services	189,367	196,615	(7,248)
Operations and Maintenance	689,017	696,165	(7,148)
Central Services	129,807	132,127	(2,320)
Other Supporting Services	449,334	463,620	(14,286)
Payments to other governments	-	29,171	(29,171)

#### **NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN**

#### A. ORGANIZATION

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

- Two active classroom teachers or other certified school personnel.
- One active member or retirant from a non-certified support position.
- One active school system superintendent.
- One active finance or operations (non-superintendent) member.
- One retirant from a classroom teaching position.
- One retirant from a finance or operations management position.
- One administrator or trustee of a community college that is a reporting unit of the System.
- Two from the general public, one with health insurance or actuarial science experience and one with institutional investment experience.
- One elected member of a reporting unit's board of control.

The System's pension plan was established by the State to provide retirement, survivor and disability benefits to public school employees. In addition, the System's health plan provides all retirees with the option of receiving health, dental and vision coverage under the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Act. There are 685 participating employers. A list of employers is provided in the Statistical Section. The System is a qualified pension trust fund under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. By statute, employees of K-12 public school districts, public school academies, district libraries, tax-supported community colleges and seven universities may be members. The seven universities are: Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan, Northern Michigan, Western Michigan, Ferris State, Michigan Technological and Lake Superior State. Employees, who first become employed by one of the seven universities on or after January 1, 1996, become members of an alternative plan.

The System's financial statements are included as a pension and other employee benefit trust fund in the State of Michigan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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

#### **NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

#### A. ORGANIZATION- Continued

#### Membership

At September 30, 2014, the System's membership consisted of the following:

Inactive plan members or their beneficiaries currently receiving benefits:

Regular benefits	181,489
Survivor benefits	16,855
Disability benefits	6,168
Total	204,512
Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits:	16,979
Active plan members:	
Vested	108,934
Non-vested	101,843
Total	210,777
Total plan members	432,268

#### **Benefits Provided**

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

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

#### **Member Contributions**

Mandatory member contributions were phased out between 1974 and 1977, with the plan remaining noncontributory until January 1, 1987, when the Member Investment Plan (MIP) was enacted. MIP members enrolled prior to January 1, 1990, contribute at a permanently fixed rate of 3.9% of gross wages. The MIP contribution rate was 4.0% from January 1, 1987, the effective date of the MIP, until January 1, 1990, when it was reduced to 3.9%. Members first hired between January 1, 1990 and June 30, 2008, and returning members who did not work between January 1, 1987, through December 31, 1989, contribute at the following graduated permanently fixed contribution rates: 3% of the first \$5,000; 3.6% of \$5,001 through \$15,000; 4.3% of all wages over \$15,000. Members first hired July 1, 2008, or later including Pension Plus Plan members, contribute at the following graduated permanently fixed contribution rates: 3% of the first \$5,000; 3.6% of \$5,001 through \$15,000; 6.4% of all wages over \$15,000.

### **NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

#### A. ORGANIZATION - Continued

#### **Member Contributions - Continued**

Basic Plan members make no contributions. For a limited period ending December 31, 1992, an active Basic Plan member could enroll in the MIP by paying the contributions that would have been made had enrollment occurred initially on January 1, 1987, or on the date of hire, plus interest. MIP contributions at the rate of 3.9% of gross wages begin at enrollment. Actuarial rate of interest is posted to member accounts on July 1st on all MIP monies on deposit for 12 months. If a member leaves public school service and no pension is payable, the member's accumulated contributions plus interest, if any, are refundable.

Under Public Act 300 of 2012, eligible members voluntarily chose between increasing, maintaining, or stopping their contributions to the pension fund as of the transition date. Their options are described in detail under Pension Reform 2012 beginning on page 23. Members who elected to increase their level of contribution contribute 4% (Basic Plan) or 7% (MIP); by doing so they maintain a 1.5% pension factor in their pension formula. Members who elected to maintain their level of contribution will receive a 1.25% pension factor in their pension formula for their years of service as of their transition date. Their contribution rates are described above. Members who elected to stop their contributions became participants in the Defined Contribution plan as of their transition date.

#### **Employer Contributions**

Each school district or reporting entity is required to contribute the full actuarial funding contribution amount to fund pension benefits.

#### **B. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Basis of Accounting and Presentation**

The System's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions from the employers are recognized as revenue when due and payable. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the System. The reserves are described below and details are provided in the supporting schedules.

GASB Statement No. 67, which was adopted during the year ended September 30, 2014, addresses accounting and financial reporting requirements for pension plans. The requirements for GASB Statement No. 67 require changes in presentation of the financial statements, notes to the financial statements, and required supplementary information.

Significant changes include an actuarial calculation of total and net pension liability. It also includes comprehensive footnote disclosure regarding the pension liability, the sensitivity of the net pension liability to the discount rate, and increased investment activity disclosures. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 67 did not significantly impact the accounting for accounts receivable and investment balances.

#### **NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

#### B. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

#### Reserves

**Reserve for Employee Contributions** - This reserve represents active member contributions and interest less amounts transferred to the Reserve for Retired Benefit Payments for regular and disability retirement, amounts refunded to terminated members, and amounts transferred to the Reserve for Employer Contributions representing unclaimed funds.

Members no longer contribute to this reserve except to purchase eligible service credit or repay previously refunded contributions. At September 30, 2014, the balance in this reserve was \$1.5 billion.

Reserve for Pension Plus Employee Contributions - This reserve represents active member contributions and interest less amounts transferred to the Reserve for Pension Plus Retired Benefit Payments for regular retirement, amounts refunded to terminated members, and amounts transferred to the Reserve for Pension Plus Employer Contributions representing unclaimed funds. This reserve was established under the provisions of Public Act 75 of 2010. At September 30, 2014, the balance in this reserve was \$59.5 million.

**Reserve for Member Investment Plan** - This reserve represents MIP contributions and interest less refunds and transfers to the Reserve for Retired Benefit Payments. At September 30, 2014, the balance in this reserve was \$4.7 billion.

Reserve for Employer Contributions - This reserve represents all reporting unit contributions, except payments for health benefits. Interest from the Reserve for Undistributed Investment Income reserve is credited annually. Amounts are transferred annually to the Reserve for Retired Benefit Payments to bring the balance of that reserve into balance with the actuarial present value of retirement allowances. At September 30, 2014, the balance in this reserve was (\$25.8) billion.

Reserve for Pension Plus Employer Contributions - This reserve represents all reporting unit contributions for Pension Plus members, except payments for health benefits. Interest from the Reserve for Undistributed Investment Income reserve is credited annually at a rate of 7%. Amounts are transferred annually to the Reserve for Retired Pension Plus Benefit Payments to bring the balance of that reserve into balance with the actuarial present value of retirement allowances. This reserve was established under the provisions of Public Act 75 of 2010. At September 30, 2014, the balance in this reserve was \$55.5 million.

Reserve for Retired Benefit Payments - This reserve represents payments of future retirement benefits to current retirees. At retirement, a member's accumulated contributions plus interest are transferred into this reserve. Monthly benefits, which are paid to the retiree, reduce this reserve. At the end of each fiscal year, an amount, determined by an annual actuarial valuation, is transferred from the Reserve for Employer Contributions to bring the balance of this reserve into balance with the actuarial present value of retirement allowances. At September 30, 2014, the balance in this reserve was \$44.6 billion.

#### **NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

### **B. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

#### **Reserves - Continued**

Reserve for Retired Pension Plus Benefit Payments - This reserve represents payments of future retirement benefits to current Pension Plus retirees. At retirement, a member's accumulated contributions plus interest are transferred into this reserve. Monthly benefits, which are paid to the retiree, reduce this reserve. At the end of each fiscal year, an amount, determined by an annual actuarial valuation, is transferred from the Reserve for Pension Plus Employer Contributions to bring the balance of this reserve into balance with the actuarial present value of retirement allowances. This reserve was established under the provisions of Public Act 75 of 2010. Currently, there are no participants qualified to retire under this program. At September 30, 2014, the balance in this reserve was \$0.

Reserve for Undistributed Investment Income - This reserve represents all investment earnings. Interest is transferred annually to the other reserves. Administrative expenses of the System are paid from the Reserve for Administrative Expenses, which is credited with amounts from the Reserve for Undistributed Investment Income to cover the expenses. For ease of reporting and understanding, the two reserves are presented as one reserve in the supporting schedules. Public Act 143 of 1997 established a stabilization subaccount within the Reserve for Undistributed Investment Income to which any over funding is credited. As of September 30, 2014, the balance in the subaccount was zero. At September 30, 2014, the balance in this reserve was \$18.6 billion.

Reserve for Health (OPEB) Related Benefits - This reserve is credited with employee and employer contributions for retirees' health, dental, and vision benefits. Starting in fiscal year 2013, the employer contribution is based on a prefunded basis and represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liability (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years. In addition, in fiscal year 2014, federal funding for Medicare Part D and Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) was paid directly to a third party vendor. The third party vendor uses the EGWP funding for any claims submitted and bills the system for any remaining claims outstanding. Premiums for health, dental and vision benefits are paid from this reserve. At September 30, 2014, the balance in this reserve was \$3.5 billion.

#### Reporting Entity

The System is a pension and other employee benefit trust fund of the State. As such, the System is considered part of the State and is included in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as a pension and other employee benefit trust fund. The System and its Board are not financially accountable for any other entities or other organizations. Accordingly, the System is the only entity included in this financial report.

#### **Benefit Protection**

Public Act 100 of 2002 was passed by the Michigan Legislature to protect pension benefits of public employees from alienation (being transferred). Alienation is attachment, garnishment, levy, execution, bankruptcy or other legal process except for divorce orders or eligible domestic relation orders. The statutes governing the System contained an "antialienation" clause to provide for this protection; however, many smaller public pension systems did not have the benefit of this protection. Therefore, Public Act 100 of 2002 was passed to establish legal protection of pension assets that encompasses all public employees.

#### **NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

# **B. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

#### Fair Value of Investments

Plan investments are reported at fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. Corporate bonds not traded on a national or international exchange are based on equivalent values of comparable securities with similar yield and risk. The fair value of private investments is based on the net asset value reported in the financial statements of the respective investment entity. The net asset value is determined in accordance with governing documents of the investment entity, and is subject to an independent annual audit. Securities purchased with cash collateral under securities lending activities are recorded at estimated fair value. Other investments not having an established market are recorded at estimated fair value.

#### **Investment Income**

Dividend and interest income is recognized on the accrual basis. Fair value changes are recorded as investment income or loss. Purchases and sales of investments are recorded as of the trade date (the date upon which the transaction is initiated), except for purchase and sale of mortgages, real estate, and alternative investments which are recorded as of the settlement date (the date upon which the transaction is ultimately completed). The effect of recording such transactions as of the settlement date does not materially affect the financial statements.

# Costs of Administering the System

Each year a restricted general fund appropriation is requested to fund the on-going business operations of the System. These administrative costs are ultimately funded by the System through the regular transfer of funds from the System to the State's general fund based on either a direct cost or allocation basis depending on the nature of the expense. Costs of administering the System are financed by undistributed investment income of the System.

#### **Property and Equipment**

Office space is leased from the State on a year to year basis. Office equipment is capitalized if the value exceeds \$5,000. These assets are recorded at cost and are reported net of depreciation in the Statement of Pension Plan and Other Postemployment Benefit Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Such assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over 10 years. As of September 30, 1998, all capitalized equipment was fully depreciated. No additional equipment has been capitalized for the System since that date.

### **Related Party Transactions**

Leases and Services - The System leases operating space and purchases certain administrative, data processing, legal and investment services from the State. The space and services are not otherwise available by competitive bid. The schedule below summarizes costs incurred by the System for such services.

#### Cash

At September 30, 2014, the System had \$246.7 million in a common cash investment pool maintained for various State operating funds. The participating funds in the common cash pool earn interest at various rates depending upon prevailing short-term interest rates. Earnings from these activities amounted to (\$0.6) thousand for the year ended September 30, 2014.

#### **NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

#### C. CONTRIBUTIONS AND FUNDING STATUS

The majority of the members currently participate on a contributory basis, as described above under "Benefits Provided." Reporting units are required by Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, to contribute amounts necessary to finance the coverage of members and retiree Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). Contribution provisions are specified by State statute and may be amended only by action of the State Legislature.

Employer contributions to the System are determined on an actuarial basis using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The portion of this cost allocated to the current valuation year is called the normal cost. The remainder is called the actuarial accrued liability. Normal cost is funded on a current basis. For retirement and OPEB benefits, the unfunded(overfunded) actuarial accrued liability as of the September 30, 2014 valuation will be amortized over a 22 year period for the 2014 fiscal year. The schedule below summarizes pension contribution rates in effect for fiscal year 2014.

### **Pension Contribution Rates**

Benefit Structure	<u>Member</u>	<u>Employer</u>
Basic	0.0 - 4.0%	18.34 - 19.61%
Member Investment Plan	3.0 - 7.0%	18.34 - 19.61%
Pension Plus	3.0 - 6.4%	18.11%
Defined Contribution	0%	15.44 - 16.61%

The System may reconcile with actuarial requirements annually. If the system reconciles in a year, any funding excess or deficiency for pension benefits is smoothed over a maximum of 5 years, with at least one-fifth (20%) of the funding excess or deficiency included in the subsequent year's contribution. This payment is not recognized as a payable or receivable in the accounting records. If the System does not reconcile in a year, any funding excess or deficiency for pension benefits is accounted for in subsequent required contributions over the remaining amortization period. For fiscal year 2014, the System did not reconcile.

In May 1996, the Internal Revenue Service issued a private letter ruling allowing the System's members to purchase service credit and repay refunds using tax-deferred (pre-tax) dollars. The program was implemented in fiscal year 1998, and payments began in fiscal year 1999.

The program allows members to purchase service credit and repay refunds on a tax-deferred basis. Members sign an irrevocable agreement that identifies the contract duration, monthly payment, total contract amount and years of service credit being purchased. The duration of the contract can range from 1 to 20 years. The amounts are withheld from members' paychecks and are treated as employer pick-up contributions pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h). At September 30, 2014, there were 16,503 agreements. The agreements were discounted using the assumed actuarial rate of return of 8% for September 30, 2014. The average remaining length of a contract was approximately 6.0 years for 2014. The short-term receivable was \$29.7 million and the discounted long-term receivable was \$83.6 million at September 30, 2014.

#### **NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

#### D. NET PENSION LIABILITY - NON-UNIVERSITY

#### Measurement of the MPSER'S Net Pension Liability

The plan's net pension liability is to be measured as the total pension liability, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position. In actuarial terms, this will be the accrued liability less the market value of assets (not the smoothed actuarial value of assets that is often encountered in actuarial valuations performed to determine the employer's contribution requirement).

### MPSERS (Plan) Net Pension Liability - Non-University

As of September 30, 2014: Total Pension Liability Plan Fiduciary Net Position

\$65,160,887,182 43,134,384,072

Net Pension Liability

\$22,026,503,110

Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability

66.20%

Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll

250.11%

Year 1 MPSERS GASB 68 implementation recognizes a 0.00% change in the reporting unit's proportionate share between beginning net pension liability and ending net pension liability.

#### MPSERS (Plan) Net Pension Liability - Non-University

As of October 1, 2013:

 Total Pension Liability
 \$ 62,859,499,994

 Plan Fiduciary Net Position
 39,427,686,072

 Net Pension Liability
 \$ 23,431,813,922

#### **Proportionate Share of Reporting Unit's Net Pension Liability**

At September 30, 2014, Eau Claire Public Schools reported a liability of \$11,443,918 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 30, 2013. Eau Claire Public Schools' proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on statutorily required contributions in relation to all reporting units' statutorily required contributions for the measurement period. At September 30, 2014, Eau Claire Public Schools' proportionate share percent was .05196 percent.

#### **NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

#### D. NET PENSION LIABILITY - NON-UNIVERSITY - Continued

#### Long-Term Expected Return on Plan Assets

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2014, are summarized in the following table:

		Long Term
	Target	<b>Expected Real</b>
Asset Class	<u>Allocation</u>	Rate of Return*
Domestic Equity Pools	28.0%	4.8%
Percent Alternative Investment Pools	18.0%	8.5
International Equity	16.0%	6.1
Fixed Income Pools	10.5%	1.5
Real Estate and Infrastructure Pools	10.0%	5.3
Absolute Return Pools	15.5%	6.3
Short Term Investment Pools	<u>2.0%</u>	(0.2)
TOTAL	<u>100.0%</u>	

<sup>\*</sup>Long term rate of return does not include 2.5% inflation

#### Rate of Return

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investment, net of pension plan investment expense, was 12.58%. The money weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

#### **Discount Rate**

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

#### **NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

#### D. NET PENSION LIABILITY - NON-UNIVERSITY - Continued

#### Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

As required by GASB Statement No. 68, the following presents Eau Claire Public Schools' proportionate share of the net pension liability, calculated using a discount rate of 8.0% (7.0% for the Pension Plus Plan), as well as what Eau Claire Public Schools' proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher:

1% Decrease (Non-Hybrid/Hybrid)\* <u>7.0% / 6.0%</u> \$15,087,810 Current Single Discount Rate Assumption (Non-Hybrid/Hybrid)\* 8.0% / 7.0% \$11,443,918

1% Increase (Non-Hybrid/Hybrid)\* <u>9.0% / 8.0%</u> \$8,373,886

#### **Timing of the Valuation**

An actuarial valuation to determine the total pension liability is required to be performed every year. If the actuarial valuation is not calculated as of the plan's fiscal year end, the total pension liability is required to be rolled forward from the actuarial valuation date to the pension plan's fiscal year end.

The total pension liability as of September 30, 2014, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2013, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures.

#### **Actuarial Valuations and Assumptions**

Actuarial valuations for the pension plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions (ARC) are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

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

#### **NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

#### D. NET PENSION LIABILITY - NON-UNIVERSITY - Continued

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

#### **Summary of Actuarial Assumptions**

**Actuarial Assumptions** 

Wage Inflation Rate: 3.50%

Investment Rate of Return

MIP and Basic Plans (Non-Hybrid): 8.00%Pension Plus Plan (Hybrid): 7.00%

Projected Salary Increases: 3.5 - 12.3%, including wage inflation at 3.5% Cost-of-Living Pension Adjustments: 3% Annual Non-Compounded for MIP Members

Healthcare Cost Trend Rate: 8.5% Year 1 graded to 3.5% Year 12

#### Mortality:

RP-2000 Male and Female Combined Healthy Life Mortality Tables, adjusted for mortality improvements to 2025 using projection scale BB. For retirees, 100% of the table rates were used. For active members, 80% of the table rates were used for males and 70% of the table rates were used for females.

#### Notes:

- Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the periods 2007 through 2012 have been
  adopted by the System for use in the annual pension valuations beginning with the September 30,
  2014 valuation. The total pension liability as of September 30, 2014, is based on the results of an
  actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2013, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial
  procedures, including the experience study.
- Recognition period for liabilities is the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees in years: 4.8457
- Recognition period for assets in years is 5.0000
- Full actuarial assumptions are available in the 2014 MPSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

#### **NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

# E. PENSION EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS - NON-UNIVERSITY

For the year ended June 30, 2015, Eau Claire Public Schools recognized total pension expense of \$927,008. At June 30, 2015, Eau Claire Public Schools reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	C	Deferred outflow of desources	Deferred Inflow of Resources	
Changes of assumptions	\$	422,256		\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		-		1,265,130
Changes in proportion and differences between Eau Claire Public Schools contributions and proportionate share of contributions		72		-
Eau Claire Public Schools contributions subsequent to the measurement date		792,700	·	<del>-</del>
Total	\$	1,215,028		\$ 1,265,130

<sup>\*</sup>This amount, reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Eau Claire Public Schools contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016.

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

# Deferred (Inflows) and Deferred Outflows of Resources by Year (to Be Recognized in Future Pension Expenses)

Year Ending	
September 30,	<u>Amount</u>
2015	(206,464)
2016	(206,464)
2017	(206,464)
2018	(223,410)

#### **NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

#### F. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Post-employment benefits for health, dental, and vision are available at retirement through the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS). On December 20, 2012, the State of Michigan Office of Retirement Services revised the fiscal year 2012-2013 healthcare contributions effective February 1, 2013. The two healthcare plans are as follows:

**Premium Subsidy** members who first worked before September 4, 2012 may participate in this plan. The members contribute 35 of their compensation to the Retiree Healthcare Fund. If worked before July 1, 2008, members will receive the maximum subsidy allowed by statute when they meet the eligibility requirements. If worked on or after July 1, 2008, but before September 4, 2012, members' insurance premium is graded based on career length.

**Personal Healthcare Fund** members who first worked before September 4, 2012, may participate in this plan. Members who worked on or after September 4, 2012 are automatically enrolled in this plan. Members are automatically enrolled in a 2% employee contribution to a 457 account as of February 1, 2013. Members receive a 2% employer contribution match, which will go into a 401k account.

The School District's total employer OPEB contributions to the MPSERS plan were \$175,675.

### NOTE 8 - QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BOND (Restricted Investments)

The District issued \$1,500,000 (General Obligation Limited Tax) Qualified Zone Academy Bonds, Series 2007 Bonds. The District is required to make annual sinking fund deposits with a fiscal agent. The District agrees to deposit fifteen annual sinking fund installments of \$82,831. The District will receive an annual payment equal to an investment return of 2% per year on the total amount invested in the sinking fund and the bank shall receive the remaining interest earned on the sinking fund in excess of 2%. These deposits are accounted for in the Debt Service Fund. The annual set aside payments began on June 18, 2008.

The District issued \$700,000 (General Obligation Limited Tax) Qualified Zone Academy Bonds, Series 2009 Bonds. The District is required to make annual sinking fund deposits with a fiscal agent. The District agrees to deposit fifteen annual sinking fund installments of \$46,667 beginning twelve months from the closing date into a non-interest bearing account with the bank. The annual set aside payments began during the year ended June 30, 2012.

#### **NOTE 9 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

#### **Federal Grants:**

In the normal course of operations, the District receives grant funds from various Federal and State agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to insure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the results of these audits is not believed to be material.

#### **NOTE 10 - SHORT-TERM DEBT**

	_	Balance ly 1, 2014	Additio	ns	Reductions	Balance June 30, 20	
2014 revenue anticipation note due in one installment of \$600,000 plus interest							
at .74% on August 20, 2014	\$	600,000	\$ -		\$ 600,000	\$	

#### **NOTE 11 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the year ended June 30, 2015, the District purchased repair services of \$12,426 from the business of the son of one of the Board of Education members.

#### NOTE 12 - IMPACT OF RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

In June 2012, the GASB issued Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. Statement No. 68 requires governments providing defined benefit pensions to recognize their unfunded pension benefit obligation as a liability for the first time, and to more comprehensively and comparably measure the annual cost of pension benefits. This net pension liability that will be recorded on the government-wide statements will be computed differently than the current unfunded actuarial accrued liability, using specific parameters set forth by the GASB. The statement also enhances accountability and transparency through revised note disclosures and required supplemental information. Due to the accounting change, beginning net position was adjusted by \$10,416,944.

#### **NOTE 13 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 19, 2015, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. There are no material subsequent events.

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Required Supplementary Information

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

Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Plan Last 10 Fiscal Years (Amounts were determined as of September 30, 2014)

A.	Eau Claire Public Schools' proportion of net pension liability (%)	0.05196%
В.	Eau Claire Public Schools' proportionate share of net pension liability	\$11,443,918
C.	Eau Claire Public Schools' covered-employee payroll	\$4,417,360
D.	Eau Claire Public Schools' proportionate share of net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll (%)	38.60%
E.	Plan Fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	66.20%

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Required Supplementary Information Schedule of the District's Contributions

Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Plan Last 10 Fiscal Years (Amounts were determined as of June 30, 2015)

A.	Statutorily required contributions	\$990,	203
В.	Contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions	990,	203
C.	Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	<u>-</u>
D.	Eau Claire Public Schools' covered-employee payroll	\$4,593,	736
E.	Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	21.	56%

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Notes to Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

**Changes in Benefit Terms:** There were no changes of benefit terms in 2015.

**Changes of Assumptions:** There were no changes of benefit assumptions in 2015.

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL FUND

# Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

		Budgeted Amounts Original Final			Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)		Variance Final Budge Positive (Negative)	
Revenues:		<u> </u>		<u>a.</u>		<u> </u>	7.	togativo <sub>j</sub>
Local sources	\$	480,000	\$	520,287	\$	555,564	\$	35,277
State sources	•	6,360,395	•	7,187,497	•	7,152,092	•	(35,405)
Federal sources		1,028,009		1,709,378		1,547,103		(162,275)
Total Revenues	\$	7,868,404	\$	9,417,162	\$	9,254,759	\$	(162,403)
Expenditures:								
Current:								
Instruction:								
Basic programs	\$	3,610,448	\$	3,959,289	\$	4,021,082	\$	(61,793)
Added needs		1,205,560		1,644,419		1,526,779		117,640
Supporting services:								
Pupil services		283,649		297,544		264,645		32,899
Instructional staff		234,542		454,529		345,268		109,261
General administration		233,575		448,064		419,060		29,004
School administration		449,018		486,800		468,979		17,821
Business services		195,850		189,367		196,615		(7,248)
Operation and maintenance services		646,741		689,017		696,165		(7,148)
Transportation		624,620		750,259		713,573		36,686
Central services		20,975		129,807		132,127		(2,320)
Other supporting services		338,456		449,334		463,620		(14,286)
Community activities		19,917		39,014		17,914		21,100
Payments to other governments			_	<u>-</u>	_	29,171		(29,171)
Total Expenditures	\$	7,863,351	\$	9,537,443	\$	9,294,998	\$	242,445
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues								
Over (Under) Expenditures	\$	5,053	\$	(120,281)	\$	(40,239)	\$	80,042
Other Financing Uses:								
Operating transfers out	\$	_	\$	(206,275)	\$	(129,498)	\$	76,777
Operating transfers out	Ψ		Ψ	(200,210)	Ψ	(120, 100)	Ψ	70,777
Total Other Financing Uses	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	(206,275)	\$	(129,498)	\$	76,777
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$	5,053	\$	(326,556)	\$	(169,737)	\$	156,819
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		2,280,644	_	2,280,644		2,280,644		
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$	2,285,697	\$	1,954,088	\$	2,110,907	\$	156,819

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND - FOOD SERVICE Balance Sheet June 30, 2015

		Food <u>Service</u>
Assets		
Cash	\$	78,711
Due from other governments		12,025
Inventory		1,091
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$</u>	91,827
Liabilities and Fund Balances Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$	1,557
Due to other funds	Ψ	1,259
Payroll liabilities		9,140
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Total Liabilities	<u>\$</u>	11,956
Fund Balances:		
Nonspendable	\$	1,091
Assigned for:	•	,
Food service		4,446
Restricted for:		•
Food service	_	74,334
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$</u>	79,871
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	91,827

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND - FOOD SERVICE Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and

# Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Revenues: Local sources:		
Charges for services	\$	12,420
Interest	·	37
State sources		26,418
Federal sources		550,850
Total Revenues	\$	589,725
Expenditures:		
Current:		
Salaries	\$	150,586
Benefits		69,714
Purchased services		14,037
Supplies and materials		340,790
Capital outlay		2,042
Total Expenditures	\$	577,169
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$	12,556
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		67,315
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$	79,871

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL FUND

# Schedule of Revenues - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

# With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)	2014 <u>Actual</u>
Local Sources: Property taxes Interest Transportation Student activities Other local revenue		\$ 467,731 1,101 3,799 23,483 59,450		\$ 493,509 1,777 5,078 19,873 22,917
Total Local Sources	\$ 520,287	\$ 555,564	\$ 35,277	\$ 543,154
State Sources: Prop. A Obligation At-risk Discretionary payment Special education School readiness State other State headlee data collection		\$ 3,680,942 376,357 2,421,681 111,359 82,936 456,168 22,649		\$ 3,418,786 333,948 2,204,168 176,492 98,640 269,846 21,187
Total State Sources	7,187,497	\$ 7,152,092	(35,405)	\$ 6,523,067
Federal Sources: Title I Title I - Migrant Title IIA Title III Medicaid outreach Unrestricted federal grant		\$ 867,598 580,351 42,914 28,537 2,810 24,893		\$ 888,165 559,161 27,676 36,444 3,167
Total Federal Sources	1,709,378	\$ 1,547,103	(162,275)	\$ 1,514,613
TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,417,162	\$ 9,254,759	\$ (162,403)	\$ 8,580,834

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL FUND

# Schedule of Expenditures - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)		2014 <u>Actual</u>
Instruction					
Basic Programs					
Elementary:	•			•	
Salaries	\$			\$	968,897
Benefits		794,781			599,214
Purchased services		30,736			19,451
Supplies and materials	_	71,892			14,152
Total Elementary	<u>\$</u>	2,014,828		\$	1,601,714
Middle School:					
Salaries	\$			\$	377,666
Benefits		273,460			235,215
Purchased services		13,051			13,861
Supplies and materials		10,202			11,246
Capital outlay		675			-
Other	_	725			396
Total Middle School	<u>\$</u>	693,725		\$	638,384
High School:					
Salaries	\$	633,960		\$	587,289
Benefits		424,976			325,140
Purchased services		26,197			30,621
Supplies and materials		44,286			39,261
Capital outlay		5,579			211
Payments to other governments		8,326			22,632
Other	_	725			929
Total High School	<u>\$</u>	1,144,049		\$	1,006,083
Preschool:					
Salaries	\$	95,862		\$	59,319
Benefits		53,339			28,434
Purchased services		3,484			2,603
Supplies and materials		2,444			1,758
Other	_	<u>-</u>			345
Total Preschool	<u>\$</u>	155,129		\$	92,459

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL FUND

# Schedule of Expenditures - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Instruction - Continued Basic Programs - Continued	Budget		<u>Actual</u>	P	ariance ositive egative)		2014 <u>Actual</u>
Summer School: Salaries		\$	9,730			\$	9,915
Benefits		Ψ	3,621			Ψ	3,652
Supplies and materials			-				1,468
							<u> </u>
Total Summer School		\$	13,351			\$	15,035
Total Basic Programs	\$ 3,959,289	\$	4,021,082	\$	(61,793)	\$	3,353,675
Added Needs							
Special Education:							
Salaries		\$	183,411			\$	138,271
Benefits			131,848				70,754
Purchased services			1,516				57,034
Supplies and materials			898				840
Payments to other governments			8,546				16,283
Other			100				50
Total Special Education		\$	326,319			\$	283,232
Compensatory Education: Salaries Benefits Purchased services Supplies and materials		\$	720,847 416,373 36,723 26,517			\$	759,440 392,280 25,692 46,866
Total Compensatory Education		\$	1,200,460			\$	1,224,278
Total Added Needs	 1,644,419	\$	1,526,779		117,640	\$	1,507,510
Total Instruction	\$ 5,603,708	\$	5,547,861	\$	55,847	\$	4,861,185
Supporting Services Pupil Services:							
Salaries		\$	136,274			\$	227,144
Benefits			71,263				120,892
Purchased services			55,805				1,883
Supplies and materials			1,303			_	843
Total Pupil Services	\$ 297,544	\$	264,645	\$	32,899	\$	350,762

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL FUND

# Schedule of Expenditures - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2015 With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)		2014 <u>Actual</u>
Supporting Services - Continued						
Instructional Staff: Salaries		\$	122,378		\$	120,845
Benefits		Ψ	66,262		Ψ	64,886
Purchased services			48,111			25,096
Supplies and materials			89,754			159,277
Capital outlay			18,763			
Total Instructional Staff	454,529	\$	345,268	109,261	\$	370,104
General Administration:						
Salaries		\$	130,499		\$	129,423
Benefits			80,971			65,865
Purchased services			197,668			27,909
Supplies and materials			3,003			4,828
Other			6,919			430
Total General Administration	448,064	\$	419,060	29,004	\$	228,455
School Administration:						
Salaries		\$	267,953		\$	176,945
Benefits			189,241			108,758
Purchased services			1,634			122,043
Supplies and materials			9,126			5,065
Other			1,025			664
Total School Administration	486,800	\$	468,979	17,821	\$	413,475
Business Services:						
Salaries		\$	73,983		\$	73,429
Benefits			47,446			38,156
Purchased services			62,730			42,161
Supplies and materials			10,574			8,333
Other			1,882			10,385
Total Business Services	189,367	\$	196,615	(7,248)	\$	172,464

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL FUND

# Schedule of Expenditures - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2015 With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Supporting Services - Continued	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)	2014 <u>Actual</u>
Operations and Maintenance: Salaries Benefits Purchased services Supplies and materials Capital outlay		\$ 131,800 66,806 286,158 192,829 18,572		\$ 104,170 70,057 180,602 202,312 17,598
Total Operations and Maintenance	689,017	\$ 696,165	(7,148)	\$ 574,739
Transportation: Salaries Benefits Purchased services Supplies and materials Capital outlay Other		\$ 300,029 129,759 76,422 96,885 110,150 328		\$ 267,091 109,521 77,954 105,890 20,000 821
Total Transportation	750,259	\$ 713,573	36,686	\$ 581,277
Central Services: Salaries Benefits Purchased services Supplies and materials Capital outlay		\$ 46,804 27,863 46,423 1,929 9,108		\$ 43,453 24,376 36,682 4,395 8,991
Total Central Services	129,807	\$ 132,127	(2,320)	\$ 117,897
Other Supporting Services: Athletic activities Salaries Benefits Purchased services Supplies and materials Capital outlay Other		\$ 203,129 91,992 56,735 58,219 17,741 45		\$ 183,665 70,218 52,527 53,391 8,575 550
Total Athletic Activities		\$ 427,861		\$ 368,926

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL FUND

# Schedule of Expenditures - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2015 With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Supporting Services - Continued Other support	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)	2014 <u>Actual</u>
Salaries Benefits		\$ 25,355 10,404		\$ 8,091 2,986
Total Other Support		\$ 35,759		\$ 11,077
Total Other Supporting Services	449,334	\$ 463,620	(14,286)	\$ 380,003
Total Supporting Services	\$ 3,894,721	\$ 3,700,052	\$ 194,669	\$ 3,189,176
Community Activities	\$ 39,014	\$ 17,914	\$ 21,100	\$ 21,834
Payment to Other Governments		\$ 29,171	\$ (29,171)	\$ 8,515
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 9,537,443	\$ 9,294,998	\$ 242,445	\$ 8,080,710

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DEBT SERVICE FUNDS Combining Balance Sheet June 30, 2015

		2007 AB Debt tirement	 2009 ZAB Debt etirement
Assets Cash Due from other funds	\$	727,033	\$ 233,333 46,667
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$</u>	727,033	\$ 280,000
Liabilities and Fund Balances Liabilities: Due to other funds	\$	-	\$ -
Fund Balances: Restricted for: Debt service	_	727,033	 280,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$</u>	727,033	\$ 280,000

Re	2009 Debt etirement	Re	2012 Debt etirement	Total
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
\$	38,533	\$	35,444	\$ 1,034,343
	14,284			 60,951
\$	52,817	\$	35,444	\$ 1,095,294
\$	-	\$	14,284	\$ 14,284
	52,817		21,160	 1,081,010
\$	52,817	\$	35,444	\$ 1,095,294

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

# Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	2007 QZAB Debt Retirement			2009 QZAB Debt Retirement	
Revenues:					
Local sources:					
Property taxes	\$	-	\$	-	
Interest		16,539			
Total Revenues	\$	16,539	\$	<u>-</u>	
Expenditures:					
Principal repayment	\$	-	\$	-	
Interest and other costs					
Total Expenditures	\$		\$	<u>-</u>	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$	16,539	\$	<u>-</u>	
Other Financing Sources					
Other Financing Sources: Operating transfers in	\$	82,831	\$	46,667	
Total Other Financing Sources	\$	82,831	\$	46,667	
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$	99,370	\$	46,667	
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		627,663		233,333	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$	727,033	\$	280,000	

Re	2009 Debt etirement	<u>Re</u>	2012 Debt etirement	<u>Total</u>
\$	200,487 34	\$	134,445 59	\$ 334,932 16,632
\$	200,521	\$	134,504	\$ 351,564
\$	170,000 8,500	\$	115,000 56,553	\$ 285,000 65,053
\$	178,500	\$	171,553	\$ 350,053
\$	22,021	\$	(37,049)	\$ 1,511
\$		\$		\$ 129,498
\$		\$	<u>-</u>	\$ 129,498
\$	22,021	\$	(37,049)	\$ 131,009
	30,796		58,209	 950,001
\$	52,817	\$	21,160	\$ 1,081,010

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Schedule of Interest and Principal Payments 2012 School Building and Site Bonds June 30, 2015

Year							
Ended	Interest	I	nterest	Interest		Principal	Total
<u>June 30,</u>	<u>Rate</u>	No	vember 1	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 1</u>		<u>Payment</u>
2016	1.10%	\$	27,623	\$ 27,623	\$	270,000	\$ 325,246
2017	1.25%		26,137	26,137		280,000	332,274
2018	1.55%		24,388	24,387		290,000	338,775
2019	1.70%		22,140	22,140		300,000	344,280
2020	2.00%		19,590	19,590		310,000	349,180
2021	2.20%		16,490	16,490		320,000	352,980
2022	2.40%		12,970	12,970		330,000	355,940
2023	2.60%		9,010	9,010		340,000	358,020
2024	2.70%		4,590	 4,590		340,000	 349,180
		\$	162,938	\$ 162,937	\$	2,780,000	\$ 3,105,875



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October 19, 2015

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

To the Board of Education Eau Claire Public Schools Eau Claire, Michigan

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Eau Claire Public Schools, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Eau Claire Public Schools' basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 19, 2015.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Eau Claire Public Schools' 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 Eau Claire Public Schools' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Eau Claire Public Schools' internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. 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. We did identify deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as 2015-01 and 2015-02 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

# 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 - Continued

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Eau Claire Public Schools' 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*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated October 19, 2015.

#### Eau Claire Public Schools' Response to Findings

Eau Claire Public Schools' response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Eau Claire Public Schools' response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### Purpose of this Report

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

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October 19, 2015

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

To the Board of Education Eau Claire Public Schools Eau Claire, Michigan

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Eau Claire Public Schools' 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 each of Eau Claire Public Schools' major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. Eau Claire Public Schools' major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

#### Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with 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 each of Eau Claire Public Schools' 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 Eau Claire Public Schools' compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Eau Claire Public Schools' compliance.

#### **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, Eau Claire Public Schools' complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015.

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

#### **Other Matters**

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance, which are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2015-01 and 2015-02. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Eau Claire Public Schools' response to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Eau Claire Public Schools' response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

#### Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Eau Claire Public Schools 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 Eau Claire Public Schools' internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with 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 Eau Claire Public Schools' 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.

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# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Federal Grantor Pass Through Grantor Program Title - Grant Number	Federal CFDA <u>Number</u>	Approved Grant Award <u>Amount</u>		Accrued (Deferred) Revenue June 30, 2014	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Passed Through M.D.E.					
Child Nutrition Cluster:					
Summer Food Service Program for Children					
Summer Food Meals - 150900 0915	10.559	\$	7,359	\$	_
Summer Food Meals - 140900 1014	10.559	Ψ	37,781	Ψ	_
Summer Food Meals - 140900 0914	10.559		(6,633)		(6,633)
Summer Food Sponsor Adm 141900 1014	10.559		2,502		(0,000)
Summer Food Sponsor Adm 151900 0915	10.559		775		-
Summer Food Sponsor Adm 141900 0914	10.559		763		763
Total Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	\$	42,547	\$	(5,870)
National School Lunch Program					
Noncash Assistance:		¢.	20.400	Φ	
National School Lunch - Entitlement	10.555	\$	20,180	\$	<del>-</del>
Noncash Assistance Subtotal	10.555	\$	20,180	\$	
Cash Assistance:					
Free and Reduced - 141960	10.555	\$	313,775	\$	10,598
Free and Reduced - 151980	10.555		8,945		-
Free and Reduced - 151960	10.555		301,523		-
Cash Assistance Subtotal	10.555	\$	624,243	\$	10,598
Total National School Lunch Program		\$	644,423	\$	10,598
School Breakfast Program					
Breakfast - 141970	10.553	\$	115,888	\$	5,989
Breakfast - 151970	10.553		116,315		
Total School Breakfast Program	10.553	\$	232,203	\$	5,989
Total Child Nutrition Cluster		\$	919,173	\$	10,717
Total Passed Through M.D.E.		\$	919,173	\$	10,717
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		\$	919,173	\$	10,717

F	(Memo Only) Prior Year Expenditures		Current Year xpenditures	(	Current Year Cash Receipts		Accrued (Deferred) Revenue une 30, 2015	<u>Adjustments</u>
<u>L</u> X	<u>penditures</u>	<u> </u>	<u>xperiultures</u>		Receipts	<u>J</u>	une 30, 2013	Aujustinients
\$	-	\$	7,359	\$	-	\$	7,359	\$ -
	13,892		23,889		23,889		-	-
	(6,633)		2,502		(6,633) 2,502		-	-
	-		775		-		775	-
	763	-		_	763			
\$	8,022	\$	34,525	\$	20,521	\$	8,134	\$ -
\$	<u> </u>	\$	20,180	\$	20,180	\$	<u> </u>	\$ -
\$	_	\$	20,180	\$	20,180	\$	-	\$ -
\$	262,783	\$	50,992	\$	61,590	\$	-	\$ -
	-		8,945 301,523		8,945 301,523		-	-
\$	262,783	\$	361,460	\$	372,058	\$		\$ -
\$	262,783	\$	381,640	\$	392,238	\$		\$ -
\$	97,518	\$	18,370	\$	24,359	\$	-	\$ -
	-		116,315	_	116,315	_		
\$	97,518	\$	134,685	\$	140,674	\$		\$ -
\$	368,323	\$	550,850	\$	553,433	\$	8,134	\$ -
\$	368,323	\$	550,850	\$	553,433	\$	8,134	\$ -
\$	368,323	\$	550,850	\$	553,433	\$	8,134	\$ -

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Federal Grantor Pass Through Grantor Program Title - Grant Number U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Passed Through M.D.E.	Federal CFDA <u>Number</u>	Approved Grant Award <u>Amount</u>	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue June 30, 2014
Title I Part A	04.040	¢ 040.404	¢.
151530 1415	84.010	\$ 842,434	\$ -
141530 1314	84.010	955,214	<u>264,099</u>
Total Title I, Part A	84.010	\$ 1,797,648	\$ 264,099
Title I Part C Summer - 151830 1415	84.011	\$ 530,149	\$ -
Summer - 141830 1314	84.011	515,631	84,908
Regular - 151890 1415	84.011	232,438	-
Regular - 141890 1314	84.011	195,469	13,133
Total Title I, Part C	84.011	\$ 1,473,687	\$ 98,041
Title III English Proficient Students 140580 1314	84.365	\$ 35,776	\$ 24,616
150580 1415	84.365	34,826	<u>-</u>
Total Title III Limited English	84.365	\$ 70,602	\$ 24,616
Title II Part A 140520 1314	84.367	\$ 35,947	\$ 488
150520 1415	84.367	37,854	
Total Title II, Part A	84.367	\$ 73,801	\$ 488
Total Passed Through M.D.E.		\$ 3,415,738	\$ 387,244
Passed Through Berrien RESA Career and Technical Education			
Perkins IV	84.048	\$ 24,893	\$ -
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Total Passed Through Berrien RESA		\$ 24,893	\$ -
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION		\$ 3,440,631	\$ 387,244
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b> Passed Through Berrien RESA			
Medicaid	93.778	\$ 2,810	\$ -
Total Passed Through Berrien RESA		\$ 2,810	\$ -
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERV	/ICES	\$ 2,810	\$ -
TOTAL FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE		\$ 4,362,614	\$ 397,961

(Memo Only) Prior Year Expenditures		Current Year Expenditures		Current Year Cash <u>Receipts</u>		Accrued (Deferred) Revenue June 30, 2015		<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>;</u>
\$	- 685,464	\$	750,179 117,419	\$	540,000 381,518	\$	210,179	\$	- -
\$	685,464	\$	867,598	\$	921,518	\$	210,179	\$	-
\$	- 118,759 - 180,133	\$	111,693 325,137 142,959 562	\$	410,045 100,000 4,516	\$	111,693 - 42,959 9,179	\$	- - -
\$	298,892	\$	580,351	\$	514,561	\$	163,831	\$	- - -
\$	27,119	\$	5,225 23,312	\$	29,841 10,000	\$	- 13,312	\$	-
\$	27,119	\$	28,537	\$	39,841	\$	13,312	\$	<u>-</u>
\$	12,846	\$	5,285 37,629	\$	5,773 30,000	\$	- 7,629	\$	- -
\$	12,846	\$	42,914	\$	35,773	\$	7,629	\$	-
\$	1,024,321	\$	1,519,400	\$	1,511,693	\$	394,951	\$	_
\$	<u>-</u>	\$	24,893	\$	24,893	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	_
\$		\$	24,893	\$	24,893	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	<u>-</u>
\$	1,024,321	\$	1,544,293	\$	1,536,586	\$	394,951	\$	_
\$		\$	2,810	\$	2,810	\$		\$	-
\$		\$	2,810	\$	2,810	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	-
\$		\$	2,810	\$	2,810	\$		\$	-
\$	1,392,644	\$	2,097,953	\$	2,092,829	\$	403,085	\$	<u>-</u>

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards June 30, 2015

- Note 1 The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of Eau Claire Public Schools and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information presented in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations.
- **Note 2** Expenditures in this schedule are in agreement with amounts reported in the financial statements and the financial reports submitted to the Michigan Department of Education.
- Note 3 The amounts reported on the Grant Auditor's Report (CMS) reconcile with this schedule.
- Note 4 The amounts reported on the Recipient Entitlement Balance Report (PAL Report) agree with this Schedule for USDA donated food commodities and are reported in the cash receipts column.

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended June 30, 2015

# Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements	
Type of auditor's report issued:	Unqualified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	YesX_No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	XYesNone reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	YesXNo
Federal Awards	
Internal control over major programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	YesXNo
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	XYes None reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs	Unqualified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of Circular A-133?	YesXNone
Identification of Major Programs	
CFDA Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.010 84.011	Title I, Part A Title I, Part C
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$300,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	XYes No

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

# Section II - Financial Statement Audit Findings

Finding 2015-01 - Segregation of Incompatible Duties (Repeat from prior year)

# **Finding Type:**

Significant deficiency in internal controls over financial reporting

#### Criteria:

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for the safeguarding of the District's assets. In establishing appropriate internal controls, careful consideration must be given to the cost of a particular control and the related benefits to be received. Accordingly, management must make the difficult decision of what degree of risk it is willing to accept given the government's unique circumstances.

#### Condition:

As is the case with many organizations of similar size, the District lacks a sufficient number of accounting personnel in order to ensure a complete segregation of duties within its accounting function. Ideally, no single individual should ever be able to authorize a transaction, record the transaction in the accounting records, and maintain custody of the assets resulting from the transaction. Effectively, proper segregation of duties is intended to prevent an individual from committing an act of fraud or abuse and being able to conceal it. Events of recent years have given rise to heightened awareness of the risks of fraud and abuse, especially in a school district environment, where public accountability is at its highest. The purpose of internal controls is to provide a reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are properly authorized and recorded. Any limitation on the effectiveness of the District's internal controls carries with it a greater risk of fraud and abuse.

#### Cause:

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

#### Effect:

As a result of this condition, the District is exposed to an increased risk that misstatements or misappropriations might occur and not be detected by management on a timely basis.

# Recommendation:

While there are, of course, no easy answers to the challenge of balancing the costs and benefits of internal controls and the segregation of duties, we would nevertheless encourage management to actively seek ways to further strengthen its internal control structure by requiring as much independent review, reconciliation, and approval of accounting functions by qualified members of management as possible.

# View of Responsible Official:

The business manager will continue to work with the finance committee to review and update procedures in order to strengthen internal controls.

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

# Section III - Findings - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

# Finding 2015-02 - Time and Effort Reports

# **Finding Type:**

Significant deficiency - internal control over compliance

# **Federal Program:**

Title I, Part A CFDA #84.010

#### Condition:

During our testing of the District's compliance of Title I expenditures we noted isolated instances where Personnel Activity Reports were missing.

#### Criteria:

An employee who works solely on a single cost objective must furnish a semi-annual certification that he/she has been engaged solely in activities supported by the activities that fall under the Federal program. Also, an employee who works in part on a single cost objective and in part on a Federal program whose administrative funds have not been consolidated or on activities funded from other revenue sources must maintain time and effort distribution records in accordance with OMB Circular A-87, Attachment B, paragraphs 8.h.(4), (5), and (6) documenting the portion of time and effort dedicated to the single cost objective, and each program or other cost objective supported by nonconsolidated Federal funds or other revenue sources.

#### Effect:

No evidence of employee time charged to title accounts was noted for 3 of the 36 Title I, Part A payroll transactions tested.

#### Cause:

The District mandates the use of Personnel Activity Reports. The teachers are required to complete these reports; however, these documents could not be located in 3 instances.

#### Recommendation:

We recommend the District implement procedures to ensure all documents that are required for Federal funding be placed in a secure location.

# View of Responsible Official:

The District has recently hired a new employee who will oversee the Title 1, Part A functions and insure that procedures are in place to maintain compliance with Title 1, Part A requirements.

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

# Section II - Financial Statement Audit Findings

Finding 2014-01 - Segregation of Incompatible Duties (Repeat from prior year)

#### Finding Type:

Significant deficiency in internal controls over financial reporting

#### Criteria:

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for the safeguarding of the District's assets. In establishing appropriate internal controls, careful consideration must be given to the cost of a particular control and the related benefits to be received. Accordingly, management must make the difficult decision of what degree of risk it is willing to accept given the government's unique circumstances.

### Condition:

As is the case with many organizations of similar size, the District lacks a sufficient number of accounting personnel in order to ensure a complete segregation of duties within its accounting function. Ideally, no single individual should ever be able to authorize a transaction, record the transaction in the accounting records, and maintain custody of the assets resulting from the transaction. Effectively, proper segregation of duties is intended to prevent an individual from committing an act of fraud or abuse and being able to conceal it. Events of recent years have given rise to heightened awareness of the risks of fraud and abuse, especially in a school district environment, where public accountability is at its highest. The purpose of internal controls is to provide a reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are properly authorized and recorded. Any limitation on the effectiveness of the District's internal controls carries with it a greater risk of fraud and abuse.

#### Cause:

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

#### Effect:

As a result of this condition, the District is exposed to an increased risk that misstatements or misappropriations might occur and not be detected by management on a timely basis.

#### Recommendation:

While there are, of course, no easy answers to the challenge of balancing the costs and benefits of internal controls and the segregation of duties, we would nevertheless encourage management to actively seek ways to further strengthen its internal control structure by requiring as much independent review, reconciliation, and approval of accounting functions by qualified members of management as possible.

# View of Responsible Official:

The business manager will continue to work with the finance committee to review and update procedures in order to strengthen internal controls.

# EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

# Section II - Financial Statement Audit Findings - Continued

# Finding 2014-02 - Cash Management

# **Finding Type:**

Noncompliance: Significant deficiency in internal controls over compliance.

# **Federal Program:**

Title I, Part A CFDA #84.010; Title I, Part C CFDA #84.011; Title III, CFDA #84.365; Title II, Part A CFDA #84.367

#### Condition:

During our audit we noted that some of the District's reimbursement requests were made using general ledgers that contained duplicate expenditure postings resulting in reimbursement requests in excess of expenditures.

### Criteria:

As per the Michigan School Auditing Manual, cash should be drawn down based on actual expenditures.

### Effect:

Improper drawdowns constitute noncompliance and result in potential disallowance of costs.

### Cause:

Procedures in place did not catch that the posting of the payments of invoices included in accounts payable at year end were not posted against accounts payable, but included in expenditures again for the current year.

#### Recommendation:

The District should ensure that invoices recorded in accounts payable have been posted to accounts payable when paid.

# **View of Responsible Official:**

The District will put procedures in place to ensure paid invoices are properly posted at the time of payment.



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October 19, 2015

# **Communication of Significant Deficiencies**

To the Board of Education Eau Claire Public Schools Eau Claire, Michigan

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Eau Claire Public Schools as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Eau Claire Public Schools' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Eau Claire Public Schools' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Eau Claire Public Schools' internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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. We consider the following deficiencies in internal control to be significant deficiencies:

As mentioned in previous years, the District does not have proper segregation of duties. We continue to encourage management to actively seek ways to further strengthen its internal control structure by requiring as much independent review, reconciliation, and approval of accounting function by qualified members of management as possible.

In addition, we noted other matters involving internal control and its operation that we have reported to management of Eau Claire Public Schools in a separate letter dated October 19, 2015.

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

Sincerely,

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October 19, 2015

To the Board of Education Eau Claire Public Schools Eau Claire, Michigan

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of Eau Claire Public Schools as of June 30, 2015, we have made a review of accounting procedures and internal control. While the primary objective of such a review is to afford us a basis of determining the scope of our audit procedures, it nevertheless presents us with an opportunity to submit, for your consideration, suggestions for changes in procedures which, in our opinion, would strengthen internal control or contribute to the improvement of operating efficiency.

The comments in this letter are based upon observations made in the course of such review, and are in addition to the significant deficiency discussed in a separate letter that is included in the District's annual audit report. The review was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on internal accounting control, and it would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system. The matters discussed herein were considered during our examination of the financial statements.

- 1. Now that the 2009 Debt has been paid in full the District can, with Board approval, transfer the remaining funds in the 2009 Debt Fund to the 2012 Debt Fund and close the 2009 fund.
- 2. During our audit we noted several instances where outstanding checks over one year old remain. The District should follow up on all old outstanding checks to determine if they should be written-off, re-issued or turned over to the State of Michigan Escheats Division. It should be noted that the total of the old outstanding checks doesn't exceed \$675 in any one fund.
- 3. The 2012 Bond issue will require a separate bond audit within 120 days of the District spending 95% of the original bond proceeds. As of June 30, 2015 the District has spent 90.9% of the bond issue. Once an additional 4.1%, or \$126,643, is spent that audit threshold is triggered. Please contact us as soon as possible after these final funds have been spent so we can schedule the bond audit.
- 4. During our audit we noted deposits into activity funds that could be interpreted to have belonged to the District as a whole and not an activity fund. The District should consider adopting a policy in which deposits into the activity fund that could be considered donations to the District be verified and approved by the Superintendent.
- 5. During our audit we noted instances where an employee's time and effort documentation supporting the time spent in Federal programs was missing. Care should be taken to ensure that any employees time charged to a Federal grant is supported by proper documentation.

# Comments Repeated from the Prior Year:

- 1. The District is currently maintaining an activity in the agency fund for interest. The interest should not be maintained within its own account, but should be distributed to the activities proportionately with their account balances at the time the interest was earned.
- 2. The Student Activity Fund has several funds from classes as old as 2005. We recommend that a policy be adopted to remove old funds from the School District after an appropriate lapse of time (for example, class funds must be removed within twelve months after graduation and funds with no activity for two years will be dissolved and the remaining fund balances revert to the Schools' General Fund).

# **Additional Comments and Points of Interest:**

- 1. The books and records were found to be balanced and well organized and supporting documentation was readily available for inspection.
- 2. The District's administration and accounting personnel displayed a high level of dedication and cooperation in performing their duties and assisting us in completing ours.

We appreciate the cooperation and courtesy extended to us by the officials of Eau Claire Public Schools and trust that these comments and recommendations will be received in the spirit of cooperation in which they are offered.

If you have any questions regarding these or any other matters, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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October 19, 2015

# Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit

To the Board of Education Eau Claire Public Schools Eau Claire, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Eau Claire Public Schools for the year ended June 30, 2015. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards and OMB Circular A-133, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 14, 2015. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

# **Significant Audit Findings**

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Eau Claire Public Schools are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2015. We noted no transactions entered into by Eau Claire Public Schools during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

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

Management's estimate of the pension liability is based on information provided by the Michigan Office of Retirement Services. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the pension liability in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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

#### Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

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

# Disagreements with Management

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

# Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 19, 2015.

# Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

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

# Other Audit Findings or Issues

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

# **Other Matters**

We applied certain limited procedures to the General Fund budget to actual comparison schedules and the pension schedules, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were not engaged to report on combining statements, individual fund statements and bond schedules, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. We did not audit or perform other procedures on this other information and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

# **Restriction on Use**

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

Sincerely,

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Certified Public Accountants