



# **CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION MITCHELL COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2020  
(Including Independent Auditor's Reports)**



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of Georgia  
Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia  
Members of the State Board of Education  
and  
Superintendent and Members of the  
City of Pelham Board of Education

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Pelham Board of Education (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

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

#### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the School District as of June 30, 2020, 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 required supplementary information listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### ***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is 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 Title 2 U. S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying supplementary information 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 information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 23, 2021 on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A copy of this report has been filed as a permanent record and made available to the press of the State, as provided for by Official Code of Georgia Annotated section 50-6-24.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg S. Griffin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

March 23, 2021

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## INTRODUCTION

The discussion and analysis of the City of Pelham Board of Education's (School District) financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for 2020 are as follows:

- The total assets and deferred outflows of the School District increased by \$10.68 million which is due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$2.81 million, an increase in accounts receivable of \$3.62 million, and an increase in capital assets of \$2.94 million. The increase in cash and cash equivalents can be primarily attributed to cash remaining on hand at year-end from the sale of general obligation bonds during fiscal year 2020. See Debt Administration for further information. The increase in accounts receivable represents funds due from Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission for capital outlay expenditures incurred for the Pelham Elementary Renovation and Modification project. The significant increase in capital assets is also related to construction in progress for the Elementary project.
- Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources increased for the year by \$6.96 million. The increase is primarily due to an increase in current liabilities of \$1.69 million and long-term liabilities of \$4.02 million. Current liabilities include contracts and retainages payable of \$1.81 million related to the Elementary project. The increase in long-term liabilities is due to the sale of general obligation bonds during fiscal year 2020. See debt service for further information.
- The combination of the increase in total assets and deferred outflows of resources of \$10.68 million and the increase in total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources \$6.96 million yields an increase in net position of \$3.72 million. The increase in net position is primarily in the category of funds restricted for capital projects.
- At June 30, 2020, the School District's general fund reported a balance of \$3.45 million, compared to \$3.50 million in the last fiscal year, a 1.41% decrease. Of this total, \$2.86 million represents unassigned fund balance.

## Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the School District's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.



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### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the School District's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The Statement of Net Position presents information on all the School District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the School District is improving or deteriorating. It is important to note that this statement consolidates the School District's current financial resources (short term) with capital assets and long-term liabilities.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the School District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected taxes, etc.)

### **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been separated for specific activities or objectives. The School District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the School District can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

### **Governmental Funds**

Most of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds focusing on how money flows in and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs.

### **Fiduciary Funds**

The School District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others such as club and class funds and payroll withholding funds. The School District is responsible for ensuring assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom assets belong.

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

### **Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. As of June 30, 2020, School District liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$1.41 million, primarily due to net pension and OPEB liabilities.

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The largest portion of the School District's net position \$18.80 million reflects its investments in capital assets (e.g. buildings, land, land improvements, equipment) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that remain outstanding. The School District uses the capital assets to provide services to our students, faculty, and community; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

The following table details the major categories of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position with a comparison to the prior fiscal year.

**Table 1**  
**Net Position**  
**(In Thousands)**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2020	Fiscal Year 2019
<b>Assets</b>		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 12,839	\$ 6,427
Capital Assets, Net	<u>22,736</u>	<u>19,798</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>35,575</u>	<u>26,225</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>4,809</u>	<u>3,475</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current and Other Liabilities	3,805	2,119
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>32,849</u>	<u>28,831</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>36,654</u>	<u>30,950</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>5,136</u>	<u>3,880</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	18,801	19,202
Restricted	5,332	1,262
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(25,539)</u>	<u>(25,594)</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ (1,406)</u>	<u>\$ (5,130)</u>

An additional portion of the School District's total net position totaling \$5.33 million represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. Comprising the majority of restricted net position is net position accumulated for use in capital outlay projects, representing 84.89% of total restricted net position, with the balance held for ongoing federal programs and debt service.

Unrestricted net position is a deficit of \$25.54 million, due primarily to the recording of net pension and OPEB liabilities.

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**Changes in Net Position From Operating Results**

- Net position increased \$3.72 million from operating results in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 compared to a increase of \$1.46 million in the prior fiscal year.

Key elements of this increase are as follows on the next chart:

**Table 2**  
**Changes in Net Position**  
**(In Thousands)**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2020	Fiscal Year 2019
<b>Revenues</b>		
Program Revenues		
Charges for Services	\$ 210	\$ 289
Operating Grants and Contributions	12,685	12,734
Capital Grants and Contributions	3,924	103
Total Program Revenues	16,819	13,126
General Revenues		
Taxes		
Property Taxes		
For Maintenance and Operations	527	609
Sales Taxes		
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax		
For Capital Projects	535	957
For Debt Services	392	-
Local Option Sales Tax	411	422
Grants and Contributions not		
Restricted to Specific Programs	2,465	1,970
Investment Earnings	92	12
Miscellaneous	607	340
Special Item - Sale of Building	9	-
Total General Revenues and Special Item	5,038	4,310
Total Revenues	21,857	17,436
<b>Program Expenses</b>		
Instruction	10,944	9,442
Support Services		
Pupil Services	879	801
Improvement of Instructional Services	785	719
Educational Media Services	219	219
General Administration	327	334
School Administration	1,250	1,156
Business Administration	337	212
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,244	1,120
Student Transportation Services	450	467
Central Support Services	37	44
Other Support Services	187	158
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Community Services	52	11
Enterprise Operation	8	72
Food Services	1,114	1,135
Interest on Long-Term Debt	300	83
Total Expenses	18,133	15,973
Increase in Net Position	\$ 3,724	\$ 1,463

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**Financial Analysis of the School District's Funds**

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The School District's budget is prepared in accordance with Georgia law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The School District uses site-based budgeting and the budgeting system is designed to tightly control site budgets but provide flexibility for site management.

The most significant budgeted funds is the general fund. As originally adopted, general fund revenues were projected to be \$15.56 million with appropriated expenditures totaling \$18.08 million. The Board appropriated \$2.52 million from unreserved fund balance to cover the shortfall.

As fiscal year 2020 progressed, the final amended general fund budget increased \$0.83 million for revenues, an increase of 5.33% from the original budget for the year. The reason for the amendment was to adjust grants from estimates to actual awarded amounts.

The original budget for fiscal year 2020 included appropriated expenditures of \$18.08 million, an increase of \$0.28 million compared to the 2019 final budget appropriated expenditures. This increase was primarily due to adjusting grant funds from estimates to actual awarded amounts.

**General Fund Operations**

The general fund finished fiscal year 2020 with a fund balance of \$3.45 million, a decrease of \$0.05 million, or 1.43%, from fiscal year 2019.

Actual revenues were above budget projections by \$0.68 million while actual expenditures were \$1.57 million less than budgeted. A significant portion of this is related to the fact that school activity account revenues of \$0.34 million are not included in the budget amounts. Several other important factors led to the actual results for the year.

Following state "austerity reductions" for fifteen consecutive years, the state funding formula was restored in 2019.

Local revenue sources represented 10.83% of total general fund revenues for the year, an increase from 9.81% in the prior year. Local revenues ended the year above budgeted projections because school activity account activity was not included in the budget (\$0.34 million). Local ad valorem property tax collections were up from the prior year. Other local revenues consisted of miscellaneous revenues, interest earned and local grants.

At year end, total expenditures were under budget by \$1.57 million. Expenditures for direct classroom instruction (e.g. teacher salaries and benefits, textbooks, software, classroom supplies, etc.) accounted for 62.24% of total general fund expenditures. A 2.00% local supplement to all employees was continued during fiscal year 2020. Employee benefits saw an increase in fiscal year 2020 for employer share for Teacher's Retirement contribution from 20.90% in 2019 to 21.14% in 2020. Additionally, the School District has learned firsthand the expense of maintaining a bus transportation department that must be dependent upon local funding. In addition, without a transportation agreement with Mitchell County Schools we are unable to count the out of city students as under contract. Therefore, we lose state funding for these students. Non-instructional expenditures were monitored on a needs only basis to reduce actual expenditures to remain within budget expectations.

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The following table details the major components of revenues and expenditures by function for fiscal year 2020 as well as a comparison of changes compared to the previous fiscal year.

**Table 3**  
**General Fund**  
**Revenue and Expenditure Comparison**  
**(In Thousands)**

	Amount	Total	Increase (Decrease) over Fiscal Year 2019
Revenues			
State	\$ 13,183	77.22%	\$ 435
Federal	2,040	11.95%	(2)
Local	1,848	10.83%	240
Total Revenue	<u>17,071</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>673</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Instruction	10,685	62.24%	1118
Support Services			
Pupil Services	632	3.68%	41
Improvement of Instructional Services	885	5.15%	145
Educational Media Services	165	0.96%	(3)
General Administration	325	1.89%	(15)
School Administration	1,217	7.09%	34
Business Administration	230	1.34%	5
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,107	6.45%	32
Student Transportation Services	516	3.01%	0
Central Support Services	37	0.22%	(18)
Other Support Services	187	1.09%	29
Operations of Non-Instructional Services			
Community Services	8	0.30%	(20)
Enterprise Operations	52	0.05%	(3)
Food Services	<u>1,121</u>	<u>6.53%</u>	<u>(3)</u>

### Capital Projects Fund Operations

The capital projects fund is used to account for school construction and the purchase of large capital assets. Expenditures in 2020 totaled \$3.71 million, up from \$0.36 million in the previous fiscal year. Significant projects during fiscal year 2020 include the construction in progress for the Pelham Elementary School Renovations and Modifications and the purchase of a bus.

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### Debt Service Fund Operations

General obligation bonds were sold in fiscal year 2020 to pay for acquiring or constructing capital facilities. Further details regarding capital assets and the sale of bonds can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

The debt service fund is used to accumulate resources for the retirement of long-term debt for general obligations bonds and the energy efficiency lease. Debt service payments totaling \$0.39 million were made during fiscal year 2020. All debt service sinking fund requirements were met at the end of fiscal year 2020.

### Capital Assets and Debt Administration

#### Capital Assets

The School District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2020, totaled \$22.7 million, net of accumulated depreciation. The investment in capital assets includes land, land improvements, buildings, vehicles, and equipment used in providing services to our students and community. The changes to the School District's capital asset accounts came from construction in progress and the current year depreciation expense. The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements provide additional information on the School District's capital assets including a detailed breakdown of the types of capital assets included in the computation of depreciation charges. As of June 30, 2020, 37.3% of the cost basis of depreciable assets had been taken as a depreciation charge since the various assets were placed in service.

A summary of capital assets follows:

**Table 4**  
**Capital Assets**  
**(In Thousands)**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2020	Fiscal Year 2019
Land	\$ 276	\$ 276
Construction in Progress	3,866	323
Building and Improvements	16,800	17,304
Equipment	475	412
Land Improvements	<u>1,319</u>	<u>1,483</u>
Total	\$ <u>22,736</u>	\$ <u>19,798</u>

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## Debt

At June 30, 2020, the Board had \$3.61 million in bonds outstanding with \$0.39 million due within one year. For the energy efficiency lease, \$3.33 million remains outstanding, with \$0.21 million due within one year.

**Table 5**  
**Debt at June 30**  
**(In Thousands)**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
	2020	2019
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 3,610	\$ -
Bond Premiums Unamortized	457	-
Energy Efficiency Lease	<u>3,329</u>	<u>3,527</u>
Total	\$ <u>7,396</u>	\$ <u>3,527</u>

## Debt Administration

During fiscal year 2020, the Board sold general obligations bonds in the amount of \$3.61 million for the purposes of acquiring or constructing capital facilities and equipment. The debt related to the 2019 bond issue combined with repayment of the energy efficiency lease resulted in an outstanding balance of \$7.40 million at June 30, 2020. Additional information regarding the School District's long-term debt can be found in the notes to the basic financial statements.

## Current Issues

The Pelham City School District is a low income, rural city school district in Mitchell County. The area of the city is only 4.1 miles square. The majority of students are economically disadvantaged. The student population is 57% African-American, 34% Caucasian, 6% Hispanic and 3% other. The School District is located in an area where agriculture is the primary industry. Despite limited financial resources, system and school personnel manage to maximize the funds in order to benefit all students. The School District has planned extensively to use its supplemental resources to support class size reduction, recruitment, retention and professional development of highly qualified staff.

The School District, while small, offers students a variety of instructional programs and extra-curricular opportunities. Just within last year, the schools have shown an increase in enrollment, improved writing scores, and improved College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) scores.

Pelham is a Main Street Community with a population in 2012 of 3,869. This is a 6.20% decrease since 2000. There were approximately 45.50% males and 54.50% females making up the population with those being composed of 60.00% black, 36.10% white and 2.80% Hispanic. The median age is 35.4. The estimated median household income in 2011 was \$27,028.00 and the per capita income was \$12,478.00. Georgia's median income in 2011 was \$46,007.00. The percentage of residents living in poverty is 42.20% (12.30% for white residents, 62.20% for black residents and 18.60% for Hispanic or Latino residents). The median house or condo value was \$76,488.00 in Pelham and the state's median was \$147,100.00. The median gross rent was \$609.00. The median real estate property taxes paid for housing units with mortgages in 2011 was \$964.00 and \$683.00 was paid for housing units with no mortgage.

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For residents 25 years and older (2011): 65.20% have completed high school or higher; 12.10% have a Bachelor's degree or higher; 3.70% have a graduate or professional degree; and 18.70% are unemployed.

Pelham compared to Georgia state average: (1) median household income below state average, (2) median house value below state average, (3) black race population percentage above state average, (4) Hispanic race population percentage significantly below state average, (5) median age below state average and institutionalized population percentage above state average.

In spite of limited finances, Pelham thrives as a community. The Pelham Wildlife Festival, held each fall, brings visitors from all over. Bleachers at school ballgames are full, as the community wholeheartedly supports the Pelham Hornets. The Pelham Christmas parade and the Pelham City Schools homecoming parade have crowds of supporters lining the streets. The citizens of Pelham are the City's most valuable assets.

The City of Pelham School District has faced severe financial challenges in recent years but has remained relatively stable and financially sound. The financial challenges have included rising costs in employee benefits, the continued state formula allotment reductions, and a slow decline in student enrollment (FTE).

The School District's current net taxes levied for 2020 tax year is 8.990, which decreased from the previous year. Total ad valorem taxes levied in 2020 were \$0.60 million as compared to \$0.55 million in 2019.

In December 2019, a strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) began to spread worldwide, resulting in a severe impact to the United States economy in March 2020. The spread of COVID-19 has had a negative impact on virtually all businesses and individuals which comprise the tax base of all levels of government.

### **Outlook for the Future**

Pelham City Schools has "A Commitment to Educational Excellence Every Day in Every Way". The forefathers of Pelham knew how important a great education would be in the life of every child. To that end, a city school system was written into the Charter of our special city. As we look to the future, it is vital that the current citizens of the Greater Pelham Community work to not only continue the work of our forefathers but also expand their vision by making Pelham City Schools the System of Choice.

We have and will continue to ask the community members three primary questions. One, what are the things we are currently doing well and need to continue? Two, what are the things we are not doing well and need to stop? And, three, what are the things we are not doing that we need to start doing? Our goal will be to take the data and constructive criticism we receive from our conversation meetings and incorporate it into a roadmap for success. In fiscal year 2020 we are asking "why" we do what we do and how can we do our job better for the school, students and community?

The information we received from the community, administrators, teachers, staff and most importantly our students has culminated in an updated "strategic plan" that, when followed, will lead us to the school system that we envision. The strategic plan is a living document that will be shared with the community and will be updated periodically in order to always keep Pelham City Schools on the right track toward greater success.



CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION – MITCHELL COUNTY  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

The School District enjoys a strong financial position in light of current economic conditions affecting local revenues as well as the effect of state revenue pressures through austerity reductions to the QBE funding formula over the past several years and new programmatic requirements. The state austerity funding was restored in fiscal year 2019.

The Board of Education will continue to be careful in obligating funds for programs and uses that might be needed to cover expenses not funded through state appropriations. As of June 30, 2020, the General Fund reflected a fund balance of \$3.45 million translating to forty-six (46) days of operation based on the fiscal year 2020 budget. At this time, the objective is to maintain a strong financial condition to better address any further cutbacks in State funding that could have an adverse effect on operations and financial reserves. The School District continues to fluctuate in growth but not at the rate experienced in past years. FTE for the upcoming fiscal year (2021) is 1372 on the QBE Allotment Sheet. In 2020, the count was 1,372 at Midterm as compared to 1,362 in 2019 at Midterm. Therefore, we continue to strive for student enrollment to slightly increase in the foreseeable future with positive programs such as Dual Enrollment with Southern Regional Technical College and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) being added to meet the area workforce and needs of the student and community.

The City of Pelham School District recognizes its responsibility to the taxpayers in overseeing the spending of Federal, state and local funds. The School District is striving to maintain sound fiscal management while emphasizing student achievement. Pelham City School District is committed to creating, building and sustaining a culturally and economically sensitive environment that provides equal access to a high standard of educational success for all students.

#### **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Board's finances and to show the Board's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

Ashley Adams  
Director of Business/Finance  
City of Pelham Board of Education  
203 Mathewson Avenue, SW  
Pelham, Georgia, 31779

Alternatively, you may send requests to the following e-mail address: [aadams@pelham-city.k12.ga.us](mailto:aadams@pelham-city.k12.ga.us).

CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION – MITCHELL COUNTY

CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION - MITCHELL COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT "A"

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 7,192,087.34
Receivables, Net	
Taxes	269,333.42
State Government	5,113,357.10
Federal Government	129,869.27
Local	8,000.00
Other	2,050.00
Inventories	24,184.09
Prepaid Items	99,664.08
Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable	4,142,192.00
Capital Assets, Depreciable (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>18,594,294.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>35,575,031.30</u>
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plan	4,007,807.00
Related to OPEB Plan	<u>801,686.00</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>4,809,493.00</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	47,050.32
Salaries and Benefits Payable	1,661,101.45
Interest Payable	97,666.72
Contracts Payable	1,464,860.11
Retainages Payable	340,217.72
Deposits and Unearned Revenues	194,575.74
Net Pension Liability	13,926,226.00
Net OPEB Liability	11,526,981.00
Long-Term Liabilities	
Due Within One Year	663,923.60
Due in More Than One Year	<u>6,731,708.52</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>36,654,311.18</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plan	1,380,352.00
Related to OPEB Plan	<u>3,756,171.00</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>5,136,523.00</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	18,801,123.88
Restricted for	
Continuation of Federal Programs	385,288.89
Debt Service	420,083.33
Capital Projects	4,526,171.40
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(25,538,977.38)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (1,406,309.88)</u>

CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION - MITCHELL COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT "B"

	PROGRAM REVENUES				NET (EXPENSES)
	EXPENSES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
Instruction	\$ 10,943,844.95	\$ 177,393.52	\$ 9,476,199.22	\$ 1,269,190.88	\$ (21,061.33)
Support Services					
Pupil Services	879,094.55	-	135,482.75	1,351,796.25	608,184.45
Improvement of Instructional Services	784,560.08	-	348,215.13	-	(436,344.95)
Educational Media Services	219,115.19	-	195,931.00	307,583.55	284,399.36
General Administration	326,405.36	-	558,708.60	-	232,303.24
School Administration	1,250,384.49	-	494,173.50	98,747.59	(657,463.40)
Business Administration	337,215.19	-	2,875.88	-	(334,339.31)
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,244,369.36	18,180.00	425,662.69	720,487.00	(80,039.67)
Student Transportation Services	449,844.89	-	41,653.68	77,220.00	(330,971.21)
Central Support Services	37,391.50	-	-	-	(37,391.50)
Other Support Services	186,526.38	-	22,530.62	-	(163,995.76)
Operations of Non-Instructional Services					
Enterprise Operations	52,346.68	-	-	-	(52,346.68)
Community Services	7,873.32	-	18.61	-	(7,854.71)
Food Services	1,114,384.99	14,316.85	983,432.50	98,642.89	(17,992.75)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	299,699.00	-	-	-	(299,699.00)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 18,133,055.93	\$ 209,890.37	\$ 12,684,884.18	\$ 3,923,668.16	(1,314,613.22)
General Revenues					
Taxes					
Property Taxes					
For Maintenance and Operations					527,132.15
Sales Taxes					
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax					
For Debt Services					392,564.82
For Capital Projects					534,672.33
Local Option Sales Tax					410,664.86
Grants and Contributions not Restricted to Specific Programs					2,464,734.00
Investment Earnings					92,041.55
Miscellaneous					607,259.58
Special Item					
Sale of Building					9,311.00
Total General Revenues and Special Item					5,038,380.29
Change in Net Position					3,723,767.07
Net Position - Beginning of Year					(5,130,076.95)
Net Position - End of Year					\$ (1,406,309.88)

## CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION - MITCHELL COUNTY

EXHIBIT "C"

BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2020

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,776,335.00	\$ 3,415,752.34	\$ -	\$ 7,192,087.34
Receivables, Net				
Taxes	121,837.57	147,495.85	-	269,333.42
State Government	1,266,908.95	3,846,448.15	-	5,113,357.10
Federal Government	129,869.27	-	-	129,869.27
Local	8,000.00	-	-	8,000.00
Other	2,050.00	-	-	2,050.00
Due from Other Funds	-	14,658.20	-	14,658.20
Inventories	24,184.09	-	-	24,184.09
Prepaid Items	99,664.08	-	-	99,664.08
Total Assets	\$ 5,428,848.96	\$ 7,424,354.54	\$ -	\$ 12,853,203.50
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 47,050.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,050.32
Salaries and Benefits Payable	1,661,101.45	-	-	1,661,101.45
Due to Other Funds	14,658.20	-	-	14,658.20
Contracts Payable	-	1,464,860.11	-	1,464,860.11
Retainages Payable	-	340,217.72	-	340,217.72
Deposits and Unearned Revenue	194,575.74	-	-	194,575.74
Total Liabilities	1,917,385.71	1,805,077.83	-	3,722,463.54
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>				
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	34,238.97	-	-	34,238.97
Unavailable Revenue - Sales Taxes	30,357.63	68,419.96	-	98,777.59
Unavailable Revenue - State Grants	-	2,506,046.77	-	2,506,046.77
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	64,596.60	2,574,466.73	-	2,639,063.33
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>				
Nonspendable	123,848.17	-	-	123,848.17
Restricted	361,104.80	3,018,784.61	-	3,379,889.41
Assigned	105,185.89	26,025.37	-	131,211.26
Unassigned	2,856,727.79	-	-	2,856,727.79
Total Fund Balances	3,446,866.65	3,044,809.98	-	6,491,676.63
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$ 5,428,848.96	\$ 7,424,354.54	\$ -	\$ 12,853,203.50

CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION - MITCHELL COUNTY  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT "D"

Total fund balances - governmental funds (Exhibit "C")	\$	6,491,676.63
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

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

Land	\$	276,184.00	
Construction in progress		3,866,008.00	
Buildings and improvements		25,118,948.00	
Equipment		1,233,216.00	
Land improvements		3,302,976.00	
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(11,060,846.00)</u>	22,736,486.00

Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Net pension liability	\$	(13,926,226.00)	
Net OPEB liability		<u>(11,526,981.00)</u>	(25,453,207.00)

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions/OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Related to pensions	\$	2,627,455.00	
Related to OPEB		<u>(2,954,485.00)</u>	(327,030.00)

Taxes that are not available to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in the funds.		133,016.56
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Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission grants that are not available to pay current period expenditures are deferred in the funds.		2,506,046.77
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Long-term liabilities, and related accrued interest, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Bonds payable	\$	(3,610,000.00)	
Accrued interest payable		(97,666.72)	
Capital leases payable		(3,328,406.90)	
Unamortized bond premiums		<u>(457,225.22)</u>	(7,493,298.84)

Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "A")	\$	<u><u>(1,406,309.88)</u></u>
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CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION - MITCHELL COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT "E"

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Property Taxes	\$ 598,265.58	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 598,265.58
Sales Taxes	380,307.23	466,252.37	392,564.82	1,239,124.42
State Funds	13,183,138.85	1,340,401.38	-	14,523,540.23
Federal Funds	2,040,220.70	-	-	2,040,220.70
Charges for Services	206,890.37	3,000.00	-	209,890.37
Investment Earnings	55,117.26	36,924.29	-	92,041.55
Miscellaneous	607,259.58	-	-	607,259.58
Total Revenues	17,071,199.57	1,846,578.04	392,564.82	19,310,342.43
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction	10,685,369.85	-	-	10,685,369.85
Support Services				
Pupil Services	632,112.07	-	-	632,112.07
Improvement of Instructional Services	884,720.53	-	-	884,720.53
Educational Media Services	164,468.46	-	-	164,468.46
General Administration	324,688.39	-	-	324,688.39
School Administration	1,216,587.04	-	-	1,216,587.04
Business Administration	230,027.72	5.00	-	230,032.72
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,107,368.89	6,729.00	-	1,114,097.89
Student Transportation Services	516,322.24	-	-	516,322.24
Central Support Services	37,391.50	-	-	37,391.50
Other Support Services	186,526.38	-	-	186,526.38
Enterprise Operations	52,346.68	-	-	52,346.68
Community Services	7,873.32	-	-	7,873.32
Food Services Operation	1,120,920.68	-	-	1,120,920.68
Capital Outlay	-	3,595,666.96	-	3,595,666.96
Debt Service				
Principal	-	-	198,643.57	198,643.57
Bond Issuance Costs	-	104,746.84	-	104,746.84
Interest	-	-	193,921.25	193,921.25
Total Expenditures	17,166,723.75	3,707,147.80	392,564.82	21,266,436.37
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	(95,524.18)	(1,860,569.76)	-	(1,956,093.94)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Proceeds of Bonds	-	3,610,000.00	-	3,610,000.00
Premiums on Bonds Sold	-	505,074.35	-	505,074.35
Transfers In	-	43,782.93	-	43,782.93
Transfers Out	(43,782.93)	-	-	(43,782.93)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(43,782.93)	4,158,857.28	-	4,115,074.35
<u>SPECIAL ITEM</u>				
Sale of Building	90,000.00	-	-	90,000.00
Net Change in Fund Balances	(49,307.11)	2,298,287.52	-	2,248,980.41
Fund Balances - Beginning	3,496,173.76	746,522.46	-	4,242,696.22
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 3,446,866.65	\$ 3,044,809.98	\$ -	\$ 6,491,676.63

CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION - MITCHELL COUNTY  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT "F"

Net change in fund balances total governmental funds (Exhibit "E") \$ 2,248,980.41

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

Capital outlay	\$ 3,655,092.00	
Depreciation expense	<u>(635,591.00)</u>	3,019,501.00

The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, donations, and disposals) is to decrease net position. (80,689.00)

Taxes reported in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. 27,644.16

Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission grants reported in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. 2,506,046.77

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and the acquisition cost of refunded debt when debt is first issued. These amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.

General obligation bonds issued, including a premium of \$505,074.35	\$ (4,115,074.35)	
Amortization of bond premium	47,849.13	
Capital lease payments	<u>198,643.57</u>	(3,868,581.65)

District pension contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds when made. However, they are reported as deferred outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position because the reported net pension/OPEB liability is measured a year before the District's report date. Pension/OPEB expense, which is the change in the net pension/OPEB liability adjusted for changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions/OPEB, is reported in the Statement of Activities.

Pension expense	\$ (278,313.00)	
OPEB expense	<u>207,107.00</u>	(71,206.00)

Some items reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Net increase in accrued interest		<u>(57,928.62)</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "B") \$ 3,723,767.07



CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION - MITCHELL COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT "G"

	PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUSTS	AGENCY FUNDS
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<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,168.84	\$ 89,001.68
Investments	20,000.00	-
Receivables, Net		
Interest and Dividends	<hr/> 192.45	<hr/> -
Total Assets	\$ <u>23,361.29</u>	\$ <u>89,001.68</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Fund Held for Others		\$ <u>89,001.68</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>		
Restricted		
Held in Trust for Private Purposes	\$ <u>23,361.29</u>	

CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION - MITCHELL COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT "H"

	PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUSTS
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<u>ADDITIONS</u>	
Contributions	
Donors	\$ 500.00
Investment Earnings	
Interest	<hr/> 202.56
Total Additions	702.56
Net Position - Beginning	<hr/> 22,658.73
Net Position - Ending	\$ <hr/> 23,361.29

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## **NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY**

### **REPORTING ENTITY**

The City of Pelham Board of Education – Mitchell County (School District) was established under the laws of the State of Georgia and operates under the guidance of a board elected by the voters and a Superintendent appointed by the Board. The School District is organized as a separate legal entity and has the power to levy taxes and issue bonds. Its budget is not subject to approval by any other entity. Accordingly, the School District is a primary government and consists of all the organizations that compose its legal entity.

## **NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying financial statements of the School District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The most significant of the School District's accounting policies are described below.

### **BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The School District's basic financial statements are collectively comprised of the government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements. The government-wide statements focus on the School District as a whole, while the fund financial statements focus on major funds. Each presentation provides valuable information that can be analyzed and compared between years and between governments to enhance the information's usefulness.

### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS:**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the financial activities of the overall School District, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The Statement of Net Position presents the School District's non-fiduciary assets, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Net position is reported in three categories as follows:

1. **Net investment in capital assets** consists of the School District's total investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included as a component of net investment in capital assets.
2. **Restricted net position** consists of resources for which the School District is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. **Unrestricted net position** consists of resources not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net position often has constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the School District's governmental activities.

Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses (expenses of the School District related to the administration and support of the School District's programs, such as office and maintenance personnel and accounting) are not allocated to programs.

Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

#### **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

The fund financial statements provide information about the School District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Separate financial statements are presented for governmental and fiduciary funds. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

- The general fund is the School District's primary operating fund. It accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.
- The capital projects fund accounts for and reports financial resources including Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), bond proceeds and grants from Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission that are restricted, committed or assigned for capital outlay expenditures, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.
- The debt service fund accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned including taxes (sales) legally restricted for the payment of general long-term principal and interest.

The School District reports the following fiduciary fund types:

- Private purpose trust funds are used to report all trust arrangements, other than those properly reported elsewhere, in which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations or other governments.
- Agency funds are used to report resources held by the School District in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

#### **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

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

The School District uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The School District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if they are collected within sixty days after year-end. The School District considers all intergovernmental revenues to be available if they are collected within 120 days after year-end. Property taxes, sales taxes and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term liabilities are reported as other financing sources.

The School District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program costs are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available to finance the program. It is the School District's policy to first apply grant resources to such programs, followed by cost-reimbursement grants, then general revenues.

#### NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In fiscal year 2020, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*. The primary objective of this statement is to provide temporary relief to governments and other stakeholders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. That objective is accomplished by postponing the effective dates of certain provisions in statements and Implementation Guides that first became effective or are scheduled to become effective for period beginning after June 15, 2018, and later.

#### CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits, investments in the State of Georgia local government investment pool (Georgia Fund 1) and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition in authorized financial institutions. Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) §45-8-14 authorizes the School District to deposit its funds in one or more solvent banks, insured Federal savings and loan associations or insured chartered building and loan associations.

#### INVESTMENTS

The School District can invest its funds as permitted by O.C.G.A. §36-83-4. In selecting among options for investment or among institutional bids for deposits, the highest rate of return shall be the objective, given equivalent conditions of safety and liquidity.

Investments made by the School District in nonparticipating interest-earning contracts (such as certificates of deposit) and repurchase agreements are reported at cost. Participating interest-earning contracts and money market investments with a maturity at purchase of one year or less are reported at amortized cost. All other investments are reported at fair value.

For accounting purposes, certificates of deposit are classified as investments if they have an original maturity greater than three months when acquired.

#### RECEIVABLES

Receivables consist of amounts due from property and sales taxes, grant reimbursements due on Federal, State or other grants for expenditures made but not reimbursed and other receivables disclosed from information available. Receivables are recorded when either the asset or revenue recognition criteria has been met. Receivables recorded on the basic financial statements do not include any amounts which would necessitate the need for an allowance for uncollectible receivables.

Due to other funds and due from other funds consist of activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year.

## INVENTORIES

### Food Inventories

On the basic financial statements, inventories of donated food commodities used in the preparation of meals are reported at their Federally assigned value and purchased foods inventories are reported at cost (calculated on the first-in, first-out basis). The School District uses the consumption method to account for inventories whereby donated food commodities are recorded as an asset and as revenue when received, and expenses/expenditures are recorded as the inventory items are used. Purchased foods are recorded as an asset when purchased and expenses/expenditures are recorded as the inventory items are used.

## PREPAID ITEMS

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit future accounting periods are recorded as prepaid items, in both the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements.

## CAPITAL ASSETS

On the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are recorded at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are recorded at the acquisition value on the date donated. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend the useful lives of the assets is not capitalized. The School District does not capitalize book collections or works of art.

Capital acquisition and construction are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund financial statements at the time of purchase (including ancillary charges), and the related assets are reported as capital assets in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line for all assets, except land, and is used to allocate the actual or estimated historical cost of capital assets over estimated useful lives.

Capitalization thresholds and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the government-wide statements are as follows:

	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Land	All	N/A
Land Improvements	\$ 75,000.00	20 to 80 years
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 75,000.00	10 to 80 years
Equipment	\$ 75,000.00	3 to 20 years
Intangible Assets	\$ 100,000.00	5 to 10 years

## DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of resources that applies to a future period(s) and therefore will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of resources that applies to a future period(s) and therefore will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

## LONG-TERM LIABILITIES AND BOND DISCOUNTS/PREMIUMS

In the School District's government-wide financial statements, outstanding debt is reported as liabilities. Bond premiums and discounts and the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying value of refunded debt are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. To conform to generally accepted accounting principles, bond premiums and discounts should be amortized using the effective interest method. The effect of this deviation is deemed to be immaterial to the fair presentation of the basic financial statements. Bond issuance costs are recognized as an outflow of resources in the fiscal year in which the bonds are issued.

In the governmental fund financial statements, the School District recognizes the proceeds of debt and premiums as other financing sources of the current period. Bond issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

## PENSIONS

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

## POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

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

## FUND BALANCES

Fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

The School District's fund balances are classified as follows:

**Nonspendable** consists of resources that cannot be spent either because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted** consists of resources that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant constraints either (1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed** consists of resources that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board. The Board is the School District's highest level of decision-making authority, and the formal action that is required to be taken to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment is a resolution approved by the Board. Committed fund balance also should incorporate contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

**Assigned** consists of resources constrained by the School District's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The intent should be expressed by (1) the Board or (2) the budget or finance committee, or the Superintendent, or designee, to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.



**Unassigned** consists of resources within the general fund not meeting the definition of any aforementioned category. The general fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, to may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

#### USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### PROPERTY TAXES

The Mitchell County Board of Commissioners adopted the property tax levy for the 2019 tax digest year (calendar year) on October 3, 2019 (levy date) based on property values as of January 1, 2019. Taxes were due on December 20, 2019 (lien date). Taxes collected within the current fiscal year or within 60 days after year-end on the 2019 tax digest are reported as revenue in the governmental funds for fiscal year 2020. The Mitchell County Tax Commissioner bills and collects the property taxes for the School District and remits the balance of taxes collected to the School District. Property tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, for maintenance and operations amounted to \$472,821.67.

The tax millage rate levied for the 2019 tax year (calendar year) for the School District was as follows (a mill equals \$1 per thousand dollars of assessed value):

School Operations	<u>9.974</u> mills
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Additionally, Title Ad Valorem Tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, amounted to \$125,443.91 during fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

#### SALES TAXES

Local Option Sales Tax revenue, at the fund reporting level, during the fiscal year amounted to \$380,307.23 and was recorded in the general fund. Local Option Sales Tax is to be used for the maintenance and operation of the School District.

Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), at the fund reporting level, during the year amounted to \$858,817.19 and is to be used for capital outlay for educational purposes or debt service. This sales tax was authorized by local referendum and the sales tax must be re-authorized at least every five years.

#### NOTE 3: BUDGETARY DATA

The budget is a complete financial plan for the School District's fiscal year and is based upon careful estimates of expenditures together with probable funding sources. The budget is legally adopted each year for the general, debt service, and capital projects funds. There is no statutory prohibition regarding over expenditure of the budget at any level. The budget for all governmental funds , except the various school activity (principal) accounts, is prepared and adopted by fund, function and object. The legal level of budgetary control was established by the Board at the aggregate fund level. The budget for the general fund was prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary process begins with the School District's administration presenting an initial budget for the Board's review. The administration makes revisions as necessary based on the Board's guidelines, and a tentative budget is approved. After approval of this tentative budget by the Board, such budget is advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality, as well as the School District's website. At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board after advertisement, the Board receives comments on the tentative budget, makes revisions as necessary and adopts a final budget.

The approved budget is then submitted, in accordance with provisions of O.C.G.A. §20-2-167(c), to the Georgia Department of Education. The Board may increase or decrease the budget at any time during the year. All unexpended budget authority lapses at fiscal year-end.

The Superintendent is authorized by the Board to approve adjustments of no more than 5% of the amount budgeted for expenditures in any budget function for any fund. The Superintendent shall report any such adjustments to the Board. If expenditure of funds in any budget function for any fund is anticipated to be more than 5% of the budgeted amount, the Superintendent shall request Board approval for the budget amendment. Under no circumstance is the Superintendent or other staff person authorized to spend funds that exceed the total budget without approval by the Board.

See the General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget to Actual in the Supplementary Information Section for a detail of any over/under expenditures during the fiscal year under review.

#### **NOTE 4: DEPOSITS**

##### **COLLATERALIZATION OF DEPOSITS**

O.C.G.A. § 45-8-12 provides that there shall not be on deposit at any time in any depository for a time longer than ten days a sum of money which has not been secured by surety bond, by guarantee of insurance, or by collateral. The aggregate of the face value of such surety bond and the market value of securities pledged shall be equal to not less than 110% of the public funds being secured after the deduction of the amount of deposit insurance. If a depository elects the pooled method (O.C.G.A. § 45-8-13.1) the aggregate of the market value of the securities pledged to secure a pool of public funds shall be not less than 110% of the daily pool balance.

Acceptable security for deposits consists of any one of or any combination of the following:

- (1) Surety bond signed by a surety company duly qualified and authorized to transact business within the State of Georgia,
- (2) Insurance on accounts provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,
- (3) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness or other direct obligations of the United States or of the State of Georgia,
- (4) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness or other obligations of the counties or municipalities of the State of Georgia,
- (5) Bonds of any public authority created by the laws of the State of Georgia, providing that the statute that created the authority authorized the use of the bonds for this purpose,
- (6) Industrial revenue bonds and bonds of development authorities created by the laws of the State of Georgia, and
- (7) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness, or other obligations of a subsidiary corporation of the United States government, which are fully guaranteed by the United States government both as to principal and interest or debt obligations issued by or securities guaranteed by the Federal Land Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the Central Bank for Cooperatives, the Farm Credit Banks, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association, and the Federal National Mortgage Association.

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### CATEGORIZATION OF 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. At June 30, 2020, the School District had deposits with a carrying amount of \$7,304,157.86 and a bank balance of \$8,113,011.23. The bank balances insured by Federal depository insurance were \$750,354.40 and the bank balances collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the School District's name were \$7,362,656.83.

Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents balances to carrying value of deposits:

Cash and cash equivalents	
Statement of Net Position	\$ 7,192,087.34
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position	<u>92,170.52</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	7,284,257.86
Add:	
Deposits with original maturity of three months or more reported as investments	20,000.00
Less:	
Cash on hand	<u>100.00</u>
Total carrying value of deposits - June 30, 2020	<u>\$ 7,304,157.86</u>

### NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in the capital assets for governmental activities during the fiscal year:

	Balances July 1, 2019	Increases	Decreases	Balances June 30, 2020
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 276,184.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 276,184.00
Construction in Progress	<u>322,895.00</u>	<u>3,543,113.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,866,008.00</u>
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>599,079.00</u>	<u>3,543,113.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,142,192.00</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Buildings and Improvements	25,231,544.00	-	112,596.00	25,118,948.00
Equipment	1,121,237.00	111,979.00	-	1,233,216.00
Land Improvements	3,302,976.00	-	-	3,302,976.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Improvements	7,928,758.00	422,013.00	31,907.00	8,318,864.00
Equipment	708,865.00	48,746.00	-	757,611.00
Land Improvements	<u>1,819,539.00</u>	<u>164,832.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,984,371.00</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	<u>19,198,595.00</u>	<u>(523,612.00)</u>	<u>80,689.00</u>	<u>18,594,294.00</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets - Net	<u>\$ 19,797,674.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,019,501.00</u>	<u>\$ 80,689.00</u>	<u>\$ 22,736,486.00</u>

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Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:

Instruction		\$ 218,189.00
Support Services		
Pupil Services	\$ 232,392.00	
Educational Media Services	52,876.00	
School Administration	16,975.00	
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	49,438.00	
Student Transportation Services	48,746.00	400,427.00
Food Services		16,975.00
		<u>\$ 635,591.00</u>

**NOTE 6: INTERFUND ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND TRANSFERS**

**INTERFUND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

Due to and due from other funds are recorded for interfund receivables and payables which arise from interfund transactions. Interfund balances at June 30, 2020, consisted of the following:

	<u>Due From Other Funds</u>	<u>Due To Other Funds</u>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 14,658.20
Capital Projects Fund	<u>14,658.20</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 14,658.20</u>	<u>\$ 14,658.20</u>

The Pelham High School activity account reported in the general fund is reimbursing the capital projects fund for a scoreboard. The payment plan extends over the next few years until the balance is paid in full.

**INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2020, consisted of the following:

	<u>Transfers From General Fund</u>
Transfers to	
Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ 43,782.93</u>

Transfers are used to move property tax revenues collected by the general fund to capital projects fund as a supplemental funding source for capital construction projects.

**NOTE 7: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The changes in long-term liabilities during the fiscal year for governmental activities were as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
	<u>Balance July 1, 2019</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2020</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
General Obligation (G.O.) Bonds	\$ -	3,610,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,610,000.00	\$ 390,000.00
Unamortized Bond Premiums	-	505,074.35	47,849.13	457,225.22	63,798.87
Energy Efficiency Lease	<u>3,527,050.47</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>198,643.57</u>	<u>3,328,406.90</u>	<u>210,124.73</u>
	<u>\$ 3,527,050.47</u>	<u>\$ 4,115,074.35</u>	<u>\$ 246,492.70</u>	<u>\$ 7,395,632.12</u>	<u>\$ 663,923.60</u>

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### GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT OUTSTANDING

The School District's bonded debt consists of an issue of general obligation bonds that is generally noncallable with interest payable semiannually. Bond proceeds primarily pay for acquiring or constructing capital facilities. The School District repays general obligation bonds from voter-approved sales taxes.

The School District had no unused line of credit or outstanding notes from direct borrowings and direct placements related to governmental activities as of June 30, 2020. In the event the entity is unable to make the principal and interest payments using proceeds from the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (EPLOST), the debt will be satisfied from a direct annual ad valorem tax levied upon all taxable property within the School District. Additional security is provided by the State of Georgia Intercept Program which allows for state appropriations entitled to the School District to be transferred to the Debt Service Account Custodian for the payment of debt. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the School District.

During the current year, the School District issued general obligation bonds totaling \$3,610,000.00 as supplemental funding for capital outlay projects.

Of the total amount originally authorized, \$1,530,000.00 remains unissued. General obligation bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
General Government - Series 2019	5.00%	10/2/2019	9/1/2027	\$ 3,610,000.00	\$ 3,610,000.00

The following schedule details debt service requirements to maturity for the School District's total general obligation bonds payable:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	General Obligation Debt		Unamortized Bond
	Principal	Interest	Premium
2021	\$ 390,000.00	\$ 170,750.00	\$ 63,798.87
2022	410,000.00	150,750.00	63,798.87
2023	425,000.00	129,875.00	63,798.87
2024	440,000.00	108,250.00	63,798.87
2025	460,000.00	85,750.00	63,798.87
2026 - 2028	1,485,000.00	113,375.00	138,230.87
Total Principal and Interest	\$ 3,610,000.00	\$ 758,750.00	\$ 457,225.22

### OBLIGATIONS UNDER FINANCED PURCHASES

An energy efficiency lease agreement dated May 20, 2016, was executed by and between the School District, the lessee, and First Security Finance, Inc., the lessor. The agreement authorized the borrowing of \$3,853,917.04 for the purchase of energy efficiency equipment, machinery, supplies, building modifications and other energy saving items. Payments of the lease shall be made from the School District's capital projects fund.

The School District's outstanding obligations from an energy efficiency lease agreement related to governmental activities of \$3,328,406.90 contain a provision that in an event of default, the lessor has the option of declaring outstanding amounts immediately due and payable or they make take possession of project, equipment, machinery or supplies.

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The following assets were acquired through the energy efficiency lease and are reflected in the capital asset note at fiscal year-end:

	Governmental Activities
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 548,244.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>13,706.10</u>
	<u>\$ 534,537.90</u>

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Purpose	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
ABM Energy Efficiency Lease	3.38%	5/20/2016	3/1/2032	\$ <u>3,853,917.04</u>	\$ <u>3,328,406.90</u>

The following is a schedule of total finance purchase payments:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	Principal	Interest
2021	\$ 210,124.73	\$ 112,500.15
2022	222,135.94	105,397.94
2023	234,701.14	97,889.74
2024	247,842.04	89,956.84
2025	261,584.10	81,579.78
2026 - 2030	1,536,861.29	265,228.12
2031 - 2032	<u>615,157.66</u>	<u>29,480.45</u>
Total Principal and Interest	\$ <u>3,328,406.90</u>	\$ <u>782,033.02</u>

## **NOTE 8: RISK MANAGEMENT**

### **INSURANCE**

#### **Commercial Insurance**

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors or omissions; job related illness or injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Except as describe below, the School District carries commercial insurance for these risks. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceed commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

#### **Georgia School Boards Association Risk Management Fund**

The School District participates in the Georgia School Boards Association Risk Management Fund (the Fund), a public entity risk pool organized on August 1, 1994, to develop and administer a plan to reduce risk of loss on account of general liability, motor vehicle liability, errors and omissions liability, cyber risk and property damage, including safety engineering and other loss prevention and control techniques, and to administer the Fund including the processing and defense of claims brought against members of the Fund. The School District pays an annual contribution to the Fund for coverage. Reinsurance is provided to the Fund through agreements by the Fund with insurance companies according to their specialty for property (including coverage for flood and earthquake), machinery breakdown, general liability, errors and omissions, crime, cyber risk and automobile risks. Reinsurance limits and retentions vary by line of coverage.

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION

### Georgia Education Workers' Compensation Trust

The School District participates in the Georgia Education Workers' Compensation Trust (the Trust), a public entity risk pool organized on December 1, 1991, to develop, implement and administer a program of workers' compensation self-insurance for its member organizations. The School District pays an annual premium to the Trust for its general workers' compensation insurance coverage. Specific excess of loss insurance coverage is provided through an agreement by the Trust with the Safety National Casualty Company to provide coverage for potential losses sustained by the Trust in excess of \$1.0 million loss per occurrence, up to the statutory limit. Employers' Liability insurance coverage is also provided with limits of \$2.0 million. The Trust covers the first \$1.0 million of each Employers Liability claim with Safety National providing additional Employers Liability limits up to a \$2.0 million per occurrence maximum. Safety National Casualty Company also provides \$2.0 million in aggregate coverage to the Trust, attaching at 107% of the loss fund and based on the Fund's annual normal premium.

## UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

The School District is self-insured with regard to unemployment compensation claims. The School District accounts for claims within the general fund with expenses/expenditures and liability being reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. There have been no unemployment compensation claims during the last two fiscal years.

## SURETY BOND

The School District purchased a surety bond to provide additional insurance coverage as follows:

<u>Position Covered</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Superintendent	\$ <u>100,000.00</u>

### NOTE 9: FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

The School District's financial statements include the following amounts presented in the aggregate at June 30, 2020:

Nonspendable		
Inventories	\$ 24,184.09	
Prepaid Assets	<u>99,664.08</u>	\$ 123,848.17
Restricted		
Continuation of Federal Programs	\$ 361,104.80	
Capital Projects	2,538,534.61	
Debt Service	<u>480,250.00</u>	3,379,889.41
Assigned		
Local Capital Outlay Projects	\$ 26,025.37	
School Activity Accounts	<u>105,185.89</u>	131,211.26
Unassigned		<u>2,856,727.79</u>
 Fund Balance, June 30, 2020		 \$ <u>6,491,676.63</u>

When multiple categories of fund balance are available for expenditure, the School District will start with the most restricted category and spend those funds first before moving down to the next category with available funds.

It is the goal of the School District to achieve and maintain a committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the general fund at fiscal year-end of not less than 5% of total local revenues, not to



exceed 15% of the total budget of the subsequent fiscal year. If the unassigned fund balance at fiscal year-end falls below the goal, the School District shall develop a restoration plan to achieve and maintain the minimum fund balance.

**NOTE 10: SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS**

**COMMITMENTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

The following is an analysis of significant outstanding construction or renovation contracts executed by the School District as of June 30, 2020, together with funding available:

Project	Unearned Executed Contracts (1)	Payments through June 30, 2020 (2)	Funding Available From State (1)
19LW-784-001 Pelham Elementary	\$ 5,253,595.67	\$ 3,866,008.10	\$ 190,838.85

(1) The amounts described are not reflected in the basic financial statements.

(2) Payments include contracts and retainages payable at year-end.

**OPERATING LEASES**

The School District leases technology equipment under the provisions of one or more long-term lease agreements classified as operating leases for accounting purposes. Rental expenditures under the terms of the operating leases totaled \$38,014.80 for governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2020. The following future minimum lease payments were required under operating leases at June 30, 2020:

Year Ending	Governmental Funds
2021	\$ 37,854.66
2022	37,053.96
2023	30,878.30
Total	\$ 105,786.92

**NOTE 11: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

**FEDERAL GRANTS**

Amounts received or receivable principally from the Federal government are subject to audit and review by grantor agencies. This could result in requests for reimbursement to the grantor agency for any costs which are disallowed under grant terms. Any disallowances resulting from the grantor audit may become a liability of the School District. However, the School District believes that such disallowances, if any, will be immaterial to its overall financial position.

**NOTE 12: OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

**GEORGIA SCHOOL PERSONNEL POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH BENEFIT FUND**

**Plan Description:** Certified teachers and non-certified public school employees of the School District as defined in §20-2-875 of the *Official Code of Georgia Annotated* (O.C.G.A.) are provided OPEB through the School OPEB Fund - a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan, reported as an employee trust fund and administered by a Board of Community Health (Board). Title 20 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms of the group health plan to the Board.



**Benefits Provided:** The School OPEB Fund provides healthcare benefits for retirees and their dependents due under the group health plan for public school teachers, including librarians, other certified employees of public schools, regional educational service agencies and non-certified public school employees. Retiree medical eligibility is attained when an employee retires and is immediately eligible to draw a retirement annuity from Employees' Retirement System (ERS), Georgia Judicial Retirement System (JRS), Legislative Retirement System (LRS), Teachers Retirement System (TRS) or Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS). If elected, dependent coverage starts on the same day as retiree coverage. Medicare-eligible retirees are offered Standard and Premium Medicare Advantage plan options. Non-Medicare eligible retiree plan options include Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA), Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). The School OPEB Fund also pays for administrative expenses of the fund. By law, no other use of the assets of the School OPEB Fund is permitted.

**Contributions:** As established by the Board, the School OPEB Fund is substantially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis; that is, annual cost of providing benefits will be financed in the same year as claims occur. Contributions to the School OPEB Fund from the School District were \$302,977.00 for the year ended June 30, 2020. Active employees are not required to contribute to the School OPEB Fund.

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

At June 30, 2020, the School District reported a liability of \$11,526,981.00 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2019. The total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018. An expected total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2019 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was actuarially determined based on employer contributions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. At June 30, 2019, the School District's proportion was 0.093928%, which was a decrease of 0.004398% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the School District recognized OPEB expense of \$95,870.00. At June 30, 2020, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	OPEB	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 1,254,016.00
Changes of assumptions	400,310.00	1,624,940.00
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	25,102.00	-
Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	73,297.00	877,215.00
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	302,977.00	-
Total	\$ <u>801,686.00</u>	\$ <u>3,756,171.00</u>

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School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:	<u>OPEB</u>
2021	\$ (728,944.00)
2022	\$ (728,944.00)
2023	\$ (729,908.00)
2024	\$ (614,850.00)
2025	\$ (350,202.00)
Thereafter	\$ (104,614.00)

**Actuarial assumptions:** The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2019 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018 using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement and rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2019:

***OPEB:***

Inflation	2.5%
Salary increases	3.00% – 8.75%, including inflation
Long-term expected rate of return	7.30%, compounded annually, net of investment expense, and including inflation
Healthcare cost trend rate	
Pre-Medicare Eligible	7.250%
Medicare Eligible	5.375%
Ultimate trend rate	
Pre-Medicare Eligible	4.75%
Medicare Eligible	4.75%
Year of Ultimate trend rate	
Pre-Medicare Eligible	2028
Medicare Eligible	2022

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale BB as follows:

- For TRS members: The RP-2000 White Collar Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 1 year for males) is used for death after service retirement and beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward two years for males and four years for females) is used for death after disability retirement.
- For PSERS members: The RP-2000 Blue-Collar Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 3 years for males and 2 years for females) is used for the period after service retirement and for beneficiaries of deceased members. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 5 years for both males and females) is used for the period after disability retirement.

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The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the pension systems, which covered the five-year period ending June 30, 2014, and adopted by the pension Board on December 17, 2015. The next experience study for TRS will be for the period ending June 30, 2018.

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g., initial per capita costs, health care cost trends, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2018 valuation.

Projection 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 calculation.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of investment expense and the assumed rate of 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. During fiscal year 2018, the School OPEB fund updated their investment strategy to a more long-term approach. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Target allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return*
Fixed income	30.00%	(0.10)%
Domestic Stocks – Large Cap	46.20%	8.90%
Domestic Stocks – Small Cap	1.30%	13.20%
Int'l Stocks - Developed Mkt	12.40%	8.90%
Int'l Stocks - Emerging Mkt	5.10%	10.90%
Alternatives	5.00%	12.00%
Total	100.00%	

\*Net of Inflation

**Discount rate:** The discount rate has changed since the prior measurement date from 3.87% to 3.58%. In order to measure the total OPEB liability for the School OPEB Fund, a single equivalent interest rate of 3.58% was used as the discount rate. This is comprised mainly of the yield or index rate for 20-year tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA or higher (3.50% per the Bond Buyers Index). The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from members and from the employer will be made at the current level as averaged over the last five years, adjusted for annual projected changes in headcount. Projected future benefit payments for all current plan members were projected through 2119. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make OPEB payments for inactive employees through year 2026. Therefore, the calculated discount rate of 3.58% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

**Sensitivity of the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate:** The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.58%, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.58%) or 1 percentage-point higher (4.58%) than the current discount rate:

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	1% Decrease (2.58%)	Current Discount Rate (3.58%)	1% Increase (4.58%)
School District's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 13,398,156.00	\$ 11,526,981.00	\$ 10,004,863.00

***Sensitivity of the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates:*** The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
School District's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 9,710,260.00	\$ 11,526,981.00	\$ 13,834,354.00

***OPEB plan fiduciary net position:*** Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which is publicly available at <https://sao.georgia.gov/comprehensive-annual-financial-reports>.

#### **NOTE 13: RETIREMENT PLANS**

The School District participates in various retirement plans administered by the State of Georgia, as further explained below.

#### **TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TRS)**

***Plan Description:*** All teachers of the School District as defined in O.C.G.A §47-3-60 and certain other support personnel as defined by O.C.G.A. §47-3-63 are provided a pension through the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (TRS). TRS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, is administered by the TRS Board of Trustees (TRS Board). Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. The Teachers Retirement System of Georgia issues a publicly available separate financial report that can be obtained at [www.trsga.com/publications](http://www.trsga.com/publications).

***Benefits Provided:*** TRS provides service retirement, disability retirement, and death benefits. Normal retirement benefits are determined as 2% of the average of the employee's two highest paid consecutive years of service, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service up to 40 years. An employee is eligible for normal service retirement after 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age, or after 10 years of service and attainment of age 60. Ten years of service is required for disability and death benefits eligibility. Disability benefits are based on the employee's creditable service and compensation up to the time of disability. Death benefits equal the amount that would be payable to the employee's beneficiary had the employee retired on the date of death. Death benefits are based on the employee's creditable service and compensation up to the date of death.

***Contributions:*** Per Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., contribution requirements of active employees and participating employers, as actuarially determined, are established and may be amended by the TRS Board. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §47-3-63, the employer contributions for certain full-time public school support personnel are funded on behalf of the employer by the State of Georgia. Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Employees were required to contribute 6.00% of their annual pay during fiscal year 2020. The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2020 was 21.14% of annual School District payroll, of which 21.01% of payroll was required from the School District and 0.13% of payroll was required from the State. For the current fiscal year, employer contributions to the pension plan were \$1,802,598.00 and \$10,962.36 from the School District and the State, respectively.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSERS)

**Plan description:** PSERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established by the Georgia General Assembly in 1969 for the purpose of providing retirement allowances for public school employees who are not eligible for membership in the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia. The ERS Board of Trustees, plus two additional trustees, administers PSERS. Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. PSERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at [www.ers.ga.gov/financials](http://www.ers.ga.gov/financials).

**Benefits provided:** A member may retire and elect to receive normal monthly retirement benefits after completion of ten years of creditable service and attainment of age 65. A member may choose to receive reduced benefits after age 60 and upon completion of ten years of service.

Upon retirement, the member will receive a monthly benefit of \$15.25, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Death and disability benefits are also available through PSERS. Additionally, PSERS may make periodic cost-of-living adjustments to the monthly benefits. Upon termination of employment, member contributions with accumulated interest are refundable upon request by the member. However, if an otherwise vested member terminates and withdraws his/her member contribution, the member forfeits all rights to retirement benefits.

**Contributions:** The general assembly makes an annual appropriation to cover the employer contribution to PSERS on behalf of local school employees (bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and maintenance staff). The annual employer contribution required by statute is actuarially determined and paid directly to PSERS by the State Treasurer in accordance with O.C.G.A. §47-4-29(a) and 60(b). Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Individuals who became members prior to July 1, 2012 contribute \$4 per month for nine months each fiscal year. Individuals who became members on or after July 1, 2012 contribute \$10 per month for nine months each fiscal year. The State of Georgia, although not the employer of PSERS members, is required by statute to make employer contributions actuarially determined and approved and certified by the PSERS Board of Trustees. The current fiscal year contribution was \$22,276.00.

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

At June 30, 2020, the School District reported a liability of \$13,926,226.00 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for TRS.

The TRS net pension liability reflected a reduction for support provided to the School District by the State of Georgia for certain public school support personnel. The amount recognized by the School District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related State of Georgia support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the School District were as follows:

School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 13,926,226.00
State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District	<u>84,076.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,010,302.00</u>

The net pension liability for TRS was measured as of June 30, 2019. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2019 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on contributions to TRS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

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At June 30, 2019, the School District's TRS proportion was 0.064765% which was a decrease of 0.004233% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

At June 30, 2020, the School District did not have a PSERS liability for a proportionate share of the net pension liability because of a Special Funding Situation with the State of Georgia, which is responsible for the net pension liability of the plan. The amount of the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District is \$109,756.00.

The PSERS net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2019 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The State's proportion of the net pension liability associated with the School District was based on actuarially determined contributions paid by the State during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the School District recognized pension expense of \$2,083,781.00 for TRS and \$33,848.00 for PSERS and revenue of \$2,869.00 for TRS and \$33,848.00 for PSERS. The revenue is support provided by the State of Georgia. For TRS the State of Georgia support is provided only for certain support personnel.

At June 30, 2020, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	TRS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 784,953.00	\$ 4,129.00
Changes of assumptions	1,336,403.00	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	331,626.00
Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	83,853.00	1,044,597.00
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,802,598.00</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,007,807.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,380,352.00</u>

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The School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date for TRS are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:	TRS
2021	\$ 440,313.00
2022	\$ (211,395.00)
2023	\$ 285,663.00
2024	\$ 310,276.00

**Actuarial assumptions:** The total pension liability as of June 30, 2019 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

***Teachers Retirement System:***

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.00% – 8.75%, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.25%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation
Post-retirement benefit increases	1.50% semi-annually

Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 White Collar Mortality Table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with the Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB (set forward one year for males) for service requirements and dependent beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB (set forward two years for males and four years for females) was used for the death after disability retirement. Rates of mortality in active service were based on the RP-2000 Employee Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014, with the exception of the assumed investment rate of return.

***Public School Employees Retirement System:***

Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	N/A
Investment rate of return	7.30%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation
Post-retirement benefit increases	1.50% semi-annually

Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Blue-Collar Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 3 years for males and 2 years for females) for the period after service retirements and for dependent beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 5 years for both males and females) was used for death after disability retirement. There is a margin for future mortality improvement in the tables used by the System. Based on the results of the most recent experience study adopted by the Board on December 17, 2015, the numbers of expected future deaths are 9-11% less than the actual number

of deaths that occurred during the study period for healthy retirees and 9-11% less than expected under the selected table for disabled retirees. Rates of mortality in active service were based on the RP-2000 Employee Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014, with the exception of the assumed investment rate of return.

The long-term expected rate of return on TRS and PSERS pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	TRS Target allocation	PSERS Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Fixed income	30.00%	30.00%	(0.10)%
Domestic large stocks	51.00%	46.20%	8.90%
Domestic small stocks	1.50%	1.30%	13.20%
International developed market stocks	12.40%	12.40%	8.90%
International emerging market stocks	5.10%	5.10%	10.90%
Alternative	-	5.00%	12.00%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	

\* Rates shown are net of assumed rate of inflation.

**Discount rate:** The discount rate used to measure the total TRS pension liability was 7.25%. The discount rate used to measure the total PSERS pension liability was 7.30%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer and nonemployer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the TRS and PSERS pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate:** The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.25%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

Teachers Retirement System:	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 22,606,341.00	\$ 13,926,226.00	\$ 6,788,088.00

**Pension plan fiduciary net position:** Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TRS and PSERS financial report which is publicly available at [www.trsga.com/publications](http://www.trsga.com/publications) and [www.ers.ga.gov/financials](http://www.ers.ga.gov/financials).



**NOTE 14: SPECIAL ITEMS**

The School District sold a vacant building located at West Railroad Street, Pelham, Georgia, for \$90,000.00 at a gain of \$9,311.00. The asset had been acquired in 2003. The activity has been reported as a special item on the Statement of Activities and on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances.

**NOTE 15: SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On March 16, 2021, the voters of Mitchell County authorized the continuation of the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax of one percent to be imposed on all sales and uses in Mitchell County for a period of time not to exceed 20 consecutive calendar quarters to raise not more than \$15,000,000.00. The proceeds are to be used as stated on the Official Ballot of Mitchell County as follows:

“1) retiring outstanding general obligation debt of the City of Pelham School District previously incurred and issued with respect to capital outlay projects in the maximum principal and interest amount of (i) \$2,752,000.00 comprised of a portion of the City of Pelham School District’s Series 2019 General Obligation Bonds coming due in the years 2023 through 2028; (ii) \$1,694,466.00 comprised of a portion of the City of Pelham School District’s payments due under that certain master Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement dates as of May 20, 2016 coming due in year 2023 through 2028; and (iii) paying a portion of the principal and interest on the general obligation debt described below; and

2) capital outlay project (the “Pelham Projects”) at an estimated cost of \$3,292,034.00 consisting of constructing, furnishing, and equipping new school buildings and other buildings and facilities and adding to renovating, repairing, improving, furnishing, and equipping existing school buildings another buildings and facilities, including, but not limited to renovating, equipping, modernizing, and furnishing the existing middle school; making system-wide technology improvements, including, but not limited to, the acquisition and installation of signage, instructional technology, instructional materials, security, and information systems hardware and associated software and accessories, and infrastructure at all schools and selected other facilities; and replacing, purchasing, upgrading or supplementing capital equipment including, but not limited to, desk, chairs, copiers, tables, school buses, security equipment, and laboratory equipment...”

This vote also authorized the issuance of general obligation debt in the principal amount of up to \$3,200,000.00, a portion of which shall be repayable from the proceeds of the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, for the purpose of funding such portions of the projects as may be acquired, constructed and equipped with the proceeds

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SCHEDULE "1"

Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net pension liability	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District	Total	School District's covered payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2020	0.064765%	\$ 13,926,226.00	\$ 84,076.00	\$ 14,010,302.00	\$ 7,951,655.50	175.14%	78.56%
2019	0.068998%	\$ 12,807,507.00	\$ 71,464.00	\$ 12,878,971.00	\$ 8,263,951.30	154.98%	80.27%
2018	0.068583%	\$ 12,746,362.00	\$ 110,211.00	\$ 12,856,573.00	\$ 7,942,986.40	160.47%	79.33%
2017	0.074773%	\$ 15,426,504.00	\$ 159,891.00	\$ 15,586,395.00	\$ 8,283,921.34	186.22%	76.06%
2016	0.073751%	\$ 11,227,857.00	\$ 111,135.00	\$ 11,338,992.00	\$ 7,861,868.00	142.81%	81.44%
2015	0.074996%	\$ 9,474,755.00	\$ 94,247.00	\$ 9,569,002.00	\$ 7,727,236.00	122.62%	84.03%

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SCHEDULE "2"

Year Ended	Contractually required contribution	Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	School District's covered payroll	Contribution as a percentage of covered payroll
2020	\$ 1,802,598.00	\$ 1,802,598.00	\$ -	\$ 8,579,753.39	21.01%
2019	\$ 1,651,934.00	\$ 1,651,934.00	\$ -	\$ 7,951,655.50	20.77%
2018	\$ 1,381,466.00	\$ 1,381,466.00	\$ -	\$ 8,263,951.30	16.72%
2017	\$ 1,123,746.00	\$ 1,123,746.00	\$ -	\$ 7,942,986.40	14.15%
2016	\$ 1,169,976.44	\$ 1,169,976.44	\$ -	\$ 8,283,921.34	14.12%
2015	\$ 1,023,708.89	\$ 1,023,708.89	\$ -	\$ 7,861,868.00	13.02%

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SCHEDULE "13"

Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net pension liability	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District	Total	School District's covered payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2020	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 109,756.00	\$ 109,756.00	\$ 315,795.54	N/A	85.02%
2019	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 117,550.00	\$ 117,550.00	\$ 318,176.80	N/A	85.26%
2018	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 110,276.00	\$ 110,276.00	\$ 215,587.97	N/A	85.69%
2017	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 162,208.00	\$ 162,208.00	\$ 223,359.67	N/A	81.00%
2016	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 97,095.00	\$ 97,095.00	\$ 204,033.81	N/A	87.00%
2015	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 89,860.00	\$ 89,860.00	\$ 206,252.24	N/A	88.29%

CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION - MITCHELL COUNTY  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY  
SCHOOL OPEB FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

SCHEDULE "4"

Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the School District	Total	School District's covered-employee payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered- employee payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability
2020	0.093928%	\$ 11,526,981.00	\$ -	\$ 11,526,981.00	\$ 7,442,251.22	154.89%	4.63%
2019	0.098326%	\$ 12,496,933.00	\$ -	\$ 12,496,933.00	\$ 7,689,401.66	162.52%	2.93%
2018	0.097627%	\$ 13,716,554.00	\$ -	\$ 13,716,554.00	\$ 7,342,751.39	186.80%	1.61%

CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION - MITCHELL COUNTY  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
SCHOOL OPEB FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

SCHEDULE "5"

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Contractually required contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution</u>	<u>Contribution deficiency (excess)</u>	<u>School District's covered-employee payroll</u>	<u>Contribution as a percentage of covered- employee payroll</u>
2020	\$ 302,977.00	\$ 302,977.00	\$ -	\$ 7,811,031.40	3.88%
2019	\$ 505,868.00	\$ 505,868.00	\$ -	\$ 7,442,251.22	6.80%
2018	\$ 509,614.00	\$ 509,614.00	\$ -	\$ 7,689,401.66	6.63%

**Teachers Retirement System**

**Changes of assumptions:** In 2010 and later, the expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2000 Mortality Tables rather than the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2010. In 2010, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability and mortality were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience. In 2010, assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience.

On November 18, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, disability, withdrawal and salary increases. The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to RP-2000 White Collar Mortality Table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with the Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB (set forward one year for males).

On May 15, 2019, the Board adopted recommended changes from the smoothed valuation interest rate methodology that has been in effect since June 30, 2009, to a constant interest rate method. In conjunction with the methodology, the long-term assumed rate of return in assets (discount rate) has been changed from 7.50% to 7.25%, and the assumed annual rate of inflation has been reduced from 2.75% to 2.50%.

**Public School Employees Retirement System**

**Changes of assumptions:** In 2010 and later, the expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2000 Mortality Tables rather than the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2010. In 2010, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability and mortality were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

On December 17, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement and withdrawal. The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2000 Blue Collar Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 3 years for males and 2 years for females).

On March 15, 2018, the Board adopted a new funding policy. Because of this new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was reduced from 7.50% to 7.40% for June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation. In addition, based on the Board's new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was further reduced by 0.10% from 7.40% to 7.30% as of the June 30, 2018 measurement date.

**School OPEB Fund**

**Changes of benefit terms:** There have been no changes in benefit terms.

**Changes in assumptions:** The June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation was revised, for various factors, including the methodology used to determine how employees and retirees were assigned to each of the OPEB Funds and anticipated participation percentages. Current and former employees of State organizations (including technical colleges, community service boards and public health departments) are now assigned to State OPEB fund based on their last employer payroll location; irrespective of retirement affiliation.

The discount rate was updated from 3.07% as of June 30, 2016 to 3.58% as of June 30, 2017 to 3.87% as of June 30, 2018, and back to 3.58% as of June 30, 2019.



CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION - MITCHELL COUNTY  
GENERAL FUND  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE "7"

	NONAPPROPRIATED BUDGETS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL (1)	FINAL (1)	AMOUNTS	OVER/UNDER
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Property Taxes	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 598,265.58	\$ 148,265.58
Sales Taxes	350,000.00	350,000.00	380,307.23	30,307.23
State Funds	12,756,063.00	13,121,027.23	13,183,138.85	62,111.62
Federal Funds	1,952,456.00	2,414,045.94	2,040,220.70	(373,825.24)
Charges for Services	49,400.00	49,400.00	206,890.37	157,490.37
Investment Earnings	1,300.00	1,300.00	55,117.26	53,817.26
Miscellaneous	500.00	500.00	607,259.58	606,759.58
Total Revenues	15,559,719.00	16,386,273.17	17,071,199.57	684,926.40
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction	11,377,904.80	11,852,565.39	10,685,369.85	1,167,195.54
Support Services				
Pupil Services	583,135.00	595,143.00	632,112.07	(36,969.07)
Improvement of Instructional Services	833,079.20	856,094.74	884,720.53	(28,625.79)
Educational Media Services	219,190.00	219,190.00	164,468.46	54,721.54
General Administration	473,696.00	503,327.43	324,688.39	178,639.04
School Administration	1,249,067.00	1,249,067.00	1,216,587.04	32,479.96
Business Administration	321,631.00	321,631.00	230,027.72	91,603.28
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,270,532.00	1,270,843.31	1,107,368.89	163,474.42
Student Transportation Services	561,426.00	558,413.00	516,322.24	42,090.76
Central Support Services	-	-	37,391.50	(37,391.50)
Other Support Services	14,850.00	77,850.00	186,526.38	(108,676.38)
Enterprise Operations	-	-	52,346.68	(52,346.68)
Community Services	11,654.00	11,654.00	7,873.32	3,780.68
Food Services Operation	1,162,585.00	1,216,369.30	1,120,920.68	95,448.62
Total Expenditures	18,078,750.00	18,732,148.17	17,166,723.75	1,565,424.42
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	(2,519,031.00)	(2,345,875.00)	(95,524.18)	2,250,350.82
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Other Sources	85,798.00	55,798.00	-	(55,798.00)
Other Uses	(85,798.00)	(55,798.00)	(43,782.93)	12,015.07
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	(43,782.93)	(43,782.93)
<u>SPECIAL ITEM</u>				
Sale of Building	-	-	90,000.00	90,000.00
Net Change in Fund Balances	(2,519,031.00)	(2,345,875.00)	(49,307.11)	2,296,567.89
Fund Balances - Beginning	3,878,125.17	3,878,125.17	3,496,173.76	(381,951.41)
Adjustments	-	8,562.81	-	(8,562.81)
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 1,359,094.17	\$ 1,540,812.98	\$ 3,446,866.65	\$ 1,906,053.67

Notes to the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual

- (1) Original and Final Budget amounts do not include the budgeted revenues or expenditures of the various principal accounts.  
The actual revenues and expenditures of the various principal accounts are \$337,701.66 and \$300,205.65, respectively.

The accompanying schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances budget and actual is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is the basis of accounting used in the presentation of the fund financial statements.

CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION - MITCHELL COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE "8"

FUNDING AGENCY PROGRAM/GRANT	CFDA NUMBER	PASS- THROUGH ENTITY ID NUMBER	EXPENDITURES IN PERIOD
Agriculture, U. S. Department of			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Food Services			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	205GA324N1099	\$ 244,604.80
National School Lunch Program	10.555	205GA324N1099	795,145.79
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			1,039,750.59
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Food Services			
Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	10.579	205GA324N8503	18,580.30
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	205GA324L1603	28,786.83
Total Other Programs			47,367.13
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			1,087,117.72
Education, U. S. Department of			
Direct			
Impact Aid	84.041		8,339.08
Special Education Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Special Education			
Grants to States	84.027	H027A180073	85,637.00
Grants to States	84.027	H027A190073	259,246.19
Preschool Grants	84.173	H173A190081	17,142.00
Total Special Education Cluster			362,025.19
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	V048A190010	21,711.61
Rural Education	84.358	S365B180010	2,523.00
Rural Education	84.358	S358B190010	26,746.96
Striving Readers	84.371	S371C170002	201,376.64
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	S424A180011	3,496.69
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	S424A190011	18,179.24
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	S367A180001	29,844.03
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	S367A190001	23,762.19
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	S010A180010	98,646.42
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	S010A190010	278,671.86
Total Other Programs			704,958.64
Total U. S. Department of Education			1,075,322.91
Justice, U. S. Department of			
Direct			
STOP School Violence	16.839		22,500.00
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 2,184,940.63

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the City of Pelham Board of Education - Mitchell County (the "Board") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2020. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Board, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the Board.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Note 3. Indirect Cost Rate

The Board has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION - MITCHELL COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE "9"

AGENCY/FUNDING	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTAL
	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	
GRANTS			
Bright From the Start:			
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning			
Pre-Kindergarten Program	\$ 389,405.75	\$ -	\$ 389,405.75
Education, Georgia Department of			
Quality Basic Education			
Direct Instructional Cost			
Kindergarten Program	206,371.00	-	206,371.00
Kindergarten Program - Early Intervention Program	578,928.00	-	578,928.00
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	458,701.00	-	458,701.00
Primary Grades - Early Intervention (1-3) Program	1,359,140.00	-	1,359,140.00
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	164,839.00	-	164,839.00
Upper Elementary Grades - Early Intervention (4-5) Program	984,869.00	-	984,869.00
Middle School (6-8) Program	1,013,839.00	-	1,013,839.00
High School General Education (9-12) Program	1,033,459.00	-	1,033,459.00
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	247,737.00	-	247,737.00
Students with Disabilities	1,498,056.00	-	1,498,056.00
Gifted Student - Category VI	331,489.00	-	331,489.00
Remedial Education Program	142,838.00	-	142,838.00
Alternative Education Program	78,143.00	-	78,143.00
English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	41,477.00	-	41,477.00
Media Center Program	191,679.00	-	191,679.00
20 Days Additional Instruction	58,820.00	-	58,820.00
Staff and Professional Development	36,579.00	-	36,579.00
Principal Staff and Professional Development	966.00	-	966.00
Indirect Cost			
Central Administration	522,372.00	-	522,372.00
School Administration	480,610.00	-	480,610.00
Facility Maintenance and Operations	399,899.00	-	399,899.00
Amended Formula Adjustment	(155,369.00)	-	(155,369.00)
Charter System Adjustment	146,199.00	-	146,199.00
Categorical Grants			
Pupil Transportation			
Regular	34,006.00	-	34,006.00
Nursing Services	45,000.00	-	45,000.00
Education Equalization Funding Grant	2,464,734.00	-	2,464,734.00
Other State Programs			
Facility Safety Bond Grant	8,056.35	-	8,056.35
Food Services	26,836.00	-	26,836.00
Hygiene Products	204.00	-	204.00
Math and Science Supplements	13,305.33	-	13,305.33
Pupil Transportation - State Bonds	77,220.00	-	77,220.00
School Security Grant	33,065.00	-	33,065.00
Teachers Retirement	10,962.36	-	10,962.36
Vocational Education	128,650.00	-	128,650.00
Georgia State Financing and Investment			
Commission			
Reimbursement on Construction Projects	-	1,340,401.38	1,340,401.38
Governor's Office of Student Achievement			
Reading Mentors Program	107,777.06	-	107,777.06
Office of the State Treasurer			
Public School Employees Retirement	22,276.00	-	22,276.00
	<u>\$ 13,183,138.85</u>	<u>\$ 1,340,401.38</u>	<u>\$ 14,523,540.23</u>

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CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION - MITCHELL COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE "10"

PROJECT	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1)	CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3)(4)(5)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3)(4)(5)	TOTAL COMPLETION COST	EXCESS PROCEEDS NOT EXPENDED	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
<u>2017 SPLOST</u>							
(1) retiring outstanding general obligation debt of the City of Pelham School District previously incurred and issued with respect to capital outlay projects in the maximum principal and interest amount of \$410,000.00, comprised of a portion of the City of Pelham School District's Series 2008 general obligation bonds coming due in the year 2018 and paying a portion of the principal and interest on the general obligation debt described as follows: issuance of general obligation debt of the City of Pelham School District in the principal amount of \$5,140,000.00 for the purpose of funding such portions of the projects as may be acquired, constructed and equipped with the proceeds of general obligation debt.	\$ 410,000.00	\$ 410,000.00	\$ -	\$ 392,669.29	\$ -	\$ -	December 2022
(2) capital outlay projects at an estimated cost of \$4,674,000.00, consisting of							
(a) adding to, renovating, repairing, improving, furnishing, and equipping existing school buildings and other buildings and facilities, including acquiring, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new elementary school, or renovating, equipping, modernizing, and furnishing the existing elementary school;	4,074,000.00	8,111,287.00	3,558,613.03	2,068,282.67	-	-	December 2022
(b) making system-wide technology improvements, including, but not limited to, the acquisition and installation of signage, instructional technology, instructional materials, security, and information systems hardware and associated software and accessories, and infrastructure at all schools and selected other facilities; and	200,000.00	200,000.00	-	-	-	-	December 2022
(c) replacing, purchasing, upgrading or supplementing capital equipment including, but not limited to, desks, chairs, copiers, tables, school buses, security equipment, and laboratory equipment.	400,000.00	400,000.00	-	-	-	-	December 2022
	<u>\$ 5,084,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,121,287.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,558,613.03</u>	<u>\$ 2,460,951.96</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

- (1) The School District's original cost estimate as specified in the resolution calling for the imposition of the Local Option Sales Tax.
- (2) The School District's current estimate of total cost for the projects. Includes all cost from project inception to completion.
- (3) The voters of Mitchell County approved the imposition of a 1% sales tax to fund the above projects and retire associated debt. Amounts expended for these projects may include sales tax proceeds, state, local property taxes and/or other funds over the life of the projects.
- (4) In addition to the expenditures shown above, the School District incurred bond issuance costs of \$104,751.84 for the above projects.
- (5) In addition to the expenditures shown above, the School District has incurred interest to provide advance funding for the above projects as follows:

Prior Years	\$ 23,360.00
Current Year	<u>193,921.25</u>
Total	<u>\$ 217,281.25</u>

## SECTION II

### COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS



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STATE AUDITOR  
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### 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

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of Georgia  
Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia  
Members of the State Board of Education  
and  
Superintendent and Members of the  
City of Pelham Board of Education

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Pelham Board of Education (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 23, 2021.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

## Compliance and Other Matters

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

## Purpose of this Report

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

March 23, 2021





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

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of Georgia  
Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia  
Members of the State Board of Education  
and  
Superintendent and Members of the  
City of Pelham Board of Education

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

We have audited the City of Pelham Board of Education (School District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020. The School District's 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 federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

#### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

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

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

In our opinion, the School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020.

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

March 23, 2021

### SECTION III

#### AUDITEE'S RESPONSE TO PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION – MITCHELL COUNTY  
AUDITEE'S RESPONSE  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

## SECTION IV

### FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

**I SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issued:  
Governmental Activities; All Major Funds; Aggregate Remaining Funds Information Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:  
▪ Material weakness identified? No  
▪ Significant deficiency identified? None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted: No

**Federal Awards**

Internal Control over major programs:  
▪ Material weakness identified? No  
▪ Significant deficiency identified? None Reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:  
All major programs Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? No

Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.553, 10.555	Child Nutrition Cluster

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000.00

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes

**II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

No matters were reported.

**III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

No matters were reported.