

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BARAGA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
(Supplemental Information)**

**June 30, 2015**

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**JUNE 30, 2015**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Education  
Arvon Township School District  
Skaneec, Michigan

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Arvon Township School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, 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 Arvon Township School District as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and pension requirements on pages 6 through 11 and 34 through 36 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 District's basic financial statements. The additional information on pages 38 through 40 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The additional information on pages 38 through 40 are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated October 27, 2015 on our consideration of Arvon Township School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Arvon Township School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

**Rukkila, Negro & Associates,  
Certified Public Accountants, PC**

October 27, 2015

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2015**

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This section of Arvon Township School District's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the year ended June 30, 2015. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements including other requirements as follows:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the District's financial activities.
- The Government-wide Financial Statements consists of a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These provide information about the activities of the District as a whole and represent an overall view of the District's finances.

*Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities* - These statements provide information that help determine how the District is doing financially as a result of the year's activities. The statements are shown using a full accrual basis.

The District's net position and the changes in the net position during the year are reported by these two statements. Increases or decreases in the District's net position is one way to determine if the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating. However, non-financial factors will need to be considered as well to determine the overall financial position of the District.

- Fund Financial Statements tell how governmental services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. These statements also report the District's operations in more detail than the Government-wide Financial Statements by providing information about the most significant funds.

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

In the fund financial statements, purchased capital assets are reported as expenditures in the year of acquisition. The issuance of debt is recorded as a financial resource. The current year's payments of principal and interest on long term obligations are recorded as expenditures. Future year's debt obligations are not recorded.

The fund statements are formatted to comply with the legal requirements of the Michigan Department of Education's "Accounting Manual." In the State of Michigan, the District's major instructional support activities are reported in the General Fund. Additional activities are reported in the School Food Service Fund.

Major Funds: Under GASB Statement 34, the audit focus shifted from type of governmental fund to major funds. Major funds are the largest funds in terms of assets, liabilities, revenues or expenses/expenditures. This allows the reader to see more detailed activity of the major funds. For the District, the General Fund meets this requirement.

Non-major Funds: In the basic financial statements, non-major funds are consolidated into one column. These are smaller funds. Detailed information about non-major funds can be found after the notes to the financial statements.

- Notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.
- Required supplementary information, other than Management Discussion and Analysis, provides information about the required budgetary comparison information on the General Fund.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**Overview of the Financial Statements (Continued)**

**Summary of Net Position in Governmental Activities**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Assets		
Current and other assets	\$ 716,231	\$ 716,188
Capital assets - Net of accumulated depreciation	208,742	195,099
Total Assets	<u>924,973</u>	<u>911,287</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Pension	29,803	16673
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	4,460	1,936
Long term liabilities	16,944	14,602
Net pension liability	284,327	302,467
Total Liabilities	<u>305,731</u>	<u>16,538</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Pension	31,432	-
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	191,798	180,497
Restricted for food service	166	98
Unrestricted	425,649	428,360
Total net position	<u>\$ 617,613</u>	<u>\$ 608,955</u>

**Results of Operations in Governmental Activities**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>Revenues</u>		
Program Revenue:		
Charges for services	\$ 163	\$ 231
Grants and contributions	57,061	48,587
General Revenue:		
Property taxes	300,377	299,547
State school aid - unrestricted	500	543
Interest	1,844	2,037
Other	1,579	3,233
Total Revenue	<u>361,524</u>	<u>354,178</u>
<u>Functions/Program Expenses</u>		
Instruction	204,631	197,009
Support services	142,783	145,489
Community service	205	491
School services	5,441	5,352
Total Expenses	<u>353,060</u>	<u>348,341</u>
Change in Net Position	8,464	5,837
Net Position - Beginning, as restated	608,955	603,118
Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ 617,419</u>	<u>\$ 608,955</u>

The District implemented GASB No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27. This statement changed how governments measure and report the long-term obligations and annual costs associated with the pension benefits they provide. Reflected on these statements is the proportionate share of the unfunded liability for active and retired members of the MPSERS defined benefit program. See Note O of the Notes to the Financial

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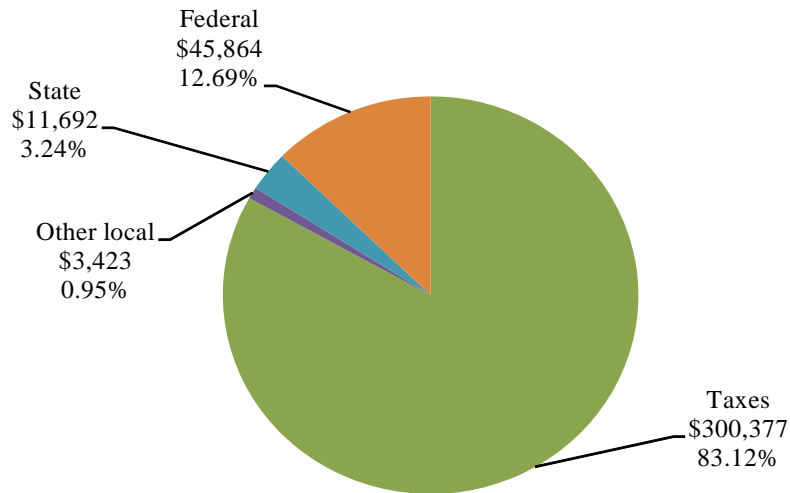
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Statements of this report for additional information and the corresponding restatement of the beginning net position for the governmental activities.

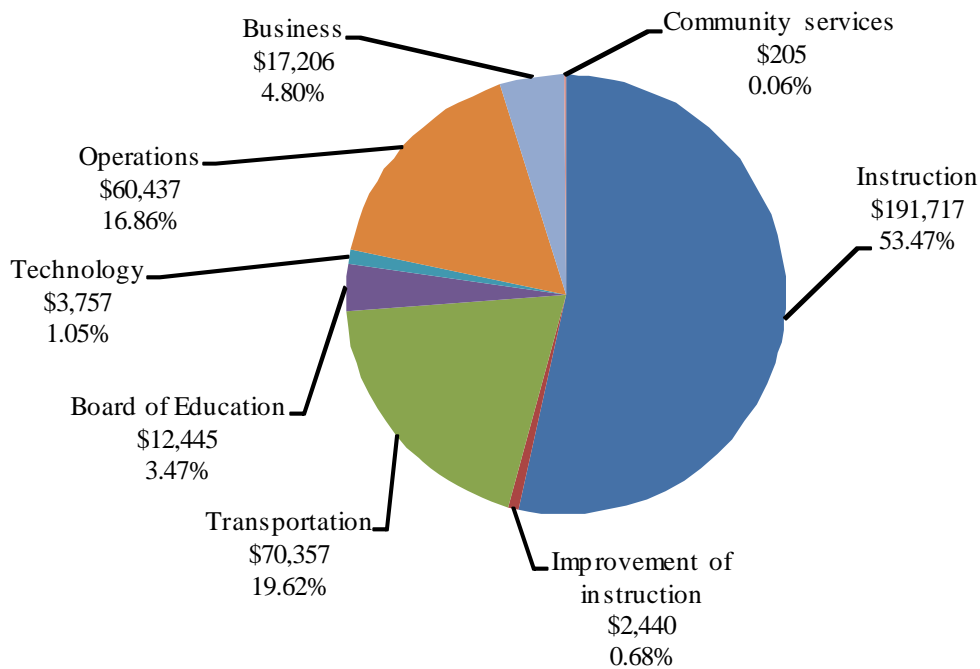
**Results of Operations in Governmental Activities (Continued)**

The following charts highlight the District's General Fund activities:

Revenues



Expenditures

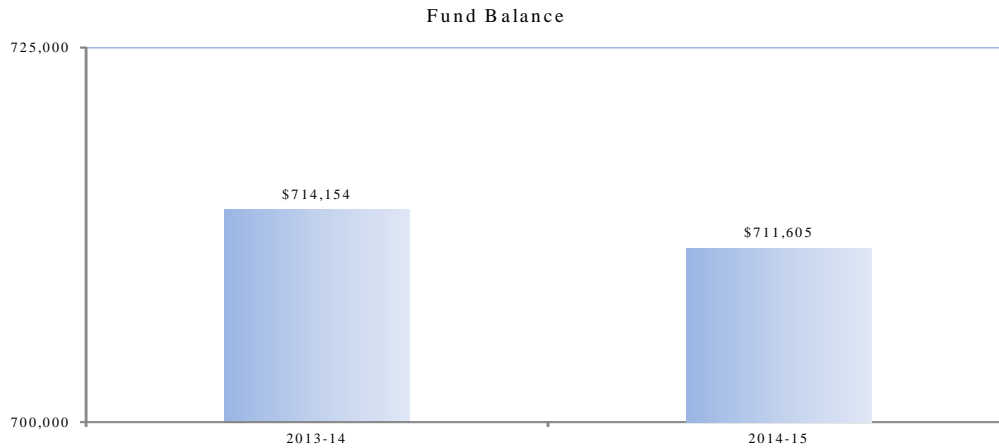




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**Results of Operations in Governmental Activities (Continued)**



**Significant Transactions and Changes in Individual Funds**

The overall financial position of the individual Governmental funds of the District did not change significantly from the previous year. A comparison of the change in fund balance of the governmental funds is as follows:

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund:			
Revenues/Transfers	\$ 361,356	\$ 353,729	\$ 7,627
Expenditures/Transfers	\$ 363,905	\$ 320,420	\$ 43,485
Fund Balance	\$ 711,605	\$ 714,154	\$ (2,549)
Food Service Fund:			
Revenues/Transfers	\$ 5,509	\$ 449	\$ 5,060
Expenditures/Transfers	\$ 5,441	\$ 5,352	\$ 89
Fund Balance	\$ 166	\$ 98	\$ 68

General Fund - Revenue changes are due from an increase in revenues from state and federal sources. State sources increased by \$4,410 and Title 1 federal sources increased by \$4,069.

The operation and maintenance expenditures increased by \$21,698 due to roof repairs, basement repairs, and back step repairs. Instruction expenditures increased by \$13,561 due health insurance and an increase in supplies.

School Food Service Fund - Revenue changes were mainly due to a transfer from General Fund.

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**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The Uniform Budget Act of the State of Michigan requires that the local Board of Education approve the annual budget prior to the start of the fiscal year on July 1. Any amendments to the original budget must be approved by the Board prior to the close of the fiscal year on June 30.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the original budget was adopted on June 23, 2014. Since the original budget is adopted two months before school is in session, the district often has many unknowns that could change the financial outlook for the school year. In addition, there are often a number of unforeseen events that occur throughout the year that impact the budget and/or cause budget variances. Therefore, the District amended its budget during the fiscal year.

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with final budget	% Variance
Revenues	\$ 349,948	\$ 361,333	\$ 361,356	\$ 23	0.0%
Expenditures					
Instruction	\$ 190,673	\$ 191,756	\$ 191,717	\$ 39	0.0%
Supporting services	150,781	167,181	166,642	539	0.3%
Community services	470	275	205	-	0.0%
Total expenditures	\$ 341,924	\$ 359,212	\$ 358,564	\$ 648	0.2%
Other financing sources (uses)	\$ (5,189)	\$ (5,341)	\$ (5,341)	\$ -	0.0%

Revenues increased by \$11,385 from the original to final budget due to the addition of Rate Stabilization funds and an increase in Title 1 revenues.

**Analysis of Financial Position**

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the District's net capital assets increased by \$13,643 due to a combination of \$15,034 in depreciation, \$10,404 in waterproofing the basement, \$5,457 replacing back steps, and \$12,816 in construction in progress consisting of replacing the roof and windows and repairing steps and basement. Details of the District's capital assets can be found on page 22.

**Known Facts, Decisions, or Conditions Having Significant Affect on Future Operations**

Arvon Township School District receives very little state aid and therefore does not operate dependent upon the state foundation allowance. The District levies 10 mills of local property taxes out of the 17.9334 mills of non-homestead property taxes allowed. In 2014-2015, the amount levied for the District was \$300,377.

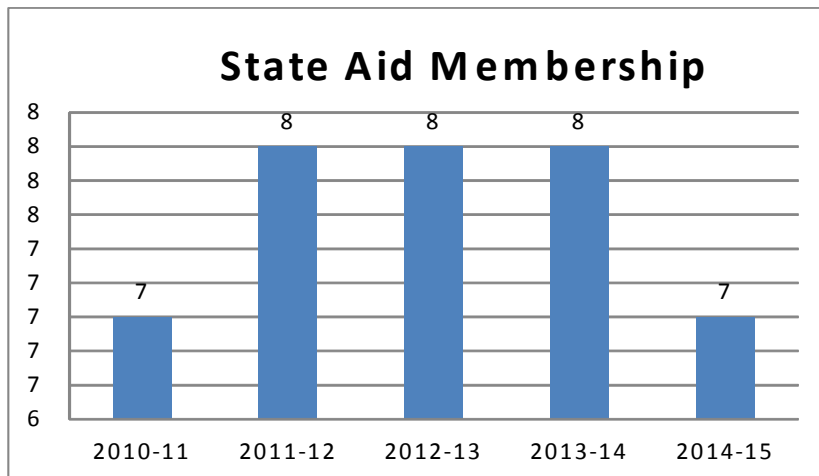
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**Known Facts, Decisions, or Conditions Having Significant Affect on Future Operations (Continued)**

Arvon Township School received \$45,864 in federal grants awarded on an annual basis. These grants include Title I, Title II, and REAP.

The following graph depicts that student enrollment decreased by 1 student, using the State Aid Membership Count.



State revenues received by Michigan school districts are approved annually in a State Aid Act. The state portion of the foundation is provided primarily by a state education property tax millage of 6 mills and an allocated portion of state sales and other taxes. The local portion of the foundation is funded primarily by non-homestead property taxes which may be levied at a rate of up to 17.9334 mills. Based on the District’s non-homestead tax value and the student membership, the district is out of formula.

**Contacting the District’s Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the District’s finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Arvon Township School District.

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**June 30, 2015**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 711,843
Accounts receivable	4,388
Capital assets-Net	<u>208,742</u>
Total Assets	<u>924,973</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES - Pension	29,803
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Accounts payable	4,053
Accrued expenses	102
Salaries payable	305
Compensated absences	16,944
Net pension liability	<u>284,327</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>305,731</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES - Pension	31,432
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	191,798
Restricted for Food Service	166
Unrestricted	<u>425,649</u>
Total net position \$	<u>617,613</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Program Revenues			Governmental Activities
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Government Activities:				
Instruction and instructional support	\$ 204,454	\$ -	\$ 57,056	\$ (147,398)
Support services	142,766	-	-	(142,766)
Community services	205	-	-	(205)
School food service	5,441	163	5	(5,273)
	<u>\$ 352,866</u>	<u>\$ 163</u>	<u>\$ 57,061</u>	<u>(295,642)</u>
Total Governmental Activities				
			General Revenues:	
			Property taxes - general operations	300,377
			State school aid - unrestricted	500
			Interest and investment earnings	1,844
			Other	1,579
				<u>304,300</u>
			Total general revenues	
			Change in Net Position	8,658
			Net Position - Beginning	608,955
			Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ 617,613</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**June 30, 2015**

	General	Food Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 711,578	\$ 265	\$ 711,843
Accounts receivable	4,388	-	4,388
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 715,966</b>	<b>\$ 265</b>	<b>\$ 716,231</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 3,954	\$ 99	\$ 4,053
Salaries payable	305	-	305
Accrued expenses	102	-	102
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4,361</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>4,460</b>
 <b>FUND BALANCES:</b>			
Restricted	-	166	166
Unassigned	711,605	-	711,605
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>711,605</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>711,771</b>
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	 <b>\$ 715,966</b>	 <b>\$ 265</b>	

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

Long-term liabilities include accrued expenses not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(16,944)
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	208,742
Net Pension Liability	(284,327)
Deferred outflows from the difference between pension changes of assumptions and contributions subsequent to the measurement date.	29,803
Deferred inflows from the difference between projected and actual investment earnings of the pension plan.	(31,432)
Net position of governmental activities	<b>\$ 617,613</b>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	General Fund	Food Service Fund	Totals
Revenues			
Local sources	\$ 303,800	\$ 163	\$ 303,963
State sources	11,692	5	11,697
Federal sources	45,864	-	45,864
Total revenues	<u>361,356</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>361,524</u>
Expenditures			
Instruction	191,717	-	191,717
Supporting services	166,642	-	166,642
Community services	205	-	205
School service	-	5,441	5,441
Total expenditures	<u>358,564</u>	<u>5,441</u>	<u>364,005</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	2,792	(5,273)	(2,481)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating transfers in	-	5,341	5,341
Operating transfers out	(5,341)	-	(5,341)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(5,341)</u>	<u>5,341</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(2,549)	68	(2,481)
Fund Balances - Beginning of year	<u>714,154</u>	<u>98</u>	
Fund Balances - End of Year	<u>\$ 711,605</u>	<u>\$ 166</u>	

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

Long-term liabilities include accrued expenses not due or payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(2,342)
Governmental funds do not record depreciation and report capital outlays as expenditures in the statement of activities, these costs are capitalized and allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation.	13,643
The change in net pension liability amounts does not require the use of current resources and is not reported in the governmental funds	<u>162</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 8,658</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**FIDUCIARY FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**June 30, 2015**

	<u>Fiduciary Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	<u>\$      804</u>
LIABILITIES	
Gift Fund	\$      202
Scholarship Fund	<u>      602</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$      804</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - June 30, 2015**

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**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The basic financial statements of the Arvon Township School District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

**REPORTING ENTITY**

Arvon Township Schools (the "District") is governed by the Arvon Township School Board of Education (the "Board"), which has responsibility and control over all activities related to public school education within the District. The District receives funding from local and federal government sources and must comply with all the requirements of these funding source entities. However, the District is not included in any other governmental reporting entity as defined by the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Board members are elected by the public and have decision-making authority, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and the primary accountability for fiscal matters. In addition, the District's reporting entity does not contain any component units as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Numbers 14 and 39.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. All of the District's government-wide activities are considered governmental activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenue includes (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other unrestricted items are not included as program revenues and are reported as general revenues.

In the government-wide statement of net position, the governmental activities column is presented on a consolidated basis and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The District's net position are reported in three parts – net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted net position.

The District first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

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

The District does allocate indirect costs.

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - June 30, 2015**

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**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

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

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

Governmental Funds - Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Property taxes, intergovernmental grants, and interest income associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the government unit.

Fiduciary fund statements are also reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

The District reports the General Fund and Food Service Fund as major governmental funds. The General Fund is the general operating fund and accordingly, it is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The Food Service Fund is the food service operating fund and accounts for financial resources of the food service fund.

Fiduciary Fund - The Trust and Agency Fund is used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. This fund is used to account for assets that the District holds for others in an agency capacity (primary student activities). Fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide statements.

Accrual Method - The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

**MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

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

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**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Property taxes, federal aid, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

State Revenue - The State of Michigan utilizes a foundation grant approach which provides for a specific annual amount of revenue per pupil based on a statewide formula. The Foundation is funded from state and local sources. Revenues from state sources are primarily governed by the School Aid Act and the School Code of Michigan. The Michigan Department of Education administers the allocation of state funds to school districts based on information supplied by the districts. For the year ended June 30, 2015, the foundation allowance was based on pupil membership counts taken in February and October of 2012.

The state portion of the foundation is provided primarily by a state education property tax millage of 6 mills and an allocated portion of state sales and other taxes. The local portion of the foundation is funded primarily by non-homestead property taxes which may be levied at a rate of up to 17.9334 mills. Based on the District’s non-homestead tax value and the student membership, the district is out of formula.

Foundation		\$	8,091.00
Assumed Local Support		\$	541,131
Divided by State Aid Membership			7.25
Calculated Local Support			(74,638.76)
Out of Formula		\$	(66,547.76)

*Other Accounting Policies*

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are stated at fair value. Pooled investment income is generally allocated to each fund using a weighted average balance for the principal.

Deposits - Cash and equivalents include amounts in demand deposits and certificates of deposit.

Property Taxes - Property taxes levied by the District are collected by Arvon Township and periodically remitted to the District. The taxes are levied as of December 1 and are due upon receipt of the billing by the taxpayer and become a lien on the first day of the levy year. The actual due date is February 14, after which time the bills become delinquent and penalties and interest may be assessed by the collecting entity.

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the District levied 10 mills of non-homestead assessed value for General Fund.

Receivables and Payables - Activity between funds are reported as “due to/from other funds.” All receivables, including property taxes receivable, are shown net of allowance for uncollectibles.

Inventory - The District utilizes the purchase method of recording inventories of materials and supplies. Under the purchase method, inventories are recorded as expenditures when they are purchased.

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**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Capital Assets - Capital assets, which include land, buildings, equipment, site improvements, and vehicles are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$1,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Costs of normal repair and maintenance that do not add to the value or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Buildings, equipment, and vehicles are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings and additions	20-50 years
Buses and other vehicles	5-10 years
Furniture and other equipment	5-10 years

Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position - Deferred outflows are reported in a separate section following assets, and deferred inflows are reported in a separate section following liabilities. The statement of net position then arrives at net position which includes the net effects of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources.

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

Fund Balance - Governmental funds report *nonspendable fund balance* for amounts that cannot be spent because they are either a.) Not in spendable form, or b.) Legally or contractually require to be maintained intact. *Restricted fund balance* is reported when externally imposed constraints are placed on the use of the resources by grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments. *Committed fund balance*, if any, is reported from amounts that can be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action by the government's highest level of decision making authority, the Board of Education. A formal resolution of the Board of Education is required to establish, modify or rescind a fund balance commitment. The District reports *assigned fund balance* for amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. *Unassigned fund balance* is the residual classification for the general fund.

When the District incurs an expenditure for purposes for which various fund balance classifications can be used, it is the District's policy to use restricted fund balance first, then committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and finally unassigned balance.

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

Accrued Benefits - The liabilities for accrued benefits reported in the district-wide statements in the amount of \$16,944 consisted of sick leave. Principal/Teachers with a minimum of 5 years of service in the District are entitled to 13 sick days per year, and if not used, can accumulate up to a maximum of 180 days. Teachers with a minimum of 5 years of service in the District are entitled to 10 sick days per year, and if not used, can accumulate up to a maximum of 180 days. Payment of sick leave, capped at 50% of unused days, shall be paid upon retirement or layoff.

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**NOTE B - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

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

1. The Business Manager submits to the School Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The level of control for the budgets is at the functional level as set forth and presented as required supplementary information.
2. A public hearing is held to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally adopted by School Board resolution pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (P.A. 621 of 1978) enacted at a regular meeting by School Board approval. The Act provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated.
4. During the year the budget is monitored, and amendments to the budget resolution are made when deemed necessary.
5. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

In the body of the financial statements, the District’s actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the budgetary funds have been shown on a functional basis. Violations, if any, for the general fund are noted in the required supplementary information section.

**NOTE C - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

At year-end, the District’s deposits were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

	Governmental Activities	Fiduciary Funds
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 711,843	\$ 804

*Deposit Risk*

Credit Risk – State law limits investments to specific government securities, certificates of deposits and bank accounts with qualified financial institutions, commercial paper with specific maximum maturities and ratings when purchased, bankers acceptances of specific financial institutions, qualified mutual funds and qualified external investments pools as identified in the list of authorized investments below. The District’s investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law on investment credit risk. The District does not have any investments.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits – In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District’s deposits may not be returned to it. State law does not require and the District does not have a policy for deposit custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2015, the District’s bank balance was 100% insured.

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**NOTE D - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity of the District’s governmental activities was as follows:

	Balance 06/30/14	Additions	Deletions	Balance 06/30/15
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Building and additions	101,476	-	-	101,476
Improvements other than building	165,140	28,677	-	193,817
Equipment and furniture	55,363	-	-	55,363
Subtotal	<u>321,979</u>	<u>28,677</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>350,656</u>
Accumulated depreciation:				
Building and additions	25,729	3,796	-	29,525
Improvements other than building	66,168	7,252	-	73,420
Equipment and furniture	34,984	3,986	-	38,970
Subtotal	<u>126,881</u>	<u>\$ 15,034</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>141,915</u>
Net capital assets being depreciated	<u>195,098</u>			<u>208,741</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 195,099</u>			<u>\$ 208,742</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities of the District as follows:

Instruction	\$ 10,247
Operations	<u>4,787</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 15,034</u>

**NOTE E - INTER-FUND TRANSFERS**

General Fund made an inter-fund transfer to the School Food Service Fund in the amount of \$5,341 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

**NOTE F - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at June 30, 2015 that are expected to be collected within one year are \$4,388 in the general fund.

**NOTE G - PAYABLES**

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities as of June 30, 2015, for the District are as follows:

Fund Financial Statements:	General Fund	Food Service Fund
Salaries payable	\$ 305	\$ -
Accounts Payable	3,954	99
Accrued expenses	102	-
Compensated absences	16,944	-
	<u>\$ 21,305</u>	<u>\$ 99</u>

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**NOTE H - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN**

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

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

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

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

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

**Membership**

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

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

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**NOTE H - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NOTE I - MPSERS SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

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



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**NOTE I - MPSERS SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**NOTE I - MPSERS SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**NOTE I - MPSERS SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

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

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

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

**NOTE J - MPSERS CONTRIBUTIONS AND FUNDING STATUS**

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

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

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

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

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

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**NOTE J - MPSERS CONTRIBUTIONS AND FUNDING STATUS (Continued)**

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

**NOTE K - NET PENSION LIABILITY**

Measurement of the MPSERS Net Pension Liability

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

<u>MPSERS (Plan) Net Pension Liability</u>	
As of September 30, 2014	
Total Pension Liability	\$ 65,160,887,182
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	43,134,384,072
Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 22,026,503,110</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	66.20%
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	250.11%

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

<u>MPSERS (Plan) Net Pension Liability</u>	
As of October 1, 2013	
Total Pension Liability	\$ 62,859,499,994
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	39,427,686,072
Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 23,431,813,922</u>

Proportionate Share of Arvon Township School District's Net Pension Liability

At June 30, 2015, the Arvon Township School District reported a liability of \$284,327 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 30, 2013. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on statutorily required contributions in relation to all reporting units' statutorily required contributions for the measurement period. At September 30, 2014, the District's proportionate share percent was .00129 percent.

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**NOTE K - NET PENSION LIABILITY (Continued)**

Long-Term Expected Return on Plan Assets

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

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

\* Long term rate of return does not include 2.5% inflation

Rate of Return

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

Discount Rate

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

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

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

	1% Lower (7.0%)	Discount Rate (8.0%)	1% Higher (9.0%)
District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 374,860	\$ 284,327	\$ 208,051

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**NOTE K - NET PENSION LIABILITY (Continued)**

Timing of the Valuation

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

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

Actuarial Valuations and Assumptions

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

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

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions

	<u>Actuarial Assumptions</u>
Wage Inflation Rate:	3.5%
Investment Rate of Return:	
– MIP and Basic Plans (Non-Hybrid)	8.0%
– Pension Plus Plan (Hybrid)	7.0%
Projected Salary Increases:	3.5 -12.3%, including wage inflation at 3.5%
Cost-of-Living Pension Adjustments:	3% Annual Non-Compounded for MIP members
Healthcare Cost Trend Rate:	8.5% Year 1 graded to 3.5% Year 12
Mortality: RP-2000 Male and Female Combined Healthy Life Mortality Tables for mortality improvements to 2025 using projection scale BB. For retirees 100% of the table rates were used. For active members, 80% of the tables rates were used for males and 70% of the table rates were used for females.	

Notes:

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

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**NOTE L- PENSION EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS**

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

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the District recognized total pension expense of \$23,031. At June 30, 2015, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred outflows of resources	Deferred inflows of resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	10,491	-
Net difference between policies and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	31,432
Changes in proportion and differences between reporting unit contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	-
District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	19,312	-
Total	<u>\$ 29,803</u>	<u>\$ 31,432</u>

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 September 30	Amount
2015	\$ (5,130)
2016	\$ (5,130)
2017	\$ (5,130)
2018	\$ (5,551)

**NOTE M - PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, available here: <http://michigan.gov/orsschools/0,1607,7-206-36585---,00.html>.

**NOTE N - PAYABLES TO THE PENSION PLAN**

At June 30, 2015 the District did not report any payable to the pension plan at year ended June 30, 2015.

**NOTE O - CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE**

The net position of the governmental activities were restated to reflect the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. GASB Statement No. 68 changed how governments measure and report the long-term obligations and annual costs associated with the pension benefits they provide. GASB Statement No. 71 addressed the issue of contributions made to the defined benefit pension plan after the measurement date for the year in which GASB Statement No. 68 is implemented.

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - June 30, 2015**

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**NOTE O - CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE REPORTING CHANGE (Continued)**

As a result of implementing this statement, the beginning net position of the governmental activities has been restated as indicated:

Net Position - June 30, 2014 - As previously reported	\$ 894,749
Adjustment for implementation of GASB Statement No. 68	<u>(285,794)</u>
Net Position - June 30, 2014 - As restated	<u>\$ 608,955</u>

**NOTE P- RECONCILIATION OF GRANT AUDITOR REPORT TO REPORTED FEDERAL REVENUES**

The amounts reported as cumulative payments on the Grant Auditor Report prepared by the State of Michigan, reconcile with the federal revenue on the Combined Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances as follows:

Total cumulative payments	\$ 28,179
REAP Grant	17,685
Total Federal Financial Assistance	<u>\$ 45,864</u>

The District expended less than \$500,000 in Federal awards during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 and is exempt from Federal Single Audit requirements.

**NOTE Q- RISK MANAGEMENT**

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation), as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The School District has purchased commercial insurance for general liability and employee medical benefit claims and participates in the SEG Self-insurers Workers' Disability Compensation Fund for claims relating to employee injuries. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The shared-risk pool program in which the School District participates operates as a common risk-sharing management program for school districts in Michigan; member premiums are used to purchase commercial excess insurance coverage and to pay member claims in excess of deductible amounts.

**NOTE R- SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date of the accompanying independent auditor's report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.



**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Final to Actual</u>
REVENUES:				
Local sources	\$ 304,302	\$ 303,787	\$ 303,800	\$ 13
State sources	7,283	11,682	11,692	10
Federal sources	38,363	45,864	45,864	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>349,948</b>	<b>361,333</b>	<b>361,356</b>	<b>23</b>
EXPENDITURES:				
Instruction	187,173	191,756	191,717	39
Supporting services	154,281	167,181	166,642	539
Community services	470	275	205	70
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>341,924</b>	<b>359,212</b>	<b>358,564</b>	<b>648</b>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	8,024	2,121	2,792	671
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfer out	(5,189)	(5,341)	(5,341)	-
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 2,835</b>	<b>\$ (3,220)</b>	<b>(2,549)</b>	<b>\$ 671</b>
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR			714,154	
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR			<u>\$ 711,605</u>	

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PENSION REQUIREMENTS - GASB 68  
Year Ended June 30, 2015**

**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE  
SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**

Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Plan  
(Amounts were determined as of 9/30 of each fiscal year)\*

	2014
A. District's proportionate of net pension liability (%)	.00129
B. District's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 284,327
C. District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 121,083
D. District's proportionate share of net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	43%
E. Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension	66.20%

**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS**

Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Plan  
(Amounts were determined as of 6/30 of each fiscal year)\*

	2015
A. Statutorily required contributions	\$ 20,987
B. Contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions	22,675
C. Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ (1,688)
D. District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 102,222
E. Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee	22%

\*This is the first year for reporting.

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - June 30, 2015**

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**NOTE A - CHANGE OF BENEFIT TERMS**

There were no changes of benefit terms in 2015.

**NOTE B - CHANGE OF ASSUMPTIONS**

There were no changes of benefit assumptions in 2015.

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**SCHEDULES OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Local sources:			
Taxes	\$ 300,377	\$ 300,377	\$ -
Other local sources:			
Investment revenue	1,830	1,844	14
Miscellaneous	1,580	1,579	(1)
Total other local sources	<u>3,410</u>	<u>3,423</u>	<u>13</u>
Total local sources	<u>303,787</u>	<u>303,800</u>	<u>13</u>
State sources	11,682	11,692	10
Federal sources:			
REAP	17,685	17,685	-
Title I	25,739	25,739	-
Title II A	2,440	2,440	-
Total federal sources	<u>45,864</u>	<u>45,864</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>361,333</u>	<u>361,356</u>	<u>23</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Instruction:			
Basic program	148,332	148,293	39
Compensatory education	43,424	43,424	-
Total instruction	<u>191,756</u>	<u>191,717</u>	<u>39</u>
Supporting Services:			
Improvement of instruction	2,440	2,440	-
Library	3,600	3,433	167
Board of education	12,541	12,445	96
Business-fiscal services	17,206	17,206	-
Operation and maintenance	60,713	60,437	276
Pupil transportation	70,357	70,357	-
Technology	324	324	-
Total supporting services	<u>167,181</u>	<u>166,642</u>	<u>539</u>
Community services	<u>275</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>70</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>359,212</u>	<u>358,564</u>	<u>648</u>

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**SCHEDULES OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (Continued)**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	2,121	2,792	671
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Operating transfer out	(5,341)	(5,341)	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(5,341)	(5,341)	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	\$ (3,220)	(2,549)	\$ 671
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR		714,154	
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR		\$ 711,605	

**ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND**  
**SCHEDULES OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Local sources - food sales	\$ 163	\$ 163	\$ -
State sources	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>165</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Utilities	362	362	-
Food	479	479	-
Purchases	<u>4,600</u>	<u>4,600</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>5,441</u>	<u>5,441</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>(5,276)</u>	<u>(5,273)</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Operating transfers in	<u>5,341</u>	<u>5,341</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES</b>	<u>\$ 65</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>		<u>98</u>	
<b>FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>		<u>\$ 166</u>	



## **COMMUNICATIONS SECTION**

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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

Board of Education  
Arvon Township School District  
Skaneec, Michigan

We have audited in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Arvon Township Schools as of and for the year then ended June 30, 2015 and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 27, 2015.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will be not be prevented, 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 of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of this Report**

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

**Rukkila, Negro & Associates,  
Certified Public Accountants, PC**

October 27, 2015

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## COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

Board of Education  
Arvon Township School District  
Skaneec, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Arvon Township School District for the year ended June 30, 2015. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 23, 2015. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### Significant Audit Findings

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Policies*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Arvon Township School District are described in Note A to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended June 30, 2015. We noted no transactions entered into by Arvon Township School District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

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

Management's estimate of the useful lives of fixed assets, used to calculate depreciation, is based on the estimated useful lives of certain classes of assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the useful lives to determine that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

#### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

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

#### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

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

### *Disagreements with Management*

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

### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 27, 2015.

### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

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

### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

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

### Other Matters

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

We were engaged to report on the supplemental financial information, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

### Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Arvon Township School District board and management and is not intended to be and should not be used for anyone other than these specified parties.

It has been a pleasure to provide audit services to Arvon Township School District. Management was prepared for the audit, providing us with all supporting documents requested. Management was friendly, conscientious and very helpful.

We appreciate your business, thank you.

**Rukkila, Negro & Associates,  
Certified Public Accountants, PC**

October 27, 2015