FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Year Ended June 30, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the fiduciary funds of the Sharon Springs Central School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Sharon Springs Central School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the fiduciary fund information of the Sharon Springs Central School District, as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position thereof 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 the schedule of changes in the total OPEB liability, the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/liability, and District contributions on pages M1-M9 and 48-52 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Government 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'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 an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sharon Springs Central School District's basic financial statements as a whole. The other supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the New York State Education Department. The other supplementary information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 28, 2020 on our consideration of the Sharon Springs Central School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the 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 Sharon Springs Central School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C.

Claverack, New York September 28, 2020

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) June 30, 2020

INTRODUCTION

The Sharon Springs Central School District offers readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. Please review it in conjunction with the District's financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

As of the close of this fiscal year, the District's general fund reported a fund balance of \$3,641,198, an increase of \$217,957 in comparison with the prior year. With the increase the District was able to appropriate \$1,349,699 of the fund balance for subsequent year's expenditures. The District also was able to maintain reserves for unemployment insurance, property loss, insurance, repairs, employee benefit accrued liability and retirement contributions.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis narrative (required supplemental information) is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components:

- 1. Districtwide Financial Statements
- 2. Fund Financial Statements
- 3. Notes to the Financial Statements

In addition to these statements, this report also includes required supplemental information and other supplemental information.

Our auditor has provided assurance in the independent auditor's report that the Basic Financial Statements are fairly stated. A different degree of assurance is being provided by the auditor regarding the supplemental information identified below. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each part in the financial statements.

Financial Statements

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Basic Financial Statements

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DISTRICTWIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The districtwide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. certain federal/state grants earned but not yet received, unused vacation/sick leave, and proceeds from Revenue Anticipation Notes and related interest).

All of the District's services are reported in the districtwide financial statements as *governmental activities*, including general support, instruction, pupil transportation, community services, and school lunch. Property taxes, state/federal aid, and investment earnings finance most of these activities. Additionally, all capital and debt financing activities are reported here.

DISTRICTWIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

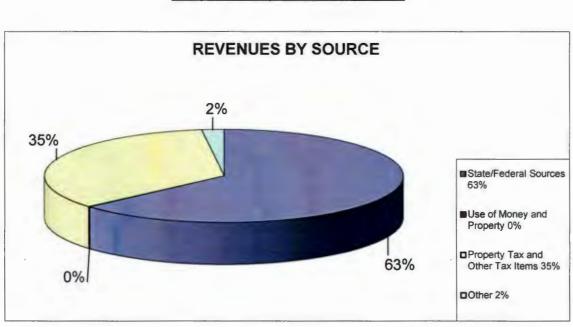
Sharon Springs Central School District's Net Position June 30, 2020 and 2019

	Govern		
	2020	2019	Variance Increase (Decrease)
Current Assets	\$ 4,305,492	\$ 7,260,032	\$ (2,954,540)
Capital Assets	16,044,387	12,655,120	3,389,267
Net Pension Asset	397,230	290,441	106,789
Total Assets	20,747,109	20,205,593	541,516
Deferred Outflows of Resources	9,374,231	2,796,998	6,577,233
Total Assets and Outflows of Resources	30,121,340	23,002,591	7,118,749
Current Liabilities	301,274	4,594,673	(4,293,399)
Noncurrent Liabilities	5,615,269	1,827,142	3,788,127
OPEB Obligations	28,087,685	19,995,697	8,091,988
Net Pension Liability	986,491	267,888	718,603
Total Liabilities	34,990,719	26,685,400	8,305,319
Deferred Inflow of Resources	1,173,818	1,224,501	(50,683)
Total Liabilities and Inflows of Resources	36,164,537	27,909,901	8,254,636
Net Position:			
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	10,929,825	9,900,532	1,029,293
Restricted	1,391,856	1,263,136	128,720
Unrestricted (deficit)	(18,364,878)	(16,070,978)	(2,293,900)
Total Net Position	\$ (6,043,197)	\$ (4,907,310)	\$ (1,135,887)

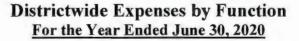
Sharon Springs Central School District's Changes in Net Position For the Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

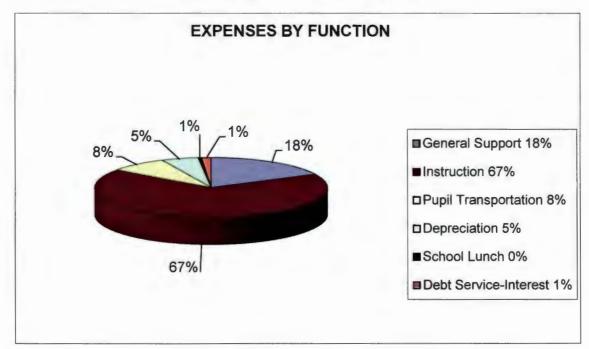
	Govern			
	2020 2019		Variance Increase (Decrease)	
Revenues:				
Program Revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 162,851	\$ 111,882	\$ 50,969	
Operating Grants and Contributions	449,690	525,317	(75,627)	
Total Program Revenues	\$ 612,541	\$ 637,199	\$ (24,658)	
General Revenues:				
Real Property Taxes	\$ 2,037,839	\$ 1,968,140	\$ 69,699	
Other Tax Items	1,042,203	1,056,910	(14,707)	
Use of Money and Property	13,833	14,222	(389)	
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	10,000	1,070	8,930	
Miscellaneous	73,409	91,878	(18,469)	
State Sources	5,671,640	5,298,561	373,079	
Federal Sources	1,366	6,093	(4,727)	
Premium on Obligations	96,613	11,789	84,824	
Total General Revenues	8,946,903	8,448,663	498,240	
Expenses (Net of Program Revenues):				
Instruction	6,800,990	5,606,973	1,194,017	
Support Services:				
General Support	1,772,576	1,500,792	271,784	
Pupil Transportation	816,164	732,564	83,600	
Debt Service-Interest	131,464	76,963	54,501	
Depreciation-Unallocated	515,002	506,618	8,384	
School Lunch	46,594	38,006	8,588	
Total Expenses	10,082,790	8,461,916	1,620,874	
Change in Net Position	\$ (1,135,887)	\$ (13,253)	\$ (1,122,634)	

The following charts provide the percentage of breakdown of all revenues by source and all expenses by function for the entire District:



Districtwide Revenues by Source For the Year Ended June 30, 2020





FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds.

A fund is a grouping of related accounts, and is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements. The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (such as repaying its long-term debts) or to show that it is properly using certain revenues (such as federal grants). All of the funds of the District can be divided into two categories; governmental funds, and fiduciary funds.

- Governmental funds: All of the District's services are reported in governmental funds. Governmental fund reporting focuses on showing how money flows into and out of funds, and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. They are reported using the modified accrual method of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted into cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's operations and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources available to be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the districtwide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements explains the relationship (or differences) between them.
- Fiduciary funds: The District is the trustee, or *fiduciary*, for assets that belong to others, such as the scholarship fund and the student activities funds. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The District excludes these activities from the districtwide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

FUND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (DISTRICT'S FUNDS)

The District's governmental funds (as presented on the balance sheet) reported a combined Fund Balance of \$4 million, which is above last year's total of \$3.4 million. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance by fund type as of June 30, 2020 and 2019.

	Fund Balance 2020			
General	\$ 3,641,198	\$ 3,423,241	\$ 217,957	
School Lunch	2,268	2,862	(594)	
Special Aid	-	628	(628)	
Capital	246,950	(73,019)	319,969	
Debt Service	117,661	20,778	96,883	
Totals	\$ 4,008,077	\$ 3,374,490	\$ 633,587	

General Fund

The tables that follow assist in illustrating the financial activities and balance of the general fund.

<u>Revenues:</u>	 2020	 2019	L	ariance 1crease ecrease)
Taxes and Other Tax Items	\$ 3,080,042	\$ 3,025,050	\$	54,992
Use of Money and Property	13,563	14,134		(571)
State/Federal Sources	5,385,169	5,304,654		80,515
Other	 234,963	 175,603		59,360
Totals	\$ 8,713,737	\$ 8,519,441	\$	194,296

Expenses:	2020	2019	Variance Increase (Decrease)
General Support	\$ 1,053,192	\$ 976,994	\$ 76,198
Instruction	3,995,876	3,585,455	410,421
Pupil Transportation	392,053	418,692	(26,639)
Employee Benefits	2,069,436	1,962,206	107,230
Debt Service	836,736	763,241	73,495
Other	148,487	165,589	(17,102)
Totals	\$ 8,495,780	\$ 7,872,177	\$ 623,603

GENERAL FUND BUDGET INFORMATION

The District's budget is prepared in accordance with New York State law and is based on the modified accrual basis of accounting, utilizing cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

The difference between the general fund's original budget and the final amended budget was \$61,948. This amount represents the carryover encumbrances from 2018-2019 of \$19,917 and Board approved appropriation of fund balance of \$42,031.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The District's capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) as of June 30, 2020 are as follows:

Asset Description	Amount
Land Construction in Progress Buildings and Improvements Machinery & Equipment Vehicles	\$ 74,094 4,551,774 10,796,357 217,014 405,148
Total	<u>\$ 16,044,387</u>

The total increase in the District's capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) for the current fiscal year was \$3,389,267. The most significant changes to capital assets were attributable to the purchases of equipment and vehicles and the expenditures from the capital project less depreciation expense.

DEBT

The District had total debt including serial bonds, OPEB obligations, net pension liabilityproportionate share and compensated absences in the amount of \$34,689,445 as of June 30, 2020, an increase over the previous year of \$8,354,330. The debt outstanding for the year ended June 30, 2020 is summarized as follows:

Debt Description	Outstanding Balance
Bonds	\$ 5,390,738
OPEB Obligations	28,087,685
Net Pension Liability-Proportionate Share	986,491
Compensated Absences	224,531
-	<u>\$34,689,445</u>

The District has refunding bonds outstanding, the proceeds of which are in escrow to fund other previously existing debt. The refunding was done as a result of a change in the manner in which the State was planning to pay building aid related to the existing debt.

Under current state statutes, the District's general obligation bonded debt issues are subject to a legal limitation based on 10% of the total full value of real property. At June 30, 2020 the District's general obligation debt was under its total debt limit.

FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of existing circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future. Challenges facing the District are the impacts of the COVID- 19 Pandemic on the state's economy and its effect on state aid funding levels plus the additional expenses related to enhancing health and safety protocols.

Another challenge is the cost of employee benefits continues to be a major budgetary factor. The continued growth in the cost of health insurance combined with costs of funding the Teachers' Retirement System and Employees' Retirement System are projected to have significant budgetary impact in the near to intermediate future.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

It is the intent of this report to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the funds it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the following:

Sharon Springs Central School District PO Box 218 Route 20 Sharon Springs, New York 13459

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2020

ASSETS		
Unrestricted cash	\$ 2,604,800	
Restricted cash	1,241,630	
State and federal aid receivable	201,604	
Due from other governments	250,055	
Inventories	7,403	
Capital assets, net	16,044,387	
Net pension asset	397,230	
Total Assets		\$ 20,747,109
DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES		
Pensions	\$ 1,950,649	
OPEB-GASB 75	7,423,582	
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		\$ 9,374,231
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Accrued liabilities	7,192	
Due to other governments	90	
Due to fidiciary funds	297	
Due to teachers' retirement system	249,496	
Due to employees' retirement system	39,941	
Unearned revenue	4,258	
Long-Term Liabilities:		
Due and payable within one year		
Bonds payable	749,294	
Due and payable after one year		
Bonds payable	4,641,444	
Compensated absences payable	224,531	
Other postemployment benefits payable	28,087,685	
Net pension liability - proportionate share	986,491	
Total Liabilities		\$ 34,990,719
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pensions	588,823	
OPEB-GASB 75	584,995	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		\$ 1,173,818
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	10,929,825	
Restricted	1,391,856	
Unrestricted (deficit)	(18,364,878)	
Total Net Position		\$ (6,043,197)

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION For Year Ended June 30, 2020

			Indirect Program Revenues			ues		et (Expense) evenue and		
				Expenses	C	Charges for		Operating	(Changes in
		Expenses		Allocation		Services		Grants	N	let Position
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS										
General support	\$	1,008,581	\$	763,995	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(1,772,576)
Instruction		4,301,635		2,957,216		139,623		318,238		(6,800,990)
Pupil transportation		396,763		424,111		-		4,710		(816,164)
Employee benefits		4,208,713		(4,208,713)		-		-		-
Debt service-interest		131,464		-		-		-		(131,464)
Depreciation		515,002		-		-		-		(515,002)
School lunch program	<u> </u>	133,173		63,391		23,228		126,742		(46,594)
Total Functions and Programs	\$	10,695,331	\$	-	\$	162,851	\$	449,690		(10,082,790)
GENERAL REVENUES										
Real property taxes										2,037,839
Other tax items										1,042,203
Use of money and property										13,833
Sale of property and										10.000
compensation for loss Miscellaneous										10,000 73,409
										5,671,640
State sources Federal sources										1,366
										96,613
Premium on obligations										70,015
Total General Revenues										8,946,903
Change in Net Position										(1,135,887)
Total Net Position - Beginning of year										(4,907,310)
Total Net Position - End of year										(6,043,197)

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2020

	Total Governmental Funds		Long-term Assets. Liabilities		Reclassifications and Eliminations		Statement of Net Position Totals	
ASSETS Unrestricted cash Restricted cash Due from other funds Due from other governments State and federal aid receivable Inventories Capital assets, (net) Net pension asset	\$	2,604,800 1,241,630 364,389 250,055 201,604 7,403	\$	- - - 16,044,387 397,230	\$	- (364.389) - - -	\$	2,604,800 1,241,630 250,055 201,604 7,403 16,044,387 397,230
Total Assets	\$	4,669,881	\$	16,441,617	\$	(364,389)	\$	20,747,109
DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES Pensions OPEB-GASB 75	\$	-	\$	1.950,649 7,423,582	\$	-	\$	1,950,649 7,423,582
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	-	\$	9,374,231	\$		\$	9.374,231
LIABILITIES Accrued liabilities Bonds payable Due to other funds Due to other governments Due to eachers' retirement system Due to eachers' retirement system Other postemployment benefits payable Compensated absences Unearned revenues Net pension liability- proportionate share Total Liabilities	\$	3,083 364,686 90 249,496 39,941 - 4,508 - -	\$	4,109 5,390,738 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	\$	- (364,686) 297 - - - (250) - (364.639)	\$	7,192 5,390,738 297 90 249,496 39,941 28,087,685 224,531 4,258 986,491 34,990,719
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Pensions OPEB-GASB 75	\$		\$	588.823 584,995	\$		\$	588,823 584,995
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources FUND BALANCE\NET POSITION Total Fund Balance\Net Position	<u>\$</u>	4,008.077	\$	1,173,818 (10,051,524)	\$\$	250	\$	1.173.818 (6.043.197)
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance/Net Position	_\$	4,669,881	\$	25,815,848	\$	(364,389)		30,121,340

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For	Year	Ended	June	30,	2020		

	TotalLong-termGovernmentalRevenue,FundsExpenses		Capital Related Items		Long-term Debt Transactions	Statement of Activities Totals		
REVENUES								
Real property taxes	\$	2,037,839	\$ -	\$	-	\$-	\$	2,037,839
Other tax items		1,042,203	-		-	-		1,042,203
Charges for services		139,623	-		-	-		139,623
Use of money and property		13,833	-		-	-		13,833
Sale of property and								
compensation for loss		10,000	-		-	-		10,000
Miscellaneous		73,409	-		-	-		73,409
State sources		5,725,476	-		-	-		5,725,476
Federal sources		397,220	-		-	-		397,220
Sales - school lunch		23,228	-		-	-		23,228
Total Revenues	_	9,462,831	-		-	-		9,462,831
EXPENDITURES\EXPENSES								
General support		1,053,192	-		(44,611)	-		1,008,581
Instruction		4,317,229	6,395		(21,989)	-		4,301,635
Pupil transportation		396,763	-		-	-		396,763
Employee benefits		2,132,827	2,075,886		-	-		4,208,713
Debt service-Principal		704,388	-		-	(704,388)		-
-Interest		132,348	(884)		-	-		131,464
Cost of sales		133,173	-		-	-		133,173
Capital outlay		3,837,669	-		(3,837,669)	-		-
Depreciation		-	-		515,002	-		515,002
Total Expenditures		12,707,589	2,081,397		(3,389,267)	(704,388)		10,695,331
Excess (Deficiency)								
of Revenues Over Expenditures		(3,244,758)	 (2,081,397)		3,389,267	704,388		(1,232,500)
OTHER SOURCES AND USES								
Premium on obligations		96,613	-		-	-		96,613
Proceeds from debt		3,781,732	-		-	(3,781,732)		-
Operating transfers in		160,418	(160,418)		-	- , , =)		-
Operating transfers (out)		(160,418)	 160,418		-			-
Total Other Sources (Uses)		3,878,345	 <u>-</u>			(3,781,732)		96,613
Net Change for the Year	\$	633,587	\$ (2,081,397)	\$	3,389,267	\$ (3,077,344)	\$	(1,135,887)
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SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET- GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2020

		General		Special Aid		School Lunch		Debt Service		Capital Projects	Go	Total overnmental Funds
ASSETS												
Unrestricted cash	\$	2,353,310	\$	675	\$	15,340	\$	-	\$	235,475	\$	2,604,800
Restricted cash		1,241,630		-		-		-		-		1,241,630
State and federal aid receivable		118,083		68,576		14,945		-		-		201,604
Due from other governments		250,055		-		-		-		-		250,055
Due from other funds		111,039		-		-		117,661		135,689		364,389
Inventories		-		-		7,403		-		-		7,403
Total Assets	\$	4,074,117	\$	69,251	\$	37,688	\$	117,661	\$	371,164	\$	4,669,881
LIABILITIES												
Accrued liabilities	\$	2,118	\$	-	\$	965	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,083
Due to teachers' retirement system	Ŷ	249,496	*	-	*	-	*	-	+	-	+	249,496
Due to employees' retirement system		39,941		-		-		-		-		39,941
Due to other funds		141,364		69,001		30,107		-		124,214		364,686
Due to other governments		-		-		90		-		-		90
Unearned revenues		-		250		4,258		-		-		4,508
Total Liabilities		432,919		69,251		35,420		-		124,214		661,804
FUND BALANCES												
Non-spendable		-		-		7,403		-		-		7,403
Restricted		1.241.630		-		368		117,661		32,197		1,391,856
Assigned		1,543,708		-		-		-		214,753		1,758,461
Unassigned (Deficit)		855,860		-		(5,503)		-		-		850,357
Total Fund Balances		3,641,198		-		2,268		117,661		246,950		4,008,077
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	4,074,117	\$	69,251	\$	37,688	\$	117,661	\$	371,164	\$	4,669,881

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For Year Ended June 30, 2020

	General	Special Aid	School Lunch	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
Real property taxes	\$ 2,037,839	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$ 2,037,839
Other tax items	1,042,203	-	-	-	-	1,042,203
Charges for services	139,623	-	-	-	-	139,623
Use of money and property	13,563	-	-	270	-	13,833
Sale of property and						
compensation for loss	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Miscellaneous	73,409	-	-	-	-	73,409
State sources	5,383,803	51,034	2,802	-	287,837	5,725,476
Federal sources	1,366	271,914	123,940	-	-	397,220
Sales		-	23,228	-	<u> </u>	23,228
Total Revenues	8,701,806	322,948	149,970	270	287,837	9,462,831
EXPENDITURES						
General support	1,053,192	-	-	-	-	1,053,192
Instruction	3,995,876	321,353	-	-	-	4,317,229
Pupil transportation	392,053	4,710	-	-	-	396,763
Employee benefits	2,069,436	-	63,391	-	-	2,132,827
Debt service						
Principal	704,388	-	-	-	-	704,388
Interest	132,348	-	-	-	-	132,348
Cost of sales	-	-	133,173	-	-	133,173
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	3,837,669	3,837,669
Total Expenditures	8,347,293	326,063	196,564		3,837,669	12,707,589
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues						
Over Expenditures	354,513	(3,115)	(46,594)	270	(3,549,832)	(3,244,758)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND US	ES					
Premium on obligations	-	-	-	96,613		96,613
Proceeds from debt	-	-	-	-	3,781,732	3,781,732
Operating transfers in	11,931	2,487	46,000	-	100,000	160,418
Operating transfers (out)	(148,487)	-	-		(11,931)	(160,418)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(136,556)	2,487	46,000	96,613	3,869,801	3,878,345
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues						
and Other Financing Sources Over						
Expenditures and Other Uses	217,957	(628)	(594)	96,883	319,969	633,587
Fund Balance- (Deficit) Beginning of year	3,423,241	628	2,862	20,778	(73,019)	3,374,490
Fund Balance - End of year	\$ 3,641,198	<u>\$</u> -	\$ 2,268	\$ 117,661	\$ 246,950	\$ 4,008,077

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION June 30, 2020

	Private Purpose Trusts	Agency		
ASSETS Cash Investments Due from governmental funds Total Assets	\$ 5,465 99,012 - \$ 104,477	\$ 108,338 		
LIABILITIES Extraclassroom activity balances Other liabilities Total Liabilities	\$	\$ 36,600 72,035 \$ 108,635		
NET POSITION Reserved for scholarships	\$ 104,477			

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION For Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Private Purpose Trusts	
ADDITIONS Contributions Interest	\$	1,447 3,119
Investment earnings/(losses) Total Additions		(2,749) 1,817
DEDUCTIONS Scholarships and awards		1,925
Change in Net Position		(108)
Net Position - Beginning of year		104,585
Net Position - End of year	\$	104,477

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Sharon Springs Central School District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Those principles are as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) which is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Significant accounting principles and policies utilized by the District are described below:

A. <u>Reporting Entity</u>

The Sharon Springs Central School District is governed by the laws of New York State. The District is an independent entity governed by an elected Board of Education consisting of 5 members. The President of the Board serves as the chief fiscal officer and the Superintendent is the chief executive officer. The Board is responsible for and controls all activities related to public school education within the District. Board members have authority to make decisions, power to appoint management, and primary accountability for all fiscal matters.

The reporting entity of the District is based upon criteria set forth by GASB Statement 14, <u>The Financial Reporting Entity</u>, as amended by GASB Statement 39, <u>Component Units</u>. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the District. The District is not a component unit of another reporting entity. The decision to include a potential component unit in the School District's reporting entity is based on several criteria including legal standing, fiscal dependency, and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, the following is a brief review of certain entities included in the School District's reporting entity:

The Extraclassroom Activity Funds

The Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the Sharon Springs Central School District represent funds of the students of the School District. The Board of Education exercises general oversight of these funds. The Extraclassroom Activity Funds are independent of the School District with respect to its financial transactions and the designation of student management. Separate audited financial statements (cash basis) of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds are included in these financial statements. The District accounts for assets held as an agent for various student organizations in an agency fund.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. Joint Venture

The Sharon Springs Central School District is one of 23 component school districts in the Capital District Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). A BOCES is a voluntary, cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that share planning, services, and programs which provide educational and support activities.

BOCES are organized under Section 1950 of the Education Law. A BOCES Board is considered a corporate body. All BOCES property is held by the BOCES Board as a corporation (Section 1950(6)). In addition, BOCES Boards are considered municipal corporations to permit them to contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under Section 119-n(a) of the General Municipal Law.

A BOCES' budget is comprised of separate budgets for administrative, program, and capital costs. Each component school district's share of administrative and capital cost is determined by resident public school district enrollment as defined in Education Law, Section 1950(4)(b)(7). In addition, component districts pay tuition or a service fee for programs in which its students participate.

There is no authority or process by which a school district can terminate its status as a BOCES component. In addition, component school districts pay tuition or a service fee for programs in which their students participate. Members of a BOCES Board are nominated and elected by their component member boards in accordance with provisions of Section 1950 of the Education Law.

During the year ended June 30, 2020, the Sharon Springs Central School District was billed \$961,206 for BOCES administrative and program costs. The District's share of BOCES Aid amounted to \$429,912. Financial statements for the BOCES Aid are available from the BOCES administrative office.

C. <u>Basis of Presentation</u>

1. Districtwide Statements

The Districtwide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present financial information about the District's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety, except those that are fiduciary. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes,

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

1. Districtwide Statements (Continued)

State Aid, intergovernmental revenues, and other exchange and nonexchange transactions. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial position of the District at fiscal year-end. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between program expenses and revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues. Indirect expenses, principally employee benefits, are allocated to functional areas in proportion to the payroll expended for those areas.

2. Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category (governmental and fiduciary) are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The District reports the following funds:

a. Major Governmental Funds

- (1) General Fund This is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial transactions that are not required to be accounted for in another fund.
- (2) Special Aid Fund These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources, such as federal and state grants, that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes and other activities whose funds are restricted as to use. These legal restrictions may be imposed either by governments that provide the funds, or by outside parties.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

2. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

a. Major Governmental Funds (Continued)

- (3) School Lunch Fund Used to account for transactions of the District's lunch and breakfast programs.
- (4) **Debt Service Fund** This fund accounts for the accumulation of resources and the payment of principal and interest on long-term obligations for governmental activities.
- (5) **Capital Projects Fund** This fund is used to account for the financial resources used for acquisition, construction, or major repair of capital facilities.

b. Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary activities are those in which the District acts as trustee or agent for resources that belong to others. These activities are not included in the districtwide financial statements, because their resources do not belong to the District, and are not available to be used. There are two classes of fiduciary funds:

- (1) **Private Purpose Trust Funds** These funds are used to account for trust arrangements in which principal and income benefits annual third party awards and scholarships for students. Established criteria govern the use of the funds and members of the District or representatives of the donors may serve on committees to determine who benefits.
- (2) Agency Funds These funds are strictly custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. Assets are held by the District as agent for various student groups or extraclassroom activity funds and for payroll or employee withholding.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as current financial resources or economic resources. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

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

The fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

E. Cash and Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits, and shortterm investments with original maturities of three months or less from date of acquisition. New York State law governs the District's investment policies. Resources must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. Permissible investments include obligations of the United States Treasury, United States Agencies, repurchase agreements and obligations of New York State or its localities. Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by FDIC insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and districts. Certain cash balances are restricted by various legal and contractual obligations, such as legal reserves and debt agreements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

F. <u>Property Taxes</u>

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education no later than September 1 and become a lien on August 26. Taxes are collected during the period August 30 to October 31.

Uncollected real property taxes are subsequently enforced by the Counties of Montgomery, Otsego and Schoharie. An amount representing uncollected real property taxes is transmitted to the Counties for enforcement and is paid by the Counties to the District no later than the forthcoming April 1.

G. <u>Restricted Resources</u>

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available, the District's policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use, and with the associated legal requirements, many of which are described elsewhere in these Notes to Financial Statements.

H. Interfund Transactions

The operations of the District include transactions between funds. These transactions may be temporary in nature, such as with interfund borrowings. The District typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of providing cash flow. These interfund receivables and payables are expected to be repaid within one year. Permanent transfers of funds include the transfer of expenditures and revenues to provide financing or other services.

In the districtwide statements, the amounts reported on the Statement of Net Position for interfund receivables and payables represent amounts due between different fund types (governmental activities and fiduciary funds). Eliminations have been made for all interfund receivables and payables between funds, with the exception of those due from or to the fiduciary funds.

The governmental funds report all interfund transactions as originally recorded. Interfund receivables and payables may be netted on the accompanying governmental funds balance sheet when it is the District's practice to settle these amounts at a net balance based upon the right of legal offset.

Refer to Note V for a detailed disclosure by individual fund for interfund receivables, payables, expenditures and revenues activity.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

I. <u>Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates and assumptions are made in a variety of areas, including computation of encumbrances, compensated absences, potential contingent liabilities and useful lives of long-lived assets.

J. <u>Receivables</u>

Accounts receivable are shown gross, with uncollectible amounts recognized under the direct write-off method. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided since it is believed that such allowance would not be material.

K. Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories of food in the School Lunch Fund are recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis, or in the case of surplus food, at stated value that approximates market. Purchases of inventoriable items in other funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase and are considered immaterial in amount.

Prepaid items represent payments made by the District for which benefits extend beyond yearend. These payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the districtwide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the Statement of Net Position or balance sheet using the consumption method. Under the consumption method, a current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of purchase and an expense/expenditure is reported in the year the goods or services are consumed.

A portion of fund balance has been classified as nonspendable to indicate that inventory does not constitute an available spendable resource.

L. Other Assets/Restricted Assets

Certain proceeds from serial bonds and bond anticipation notes, as well as resources set aside for their repayment are classified as restricted assets in the districtwide financial statements and their use is limited by applicable bond covenants.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

L. Other Assets/Restricted Assets (Continued)

In the districtwide financial statements, bond discounts and premiums, and any prepaid bond insurance costs are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt issue. Bond issuance costs are recognized as an expense in the period incurred.

M. <u>Capital Assets</u>

Capital assets are reflected in the districtwide financial statements. Capital assets are reported at historical cost or estimated historical costs, based on appraisals conducted by independent third-party professionals. Donated assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Capital assets, except land, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Capitalization thresholds and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the districtwide statements are as follows:

	Capitalization		Estimated
	Thr	eshold	Useful Life
Buildings and Improvements	\$	500	15-50
Furniture and Equipment	\$	500	5-15
Vehicles	\$	500	8

N. <u>Compensated Absences</u>

Compensated absences consist of unpaid accumulated annual sick leave, vacation, and sabbatical time.

Sick leave eligibility and accumulation is specified in negotiated labor contracts, and in individual employment contracts. Upon retirement, resignation or death, employees may contractually receive a payment based on unused accumulated sick leave.

District employees are granted vacation in varying amounts, based primarily on length of service and service position. Some earned benefits may be forfeited if not taken within varying time periods.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

N. <u>Compensated Absences (Continued)</u>

Consistent with GASB Statement 16, Accounting for Compensated Absences, the liability has been calculated using the vested method and an accrual for that liability is included in the Districtwide Financial Statements. The compensated absences liability is calculated based on the pay rates in effect at year end. In the fund statements only the amount of matured liabilities is accrued within the General Fund based upon expendable and available resources. These amounts are expensed on a pay-as-you-go basis.

O. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

Payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the districtwide financial statements. In the governmental funds, payables and accrued liabilities are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources.

Claims and judgments and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the funds financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

Long-term obligations represent the District's future obligations or future economic outflows. The liabilities are reported as due in one year or due within more than one year in the Statement of Net Position.

P. Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources, in the Statement of Net Position, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future reporting period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that time. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability and the difference during the measurement period between the District's contributions and its proportionate share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The second item is the District's contributions to the pension systems (TRS and ERS Systems) and OPEB subsequent to the measurement date. The third item relates to OPEB reporting in the districtwide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the actual and expected experience.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Q. Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has two items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item is related to pensions reported in the Districtwide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension liability and difference during the measurement periods between the District's contributions and its proportionate share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense, and the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments. The second item is related to OPEB reported in the districtwide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net changes of assumptions or other inputs.

R. <u>Unearned Revenue</u>

Unearned revenues arise when resources are received by the District before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures or when charges for service monies are received in advance from payers prior to the services being rendered by the District. These amounts are recorded as liabilities in the financial statements. The liabilities are removed, and revenues are recognized in subsequent periods when the District has legal claim to the resources.

S. <u>Other Benefits</u>

Eligible District employees participate in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System or the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System.

District employees may choose to participate in the District's elective deferred compensation plans established under Internal Revenue Code Sections 403(b) and 457.

In addition to providing pension benefits, the District provides postemployment health insurance coverage and survivor benefits to retired employees and their survivors in accordance with the provision of various employment contracts in effect at the time of retirement.

Substantially all of the District's employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the District. Health care benefits are provided through plans whose premiums are based on the benefits paid during the year. The cost of providing post-retirement benefits is shared between the District and the retired employee. The District recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums as an expenditure.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

T. <u>Short-Term Debt</u>

The School District may issue Revenue and Tax Anticipation Notes in anticipation of receipt of revenues. These notes are recorded as a liability of the fund that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of the notes. The revenue anticipation and tax anticipation notes represent a liability that will be extinguished by the use of expendable, available resources of the fund.

The District may issue budget notes up to an amount not to exceed 5% of the amount of the annual budget during any fiscal year for expenditures for which there is an insufficient or no provision made in the annual budget. The budget note must be repaid no later than the close of the second fiscal year succeeding the year in which the note was issued.

The School District may issue Bond Anticipation Notes in anticipation of proceeds from the subsequent sale of bonds. These notes are recorded as a current liability of the fund that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of bonds. State law requires that bond anticipation notes issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term financing within five years after the original issue date.

U. <u>Equity Classifications</u>

1. Districtwide Statements

In the districtwide statements there are three classes of net position:

Net investment in capital assets – consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net position – reports net position when constraints placed on the assets are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position – reports all other net position that do not meet the definition of the above two classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the District.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

U. Equity Classifications (Continued)

2. Fund Statements

In the fund basis statements, there are five classifications of fund balance:

Non-spendable – includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Non-spendable fund balance includes the inventory recorded in the School Lunch Fund of \$7,403.

Restricted – includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. All encumbrances of funds other than the General Fund are classified as restricted fund balance. The School District has established the following restricted fund balances:

1. <u>Encumbrances</u>

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and commitments of expenditures are recorded for budgetary control purposes in order to reserve applicable appropriations, is employed as a control in preventing overexpenditure of established appropriations. Open encumbrances are reported as restricted fund balance in all funds other than the General Fund, since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities and will be honored through budget appropriations in the subsequent year.

2. <u>Unemployment Insurance</u>

This reserve is used to pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments made to claimants where the employer has elected to use the benefit reimbursement method. The reserve may be established by Board action and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

U. Equity Classifications (Continued)

2. <u>Fund Statements (Continued)</u>

3. <u>Employee Benefit Accrued Liability</u> This reserve is used to set aside funds for the payment of accrued employee benefits due an employee upon termination of the employee's service. This reserve may be established by a majority vote of the Board, and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

4. <u>Property Loss</u>

This reserve is used to pay property loss claims incurred. The total amount accumulated in the reserve may not exceed 3% of the total annual budget. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

5. <u>Employee Retirement Contributions</u>

This reserve is used for future employee's retirement obligations. This reserve may be established by a majority vote of the Board, and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated.

6. <u>Insurance</u>

This reserve is used for the payment of liability, casualty, and other types of losses for which the following types of insurance may not be purchased: workers' compensation, unemployment, life annuities, accident and health, fidelity and surety, credit, title and residual value. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

U. <u>Equity Classifications (Continued)</u>

2. Fund Statements (Continued)

7. <u>Repair</u>

This reserve is used to pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment, which repairs are of a type not recurring annually. The Board of Education without voter approval may establish a repair reserve fund by a majority vote of its members. Voter approval is required to fund this reserve. Expenditures from this reserve may be made only after a public hearing has been held, except in emergency situations. If no hearing is held, the amount expended must be repaid to the reserve fund over the next two subsequent fiscal years. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

Restricted fund balance includes the following:

General Fund:	
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	\$ 218,135
Insurance	252,669
Repair	49,081
Unemployment Insurance	70,317
Employee Retirement Contributions	501,582
Property Loss	149,846
School Lunch Fund	368
Capital Fund	32,197
Debt Service Fund	 117,661
Total restricted funds	\$ 1,391,856

Committed – Includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the School District's highest level of decision making, the Board of Education. The School District has no committed fund balances as of June 30, 2020.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

U. Equity Classifications (Continued)

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2. Fund Statements (Continued)

Assigned – Includes amounts that are constrained by the School District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. All encumbrances of the General Fund are classified as Assigned Fund Balance in the General Fund. Encumbrances reported in the General Fund amounted to \$194,009 and the assigned fund balance amounted to \$1,349,699.

Unassigned – Includes all other General Fund amounts that do not meet the definition of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the District and could report a surplus or deficit. In funds other than the general fund, the unassigned classification is used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted or assigned.

NYS Real Property Tax Law 1318 limits the amount of unexpended surplus funds a School District can retain to no more than 4% of the School District's budget for the General Fund for the ensuing fiscal year. Nonspendable and restricted fund balance of the General Fund are excluded from the 4% limitation. Amounts appropriated for the subsequent year and encumbrances are also excluded from the 4% limitation.

Order of Use of Fund Balance:

The District's policy is to apply expenditures against nonspendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. For all funds, nonspendable fund balances are determined first and then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined. Any remaining fund balance amounts for funds other than the General Fund are classified as restricted fund balance. In the General Fund, committed fund balance is determined next and then assigned. The remaining amounts are reported as unassigned. Assignments of fund balance cannot cause a negative unassigned fund balance.

V. <u>New Accounting Standards</u>

The District has adopted all current Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) that are applicable.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

W. Future Changes in Accounting Standards

GASB Statement 84, Fiduciary Activities, effective for the year ending June 30, 2021.

GASB has issued Statement 87, Leases, effective for the year ending June 30, 2022.

GASB has issued Statement 89, Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred Before the End of a Construction Period, effective for the year ending June 30, 2022.

The school district will evaluate the impact that these pronouncements may have on its financial statements and will implement them as applicable and when material.

II. Explanation of Certain Differences between Governmental Fund Statements and Districtwide Statements

Due to differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the governmental fund statements and the districtwide statements, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items. The differences result primarily from the economic focus of the Statement of Activities, compared with the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds.

1. Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds vs. Net Position of Governmental Activities:

Total fund balances of the District's governmental funds differ from "net position" of governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the additional long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the solely current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheets.

2. <u>Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance vs. Statement of Activities</u>:

Differences between the funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and the Statement of Activities fall into one of three broad categories:

a. <u>Long-term revenue differences</u>:

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered "available", whereas the Statement of Activities reports revenues when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a modified accrual basis, whereas the accrual basis of accounting is used on the Statement of Activities.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

II. Explanation of Certain Differences between Governmental Fund Statements and Districtwide Statements (Continued)

- 2. <u>Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance vs. Statement of Activities: (Continued)</u>
 - b. <u>Capital related differences</u>:

Capital related differences include the difference between proceeds for the sale of capital assets reported on governmental fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the Statement of Activities, and the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items in the governmental fund statements and depreciation expense on those items as recorded in the Statement of Activities.

- c. <u>Long-term debt transaction differences</u>: Long-term debt transaction differences occur because both interest and principal payments are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund statements, whereas interest payments are recorded in the Statement of Activities as incurred, and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.
- d. <u>Pension differences:</u>

Pension differences occur as a result of changes in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset/liability and differences between the District's contributions and its proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension systems.

The costs of building and acquiring capital assets (land, buildings, and equipment) financed from governmental funds are reported as expenditures in the year they are incurred, and the assets do not appear on the Balance Sheet. However, the Statement of Net Position includes those capital assets among the assets of the District as a whole, and their original costs are expensed annually of their useful lives.

Original cost of capital assets	\$23,604,439
Accumulated depreciation	7,560,052
Capital assets, net	<u>\$16,044,387</u>

Long-term liabilities are reported in the Statement of Net Position, but not in the governmental funds, because they are not due and payable in the current period. Balances at year end were:

Bonds and notes payable	<u>\$ 5,390,738</u>
OPEB obligations	\$28,087,685
Compensated Absences	<u>\$ 224,531</u>
Net Pension Liability-Proportionate Share	<u>\$ 986,491</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

II. Explanation of Certain Differences between Governmental Fund Statements and Districtwide Statements (Continued)

2. <u>Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance vs. Statement of Activities (Continued)</u>:

When the purchase or construction of capital assets is financed through governmental funds, the resources expended for those assets are reported as expenditures in the years they are incurred. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Depreciation of \$515,002 was less than capital expenditures of \$3,904,269 in the current year.

Repayment of bond principal of \$704,388 is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but it reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position and does not affect the Statement of Activities.

Interest on long-term debt and short-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recorded as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. The interest reported in the Statement of Activities decreased by \$884.

III. Changes in Accounting Principles

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the District implemented GASB Statement #75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post-employment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The implementation of the statement requires District's to report Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities, OPEB expenses, deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflow of resources related to OPEB. See Note X. for the financial statement impact of the implementation of the statement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

IV. Cash and Investments

A. Deposits

The Sharon Springs Central School District's investment policies are governed by State statutes. The Sharon Springs Central School District's monies must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. The Treasurer is authorized to use demand accounts and certificates of deposit. Permissible investments include obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies, repurchase agreements, and obligations of New York State or its localities.

Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by Federal Deposit Insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are: obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and school districts.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in an event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. GASB directs that deposits be disclosed as exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are as follows:

- A. Uncollateralized
- B. Collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution, or
- C. Collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the District's name.

Deposits and investments at year end were entirely covered by Federal Deposit Insurance or by collateral held by the School District's custodial bank in the School District's name.

The District did not have any investments at year end or during the year.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

V. Interfund Transaction

Interfund balances at June 30, 2020 are as follows:

	Interfund			Inter	fund		
	R	eceivable	Payable	R	levenues	Ex	penditures
General Fund	\$	111,039	\$ 141,364	\$	11,931	\$	148,487
Special Aid Fund		-	69,001		2,487		-
School Lunch Fund		-	30,107		46,000		-
Capital Fund		135,689	124,214		100,000		11,931
Debt Service Fund		117,661	 -				
Total governmental activities		364,389	 364,686	\$	160,418	\$	160,418
Fidiciary Agency Fund		297	 				
Totals	\$	364,686	\$ 364,686				

The District typically transfers from the General Fund to the Special Aid Fund to pay its' share of the Summer Handicapped Program.

Interfund receivables and payables, other than between governmental activities and fiduciary funds, are eliminated on the Statement of Net Position.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

VI. Capital Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

Capital assets-not depreciated:	Balance 7/1/2019	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2020
Land Construction in progress	\$ 74,094 825,899	\$ - <u>3,725,875</u>	\$ - 	74,094 4,551,774
Total capital assets-not depreciated:	899,993	3,725,875	<u> </u>	4,625,868
Other capital assets:				
Buildings and improvements Machinery and equipment Vehicles	16,522,681 1,109,001 1,168,495	24,570	-	16,522,681 1,133,571 1,322,319
Total other capital assets:	18,800,177	178,394		18,978,571
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements Machinery and equipment Vehicles	5,382,074 836,134 826,842	344,250 80,423 90,329	-	5,726,324 916,557 917,171
Total accumulated depreciation	7,045,050	515,002		7,560,052
Other capital assets, net	11,755,127	(336,608)		11,418,519
Total	\$ 12,655,120	\$ 3,389,267	\$ -	\$ 16,044,387

Depreciation expense for the period was shown as unallocated in the Statement of Activities.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

VII. Pension Plans

1. General Information

New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and the New York State Teachers' Retirement (TRS) (the Systems).

2. Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided

Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

The District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). This is a costsharing multiple-employer retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits as well as, death and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York. The System is governed by a 10 member Board of Trustees. System benefits are established under New York State Law. Membership is mandatory and automatic for all full-time teachers, teaching assistants, guidance counselors and administrators employed in New York Public Schools and BOCES who elected to participate in TRS. Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. Additional information regarding the System, may be obtained by writing to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2395 or by referring to the NYSSTR Comprehensive Annual Financial report which can be found on the System's website at www.nystrs.org.

Employees' Retirement System (ERS)

The District participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. The net position of the System is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), which was established to hold all net assets and record changes in plan net position allocated to the System. The Comptroller of the State of New York serves as the trustee of the Fund and is the administrative head of the System. System benefits are established under the provisions of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (RSSL). Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The District also participates in the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. The System is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. That report, including information with regard to benefits provided, may be found at <u>www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php</u> or obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

VII. Pension Plans (Continued)

Funding Policies:

The Systems are noncontributory except for employees who joined after July 27, 1976, who contribute 3 percent of their salary for the first ten years of membership, and employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010 who generally contribute 3.0 to 3.5 percent of their salary for their entire length of service. In addition, employee contribution rates under ERS tier VI vary based on a sliding salary scale. For ERS, the Comptroller annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions based on salaries paid during the Systems' fiscal year ending March 31. For TRS, contribution rates are established annually by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board pursuant to Article 11 of the Education law.

Contributions for the current year and two preceding years were equal to 100 percent of the contributions required, and were as follows:

	Contributions		
	ERS	TRS	
2020	\$156,645	\$280,701	
2019	\$152,115	\$261,220	
2018	\$147,818	\$299,499	

3. <u>Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions</u>

At June 30, 2020, the District reported the following (asset)/liability for its proportionate share of the net pension (asset)/liability for each of the Systems. The net pension (asset)/liability was measured as of March 31, 2020 for ERS and June 30, 2019 for TRS. The total pension (asset)/liability used to calculate the net pension (asset)/liability was determined by an actuarial valuation. The District's proportion of the net pension (asset)/liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the Systems relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. This information was provided by the ERS and TRS Systems in reports provided to the District.

	ERS	TRS
Actuarial valuation date	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-18
Net pension liability/(asset)	\$986,491	(\$397,230)
District's portion of the Plan's total		
net pension liability	.0037253%	.015290%
Change in proportion since the		
prior measurement date	(.0000556%)	(.000772%)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

VII. Pension Plans (Continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District's recognized pension expense of \$326,236 for ERS and \$494,140 for TRS. At June 30, 2020 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resource Deferred Inflows of Resources			
	ERS	TRS	ERS	TRS
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$58,059	\$269,192	\$0	\$29,539
Changes of assumptions	19,863	750,421	17,152	182,974
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	505,723	0	0	318,558
Changes in proportion and differences between the District's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	11,544	55,678	13,354	27,246
District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	39,941	240,228	0	0
Total	\$635,130	\$1,315,519	\$30,506	\$558,317

District contributions subsequent to the measurement date which will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	ERS	TRS
Year ended:		
2020	\$ -	\$ 182,609
2021	90,518	14,300
2022	141,547	181,958
2023	184,106	123,767
2024	148,512	18,999
Thereafter	-	(4,659)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

VII. Pension Plans (Continued)

4. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

Significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuations were as follows:

	ERS	TRS
Measurement date	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2019
Actuarial valuation date	April 1, 2019	June 30, 2018
Interest rate	6.8%	7.10%
Salary scale	3.80%	1.90%-4.72%
Decrement tables	April 1, 2010 -	July 1, 2009 -
	March 31, 2015	June 30, 2014
	System's Experience	System's Experience
Inflation rate	2.5%	2.20%

For ERS, annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2015 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on MP-2014. For TRS, annuitant mortality rates are based on July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries Scale AA.

For ERS, the actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2019 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2015. For TRS, the actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2014.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

VII. Pension Plans (Continued)

The long-term 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 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 each the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of the arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation are summarized below:

	ERS	TRS
Measurement date	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2019
Asset Type	%	%
Domestic Equities	36%	33%
International Equities	14%	16%
Global equities	0%	4%
Private Equity	10%	8%
Real Estate Equity	10%	11%
Domestic fixed income securities	0%	16%
Global bonds	0%	2%
Private debt	0%	1%
Bonds and mortgages	17%	0%
Absolute return strategies	2%	0%
Opportunistic funds	3%	0%
Real estate debt	0%	7%
Cash Equivalents	1%	1%
Inflation-Indexed bonds	4%	0%
High yield fixed income securities	0%	1%
Real assets	3%	0%
	100%	100%

5. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to calculate the total pension liability was 6.8 % for ERS and 7.10 % for TRS. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially. Based upon the assumptions, the Systems' 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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

VII. Pension Plans (Continued)

6. <u>Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of Net Pension Asset/Liability to the Discount Rate</u> <u>Assumption</u>

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.8% for ERS and 7.10% for TRS, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension (asset)/liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (5.8% or ERS and 6.10% for TRS) or 1-percentage point higher (7.8% for ERS and 8.10% for TRS) than the current rate :

ERS	1%	Current	1%
	Decrease	Assumption	Increase
	(5.8%)	(6.8%)	(7.8%)
Employer's proportionate share			
Of the net pension (asset) liability	\$1,810,490	\$986,491	\$227,585
TRS	1%	Current	1%
	Decrease	Assumption	Increase
	(6.10%)	(7.10%)	(8.10%)
Employer's proportionate share			
Of the net pension (asset) liability	\$1,793,055	(\$397,230)	(\$2,234,631)

7. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

The components of the current-year net pension (asset)/liability of the employers as of the respective valuation dates, were as follows:

	ERS	TRS
Measurement date	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2019
Employers' total pension liability	\$ 194,596,261 \$	119,879,473,882
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	168,115,682	122,477,480,654
Employers' net pension liability/(asset)	26,480,579	(2,598,006,772)
Ratio of plan fiduciary net position to the	BC 20000/	102 20000/
Employers' total pension (asset)/liability	86.3900%	102.2000%

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

VII. Pension Plans (Continued)

8. Payables to the Pension Plan

For ERS, employer contributions are paid annually based on the System's fiscal year which ends on March 31st. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2020 represent the projected employer contribution for the period of April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 based on paid ERS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2020 amounted to \$39,941.

For TRS, employer and employee contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 are paid to the System in September, October and November 2020 through a state aid intercept. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2020 represent employee and employer contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 based on paid TRS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier and employee contributions for the fiscal year as reported to the TRS System. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2020 based on June 30, 2020 amounted to \$249,496.

VIII. Short-Term Debt Obligations

Transactions in short-term debt for the year are summarized below:

		Interest	Balance			Balance
	Maturity	Rate	7/1/2019	Issued	Redeemed	6/30/20
BAN	2020	2.0%	\$3,540,000	<u>\$</u>	\$3,540,000	\$

Interest on short-term debt for the year was composed of:

Interest paid

<u>\$70,603</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

IX. Long-Term Debt Obligations

Long-term liability balances and activity for the year are summarized below:

1. Long-Term Debt Interest

Interest paid	\$61,745
Less interest accrued in the prior year Plus, interest accrued in the current year	(4,993) <u>4,109</u>
Total expense	<u>\$60,861</u>

2. Changes

	Balance 7/1/2019	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2020	Due Within One Year
Serial Bonds	\$ 2,313,394	\$ 3,781,732	\$ 704,388	\$ 5,390,738	\$ 749,294
Compensated					
Absences	218,136	6,395	-	224,531	
OPEB Obligations	19,995,697	8,091,988	-	28,087,685	
Net Pension Liability-					
Proportionate Share	267,888	718,603	-	986,491	
Totals	\$ 22,795,115	\$ 12,598,718	\$ 704,388	\$ 34,689,445	

Additions and deletions to compensated absences are shown net since it is impractical to determine these amounts separately.

3. **Maturity**

a. The following is a summary of the debt issued:

	Issue	Final	Interest	Ou	utstanding
Purpose	Date	Maturity	Rate	6	/30/2020
Serial Bonds:					
Advanced Refunding	2011	2021	2-3.5%	\$	220,000
Buses	2016	2021	3.25%		20,374
Buses	2020	2025	2.50%		111,794
Buses	2017	2022	3.25%		43,009
Buses	2018	2023	3.25%		29,559
Buses	2019	2024	3.40%		81,064
Construction	2012	2026	2.25%		1,215,000
Construction	2020	2035	2.00%		3,669,938
Total				\$	5,390,738

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

IX. Long-Term Debt Obligations (Continued)

3. Maturity (Continued)

b. The following is a summary of maturing principal debt service requirements:

	Year	Principal	Interest	 Total
Serial Bonds:	2021	\$ 749,294	\$ 117,317	\$ 866,611
	2022	533,982	98,674	632,656
	2023	527,478	86,720	614,198
	2024	457,625	75,052	532,677
	2025	447,359	64,684	512,043
	2026 and thereafter	 2,675,000	 285,675	 2,960,675
	Total	\$ 5,390,738	\$ 728,122	\$ 6,118,860

Prior-Year Defeasance of Debt

In prior years, certain general obligation bonds were defeased by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the liability for the defeased bonds and the trust account assets are not included in the financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

X. Postemployment (Health Insurance) Benefits

A. General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan Description- The District's defined benefit OPEB plan, provides OPEB for all permanent full-time general and public safety employees of the District. The plan is a single employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the District. Article 11 of the State Compiled Statutes grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms and financing requirements to the District Board. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Paragraph 4 of Statement 75.

Benefits Provided- The District provides healthcare and life insurance benefits for retirees and their dependents. The benefit terms are dependent on which contract each employee falls under. The specifics of each contract are on file at the District offices and are available upon request.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms- At June 30, 2020, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	38
Inactive members entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active members	66
Total membership	104

B. Total OPEB Liability

The District's total OPEB liability of \$28,087,685 was measured as of June 30, 2020 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs- The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

X. Postemployment (Health Insurance) Benefits (Continued)

B. Total OPEB Liability (Continued)

Inflation	2.4%
Salary Increases	vary by pension retirement system membership
Discount Rate	2.21%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	5.4% for 2019, to an ultimate rate of 3.94% by 2075

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index.

Mortality rates were based on the April 1, 2010-March 31, 2015 NYSLRS experience, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on the Society of Actuaries Scale MP-2014.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2010-March 31, 2015.

C. Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at June 30, 2019	_\$	19,995,697
Changes for the Year		
Service cost		603,878
Interest		715,553
Changes of benefit terms		(364,638)
Differences between expected and actual experience		1,350,145
Changes in assumptions or other inputs		6,217,669
Benefit payments	_	(430,619)
Net Changes	\$	8,091,988
Balance at June 30, 2020	\$	28,087,685

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

X. Postemployment (Health Insurance) Benefits (Continued)

C. Changes in the Total OPEB Liability (Continued)

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.51% in 2019 to 2.21% in 2020.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate- The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (1.21%) or 1 percentage point higher (3.21%) than the current discount rate:

	Current		
	(1.21%)	Discount	(3.21%)
	1% Decrease	Rate (2.21%)	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$34,498,988</u>	<u>\$28,087,685</u>	<u>\$23,173,407</u>

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates- The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

	Healthcare			
	1% Decrease	Cost Trend Rates	1% Increase	
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 22,490,845	\$ 28,087,685	\$ 35,640,139	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

X. Postemployment (Health Insurance) Benefits (Continued)

D. OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized a negative OPEB expense of \$1,645,993. At June 30, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience Changes of assumptions or other inputs	\$ 1,157,267 6,266,315	\$ - (584,995)
Total	\$ 7,423,582	\$ (584,995)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2021	\$ 1,121,819
2022	1,121,819
2023	1,121,819
2024	1,121,819
2025	1,215,079
2026 and Thereafter	1,136,232

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

XI. Commitments and Contingencies

A. <u>Risk Financing and Related Insurance</u>

1. <u>General Information</u>

The Sharon Springs Central School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past two years.

2. <u>Health Insurance</u>

The Sharon Springs Central School District participates in the Benetech Health Insurance Consortium, which is a trust formed under New York State Insurance Law on June 30, 1988. The Consortium's purpose is to provide health insurance coverage at a lower rate for member educational institutions due to a larger participation pool.

3. <u>Grants</u>

The School District has received grants, which are subject to audit by agencies of the State and Federal government. Such audits may result in disallowances and a request for a return of funds. Based on prior audits, the School District's administration believes disallowances, if any, will be immaterial.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

XII. Tax Abatements

The Counties of Montgomery, Otsego and Schoharie, enter into various property tax abatement programs for the purpose of economic development. The School District property tax revenue was reduced by approximately \$1,450,000. The District received payments in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) payment totaling \$667,609.

XIII. Other Disclosures

A. <u>Summary of Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet</u> to the Statement of Net Position

Total governmental fund balance	\$ 4,008,077
Capital assets (net)	16,044,387
Net pension asset	397,230
Deferred outflows of resources	9,374,231
Bonds payable	(5,390,738)
Accrued interest payable	(4,109)
Net pension liability- proportionate share	(986,491)
Deferred inflows of resources	(1,173,818)
Compensated absences	(224,531)
OPEB obligations	(28,087,685)
Unearned revenue	250
Total net position	\$ (6,043,197)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

XIII. Other Disclosures (Continued)

B. <u>Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund</u> <u>Balance to the Statement of Activities</u>

Net changes in fund balance – total governmental funds	\$	633,587
Capital outlays are expenditures in governmental funds, but are capitalized in the Statement of Net Position	3	,904,269
Depreciation is not recorded as an expenditure in the governmental funds, but is recorded in the Statement of Activities		(515,002)
Repayments of Long-term Debt are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds, but are recorded as payments of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position		704,388
Interest is recognized as an expense in governmental funds when paid. For governmental activities, interest expense is recognized as it accru The decrease in accrued interest during 2019/20 results in less expense	es.	884
Proceeds from debt are recognized as revenue in the Governmental Funds, but not in the Statement of Activities	(3	3,781,732)
(Increases) Decreases in proportionate share of net pension asset/liability reported in the Statement of Activities do not provide for or require the use of current financial resources and therefore, are not reported as revenues or expenditures in the governmental funds:		
Teachers' Retirement System Employees' Retirement System		(253,607) (176,286)
Certain expenses in the Statement of Activities do not require the expenditure of current resources and are, therefore, not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds:		
OPEB obligations Compensated absences	(1	,645,993) (6,395)
Change in Net Position – Governmental Activities	(<u>\$_1</u>	<u>,135,887)</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

XIV. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

A. Budgetary Procedures and Budgetary Accounting

1. Budgets

The District administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the governmental funds for which legal (appropriated) budgets are adopted. The voters of the District approved the proposed appropriation budget for the General Fund.

Appropriations are adopted at the program line item level.

Appropriations established by adoption of the budget constitute a limitation on expenditures (and encumbrances), that may be incurred. Appropriations lapse at the fiscal year end unless expended or encumbered. Encumbrances will lapse if not expended in the subsequent year. Appropriations authorized for the current year are increased by the planned use of specific reserves, and budget amendments approved by the Board of Education as a result of selected new revenue sources not included in the original budget (When permitted by law). These supplemental appropriations may occur subject to legal restrictions, if the Board approves them because of a need that exists which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted.

The General Fund budget was increased to reflect the carryover encumbrances in the amount of \$19,917 and to reflect the Board approved appropriation of fund balance for an emergency purchase in the amount of \$42,031.

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with GAAP. Appropriations authorized for the year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year.

Budgets are established and used for individual capital project funds expenditures as approved by a special referendum of the District's voters. The maximum project amount authorized is based primarily upon the cost of the project, plus any requirements for external borrowings, not annual appropriations. These budgets do not lapse and are carried over to subsequent fiscal years until the completion of the projects.

Special Aid Fund and School Lunch Fund have not been included because they do not have legally authorized budgets.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

XIV. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability (Continued)

2. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is used for budget control and monitoring purposes and is reported as a part of the governmental funds. Under this method, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded to reserve applicable appropriations. Outstanding encumbrances as of year-end are presented as reservations of fund balance and do not represent expenditures or liabilities. These commitments will be honored in the subsequent period. Related expenditures are recognized at that time as the liability is incurred or the commitment is paid.

3. Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law establishes the maximum unassigned fund balance that can be retained by a school district. The current law limits this amount to 4% of the ensuing year's budget. The District's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020, indicate that the unassigned fund balance is in excess of the legal limit.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the strong potential for State Aid to be cut in the 2020-21 fiscal year, the District believes it to be prudent to maintain this excess unassigned fund balance.

XV. Subsequent Events

There were no significant subsequent events to report from the period of July 1, 2020 to September 28, 2020.

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF REVENUES COMPARED TO BUDGET- GENERAL FUND For Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Revised Budget Budget Actual				Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)		
REVENUES							
Local Sources							
Real property taxes	\$	2,037,837	\$	2,037,837	\$ 2,037,839	\$	2
Other tax items		1,035,363		1,035,363	1,042,203		6,840
Charges for services		1,400		1,400	139,623		138,223
Use of money and property		2,853		2,853	13,563		10,710
Sale of property and							
compensation for loss		-		-	10,000		10,000
Miscellaneous		81,255		81,255	 73,409		(7,846)
Total Local Sources		3,158,708		3,158,708	 3,316,637		157,929
State Sources		5,344,194		5,344,194	5,383,803		39,609
Federal Sources		-		-	 1,366		1,366
Total Revenues		8,502,902		8,502,902	 8,701,806		198,904
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES							
Operating transfers in		-		-	 11,931		11,931
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources		8,502,902		8,502,902	8,713,737	\$	210,835
Financing Sources		8,302,902		8,302,902	 0,715,757		210,855
Appropriated Fund Balance		1,187,834		1,229,865			
Appropriated Reserves		-		19,917			
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources, Appropriated Fund Balance and Reserves	\$	9,690,736	\$	9,752,684			

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES, OTHER USES AND ENCUMBRANCES COMPARED TO BUDGET-GENERAL FUND For Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actual	Encumbrances_	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES					
General Support					
Board of education	\$ 15,279	\$ 13,135	\$ 10,485	\$ 120	\$ 2,530
Central administration	172,191	174,787	172,373	61	2,353
Finance	275,119	284,243	259,588	-	24,655
Staff	24,689	24,108	18,978	-	5,130
Central services	772,620	765,495	512,149	28,528	224,818
Special items	107,685	104,483	79,619		24,864
Total General Support	1,367,583	1,366,251	1,053,192	28,709	284,350
Instructional					
Instruction, administration and improvement	133,121	133,121	108,478	562	24,081
Teaching - regular school	2,629,670	2,527,234	2,364,219	27,851	135,164
Programs for children with handicapping					
conditions	610,273	577,772	514,869	574	62,329
Occupational education	158,112	259,442	259,441	-	1
Teaching - special school	4,294	4,294	1,423	-	2,871
Instructional media	537,383	662,924	472,283	130,774	59,867
Pupil services	384,767	400,113	275,163	3,784	121,166
Total Instructional	4,457,620	4,564,900	3,995,876	163,545	405,479
Pupil transportation	601,297	601,297	392,053	1,755	207,489
Community services	1,084	1,084	-	-	1,084
Employee benefits	2,378,353	2,217,750	2,069,436	-	148,314
Debt service					
Principal	705,452	705,452	704,388	-	1,064
Interest	61,847	132,450	132,348		102
Total Expenditures	9,573,236	9,589,184	8,347,293	194,009	1,047,882
OTHER FINANCING USES					
Operating transfers out	117,500	163,500	148,487		15,013
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ 9,690,736	\$ 9,752,684	8,495,780	\$ 194,009	\$ 1,062,895
Net changes in fund balance			217,957		
Fund balance- Beginning			3,423,241		
Fund balance- Ending			\$ 3,641,198		
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SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY For Year Ended June 30, 2020

	2020	2019	2018		
Total OPEB Liability					
Service Cost at end of year	\$ 603,878	\$ 517,519	\$	547,426	
Interest	715,553	706,237		685,910	
Changes of benefit terms	(364,638)	-		-	
Difference between expected					
and actual experience	1,350,145	-		-	
Changes of assumptions or					
other inputs	6,217,669	1,289,592		(991,948)	
Benefit payments	(430,619)	(493,622)		(1,424,921)	
Net change in Total OPEB		 		···.	
Liability	8,091,988	2,019,726		(1,183,533)	
Total OPEB Liability- beginning	19,995,697	17,975,971		19,159,504	
Total OPEB Liability- ending	\$ 28,087,685	\$ 19,995,697	\$	17,975,971	
Covered-employee payroll	 3,561,936	3,632,387		3,202,936	
Total OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	788.60%	550.50%		561.20%	
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SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION ASSET/LIABILITY

June 30, 2020

	Teachers' Retirement S			
	2020	2019	2018	2017
District 's proportion of the net pension asset	.015290%	.016062%	.015816%	.015979%
District's proportionate share of the net pension (asset)/liability	\$ (397,230)	\$ (290,441)	\$ (120,218)	\$ 171,139
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,711,382	\$2,552,116	\$ 2,705,058	\$ 2,579,693
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	14.65%	11.38%	4.44%	6.60%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	102.20%	101.53%	100.66%	99.01%

	Employees' Retirement			
	2020	2019	2018	2017
District 's proportion of the net pension liability	.0037253%	.0037809%	.0038531%	.0039648%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 986,491	\$ 267,888	\$ 124,356	\$ 372,538
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,143,824	\$1,067,824	\$ 1,029,078	\$ 1,000,031
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	86.24%	25.09%	12.08%	37.25%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	86.39%	96.27%	98.24%	94.70%

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS

June 30, 2020

	Teachers' Retirement System							
	2020 2019 2018		2017					
Contractually required contribution	\$	240,228	\$	271,035	\$	256,397	\$	308,332
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		240,228		271,035		256,397		308,332
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
District's covered-employee payroll	\$	2,711,382	\$	2,552,116	\$	2,705,058	\$	2,579,693
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll		8.86%	10.62% 9.50%			11.96%		
			Employees' Retirement System					

		2020	2019 2018		2017		
Contractually required contribution	\$	156,645	\$	152,115	\$ 147,818	\$	141,355
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		156,645		152,115	 147,818		141,355
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	-	\$	•	\$ -	\$	-
District's covered-employee payroll	\$	1,143,824	\$	1,067,824	\$ 1,029,078	\$	1,000,031
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll		13.69%		14.3%	14.4%		14.1%

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL BUDGET TO FINAL BUDGET AND REAL PROPERTY TAX LIMIT For Year Ended June 30, 2020

CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL BUDGET TO FINAL BUDGET

Original Budget		\$ 9,690,736
Additions: Prior year's encumbrances Board approved appropriation of fund balance	\$ 19,917 42,031	61,948
Final Budget		\$ 9,752,684

SECTION 1318 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW LIMIT CALCULATION

2020-21 Voter-approved Expenditure Budget Maximum allowed (4% of 2020-2021 Budget)		\$ \$	10,044,090 401,764
General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law*:			
Unrestricted fund balance: Committed fund balance Assigned fund balance Unassigned fund balance Total unrestricted fund balance	\$ - 1,543,708 <u>855,860</u> \$ 2,399,568		
Less: Appropriated fund balance Encumbrances included in committed and assigned fund balance Total adjustments	1,349,699 194,009 \$ 1,543,708		
General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law			855,860
Actual percentage			8.5%

* Per Office of the State Comptroller's "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions", Updated April 2011 (originally Issued November 2010), the portion of General Fund Fund Balance subject to Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law is: unrestricted fund balance (i.e., the total of the committed, assigned and unassigned classifications), minus appropriated fund balance, amounts reserved for insurance recovery, amounts reserved for tax reduction, and encumbrances included in committed and assigned fund balance.

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF PROJECT EXPENDITURES- CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND For Year Ended June 30, 2020

				Expenditures				Methods o	f Financing		
	Original	Revised	Prior	Current		Unexpended	Proceeds of	State	Local		Fund Balance
PROJECT TITLE	Budget	Budget	Years	Year	Total	Balance	Obligations	Sources	Sources	Total	June 30, 2020
Buses-19/20	\$ 111,794	\$ 111,794	\$ -	\$ 111,794	\$ 111,794	\$ -	\$ 111,794	\$-	\$-	\$ 111,794	\$ -
Smart Schools Act	448,000	448,000	384,705	-	384,705	63,295	-	353,724	-	353,724	(30,981)
Districtwide	4,345,000	4,345,000	441,194	3,627,630	4,068,824	276,176	3,669,938	175,062	500,000	4,345,000	276,176
Flooring Project	100,000	100,000		98,245	98,245	1,755	-	-	100,000	100,000	1,755
	\$ 5,004,794	\$5,004,794	\$ 825,899	\$ 3,837,669	\$ 4,663,568	\$ 341,226	\$ 3,781,732	\$ 528,786	\$ 600,000	\$ 4,910,518	\$ 246,950

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS, NET OF RELATED DEBT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Capital assets, net		\$ 16,044,387
Deduct:		
Short-term portion of bonds payable	\$ 749,294	
Long-term portion of bonds payable	4,641,444	
less: unspent portion of bonds payable	 (276,176)	 5,114,562
Net investment in capital assets		\$ 10,929,825

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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*

To the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District:

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the fiduciary funds of the Sharon Springs Central School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 28, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Sharon Springs Central 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 Sharon Springs Central School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Sharon Springs Central School District's internal control.

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Sharon Springs Central 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.

Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C.

Claverack, New York September 28, 2020