

**HOWE INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

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CERTIFICATE OF BOARD

Howe Independent School District
Name of School District

Grayson
County

091-905
Co.-Dist. Number

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached auditor's report of the above named school district was reviewed and _____ **approved**/ _____ **disapproved** for the year ended June 30, 2016, at a meeting of the board of school trustees of such school district on _____.

Signature of Board Secretary

Signature of Board President

If the auditor's report was checked above as disapproved, the reasons(s) therefore is/are (attach list if necessary):

FINANCIAL SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Howe Independent School District (District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Howe Independent School District as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note Q to the financial statements, in 2016 the District adopted various accounting pronouncements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The schedules identified in the table of contents as other supplementary information are presented for the purpose of additional analysis, and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 16, 2016, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

September 16, 2016
Greenville, Texas



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*

Members of the Board:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Howe Independent School District (District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, 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 16, 2016.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Report on Internal Control – Continued

Purpose of this Report

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

September 16, 2016
Greenville, Texas

Rutherford, Taylor & Company PC

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Financial Statement Findings (Section I)

NONE

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Prior Year Findings (Section II)

NONE

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Corrective Action Plans (Section III)

NONE

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

This section of Howe Independent School District's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the year ended June 30, 2016. Please read it in conjunction with the District's basic financial statements, which follow this section.

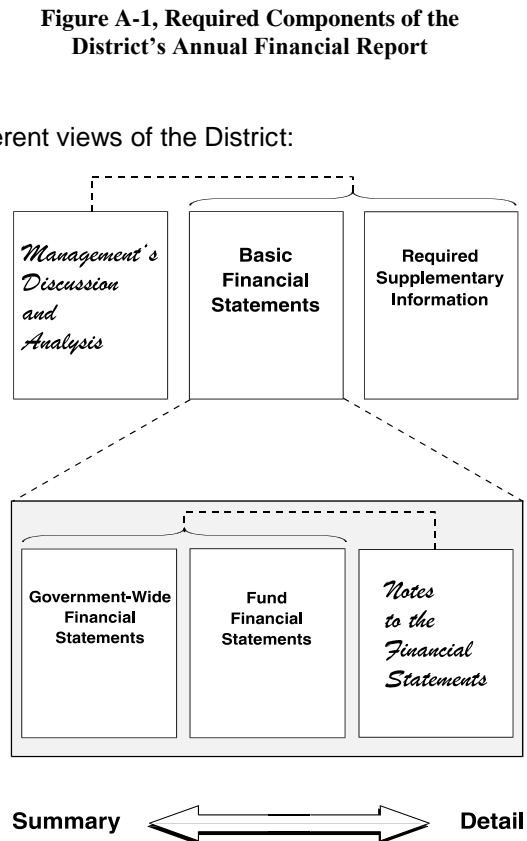
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's total combined net position was \$ 6,155,747 at June 30, 2016.
- During the period, the District's expenses were \$ 647,879 less than the \$ 12,367,324 generated in taxes and other revenues for governmental activities.
- The total cost of the District's programs increased 11.85% over the prior year, and no new programs were added this year.
- The General Fund reported a fund balance this period of \$ 3,622,507, a decrease of \$ 571,079 from the prior year.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts—management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the government, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
- The governmental funds statements tell how general government services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.
- Proprietary fund statements offer short- and long-term financial information about the activities the government operates like businesses, such as the print shop.
- Fiduciary fund statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, to whom the resources in question belong.



The basic financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the basic financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the basic financial statements. Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the District's basic financial statements, including the portion of the District government they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-2. Major Features of the District's Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

<i>Type of Statements</i>	Fund Statements			
	Government-wide	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Funds
<i>Scope</i>	Entire Agency's government (except fiduciary funds) and the Agency's component units	The activities of the district that are not proprietary or fiduciary	Activities the district operates similar to private businesses: self insurance	Instances in which the district is the trustee or agent for someone else's resources
<i>Required financial statements</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net assets • Statement of activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet • Statement of revenues, expenditures & changes in fund balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net assets • Statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets • Statement of cash flows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of fiduciary net assets • Statement of changes in fiduciary net assets
<i>Accounting basis and measurement focus</i>	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
<i>Type of asset/liability information</i>	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term; the Agency's funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
<i>Type of inflow/outflow information</i>	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

The government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the District's net position and how they have changed. Net position—the difference between the District's assets and liabilities—is one way to measure the District's financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the District, one needs to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the District's tax base and student population.

The government-wide financial statements of the District include the governmental activities. Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as instruction, extracurricular activities, curriculum and staff development, health services and general administration. Property taxes and grants finance most of these activities.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's most significant funds—not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

- Some funds are required by State law and by bond covenants.
- The Board of Trustees establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is properly using certain taxes and grants.

The District has the following kinds of funds:

- Governmental funds—Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can 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 government-wide statements, we provide additional information on the subsequent page that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

- Proprietary funds—Services for which the District charges customers a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds, like the government-wide statements, provide both long-term and short-term financial information. We use internal service funds to report activities that provide supplies and services for the District's other programs and activities.
- Fiduciary funds—The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for certain funds. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position. We exclude these activities from the District's government-wide financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

The District's combined net position was \$ 6,155,747 at June 30, 2016.

Howe Independent School District's Net Position			Table A-1
	Governmental Activities		Total Percentage Change
	2016	2015	2015 - 2016
Assets:			
Cash and Investments	\$ 4,828,925	\$ 3,397,432	42.13%
Other Assets	1,314,297	2,203,863	-40.36%
Capital Assets less Accumulated Depreciation	11,638,397	11,690,123	-0.44%
Total Assets	\$ 17,781,619	\$ 17,291,418	2.83%
Total Deferred Net Outflow s of Resources	\$ 1,487,193	\$ 279,096	432.86%
Liabilities:			
Current Liabilities	\$ 738,614	\$ 884,690	-16.51%
Long-term Liabilities	12,108,963	11,046,099	9.62%
Total Liabilities	\$ 12,847,577	\$ 11,930,789	7.68%
Total Deferred Net Inflow s of Resources	\$ 265,488	\$ 131,856	101.35%
Net Position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 2,390,878	\$ 2,155,237	10.93%
Restricted	1,357,732	1,242,003	9.32%
Unrestricted	2,407,137	2,110,629	14.05%
Total Net Position	\$ 6,155,747	\$ 5,507,869	11.76%

Approximately \$ 1,341,686 of the District's restricted net position represent funds collected for debt retirement. These funds are restricted for debt retirement. Unrestricted net position represents resources available to fund the programs of the District in the coming year.

CHANGES IN NET POSITION

The District's total revenues were \$ 12,367,324. 25% of the District's revenue comes from local property taxes (See Table A-2). 68% comes from state aid and federal grants, while only 7% relates to charges for services and other miscellaneous revenues including investment earnings.

The total cost of all programs and services was \$ 11,719,445. 56% of these costs are for instruction and related staff and student services.

The District's tax collection percentage rate (current and delinquent base tax only) was 99.97%. The total tax collection percentage rate (base tax and penalty and interest) was 101.47%.

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

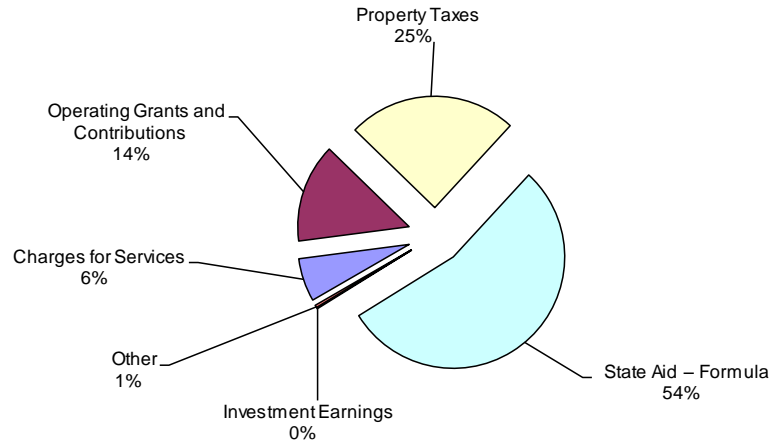
Table A-2

Changes in Howe Independent School District's Net Position

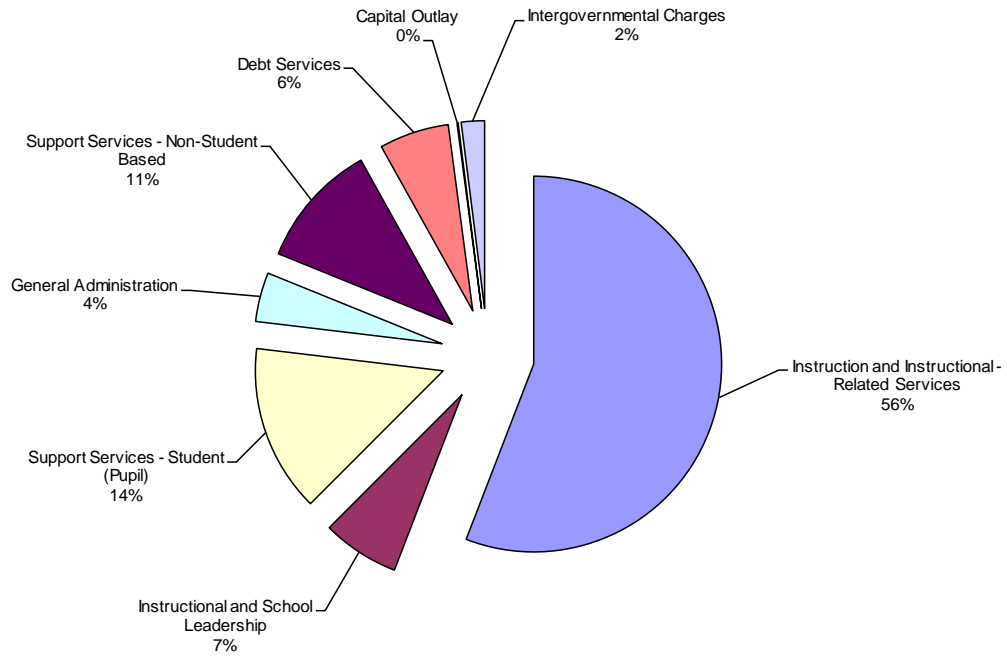
	Governmental Activities		Total Percentage Change
	2016	2015	2015 - 2016
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 775,476	\$ 354,884	118.52%
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,772,988	1,538,809	15.22%
General Revenues:			
Property Taxes	3,038,444	3,106,079	-2.18%
State Aid – Formula	6,717,012	6,141,618	9.37%
Investment Earnings	19,753	20,969	-5.80%
Other	43,651	26,208	66.56%
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 12,367,324</u>	<u>\$ 11,188,567</u>	10.54%
Expenses:			
Instruction	\$ 6,320,512	\$ 5,798,529	9.00%
Instructional Resources and Media Services	189,594	169,546	11.82%
Curriculum and Staff Development	31,778	31,630	0.47%
Instructional Leadership	79,553	62,580	27.12%
School Leadership	697,670	623,579	11.88%
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	178,304	159,383	11.87%
Health Services	87,801	99,145	-11.44%
Student (Pupil) Transportation	216,710	235,963	-8.16%
Food Services	513,827	496,834	3.42%
Co-curricular/Extracurricular Activities	690,168	544,297	26.80%
General Administration	495,894	439,964	12.71%
Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,262,524	698,810	80.67%
Security and Monitoring Services	7,642	5,382	41.99%
Data Processing Services	225,568	187,479	20.32%
Debt Service	476,835	440,227	8.32%
Capital Outlay	11,137	-	100.00%
Payments for Shared Service Arrangements	178,258	427,058	-58.26%
Other Intergovernmental Charges	55,670	57,124	-2.55%
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 11,719,445</u>	<u>\$ 10,477,530</u>	11.85%
Excess (Deficiency) Before Other Resources, Uses and Transfers	<u>\$ 647,879</u>	<u>\$ 711,037</u>	-8.88%
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	<u>\$ 647,879</u>	<u>\$ 711,037</u>	-8.88%
Net Position - Beginning (July 1)	\$ 5,507,868	\$ 5,510,284	-0.04%
Prior Period Adjustment	-	(713,453)	-100.00%
Net Position - Beginning, as Restated	<u>\$ 5,507,868</u>	<u>\$ 4,796,831</u>	14.82%
Net Position - Ending (June 30)	<u>\$ 6,155,747</u>	<u>\$ 5,507,868</u>	11.76%

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Sources of Revenue for Fiscal Year 2016 - See Table A-2



Functional Expenses for Fiscal Year 2016 - See Table A-2



HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

- Table A-3 presents the cost of selected District functions as well as each function's net cost (total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid). The net cost reflects what was funded by state revenues as well as local tax dollars.
- The cost of all governmental activities this period was \$ 11,719,445.
- However, the amount that our taxpayers paid for these activities through property taxes was only \$ 3,038,444.
- Some of the cost was paid by those who directly benefited from the programs, \$ 775,476, or
- By grants and contributions, \$ 1,772,988.

Howe Independent School District's Net Cost of Selected District Functions							Table A-3
	Total Cost of Services		%	Net Cost of Services		%	
	2016	2015		2015 - 2016	2016		2015
Instruction	\$ 6,320,512	\$ 5,798,529	9.00%	\$ 5,617,124	\$ 5,054,914	11.12%	
School Leadership	697,670	623,579	11.88%	697,670	589,768	18.30%	
General Administration	495,894	439,964	12.71%	495,894	420,027	18.06%	
Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,262,524	698,810	80.67%	854,353	680,571	25.53%	
Debt Service	476,835	440,227	8.32%	58,553	58,995	-0.75%	

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Revenues in the governmental funds totaled \$ 12,143,954. This represents an increase of \$ 907,568 from the prior year revenues of \$ 11,236,386, due primarily to increased tax collections and increased state program revenues attributed to legislative changes.

Expenditures in the governmental funds totaled \$ 11,712,424. This represents an increase of \$ 286,121 from the prior year expenditures of \$ 11,426,303, due primarily to increased capital outlay for facility improvements as well as overall cost increases.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, the District revised its General Fund budget several times. With these adjustments, actual expenditures were \$ 502,191 below final General Fund budget amounts. The most significant variance occurred in instruction and pupil transportation.

Resources available were \$ 217,648 above the final General Fund budgeted amount. The favorable variance was the result of increased tax collections and other local revenue sources.

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

CAPITAL ASSETS

At June 30, 2016, the District had invested \$ 26,914,003 in a broad range of capital assets, including land, equipment, buildings and vehicles (See Table A-4).

Howe Independent School District's Capital Assets			Table A-4
	Governmental Activities		Total Percentage Change
	2016	2015	2015 - 2016
Land	\$ 653,538	\$ 653,538	0.00%
Construction in Progress	18,900	-	10000.00%
Buildings and Improvements	24,248,645	23,835,258	1.73%
Equipment	1,103,420	1,091,156	1.12%
Vehicles	889,500	797,904	11.48%
Totals at Historical Cost	\$ 26,914,003	\$ 26,377,856	2.03%
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(15,275,606)	(14,687,733)	4.00%
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 11,638,397</u>	<u>\$ 11,690,123</u>	-0.44%

DEBT

At year end, the District had \$ 10,310,422 in debt outstanding as shown in Table A-5. More detailed information about the District's debt is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

Bond Ratings -
The District's bonds presently carry "AAA" ratings.

Howe Independent School District's Debt			Table A-5
	Governmental Activities		Total Percentage Change
	2016	2015	2015 - 2016
Bonds Payable	\$ 8,819,753	\$ 9,472,243	-6.89%
Other Debt Payable	1,490,669	999,268	49.18%
Total Debt Payable	<u>\$ 10,310,422</u>	<u>\$ 10,471,511</u>	-1.54%

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

ECONOMIC FACTORS

The District's property valuation has stabilized from previous drops due to housing development bankruptcies and foreclosures. Local property tax rates are restricted by state statute, without local elections, to \$ 1.04 for maintenance and operations. The state funding formula was changed to provide state funds to replace the lost local property tax revenue. This change in funding and other legislative changes could impact the District's financial operations, including cash flows.

Student population has remained at a steady historical growth rate in the District. The economic outlook for the area is for growth to remain at a steady pattern of marginal growth. As housing develops, student growth and property values will increase. Housing is beginning to recover to the rate of other north central Texas communities. These economic conditions allow the District to maintain constant funding and staffing levels.

The State has increased funding levels for the 2015-2017 biennium, which will affect the revenue levels of the District. With these increases in funding, the District anticipates monitoring expenditure levels to ensure financial stability remains strong. Changes in property tax homesteads allowances will be affected by the State in the coming year.

A challenge to the State's funding system resulted in the system being held constitutional. Future legislative sessions could produce minor changes to funding for student populations. The legal process ended the challenges by the various interested parties including the State. State funding will continue under the present system until legislative changes occur.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Julie Snapp, Business Manager.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2016

Data Control Codes	1	Governmental Activities
ASSETS		
1110	Cash and Investments	\$ 4,828,925
1225	Property Taxes Receivable, Net	234,441
1240	Due from Other Governments	901,352
1250	Accrued Interest	725
1290	Other Receivables, Net	177,485
1300	Inventories	294
	Capital Assets:	
1510	Land	653,538
1520	Buildings and Improvements, Net	10,534,738
1530	Furniture and Equipment, Net	431,221
1580	Construction in Progress	18,900
1000	Total Assets	\$ 17,781,619
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
1705	Deferred Outflows - Pensions	\$ 1,289,640
1701	Deferred Outflows - Refunding	197,553
1700	Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 1,487,193
LIABILITIES		
2110	Accounts Payable	\$ 60,997
2140	Interest Payable	37,626
2165	Accrued Liabilities	615,154
2300	Unearned Revenue	24,837
	Noncurrent Liabilities:	
2501	Due within one year	662,621
2502	Due in more than one year	9,647,802
2540	Net Pension Liability	1,798,540
2000	Total Liabilities	\$ 12,847,577
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
2605	Deferred Inflows - Pensions	\$ 265,488
2600	Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 265,488
NET POSITION		
3200	Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 2,390,878
	Restricted For:	
3820	Federal Programs	12,298
3850	Debt Service	1,341,686
3890	Other Purposes	3,748
3900	Unrestricted	2,407,137
3000	Total Net Position	\$ 6,155,747

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Data	1	3	4	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Control	Program Revenues			
Codes Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:				
11 Instruction	\$ 6,320,512	\$ 39,240	\$ 664,148	\$ (5,617,124)
12 Instructional Resources and Media Services	189,594	-	23,680	(165,914)
13 Curriculum and Staff Development	31,778	-	-	(31,778)
21 Instructional Leadership	79,553	-	-	(79,553)
23 School Leadership	697,670	-	-	(697,670)
31 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	178,304	-	-	(178,304)
33 Health Services	87,801	-	-	(87,801)
34 Student (Pupil) Transportation	216,710	-	-	(216,710)
35 Food Services	513,827	147,355	293,240	(73,232)
36 Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activities	690,168	180,710	-	(509,458)
41 General Administration	495,894	-	-	(495,894)
51 Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,262,524	408,171	-	(854,353)
52 Security and Monitoring services	7,642	-	-	(7,642)
53 Data Processing Services	225,568	-	373,638	148,070
72 Interest on Long-term Debt	327,318	-	418,282	90,964
73 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	149,517	-	-	(149,517)
81 Capital Outlay	11,137	-	-	(11,137)
93 Payments for Shared Service Arrangements	178,258	-	-	(178,258)
99 Other Intergovernmental Charges	55,670	-	-	(55,670)
TG Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 11,719,445</u>	<u>\$ 775,476</u>	<u>\$ 1,772,988</u>	<u>\$ (9,170,981)</u>
TP Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 11,719,445</u>	<u>\$ 775,476</u>	<u>\$ 1,772,988</u>	<u>\$ (9,170,981)</u>
General Revenues:				
MT Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes				\$ 2,451,156
DT Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service				587,288
IE Investment Earnings				19,753
GC Grant and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs				6,717,012
MI Miscellaneous				<u>43,651</u>
TR Total General Revenues				<u>\$ 9,818,860</u>
CN Change in Net Position				\$ 647,879
NB Net Position - Beginning (July 1)				<u>5,507,868</u>
NE Net Position - Ending (June 30)				<u>\$ 6,155,747</u>

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HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2016

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds	
ASSETS					
1110	Cash and Investments	\$ 3,375,243	\$ 1,349,238	\$ -	\$ 4,724,481
1225	Property Taxes Receivable, Net	189,192	45,249	-	234,441
1240	Due from Other Governments	640,091	-	261,261	901,352
1250	Accrued Interest	725	-	-	725
1260	Due from Other Funds	79	-	-	79
1290	Other Receivables	176,269	1,216	-	177,485
1300	Inventories	-	-	294	294
1000	Total Assets	<u>\$ 4,381,599</u>	<u>\$ 1,395,703</u>	<u>\$ 261,555</u>	<u>\$ 6,038,857</u>
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities:					
2110	Accounts Payable	\$ 9,803	\$ -	\$ 49,906	\$ 59,709
2150	Payroll Deductions & Withholdings	(2,214)	-	-	(2,214)
2160	Accrued Wages Payable	511,675	-	46,164	557,839
2170	Due to Other Funds	-	-	79	79
2200	Accrued Expenses	50,636	-	8,893	59,529
2300	Unearned Revenues	-	16,391	8,446	24,837
2000	Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 569,900</u>	<u>\$ 16,391</u>	<u>\$ 113,488</u>	<u>\$ 699,779</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
2601	Deferred Revenue - Property Taxes	\$ 189,192	\$ 45,249	\$ -	\$ 234,441
2600	Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 189,192</u>	<u>\$ 45,249</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 234,441</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Restricted Fund Balances:					
3450	Federal or State Funds Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,298	\$ 12,298
3480	Retirement of Long Term Debt	-	1,334,063	-	1,334,063
3490	Other Restrictions of Fund Balance	-	-	3,748	3,748
Committed Fund Balances:					
3545	Other Committed Fund Balance	-	-	132,021	132,021
3600	Unassigned	3,622,507	-	-	3,622,507
3000	Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 3,622,507</u>	<u>\$ 1,334,063</u>	<u>\$ 148,067</u>	<u>\$ 5,104,637</u>
4000	Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 4,381,599</u>	<u>\$ 1,395,703</u>	<u>\$ 261,555</u>	<u>\$ 6,038,857</u>

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HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET (GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS)
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2016

Total fund balances - Balance Sheet (governmental funds)	\$	5,104,637
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (SNP) are different because:</p>		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported in the funds.		11,638,397
Property taxes receivable unavailable to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in the funds.		234,441
The assets and liabilities of internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the SNP.		103,156
Payables for bond principal which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.		(8,819,754)
Payables for bond interest which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.		(37,626)
Payables for compensated absences which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.		(135,030)
Other long-term liabilities which are not due and payable in the current period are not reported in the funds.		7,189
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and are not reported in the funds.		197,553
Recognition of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability is not reported in the funds.		(1,798,540)
Deferred Resource Inflows related to the pension plan are not reported in the funds.		(265,488)
Deferred Resource Outflows related to the pension plan are not reported in the funds.		1,289,640
The accumulated accretion of interest on capital appreciation bonds is not reported in the funds.		(927,874)
Bond premiums are amortized in the SNA but not in the funds.		<u>(434,954)</u>
Net position of governmental activities - Statement of Net Position	\$	<u>6,155,747</u>

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HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 2,980,234	\$ 592,328	\$ 322,895	\$ 3,895,457
5800 State Program Revenues	7,091,996	418,282	153,012	7,663,290
5900 Federal Program Revenues	45,043	-	540,164	585,207
5020 Total Revenues	\$ 10,117,273	\$ 1,010,610	\$ 1,016,071	\$ 12,143,954
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	\$ 5,042,371	\$ -	\$ 466,495	\$ 5,508,866
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	166,587	-	2,067	168,654
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	28,096	-	2,300	30,396
0021 Instructional Leadership	75,406	-	-	75,406
0023 School Leadership	661,265	-	-	661,265
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	169,393	-	-	169,393
0033 Health Services	82,885	-	-	82,885
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	277,110	-	-	277,110
0035 Food Services	-	-	449,182	449,182
0036 Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activities	448,728	-	98,492	547,220
0041 General Administration	470,949	-	-	470,949
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,374,072	-	-	1,374,072
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	7,642	-	-	7,642
0053 Data Processing Services	218,514	-	-	218,514
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	-	557,489	-	557,489
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	-	427,948	-	427,948
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	149,517	-	149,517
0081 Capital Outlay	301,988	-	-	301,988
0093 Payments for Shared Service Arrangements	178,258	-	-	178,258
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	55,670	-	-	55,670
6030 Total Expenditures	\$ 9,558,934	\$ 1,134,954	\$ 1,018,536	\$ 11,712,424
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 558,339	\$ (124,344)	\$ (2,465)	\$ 431,530
Other Financing Sources and Uses				
7911 Capital-Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	\$ -	\$ 6,475,000	\$ -	\$ 6,475,000
7912 Sale of Real or Personal Property	12,740	-	-	12,740
7916 Premium (Discount) on Issuance of Bonds	-	372,311	-	372,311
8949 Other Uses	-	(6,689,247)	-	(6,689,247)
7080 Net Other Financing Sources and Uses	\$ 12,740	\$ 158,064	\$ -	\$ 170,804
1200 Net Changes in Fund Balances	\$ 571,079	\$ 33,720	\$ (2,465)	\$ 602,334
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning (July 1)	3,051,428	1,300,343	150,532	4,502,303
3000 Fund Balances - Ending (June 30)	\$ 3,622,507	\$ 1,334,063	\$ 148,067	\$ 5,104,637

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HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Net change in fund balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 602,334
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Capital outlays are not reported as expenses in the SOA.	536,147
The depreciation of capital assets used in governmental activities is not reported in the funds.	(587,873)
Certain property tax revenues are deferred in the funds. This is the change in these amounts this year.	(5,379)
Revenues in the SOA not providing current financial resources are not reported as expenditures in the funds.	216,009
Expenses not requiring the use of current financial resources are not reported as expenditures in the funds.	6,689,281
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.	557,489
The accretion of interest on capital appreciation bonds is not reported in the funds.	8,751
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest expense from beginning of period to end of period.	91,845
The net revenue (expense) of internal service funds is reported with governmental activities.	(797)
Compensated absences are reported as the amount earned in the SOA but as the amount paid in the funds.	(135,030)
Proceeds of bonds do not provide revenue in the SOA, but are reported as current resources in the funds.	(6,475,000)
Bond premiums are reported in the funds but not in the SOA.	(372,311)
Pension contributions made after the measurement date but in current FY were de-expended and reduced NP.	<u>(477,587)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities - Statement of Activities	<u>\$ 647,879</u>

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HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2016

Data Control Codes	Nonmajor Internal Service Fund	Insurance Fund
ASSETS		
1110 Cash and Investments	\$ 154,350	
1000 Total Assets	\$ 154,350	
LIABILITIES		
2110 Accounts Payable	\$ 51,194	
2000 Total Liabilities	\$ 51,194	
NET POSITION		
3900 Unrestricted Net Position	\$ 103,156	
3000 Total Net Position	\$ 103,156	

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HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES
IN NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Data Control Codes	Nonmajor Internal Service Fund	Insurance Fund
OPERATING REVENUES		
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 42,102	
5020 Total Operating Revenues	\$ 42,102	
OPERATING EXPENSES		
6400 Other Operating Costs	\$ 42,899	
6030 Total Operating Expenses	\$ 42,899	
1300 Change in Net Position	\$ (797)	
0100 Net Position - Beginning (July 1)	103,953	
3300 Net Position - Ending (June 30)	\$ 103,156	

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HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

		Nonmajor Internal Service Fund
		Insurance Fund
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Cash Receipts from Quasi External Interfund Transfers	\$	42,109
Cash Payments for Reinsurance and Administrative Fees		(21,810)
Cash Payments for Claims		(12,990)
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	\$	7,309
Cash Flows from Capital and Other Related Financing Activities:		
NONE		
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:		
NONE		
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
NONE		
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments	\$	7,309
Cash and Investments - Beginning (July 1)		147,041
Cash and Investments - Ending (June 30)	\$	154,350
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$	(797)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Increase (Decrease) in Claims Liability		8,106
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	\$	7,309

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - FIDUCIARY FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2016

Data Control Codes	Agency Funds
ASSETS	
1110 Cash and Investments	\$ 19,273
1000 Total Assets	\$ 19,273
LIABILITIES	
2190 Due to Student Groups	\$ 19,273
2000 Total Liabilities	\$ 19,273
NET POSITION	
3800 Held in Trust	\$ -
3000 Total Net Position	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The basic financial statements of the Howe Independent School District (District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to governmental units in conjunction with the Texas Education Agency's Financial Accountability System Resource Guide (Guide). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

1. Reporting Entity

The Board of School Trustees (Board), a seven member group, has governance responsibilities over all activities related to public elementary and secondary education within the jurisdiction of the District. The Board is elected by the public and as a body corporate has the exclusive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of the public schools of the District. All powers and duties not specifically delegated by statute to the Texas Education Agency (Agency) or to the State Board of Education are reserved for the Board, and the Agency may not substitute its judgment for the lawful exercise of those powers and duties by the Board. The District is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by GASB in its Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity." There are no component units included within the reporting entity.

The District receives funding from local, state, and federal government sources and must comply with the requirements of these funding source entities.

2. Basis of Presentation – Basis of Accounting

a. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Statements – The statement of net position (SNP) and the statement of activities include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of activities (SOA) presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. The District does not allocate indirect expenses in the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements – The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds, with separate statements presented for each fund category. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

Debt Service Fund – This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

In addition, the District reports the following fund types:

Special Revenue Funds – The District accounts for resources restricted to or designated for specific purposes by the District or a grantor in a special revenue fund. Most Federal and some State financial assistance is accounted for in a special revenue fund, and sometimes unused balances must be returned to the grantor at the close of specified project periods. The Board can commit specific types of resources to specific purposes which are included as special revenue funds.

Internal Service Funds – These funds are used to account for revenues and expenses related to services provided to parties inside the District. These funds facilitate distribution of support costs to the users of support services on a cost-reimbursement basis. Because the principal users of the internal services are the District's governmental activities, this fund type is included in the "Governmental Activities" column of the government-wide financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds – These funds are used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, or other governments. These include agency funds. Agency funds are purely custodial and thus do not involve measurement of results of operations.

b. **Measurement Focus – Basis of Accounting**

Government-wide, Proprietary and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements – These financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the District gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements – Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available.

The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property tax revenues and revenues received from the State are recognized under the susceptible-to-accrual concept. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned, since they are both measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital lease are reported as other financing sources.

When the District incurs an expenditure or expense for which both restricted and unrestricted resources may be used, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources.

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

3. Budgetary Data

The official budget was prepared for adoption for the general, food service and debt service funds. The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the basic financial statements:

- a. Prior to June 20 of the preceding fiscal year, the District prepares a budget for the next succeeding fiscal year beginning July 1.
- b. A meeting of the Board is called for the purpose of adopting the proposed budget with public notice given at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
- c. Prior to the expenditure of funds, the budget is adopted by the Board.

After adoption, the budget may be amended through action by the Board. Budget amendments are approved at the functional expenditure level. All amendments are before the fact and reflected in the official minutes of the Board. Budgets are controlled at the function level by personnel responsible for organizational financial reporting. All budget appropriations lapse at the year end. Budget amendments throughout the year were not significant.

4. Encumbrance Accounting

Encumbrances for goods or purchased services are documented by purchase orders or contracts. Under Texas law, appropriations lapse at June 30, and encumbrances outstanding at that time are to be either canceled or appropriately provided for in the subsequent year's budget. End-of-year outstanding encumbrances that were provided for in the subsequent year's budget are:

General Fund	\$	-0-
Special Revenue Fund		-0-
Debt Service Fund		-0-
		<hr/>
Total	\$	<u>-0-</u>

5. Financial Statement Amounts

Cash and Investments

The District pools cash resources of its various funds in order to facilitate the management of cash. Cash applicable to a particular fund is readily identifiable. The balance in the pooled accounts is available to meet current operating requirements. Cash in excess of current requirements is invested in various interest-bearing securities and disclosed as a part of the District's cash and temporary investments.

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, highly liquid investments are considered to be cash equivalents if they have a maturity of three months or less when purchased.

Inventories

Inventory in governmental funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost, determined by physical count and valued using the weighted average method, is recorded as an expenditure at the time of use. Reported inventories in these funds are equally offset by a fund balance reserve, which indicates they do not represent available spendable resources.

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Balance

Governmental funds utilize a fund balance presentation for equity. Fund balance is categorized as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned.

Nonspendable fund balance – represents amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form (such as inventory or prepaids) or legally required to remain intact (such as notes receivable or principal of a permanent fund).

Restricted fund balance – represents amounts with external constraints placed on the use of these resources (such as debt covenants, grantors, other governments, etc.) or imposed by enabling legislation. Restrictions may be changed or lifted only with the consent of resource providers.

Committed fund balance – represents amounts that can only be used for specific purposes imposed by a formal action of the District’s highest level of decision-making authority, the Board. Committed resources cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes or changes the specific use by taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally.

Assigned fund balance – represents amounts the District intends to use for specific purposes as expressed by the Board or an official delegated the authority. The Board has delegated the authority to assign fund balances to the Superintendent.

Unassigned fund balance – represents the residual classification for the general fund or deficit balances in other funds.

In circumstances where an expenditure is to be made for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, the order in which resources will be expended is as follows: restricted fund balance, followed by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and lastly, unassigned fund balance.

The following schedule provides information about the specific fund balance classification by fund:

	General	Debt Service	Other Governmental	Total
Restricted				
Child Nutrition Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,298	\$ 12,298
Retirement of Long Term Debt	-	1,334,063	-	1,334,063
Library Grant	-	-	3,745	3,745
Exxon Grant	-	-	3	3
Committed				
Scholarships	-	-	17,053	17,053
Campus Activity Funds	-	-	114,968	114,968
Unassigned	3,622,507	-	-	3,622,507
Totals	<u>\$ 3,622,507</u>	<u>\$ 1,334,063</u>	<u>\$ 148,067</u>	<u>\$ 5,104,637</u>

Accretion

Accretion is an adjustment of the difference between the price of a bond issued at an original discount and the par value of the bond. For governmental activities debt, the accreted value is recognized as it accrues by fiscal year.

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Capital Assets

Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of the donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. A capitalization threshold of \$ 5,000 is used.

Capital assets are being depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Buildings and Improvements	15-50
Vehicles	5-15
Furniture and Equipment	3-15

6. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

The District implemented GASB Statement Number 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. In addition to assets and liabilities, the government-wide Statement of Net Position and governmental fund Balance Sheet reports separate sections for deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position/fund balance that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Deferred inflows of resources represent the acquisition of net position/fund balance that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District reports certain deferred inflows and outflows related to pensions on the government-wide Statement of Net Position. At the governmental fund level, earned but unavailable revenue is reported as a deferred inflow of resources. To the extent practical, this change in accounting principle is required to be reported as an adjustment to prior periods.

The District also implemented GASB Statement Number 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*, which amends the transition provisions of GASB 68. GASB 71 requires that, at transition, governments recognize a beginning deferred outflow of resources for pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date of the beginning Net Pension Liability. Implementation is reflected in the financial statements and the prior period adjustment.

7. Receivable and Payable Balances

The District believes that sufficient detail of receivable and payable balances is provided in the financial statements to avoid the obscuring of significant components by aggregation. Therefore, no disclosure is provided which disaggregates those balances.

There are no significant receivables which are not scheduled for collection within one year of year end.

8. Interfund Activities

Interfund activity results from loans, service provided, reimbursements or transfers between funds. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables as appropriate and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures or expenses. Reimbursements occur when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers In and Transfers Out are netted and presented as a single "Transfer" line on the government-wide statement of activities. Similarly, interfund receivables and payables are netted and presented as a single "Internal Balances" line of the government-wide statement of net position.

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A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

9. Vacation, Sick Leave and Other Compensated Absences

District employees are entitled to certain compensated absences based on their length of employment. Sick leave accrues at various rates established by the State and adopted by the Board of Trustees. Sick leave does not vest but accumulates and is recorded as an expenditure as it is paid

10. Pensions

The fiduciary net position of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) and additions to/deductions from TRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TRS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

11. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the use of management's estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from these estimates.

12. Data Control Codes

Data control codes refer to the account code structure prescribed by the Agency in the *Guide*. The Agency requires the District to display these codes in its financial statements filed with the Agency in order to ensure accuracy in building a statewide database for policy development and funding plans.

13. Accounting System

In accordance with Texas Education Code, Chapter 44, Subchapter A, the District adopted and implemented an accounting system which at least meets the minimum requirements prescribed by the State Board of Education and approved by the State Auditor. The District's accounting system uses codes and the code structure presented in the accounting code section of the *Guide*. Mandatory codes are utilized in the form provided in that section.

B. Deposits, Securities and Investments

The District's funds are deposited and invested under the terms of a depository contract. The contract requires the depository to pledge approved securities in an amount significant to protect the District's day-to-day balances. The pledge is waived only to the extent of the dollar amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance. At June 30, 2016, all District cash deposits appear to have been covered by FDIC insurance or by pledged collateral held by the District's agent bank in the name of the District. The District's deposits appear to have been properly secured throughout the fiscal period.

The District's investment policies and types of investments are governed by the Public Funds Investment Act. The Act requires specific training, reporting and establishment of local policies. The District appears to have been in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Act.

State statutes and local policy authorize the District to invest in the following types of investment goods:

- a. obligations of the U.S. or its agencies or instrumentalities,
- b. obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies,
- c. obligations guaranteed by the U.S. or State of Texas or their agencies or instrumentalities,
- d. obligations of other states, agencies or political subdivisions having a national investment rating of "A" or greater,
- e. guaranteed or secured certificates of deposit issued by a bank domiciled in the State of Texas, or
- f. fully collateralized repurchase agreements.

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B. Deposits, Securities and Investments (Continued)

District investments include investments in TexPool, an external investment pool. All Texpool investments are reported at share price (fair value) and are presented as cash and investments.

Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool) has been organized in conformity with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. These two acts provide for the creation of public funds investment pools and permit eligible governmental entities to jointly invest their funds in authorized investments.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller) is the sole officer, director and shareholder of the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company, (Trust Company), which is authorized to operate TexPool. Pursuant to the TexPool Participation Agreement, administrative and investment services to TexPool are provided by Federated Investors, Inc. (Federated), under an agreement with the Comptroller, acting on behalf of the Trust Company.

The Comptroller maintains oversight of the services provided to TexPool by Federated. In addition, the TexPool Advisory Board advises on TexPool's Investment Policy and approves any fee increases. As required by the Public Funds Investment Act, the Advisory Board is composed equally of participants in TexPool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with TexPool who are qualified to advise TexPool.

The fund is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's rating agency. This rating is the highest principal stability fund rating assigned by Standard & Poor's. This rating as well as the operational policies and procedures allow the fund to comply with the requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act.

The following table categorizes the District's investments at June 30, 2016:

	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Certificate of Deposit	N/A	\$ 2,094,369
TexPool	AAAM	<u>517</u>
	Total	<u>\$ 2,094,886</u>

In addition, the following is disclosed regarding coverage of combined cash balances on the date of highest balance:

- a. Name of bank: Independent Bank, Howe, Texas.
- b. Amount of bond and/or security pledged as of the date of the highest combined balance on deposit was \$ 6,132,054.
- c. Largest cash, savings and time deposit combined account balances amounted to \$ 5,952,797 and occurred during the month of March 2016.
- d. Total amount of FDIC coverage at the time of the highest combined balance was \$ 573,903.

GASB Statement No. 40 requires a determination as to whether the District was exposed to the following specific investment risks at year end and if so, the reporting of certain related disclosures:

a. **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The ratings of securities by nationally recognized agencies are designed to give an indication of credit risk. At year end, the District was not significantly exposed to credit risk.

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B. Deposits, Securities and Investments (Continued)

b. Custodial Credit Risk

Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are uncollateralized, collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the District's name.

Investment securities are exposed to custodial risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the government, and are held by either the counterparty or the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the Districts' name. At June 30, 2016, the District was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

c. Concentration of Credit Risk

This risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. At June 30, 2016, the District was not exposed to concentration of credit risk.

d. Interest Rate Risk

This is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. At June 30, 2016, the District was not exposed to interest rate risk.

e. Foreign Currency Risk

This is the risk that exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. At June 30, 2016, the District was not exposed to foreign currency risk.

C. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied by October 1, in conformity with Subtitle E, Texas Property Tax Code. Taxes are due on receipt of the tax bill and are delinquent if not paid before February 1, of the year following the October 1 levy date. On January 1 of each year, a tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties and interest ultimately imposed. Property tax revenues are considered available when collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period.

Property taxes are prorated between maintenance and debt service based on rates adopted for the year of the levy. Allowances for uncollectibles within the General and Debt Service Funds are based upon historical experience in collecting property taxes. Section 33.05, Property Tax Code, requires the tax collector for the District to cancel and remove from the delinquent tax rolls a tax on real property that has been delinquent for more than 20 years or a tax on personal property that has been delinquent for more than 10 years. Delinquent taxes meeting this criteria may not be canceled if litigation concerning these taxes is pending.

The District levied taxes on property within the District at \$ 1.17 to fund general operations and \$ 0.28 for the payment of principal and interest on long term debt. The rates were levied on property assessed totaling \$ 206,449,123.

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D. Capital Assets

Capital asset activities during the year were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 653,538	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 653,538
Construction in Progress	-	18,900	-	18,900
Total Capital Assets not being Depreciated	\$ 653,538	\$ 18,900	\$ -	\$ 672,438
Capital Assets being Depreciated:				
Building and Improvements	\$ 23,835,258	\$ 413,387	\$ -	\$ 24,248,645
Equipment	1,091,156	12,264	-	1,103,420
Vehicles	797,904	91,596	-	889,500
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated	\$ 25,724,318	\$ 517,247	\$ -	\$ 26,241,565
Less Accumulated Depreciation for :				
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 13,233,910	\$ 479,997	\$ -	\$ 13,713,907
Equipment	777,681	73,050	-	850,731
Vehicles	676,142	34,826	-	710,968
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 14,687,733	\$ 587,873	\$ -	\$ 15,275,606
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated, Net	\$ 11,036,585	\$ (70,626)	\$ -	\$ 10,965,959
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 11,690,123	\$ (51,726)	\$ -	\$ 11,638,397

Depreciation was charged to government-wide functions as follows:

Instruction	\$ 339,725
Instructional Resources and Media Services	14,059
School Leadership	1,592
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	85
Health Services	171
Student (Pupil) Transportation	25,988
Food Services	49,526
Co-curricular/Extracurricular Activities	125,722
General Administration	4,284
Plant Maintenance and Operations	26,721
Total	\$ 587,873

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E. Long Term Obligations

Long-Term Obligation Activity

Long-term obligations activities during the year were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 9,472,243	\$ 6,475,000	\$ 7,127,490	\$ 8,819,753	\$ 662,621
Accreted Interest Payable	936,625	83,760	92,511	927,874	-
Bond Premium (Discount)	62,643	372,311	7,189	427,765	-
Retirement Benefits	-	193,305	58,275	135,030	-
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 10,471,511</u>	<u>\$ 7,124,376</u>	<u>\$ 7,285,465</u>	<u>\$ 10,310,422</u>	<u>\$ 662,621</u>

Bonds

The District has issued various series of general obligation bonds to fund facility construction and improvements. Bonds mature at various times with varying rates of interest. The bonds issued require the District to levy an ad valorem tax annually to retire the current maturities.

The District issued "Howe Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A and Howe Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B," totaling \$ 6,475,000 to be used for refund maturities of the following outstanding Series:

Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2007

Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2004

The bonds are dated April 15, 2016 and were issued May 19, 2016. The proceeds including premium less issuance costs were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for debt service payments on the refunded debt. The refunding meets the requirements of an in-substance defeasance and the debt has been removed from the District's long term debt. The maturities of refunded debt will be called on various dates with all maturities refunded on the final call date of August 15, 2017.

As a result of the refunding, the District decreased its debt service requirement by \$ 946,099. The refunding was authorized to reduce debt requirements on previously issued debt. The refunding resulted in an economic gain (difference between the present value of the debt service payments of the old and new debt) of \$ 872,721.

Bonds outstanding at year end are as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Original Amount	Outstanding Balance
Unlimited Tax Building Bonds, Series 1999	4.625%	\$ 2,449,917	\$ 684,753
Unlimited Tax Building Bonds, Series 2004	4.415%	2,500,000	130,000
Unlimited Tax Refunding, Series 2007	4.113%	7,875,000	365,000
Unlimited Tax Refunding, Series 2013	2.051%	1,165,000	1,165,000
Unlimited Tax Refunding, Series 2016A	1.411%	5,040,000	5,040,000
Unlimited Tax Refunding, Series 2016B	1.411%	1,435,000	1,435,000
Totals			<u>\$ 8,819,753</u>

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E. Long Term Obligations

Debt service requirements on bonded debt outstanding at year end are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total Requirements
2017	\$ 662,621	\$ 251,306	\$ 913,927
2018	618,537	277,613	896,150
2019	624,620	270,430	895,050
2020	630,869	262,881	893,750
2021	637,278	254,972	892,250
2022 - 2026	3,358,637	1,107,363	4,466,000
2027 - 2030	2,287,191	518,284	2,805,475
Totals	<u>\$ 8,819,753</u>	<u>\$ 2,942,849</u>	<u>\$ 11,762,602</u>

There are a number of limitations and restrictions contained in the general obligation bond indentures. The District appears to be in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions at year end.

F. Defined Benefits Pension Plan

1. Plan Description

The District contributes to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. TRS's defined benefit pension plan operates primarily under the provision of the Texas Constitution, Article XVI, Sec. 67, and Texas Government Code, Title 8, Subtitle C. TRS also administers proportional retirement benefits and service credit transfer under Texas Government Code, Title 8, Chapters 803 and 805, respectively. The pension trust fund is a qualified pension trust under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Texas state legislature has the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the pension plan and may, under certain circumstances, grant special authority to the TRS Board of Trustees. TRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the defined benefit pension plan. That report may be obtained by downloading the report from the TRS internet website, www.trs.state.tx.us.

2. Benefits Provided

TRS administers retirement and disability annuities, and death survivor benefits to employees and beneficiaries of employees of the public school systems of Texas. Benefits are established or amended primarily under the authority of the provisions of the Texas Constitution, Article XVI, Section 67 and by the Legislature in the Texas Government Code, Title 8, Subtitle C. The pension's board of trustees does not have the authority to establish or amend benefits. The pension formula is calculated using 2.3 percent (multiplier) times the average of the five highest annual creditable salaries times years of credited service to arrive at the annual standard annuity except for members who are grandfathered, the three highest annual salaries are used. The normal service retirement is at age 65 with 5 years of credited service or when the sum of the member's age and years of credited service equals or exceed 80 years. Reduced service retirement is at age 55 with 5 years of credited service and any age below 50 with 30 years of credited service. A member is fully vested after 5 years of creditable service and entitled to any benefit for which eligibility requirements have been met. The plan does not provide automatic cost of living adjustments (COLA's). Ad hoc post-employment benefits changes, including ad hoc COLA's can be granted by the Texas Legislature as noted in the Plan Description above.

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F. Defined Benefits Pension Plan (Continued)

3. Contributions

Contribution requirements are established or amended pursuant to the following state laws: (1) Article 16, section 67 of the Texas Constitution requires the legislature to establish a member contribution rate of not less than 6% of the member's annual compensation and a state contribution rate of not less than 6% and not more than 10% of the aggregate annual compensation paid to members of the system during the fiscal year. Texas Government Code section 821.006 prohibits benefit improvements, if as a result of the particular action, the time required to amortize TRS' unfunded actuarial liabilities would be increased to a period that exceeds 31 years, or, if the amortization period already exceeds 31 years, the period would be increased by such action. Actuarial implications of the funding provided in this manner are determined by the system's actuary. As the non-employer contributing entity, the State of Texas contributes to the retirement system an amount equal to the current employer contribution rate times the aggregate annual compensation of all members of the pension trust fund during that fiscal year reduced by the amounts described below which are paid by the employers. Employers (public school, junior college, other entities or the State of Texas as the employer for senior universities and medical schools) are required to pay the employer contribution rate in the following instances:

- On the portion of the member's salary that exceeds the statutory minimum for members entitled to the statutory minimum under Section 21.402 of the Texas Education Code.
- During a new member's first 90 days of employment.
- When any part or all of an employee's salary is paid by federal funding sources, a privately sponsored source, from non-educational and general, or local funds.

In addition to the employer contributions listed above, when employing a retiree of the Teacher Retirement System the employer shall pay both the member contribution and the state contribution as an employment after retirement surcharge. Employee contribution rates are set in state statute, Texas Government Code 825.402 for member contributions and established employee contribution rates for fiscal years 2015 thru 2017. It also added a 1.5% contribution for employers not paying Old Age Survivor and Disability Insurance (OASDI) on certain employees effective for fiscal year 2015. The 83rd Texas Legislature, General Appropriations Act (GAA) established the employer contribution rates for fiscal years 2015 and 2016. Contribution amounts for fiscal year 2015 are as follows:

	Contributions Required and Made	
Member (Employee)	\$	377,942
Non-Employer Contributing Agency (State On Behalf)	\$	316,829
District (Employer)	\$	150,659

Contribution rates for the Plan fiscal year (September to August) 2014 and 2015 are as follows:

	Contribution Rates Plan Fiscal Year	
	2015	2016
Member (Employee)	6.7%	7.2%
District (Employer)	6.8%	6.8%
Non-Employer Contributing Agency (State On Behalf)	6.8%	6.8%

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F. Defined Benefits Pension Plan (Continued)

4. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At August 31, 2015, the District reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected a reduction for State pension support provided to the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,798,540
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	<u>3,781,152</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,579,692</u>

The net pension liability was measured as of August 31, 2015, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. At August 31, 2015, the District's proportion was 0.0050880% which was an increase of 0.0029369 from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2014.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the District recognized pension expense of \$ 538,753 and revenue of \$ 538,753 for support provided by the State.

At August 31, 2015, the District report deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 7,390	\$ 69,120
Changes of actuarial assumptions	31,062	64,164
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	442,940	131,713
Changes in proportion and differentials between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>671,077</u>	<u>491</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,152,469</u>	<u>\$ 265,488</u>

At June 30, 2016 the District reported its proportionate share of the TRS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Total amounts per August 31, 2015 measurement date	\$ 1,152,469	\$ 265,488
Contribution paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date	<u>137,171</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Financial Statement Amounts	<u>\$ 1,289,640</u>	<u>\$ 265,488</u>

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F. Defined Benefits Pension Plan (Continued)

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

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017	\$ 165,633
2018	165,633
2019	165,635
2020	209,539
2021	98,339
Thereafter	82,202

5. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability is determined by an annual actuarial valuation. The active mortality rates were based on the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back 6 years for both males and females. The Post-retirement mortality rates were based on client specific tables multiplied by 80%. The actuarial assumptions used in the valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the four-year period ending August 31, 2014 and adopted on September 24, 2015. With the exception of the post-retirement mortality rates for healthy lives and a minor change to the expected retirement age for inactive vested members stemming from the actuarial audit performed in the Summer of 2015, the assumptions and methods are the same as used in the prior valuation. When the mortality assumptions were adopted in 2015 they contained significant erosion of this margin to the point that the margin has been eliminated. Therefore, the post-retirement mortality rate for current and future retirees has decreased to add additional margin for future improvement in mortality in accordance with the Actuarial Standards Practice No. 35.

The following assumptions were applied to this measurement period:

Valuation Date	August 31, 2015
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Percentage of Payroll, Open
Remaining Amortization Period	30 years
Asset Valuation Method	5 year Smoothed Market
Actuarial Assumption:	
Discount Rate	8.00%
Long-term expected Investment Rate of Return *	8.00%
Salary Increases *	3.50% to 9.50%
Payroll Growth Rate	2.50%

* Includes Inflation of 2.5%

6. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.0%. There was no change in the discount rate since the previous fiscal year. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers and the non-employer contributing entity are made at the statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary new position was projected to be available to make all 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.

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F. Defined Benefits Pension Plan (Continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 8.0%. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investment was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Systems target asset allocation as of August 31, 2015 are summarized below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Real Return Geometric Basis	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return *
Global Equity			
U.S.	18%	4.6%	1.0%
Non-U.S. Developed	13%	5.1%	0.8%
Emerging Markets	9%	5.9%	0.7%
Directional Hedge Funds	4%	3.2%	0.1%
Private Equity	13%	7.0%	1.1%
Stable Value			
U.S. Treasuries	11%	0.7%	0.1%
Absolute Return	0%	1.8%	0.0%
Stable Value Hedge Funds	4%	3.0%	0.1%
Cash	1%	-0.2%	0.0%
Real Return			
Global Inflation Linked Bonds	3%	0.9%	0.0%
Real Assets	16%	5.1%	1.1%
Energy and Natural Resources	3%	6.6%	0.2%
Commodities	0%	1.2%	0.0%
Risk Parity			
Risk Parity	5%	6.7%	0.3%
Inflation Expectation			2.2%
Alpha			1.0%
Total	100%		8.7%

* The expected contribution to returns incorporates the volatility drag resulting from the conversion between arithmetic and geometric mean returns.

7. Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following presents the District's share of the net pension liability of the plan using the discount rate of 8%, as well as what the District's share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 - percentage point lower (7%) or 1 - percentage point higher (9%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Rate	1% Increase
District's proportional share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,817,974	\$ 1,798,540	\$ 949,416

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F. Defined Benefits Pension Plan (Continued)

8. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the Teacher Retirement System's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.trs.state.tx.us/about/documents/cafr.pdf#CAFR>; by writing to TRS at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, TX 78701-2698; or by calling (512) 542-6592. The information provided in the Notes to the Financial Statements in the 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for TRS provides the following information regarding the Pension Plan fiduciary net position as of August 31, 2015.

<u>Net Pension Liability</u>	<u>August 31, 2015</u>	<u>August 31, 2014</u>
Total Pension Liability	\$ 163,887,375,172	\$ 159,496,075,886
Less: Plan Fiduciary Net Position	(128,538,706,212)	(132,779,243,085)
Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 35,348,668,960</u>	<u>\$ 26,716,832,801</u>
Net Position as percentage of Total Pension Liability	78.43%	83.25%

G. School District Retiree Health Plan

1. Plan Description

The District contributes to the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Insurance Program (TRS-Care), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care plan administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. TRS-Care Retired Plan provides health care coverage for certain persons (and their dependents) who retired under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. The statutory authority for the program is Texas Insurance Code, Chapter 1575. Section 1575.052 grants the TRS Board of Trustees the authority to establish and amend basic and optional group insurance coverage for participants. The TRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for TRS-Care. That report may be obtained by visiting the TRS website at www.trs.state.tx.us, under the TRS Publications heading, by calling the TRS Communications Department at 1-800-223-8778, or by writing to the Communications Department of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

2. Funding Policy

Contribution requirements are not actuarially determined but are legally established each biennium by the Texas Legislature. Texas Insurance Code, Sections 1575.202, 203 and 204 establish state, active employee and public school contributions, respectively. Funding for free basic coverage is provided by the program based upon public school district payroll. Per Texas Insurance Code, Chapter 1575, the public school contribution may not be less than 0.25% or greater than .75% of the salary of each active employee of the public school. Funding for optional coverage is provided by those participants selecting the optional coverage. Contribution rates are shown in the table below for fiscal years 2015-2013.

Contribution Rates			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Active Member</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>District</u>
2016	0.65%	1.00%	0.55%
2015	0.65%	1.00%	0.55%
2014	0.65%	1.00%	0.55%

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G. School District Retiree Health Plan (Continued)

3. On-Behalf Payments

In accordance with GASB Statement 24, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Grants and Other Financial Assistance," on-behalf payments (payments made by the State) of \$ 49,409 are reflected in the basic financial statements for Retiree Health Plan contributions. Additionally, the District benefited from payments made by the State totaling \$ 18,429 for subsidies for Medicare Part D and participation in the Early Retirement Reinsurance Program.

H. Risk Management

Health Care

During the year ended June 30, 2016, employees of the District were covered by a health insurance plan (the Plan). The District paid premiums of \$ 338 per month per employee and employees, at their option, authorized payroll withholdings to provide dependents coverage under the Plan. All premiums were paid to Teacher Retirement System of Texas (Aetna). The Plan was authorized by Article 3.51-2, Texas Insurance Code and was documented by contractual agreement.

The contract between the Howe Independent School District and Teacher Retirement System of Texas (Aetna) is renewable September 1 of each year and terms of coverage and premium costs are included in the contractual provisions.

Latest financial statements for Aetna are available from the company and have been filed with the Texas State Board of Insurance, Austin, Texas, and are public records.

Workers' Compensation

The District participates in the East Texas Educational Insurance Association Workers' Compensation Self Insurance Joint Fund. The District is partially self funded to a loss fund maximum of \$ 59,742 for the 15-16 fiscal year. Additionally, the District incurred fixed costs of \$ 21,810 for their share of claims administration, loss control, record keeping and cost of excess insurance.

Claims administration is provided by Claims Administrative Services, Inc. Reinsurance is provided for aggregate claim losses exceeding \$ 225,000. The fixed cost charge is based on total payroll paid by the District. Increases or decreases in the fixed costs will adjust subsequent year charges.

The accrued liability for workers' compensation self-insurance of \$ 51,194 includes \$ 31,089 of incurred but not reported claims. This liability is based on the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues," which require that a liability for claims be reported if information indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. The liability recorded is an undiscounted actuarial calculation.

Changes in the workers compensation claims liability amounts in fiscal periods 2016 and 2015 are represented below:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Beginning Claims Liability	\$ 43,088	\$ 50,555
Claims Incurred (Reduced)	18,469	40,582
Claims Paid	<u>(10,363)</u>	<u>(48,049)</u>
Ending Claims Liability	<u>\$ 51,194</u>	<u>\$ 43,088</u>

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H. Risk Management (Continued)

Other Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the year ending June 30, 2016, the District purchased commercial insurance to cover these liabilities. There were no significant reductions in coverage in the past fiscal year, and there were no settlements exceeding insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years.

I. Litigation

The District does not appear to be involved in any litigation as of June 30, 2016.

J. Commitments and Contingencies

The District participates in numerous state and federal grant programs which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the District has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, if any, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivable at June 30, 2016, may be impaired. In the opinion of the District, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying combined financial statements for such contingencies.

The District has construction projects in various stages of completion. These projects include contracts that will be completed in the coming year. Funds from the operating budget will be used to fulfill these commitments.

K. Revenue from Local and Intermediate Sources

The District received revenue from the following local and intermediate sources during the year:

	General	Debt Service	Other Governmental	Total
Property Tax Collections	\$ 2,455,069	\$ 588,753	\$ -	\$ 3,043,822
Investment Income	-	3,575	67	3,642
Food Service Income	-		147,356	147,356
Gifts and Bequests	-		3,405	3,405
Extracurricular Activities	43,131		-	43,131
Other	482,034		172,067	654,101
Total	<u>\$ 2,980,234</u>	<u>\$ 592,328</u>	<u>\$ 322,895</u>	<u>\$ 3,895,457</u>

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L. Receivables

Receivables at year end, for the District's individual major funds and aggregate nonmajor funds, including any applicable allowances for uncollectible amounts are as follows:

	General	Debt Service	Other Governmental	Total
Due from Other Governments	\$ 640,091	\$ -	\$ 261,261	\$ 901,352
Property Taxes	199,150	47,631	-	246,781
Less Allowance for Uncollectible Property Taxes	(9,958)	(2,382)	-	(12,340)
Net Receivables	\$ 829,283	\$ 45,249	\$ 261,261	\$ 1,135,793

M. Shared Service Arrangements

The District participates in cooperative programs with other local districts. The District does not account for revenue or expenditures of these programs and does not disclose them in these financial statements.

<u>Shared Service Arrangements</u>	<u>Fiscal Agent</u>	<u>Service</u>
Grayson County Special Education Cooperative	Gunter Independent School District	Special Education

N. Subsequent Events

The District's management has evaluated subsequent events through September 16, 2016, the date which the financial statements were available for issue.

O. State Aid Reconciliation

The State provides various types of funding for local school districts as provided for in state statute. The following reconciliation presents funding earned by the District in each category presented. Because of the State's delay in reconciling the funding to local districts, the summary below represents an estimate of earnings. The settle-up with the State will occur some 9 to 10 months following the fiscal year end.

Funding is earned for: 1) Available – annual allocation based on prior year enrollment; 2) Foundation – annual allocation based on student attendance, property tax collections and valuations, and special student population; 3) Instructional Facilities Allotment – based on property wealth; and 4) Existing Debt Allotment – based on eligible debt, student attendance and property wealth. Various other sources are received but not reconciled here as these are the major sources of funding.

	Available	Foundation	IFA	EDA
Current Year Earnings	\$ 174,751	\$ 6,537,147	\$ 192,324	\$ 219,270
Prior Year Settle Up	3,198	1,916	1	6,687
Financial Statement Earnings	\$ 177,949	\$ 6,539,063	\$ 192,325	\$ 225,957
Amounts Received	148,937	5,939,966	185,381	216,510
Receivable (Overpayment) *	<u>\$ 29,012</u>	<u>\$ 599,097</u>	<u>\$ (6,944)</u>	<u>\$ (9,447)</u>

* Overpayments are represented in the financial statements as Unearned Revenue (government-wide and governmental).

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P. Interfund Balances and Activities

Interfund Receivables and Payables

The composition of interfund balances at year end are as follows:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Food Service Fund	\$ 79

Q. Change in Accounting Principles

In fiscal year 2016, the District adopted three new statements of financial accounting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB):

- Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*
 - Statement No. 76, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Government*
 - Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*
- a) Statement No. 72 requires state and local governments to measure investments at fair value using a consistent definition and valuation techniques; also defines what assets and liabilities governments should measure at fair value and expands fair value disclosures in financial disclosure notes. While the Statement generally requires restatement of prior period balances in the year of implementation, the nature of the District's investments was such that their carrying amount was not affected.
 - b) The GAAP hierarchy prioritizes guidance governments follow when preparing U.S. GAAP financial statements. Statement No. 76 reduces authoritative GAAP hierarchy from four categories to two and lists the order of priority for pronouncements to which a government should look for guidance.
 - c) Statement No. 77 requires governments granting tax abatements to individuals and businesses to disclose program information in the notes to the financial statements through the agreement's duration and also requires disclosures about tax abatements entered into by other governments that reduce the reporting government's tax revenue. Prior year balances were not restated because there are no tax abatements associated with the District or any other government which affect the District's tax revenue.

R. Compliance, Stewardship and Accountability

Expenditures over Appropriations

The following individual funds incurred expenditures in excess of appropriations at functional expenditure levels:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Excess</u>
General Fund:			
Instructional Resources	\$ 162,317	\$ 166,587	\$ 4,270

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Data Control Codes	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
5700	\$ 2,618,574	\$ 2,863,574	\$ 2,980,234	\$ 116,660
5800	6,736,051	7,036,051	7,091,996	55,945
5900	-	-	45,043	45,043
5020	\$ 9,354,625	\$ 9,899,625	\$ 10,117,273	\$ 217,648
EXPENDITURES				
Instruction and Instructional Related Services:				
0011	\$ 5,213,712	\$ 5,213,713	\$ 5,042,371	\$ 171,342
0012	160,817	162,317	166,587	(4,270)
0013	38,090	35,090	28,096	6,994
	<u>\$ 5,412,619</u>	<u>\$ 5,411,120</u>	<u>\$ 5,237,054</u>	<u>\$ 174,066</u>
Instructional and School Leadership:				
0021	\$ 76,783	\$ 79,783	\$ 75,406	\$ 4,377
0023	657,644	665,144	661,265	3,879
	<u>\$ 734,427</u>	<u>\$ 744,927</u>	<u>\$ 736,671</u>	<u>\$ 8,256</u>
Support Services - Student (Pupil):				
0031	\$ 173,275	\$ 173,275	\$ 169,393	\$ 3,882
0033	107,463	93,463	82,885	10,578
0034	361,131	326,131	277,110	49,021
0036	476,298	476,298	448,728	27,570
	<u>\$ 1,118,167</u>	<u>\$ 1,069,167</u>	<u>\$ 978,116</u>	<u>\$ 91,051</u>
Administrative Support Services:				
0041	\$ 499,335	\$ 499,335	\$ 470,949	\$ 28,386
	<u>\$ 499,335</u>	<u>\$ 499,335</u>	<u>\$ 470,949</u>	<u>\$ 28,386</u>
Support Services - Nonstudent Based:				
0051	\$ 831,343	\$ 1,426,342	\$ 1,374,072	\$ 52,270
0052	8,200	8,200	7,642	558
0053	205,534	220,534	218,514	2,020
	<u>\$ 1,045,077</u>	<u>\$ 1,655,076</u>	<u>\$ 1,600,228</u>	<u>\$ 54,848</u>
Capital Outlay:				
0081	\$ -	\$ 436,500	\$ 301,988	\$ 134,512
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 436,500</u>	<u>\$ 301,988</u>	<u>\$ 134,512</u>
Intergovernmental Charges:				
0093	\$ 485,000	\$ 185,000	\$ 178,258	\$ 6,742
0099	60,000	60,000	55,670	4,330
	<u>\$ 545,000</u>	<u>\$ 245,000</u>	<u>\$ 233,928</u>	<u>\$ 11,072</u>
6030	\$ 9,354,625	\$ 10,061,125	\$ 9,558,934	\$ 502,191
1100	\$ -	\$ (161,500)	\$ 558,339	\$ 719,839
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
7912	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,740	\$ 12,740
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,740</u>	<u>\$ 12,740</u>
1200	\$ -	\$ (161,500)	\$ 571,079	\$ 732,579
0100	3,051,428	3,051,428	3,051,428	-
3000	\$ 3,051,428	\$ 2,889,928	\$ 3,622,507	\$ 732,579

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULES OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
 TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0050880%	0.0021511%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,798,540	\$ 574,589
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	<u>3,781,152</u>	<u>3,415,453</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,579,692</u>	<u>\$ 3,990,042</u>
District's covered-employee payroll (for Measurement Year)	\$ 5,640,918	\$ 5,486,103
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	31.88%	10.47%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	78.43%	83.25%

Note: Only two years of data is presented in accordance with GASB 68, paragraph 138. "The information for all periods for the 10-year schedules that are required to be presented as required supplementary information may not be available initially. In these cases, during the transition period, that information should be presented for as many years as are available. The schedules should not include information that is not measured in accordance with the requirements of this Statement."

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
 TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS
 LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contributions	\$ 161,670	\$ 130,704
Contributions in relations to the contractual required contributions	<u>(161,670)</u>	<u>(130,704)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered employee payroll	\$ 5,877,198	\$ 5,590,319
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	2.75%	2.34%

GASB Statement 68, paragraph 81.2.b requires that the data in this schedule be presented as of the District's current fiscal year as opposed to the time period date of September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014. covered by the measurement

Note: Only two years of date is presented in accordance with GASB 68, paragraph 138. "The information for all periods for the 10-year schedules that are required to be presented as required supplementary information may not be available initially. In these cases, during the transition period, that information should be presented for as many years as are available. The schedules should not include information that is not measured in accordance with the requirements of this Statement."

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

A. Budget

The official budget was prepared for adoption for all Government Fund Types. The budget was prepared in accordance with accounting practices generally accepted in the United States of America. The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the basic financial statements:

1. Prior to June 20 of the preceding fiscal year, the District prepares a budget for the next succeeding fiscal year beginning July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. A meeting of the Board is then called for the purpose of adopting the proposed budget after ten days' public notice of the meeting has been given.
3. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution by the Board.

Once a budget is approved, it can be amended at function and fund level only by approval of a majority of the members of the Board. Amendments are presented to the Board at its regular meetings.

Each amendment must have Board approval. Such amendments are made before the fact, are reflected in the official minutes of the Board and are not made after fiscal year end as required by law.

Each amendment is controlled by the budget coordinator at the revenue and expenditure function/object level. Budgeted amounts are as amended by the Board. All budget appropriations lapse at year end.

Encumbrances for goods or purchased services are documented by purchase orders or contracts. Under Texas law, appropriations lapse at June 30, and encumbrances outstanding at the time are to be either cancelled or appropriately provided for in the subsequent year's budget. There were no end-of-year outstanding encumbrances that were provided for in the subsequent year's budget.

B. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

A. Changes of Assumptions

Economic Assumptions

- a) The inflation assumption was decreased from 3.00% to 2.50%.
- b) The ultimate merit assumption for long-service employees was decreased from 1.25% to 1.00%.
- c) In accordance with the observed experience, there were small adjustments in the service-based promotional/longevity component of the salary scale.
- d) The payroll growth assumption was lowered from 3.50% to 2.50%.

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

A. Changes of Assumptions (Continued)

Mortality Assumptions

- e) The post-retirement mortality tables for non-disabled retirees were updated to reflect recent TRS member experience. Mortality rates will be assumed to continue to improve in the future using a fully generational approach and Scale BB.
- f) The post-retirement mortality tables for disabled retirees were updated to reflect recent TRS member experience. Mortality rates will be assumed to continue to improve in the future using a fully generational approach and Scale BB.
- g) The pre-retirement mortality tables for active employees were updated to use 90% of the recently published RP-2014 mortality table for active employees. Mortality rates will be assumed to continue to improve in the future using a fully generational approach and Scale BB.

Other Demographic Assumptions

- h) Previously, it was assumed 10% of all members who had contributed in the past 5 years to be an active member. This was an implicit rehire assumption because teachers have historically had a high incidence of terminating employment for a time and then returning to the workforce at a later date. This methodology was modified to add a more explicit valuation of the rehire incidence in the termination liabilities, and therefore these 10% are no longer being counted as active members.
- i) There were adjustments to the termination patterns for members consistent with experience and future expectations. The termination patterns were adjusted to reflect the rehire assumption. The timing of termination decrement was also changed from the middle of the year to the beginning to match the actual pattern in the data.
- j) Small adjustments were made to the retirement patterns for members consistent with experience and future expectations.
- k) Small adjustments to the disability patterns were made for members consistent with experience and future expectations. Two separate patterns were created based on whether the member has 10 years of service or more.
- l) For members that become disabled in the future, it is assumed 20% of them will choose a 100% joint and survivor annuity option.

Actuarial Methods and Policies

- m) The method of using celled data in the valuation process was changed to now using individual data records to allow for better reporting of some items, such as actuarial gains and losses by source.

B. Changes of Benefit Terms

There were no changes of benefit terms that affected measurement of the total pension liability during the measurement period.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVABLE
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Tax Roll Year	Last Ten Years Ended June 30	1 Tax Rates		3 Assessed/Appraised Value For School Tax Purposes	10 Beginning Balance 7/1/2015	20 Current Year's Total Levy	30 Maintenance Tax Collections	32 Debt Service Tax Collections	40 Entire Year's Adjustments	50 Ending Balance 6/30/2016
		Maintenance	Debt Service							
XXXX	2007 and Prior Years	Various	Various	Various	\$ 28,684	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,706	\$ 33,390
2007	2008	1.040000	0.305000	174,620,891	7,735	-	-	-	(485)	7,250
2008	2009	1.040000	0.290000	179,148,346	10,462	-	1,514	422	(46)	8,480
2009	2010	1.040000	0.310000	186,726,296	9,403	-	1,517	452	(46)	7,388
2010	2011	1.040000	0.290000	197,108,408	9,239	-	5,366	1,496	4,766	7,143
2011	2012	1.040000	0.300000	221,245,074	13,033	-	5,048	1,456	2,715	9,244
2012	2013	1.170000	0.310000	200,316,486	18,575	-	7,327	1,937	2,749	12,060
2013	2014	1.170000	0.265000	209,753,628	67,999	-	16,436	3,719	(1,551)	46,293
2014	2015	1.170000	0.285000	212,085,351	87,313	-	49,637	12,094	(4,412)	21,170
2015	2016	1.170000	0.280000	206,449,123	-	2,993,512	2,327,727	556,522	(14,900)	94,363
1000	TOTALS				\$ 252,443	\$ 2,993,512	\$ 2,414,572	\$ 578,098	\$ (6,504)	\$ 246,781

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Data Control Codes	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final			
REVENUES					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 147,355	\$ (17,645)
5800	State Program Revenues	14,222	14,222	14,116	(106)
5900	Federal Program Revenues	<u>277,000</u>	<u>277,000</u>	<u>279,124</u>	<u>2,124</u>
5020	Total Revenues	<u>\$ 456,222</u>	<u>\$ 456,222</u>	<u>\$ 440,595</u>	<u>\$ (15,627)</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Support Services - Student (Pupil):					
0035	Food Service	\$ 456,222	\$ 461,222	\$ 449,182	\$ 12,040
	Total Support Services - Student (Pupil)	<u>\$ 456,222</u>	<u>\$ 461,222</u>	<u>\$ 449,182</u>	<u>\$ 12,040</u>
6030	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 456,222</u>	<u>\$ 461,222</u>	<u>\$ 449,182</u>	<u>\$ 12,040</u>
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ -	\$ (5,000)	\$ (8,587)	\$ (3,587)
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ (5,000)	\$ (8,587)	\$ (3,587)
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning (July 1)	<u>20,885</u>	<u>20,885</u>	<u>20,885</u>	<u>-</u>
3000	Fund Balance - Ending (June 30)	<u><u>\$ 20,885</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,885</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,298</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (3,587)</u></u>

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEBT SERVICE FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Data Control Codes	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final	Actual		
REVENUES					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 612,961	\$ 612,961	\$ 592,328	\$ (20,633)
5800	State Program Revenues	<u>376,475</u>	<u>376,475</u>	<u>418,282</u>	<u>41,807</u>
5020	Total Revenues	<u>\$ 989,436</u>	<u>\$ 989,436</u>	<u>\$ 1,010,610</u>	<u>\$ 21,174</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Debt Service:					
0071	Principal on Long-term Debt	\$ 557,490	\$ 557,490	\$ 557,489	\$ 1
0072	Interest on Long-term Debt	427,950	427,950	427,948	2
0073	Debt Issuance Costs and Fees	<u>3,200</u>	<u>161,264</u>	<u>149,517</u>	<u>11,747</u>
	Total Debt Service	<u>\$ 988,640</u>	<u>\$ 1,146,704</u>	<u>\$ 1,134,954</u>	<u>\$ 11,750</u>
6030	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 988,640</u>	<u>\$ 1,146,704</u>	<u>\$ 1,134,954</u>	<u>\$ 11,750</u>
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ 796</u>	<u>\$ (157,268)</u>	<u>\$ (124,344)</u>	<u>\$ 32,924</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
7911	Capital-Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	\$ -	\$ 6,475,000	\$ 6,475,000	\$ -
7916	Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	-	372,311	372,311	-
8949	Other Uses	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,689,247)</u>	<u>(6,689,247)</u>	<u>-</u>
7080	Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 158,064</u>	<u>\$ 158,064</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ 796</u>	<u>\$ 796</u>	<u>\$ 33,720</u>	<u>\$ 32,924</u>
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning (July 1)	<u>1,300,343</u>	<u>1,300,343</u>	<u>1,300,343</u>	<u>-</u>
3000	Fund Balance - Ending (June 30)	<u>\$ 1,301,139</u>	<u>\$ 1,301,139</u>	<u>\$ 1,334,063</u>	<u>\$ 32,924</u>

HOWE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED RESPONSES TO SELECTED SCHOOL FIRST INDICATORS
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

<u>Data Control Codes</u>		<u>Response</u>
SF2	Were there any disclosures in the Annual Financial Report and/or other Sources of information concerning nonpayment of any terms of any debt Agreement at fiscal year end?	No
SF4	Was there an unmodified opinion in the annual Financial Report on the Financial statements as a whole?	Yes
SF5	Did the Annual Financial Report disclose any instances of material Weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance For local, state, or federal funds?	No
SF6	Was there any disclosure in the Annual Financial Report of material noncompliance for grants, contracts, and laws related to local, state or federal funds?	No
SF7	Did the school district make timely payments to the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other government agencies?	Yes
SF8	Did the school district not receive an adjusted repayment schedule for more Than one fiscal year for an over allocation of Foundation School Program (FSP) funds as a result of a financial hardship?	Yes
SF10	Total accumulated accretion on CABs included in government-wide financial Statements at fiscal year-end.	\$ 927,874
SF11	Net Pension Assets (1920) at fiscal year-end.	\$ -0-
SF12	Net Pension Liabilities (2540) at fiscal year-end.	\$ 1,798,540
SF13	Pension Expense (6147) at fiscal year-end.	\$ 892,285