

**COHOES CITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2014**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Education  
Cohoes City School District  
7 Bevan Street  
Cohoes, NY 12047

Dear Board Member:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of Cohoes City School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related and 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 of the Cohoes City School District, as of June 30, 2014, 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.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and supplementary schedule information on pages 3-11 and 20-25 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 Cohoes City School District's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is the responsibility of management and was derived from and 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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 6, 2014 on our consideration of the Cohoes City School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters on pages 52-53. 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 Cohoes City School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Very truly yours,  
STARK & BASILA  
Certified Public Accountants, PC



BRYAN T. BASILA, CPA

Dated: October 6, 2014

# **COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AND DISCUSSION ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

The following is a discussion and analysis of the Cohoes City School District's financial performance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The section is a summary of the School District's financial activities based on the currently known facts, decisions or conditions. It is also based on both the government-wide and fund-based financial statements. The results of the current year are discussed in comparison with the prior year, with an emphasis placed on the current year. This section is only an introduction and should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Key financial highlights for the year ended June 30, 2014 are as follows:

- In total, net position increased \$2,943,120. Net position of governmental activities, other than school lunch, increased \$2,920,969. Net position of school lunch increased \$22,151.
- General revenues accounted for \$37,746,178 in revenue or 92.2% of all revenues. Program specific revenues, in the form of charges for services, sales, grants, and contributions, accounted for \$3,166,973 or 7.8% of total revenues of \$40,913,151.
- The District had \$37,970,031 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$3,166,973 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services and sales, grants, and contributions. General revenues (primarily property taxes, state and federal aid) \$37,746,178 were adequate to provide for these programs.

## **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 district-wide (government-wide) financial statements – the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position. These 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 District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
- The governmental funds statements tell how general District services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.
- Fiduciary fund statements provide information about the relationships in which the District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, including the employees of the District.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the District's budget for the year

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Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the district's financial statements, including the portion of the district's activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

**Figure A-1: Major Features of the District-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

		Fund Financial Statements	
	District-wide Statements	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire district (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the district that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as special education and building maintenance	Instances in which the district administers resources on behalf of someone else, such as scholarship programs and student activities monies
Required Financial Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement of net position</li> <li>• Statement of activities and changes in net position</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balance Sheet</li> <li>• Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement of fiduciary net position</li> <li>• Statement of changes in fiduciary net position</li> </ul>
Accounting Basis and Measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of Asset/Deferred outflows of resources/ Liability/Deferred inflows of resources information	All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, assets and deferred outflows of resources expected to be used up and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources that come due or available during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets, deferred outflows of resources (if any), liabilities and deferred inflows of resources (if any) both short-term and long-term; funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of inflow/outflow Information	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 the related liability is due and payable	All additions and deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

# **COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AND DISCUSSION ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

## **District-wide Statements**

The District-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 District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities and changes in net position regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two district-wide statements report the District's net position and how it has changed. Net Position - the difference between the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources - 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 position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the District, you need to consider additional non-financial factors, such as changes in the District's property tax base, condition of the school buildings and facilities, and the performance of the students.

In the district-wide financial statements, the District's activities are shown as Governmental activities. Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation, and administration. Property taxes and State formula aid finance most of these activities.

Net Position of the governmental activities differs from the governmental fund balances because governmental fund level statements only report transactions using or providing current financial resources. Also, capital assets are reported as expenditures when financial resources are expended to purchase or build assets. Likewise, the financial resources that may have been borrowed are considered revenue when they are received. The principal and interest payments are both considered expenditures when paid. Depreciation is not calculated if it does not provide or reduce current financial resources. Finally, capital assets and long-term debt are both accounted for in account groups and do not affect the fund balances.

Government-wide statements are reported utilizing an economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting that involves the following steps to format the Statement of Net Position:

- Capitalize current outlays for capital assets;
- Report long-term debt as a liability;
- Depreciate capital assets and allocate the depreciation;
- Calculate revenue and expense using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting; and
- Allocate net position balances as follows:
  - 1) Net Position invested in capital assets, net of related debt;
  - 2) Restricted net position are those with constraints placed on the use by external sources (creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of governments) or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation; and
  - 3) Unrestricted net position is net position that do not meet any of the above restrictions.

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## **Fund Financial Statements**

The District's fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds. Funds are accounting devices that the District uses to keep track of specific revenue sources and spending on particular programs.

- Some funds have been established by the laws of the State of New York and by bond covenants
- The District establishes other funds to control and to manage money for particular purposes (such as repaying its long-term debts) or to show that it is properly using certain revenues (such as Federal grants).

The District has two kinds of funds:

Governmental funds – Most of the District's activities are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on the determination of financial position and change in financial position, not on income determination. They are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District that helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Fiduciary funds – the District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others, such as scholarship funds and student activities funds. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The District excludes these activities from the district-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance operations. This report should be used to support the District's own programs and is developed using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, except for the recognition of certain liabilities of defined benefit pension plans and certain post employment healthcare plans.



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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE**

The District's total net position were \$36,531,748 at June 30, 2014.

Table A-3  
Condensed Statement of Net Position -  
Governmental Activities

	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2013	Percent Change
Current and other assets	\$14,178,051	\$ 14,376,134	(1.4)
Capital Assets	\$68,625,974	\$ 68,001,406	0.9
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$82,803,093</b>	<b>\$ 82,377,540</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	0.0
<b>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows Of Resources</b>	<b>\$82,804,025</b>	<b>\$ 82,377,540</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Current and other liabilities	\$ 6,650,543	\$ 7,308,137	(9.0)
Long-Term Liabilities	\$39,621,734	\$ 41,480,775	(4.5)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$46,271,345</b>	<b>\$ 48,788,912</b>	<b>(5.2)</b>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	0.0
<b>Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows Of Resources</b>	<b>\$46,272,277</b>	<b>\$ 48,788,912</b>	<b>(5.2)</b>
Net Position			
Invested in capital assets, Net of related debt	\$36,382,787	\$ 33,716,112	7.9
Restricted	\$ 5,772,468	\$ 7,526,774	(23.3)
Unrestricted	\$( 5,623,507)	\$ (7,654,258)	26.5
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$36,531,748</b>	<b>\$ 33,588,628</b>	<b>8.8</b>

Most of the District's net position is invested in capital assets (buildings, land and equipment). The remaining unrestricted net position is a combination of assigned, unassigned and nonspendable amounts. The restricted balances are amounts set-aside to fund future purchases, debt payments, tax certioraris, retirement contributions, unemployment insurance benefits, workers compensation benefits or capital projects as planned by the district.

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Table A-4  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014  
Changes in Net Position  
Governmental Activities Only

	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2013	Percent Change
<b>Revenues</b>			
Program Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$ 422,130	\$ 350,160	20.6
Operating Grants	\$ 2,744,843	\$ 2,823,615	(2.8)
Capital Grants	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	0.0
General Revenues			
Property Taxes	\$15,551,038	\$14,837,625	4.8
State Aid	\$20,944,410	\$20,813,650	0.6
Investment Earnings	\$ 16,447	\$ 150,835	(89.1)
Other	\$ 1,234,283	\$ 1,330,770	(7.3)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$40,913,151</b>	<b>\$40,306,655</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Instruction	\$18,864,081	\$19,120,967	(1.3)
Administrative & Business	\$ 1,371,152	\$ 1,510,598	(9.2)
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 2,298,812	\$ 1,960,678	17.3
Pupil Transportation	\$ 1,064,521	\$ 929,229	14.6
Employee Benefits	\$10,999,558	\$ 9,977,756	10.2
Depreciation expense	\$ 1,394,530	\$ 1,429,797	(2.5)
Other Expense	\$ -0-	\$ 69,051	(100.0)
Food Services	\$ 1,173,901	\$ 1,115,065	5.3
Interest Expense	\$ 803,476	\$ 966,546	(16.9)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$37,970,031</b>	<b>\$37,079,687</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net position</b>	<b>\$ 2,943,120</b>	<b>\$ 3,226,968</b>	<b>(8.8)</b>

The District's fiscal year 2013 – 2014 revenues totaled \$40,913,151. Property taxes and state aid accounted for most of the District's revenue by contributing 38.0% and 51.2%, respectively, of every dollar raised. The remainder came from fees charged for services, operating grants, federal sources, school lunch sales, and other miscellaneous sources.

The total cost of all programs and services totaled \$37,970,031 for the fiscal year 2013 – 2014. These expenses (84.5%) are predominantly support to general instruction and caring for (pupil services) and transporting students. The District's administrative and business activities accounted for 3.6% of total costs.

Net position increased by \$2,943,120.

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**Governmental Activities**

Revenues for the District's governmental activities totaled \$40,913,151 while total expenses equaled \$37,970,031. Therefore, the increase in net position for governmental activities was \$2,943,120 in the fiscal year 2013 – 2014.

Table A-7 presents the cost of nine major District activities: Instruction, Administration & Business, Operation & Maintenance, Pupil Transportation, Employee Benefits, Depreciation, Community Service, Food Service, and Interest. The table also shows each activity's net cost (total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs). The net cost shows the financial burden placed on the District's taxpayers by each of the functions.

**Table A-7  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014  
Net Cost of Governmental Activities**

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>Total Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Net Cost</u></b>
Instruction	\$ 18,864,081	\$ 16,999,708
Administration & Business	\$ 1,371,152	\$ 1,371,152
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 2,298,812	\$ 2,264,461
Pupil Transportation	\$ 1,064,521	\$ 1,016,368
Employee Benefits	\$ 10,999,558	\$ 10,975,514
Depreciation	\$ 1,394,530	\$ 1,394,530
Community Service	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Food Service	\$ 1,173,901	\$ ( 22,151)
Interest	\$ 803,476	\$ 803,476
Total	<u>\$ 37,970,031</u>	<u>\$ 34,803,058</u>

- The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$37,970,031.
- The users of the District's programs (\$422,130) financed some of the cost.
- The federal and state governments subsidized certain programs with grants (\$2,744,843).
- Most of the District's net costs (\$34,803,058) were financed by taxpayers and state aid.

# COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AND DISCUSSION ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Variances between years for the governmental fund financial statements are not the same as variances between years for the District-wide financial statements. The District's governmental funds are presented on the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Based on this presentation, governmental funds do not include long-term debt liabilities for the funds' projects and capital assets purchased by the funds. Governmental funds will include the proceeds received from the issuance of debt, the current payments for capital assets, and current payments for debt.

There are significant variances reflected in the governmental fund financial statements for the fiscal year 2013 – 2014

- In the fiscal year 2013-2014, total expenditures decreased \$1,682,371. The decrease in expenditures was the result of reduced capital outlay in the current fiscal year.
- In the fiscal year 2013-2014, total revenues increased \$606,496. The increase in revenues was the result of an increase of real property taxes.

At June 30, 2014, the District governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$11,130,567 which is a decrease of \$760,495.

## CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### CAPITAL ASSETS

At June 30, 2014, the District had \$68,625,974 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings and furniture and equipment. This amount represents a net increase (including additions, deletions and depreciation) of \$624,568 or 0.9% from last year.

Table A-8  
Governmental Activities  
Capital assets – net of depreciation

	<u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>June 30, 2013</u>
Land	\$ 1,470,419	\$ 1,470,419
Buildings	\$ 45,666,126	\$ 47,000,478
Construction-In-Progress	\$ 21,283,088	\$ 19,279,584
Furniture & Equipment	\$ 206,341	\$ 250,925
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 68,625,974</u>	<u>\$ 68,001,406</u>

See Notes in the notes to financial statement for changes.

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**DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

At year end, the District had \$33,390,000 in general obligation and other long-term debt outstanding. More detailed information about the District's long-term liabilities is presented in Notes to the financial statements.

**Table A-9  
Outstanding Long-Term Debt**

Category	<u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>June 30, 2013</u>
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 33,390,000	\$ 37,885,000
Other General Obligation Debt	\$ -0-	\$ 158,151
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 33,390,000</u>	<u>\$ 38,043,151</u>

During the year, the District paid \$4,653,151 towards its long-term debt obligations and borrowed \$-0-.

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**FACTORS BEARING ON DISTRICT'S FUTURE**

The overall financial condition of the Cohoes City School District continues to be one of good standing, despite the adverse economic climate.

At the time these financial statements were prepared & audited, the District was aware of the following existing circumstance that may affect financial health in the future:

- Health Insurance and post-retirement costs continue to grow at rates well in excess of the rate of inflation.
- District contributions to the Employee Retirement System & Teachers Retirement System are likely to increase over the next few years.
- New York State finances continue to be an area of concern, specifically funding available for public education. State Aid funding levels will impact the District's ability to fund programing.
- The New York State limit on tax levy growth will result in further limitations on tax revenue, which could impact the financial health of the District.

This financial report is designed to provide the School District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors & creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances & to demonstrate the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Stacy Mackey, Business Official, Administration Center, 7 Bevan Street, Cohoes, NY 12047.

Cohoes City School District  
Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2014

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Cash	
Unrestricted	\$ 10,423,805
Restricted	39,075
Investments	
Unrestricted	
Restricted	
Receivables	
Taxes	608,617
Due from other funds	688,015
State and Federal Aid	1,862,162
Due from other governments	541,158
Other	888
Inventories	14,331
Total Current Assets	<u>14,178,051</u>

**Noncurrent Assets**

Capital Assets	94,642,658
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(26,016,684)</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>68,625,974</u>

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$ 82,804,025

**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Total Deferred outflows of resources -

**LIABILITIES**

**Current Liabilities**

Accounts payable	\$ -
Accrued Liabilities	150,670
Due to other funds	932
Due to other governments	195
Bond interest and matured bonds	123,059
Notes Payable	
Tax anticipation	
Revenue anticipation	
Bond anticipation	
Unearned credits	
Overpayments and collections in advance	
Planned balance	
Unearned revenues	20,299
Due and payable within one year	
Bonds payable	3,480,000
Installment purchase debt payable	-
Due to teachers' retirement system	2,197,390
Due to employees' retirement system	209,029
Compensated absences payable	468,969
Other postemployment benefits payable	
Judgment and claims payable	
Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,650,543</u>

**Noncurrent Liabilities**

Due and payable after one year	
Bonds payable	29,910,000
Installment purchase debt payable	
Due to teachers' retirement system	
Due to employees' retirement system	
Compensated absences payable	
Other postemployment benefits payable	9,711,734
Judgment and claims payable	
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>39,621,734</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>46,272,277</u>

**TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Deferred revenues	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>-</u>

**NET POSITION**

Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	36,382,787
Restricted	5,772,468
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(5,623,507)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>36,531,748</u>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS  
OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION** \$ 82,804,025

See independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements

Cohoes City School District  
Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Expenses	Indirect Expenses Allocation	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
			Charges for Services	Operating Grants	
<b>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</b>					
General Support	\$ 3,669,964	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,351	\$ (3,635,613)
Instruction	18,864,081		145,800	1,718,573	(16,999,708)
Pupil Transportation	1,064,521			48,153	(1,016,368)
Community Service	-				-
Employee Benefits	10,999,558			24,044	(10,975,514)
Debt Service	803,476				(803,476)
Other expenses	-				-
Depreciation - unallocated	1,394,530				(1,394,530)
School Lunch Program	1,173,901		276,330	919,722	22,151
Total Functions and Programs	<u>\$ 37,970,031</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 422,130</u>	<u>\$ 2,744,843</u>	<u>(34,803,058)</u>
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>					
Real property taxes					12,383,915
Other tax items					3,167,123
Nonproperty taxes					682,180
Use of money and property					16,447
Sale of property and compensation for loss					22,532
Miscellaneous					282,176
Interfund revenue					54,561
State sources					20,944,410
Federal sources					192,834
Total General Revenues					<u>37,746,178</u>
Change in Net Position					2,943,120
Total Net Position - Beginning of year					<u>33,588,628</u>
Total Net Position - End of year					<u>\$ 36,531,748</u>

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Cohoes City School District  
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2014

	General	Special Aid	School Lunch	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash						
Unrestricted	\$ 8,477,456	\$ 131,441	\$ 43,949	\$ -	\$ 1,770,959	\$ 10,423,805
Restricted	39,075					39,075
Investments						-
Unrestricted						-
Restricted						-
Receivables						-
Taxes	608,617					608,617
Due from other funds	5,218,861	2,696,118	718,847	3,733,393	-	12,367,219
State and Federal Aid	441,314	1,340,090	80,758			1,862,162
Due from other governments	541,158					541,158
Other	-		888			888
Inventories			14,331			14,331
Deferred expenditures	-					-
Capital Assets, net						-
Total Assets	<u>\$ 15,326,481</u>	<u>\$ 4,167,649</u>	<u>\$ 858,773</u>	<u>\$ 3,733,393</u>	<u>\$ 1,770,959</u>	<u>\$ 25,857,255</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Payables						
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued Liabilities	73,729	1,479	75,462			150,670
Due to other funds	7,119,423	4,145,871	398,823		16,019	11,680,136
Due to other governments		-	195			195
Due to teachers' retirement system	2,197,390					2,197,390
Due to employees' retirement system	209,029					209,029
Compensated absences payable	425,730		43,239			468,969
Judgment and claims payable						-
Bond interest and matured bonds						-
Notes Payable						-
Tax anticipation						-
Revenue anticipation						-
Bond anticipation						-
Unearned credits						-
Overpayments and collections in advance						-
Unearned revenues	-	20,299				20,299
Planned balance						-
Total Liabilities	<u>10,025,301</u>	<u>4,167,649</u>	<u>517,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,019</u>	<u>14,726,688</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Deferred revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of future revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Deferred inflows of resources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>						
Nonspendable			-			-
Restricted	2,039,075			3,733,393	-	5,772,468
Committed	-					-
Assigned	1,072,445	-	27,221		1,754,940	2,854,606
Unassigned	2,189,660	-	313,833	-	-	2,503,493
Total Fund Balance	<u>5,301,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>341,054</u>	<u>3,733,393</u>	<u>1,754,940</u>	<u>11,130,567</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 15,326,481</u>	<u>\$ 4,167,649</u>	<u>\$ 858,773</u>	<u>\$ 3,733,393</u>	<u>\$ 1,770,959</u>	<u>\$ 25,857,255</u>

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Cohoes City School District  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Equity - Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	General	Special Aid	School Lunch	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>						
Real property taxes	\$ 12,383,915	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,383,915
Other tax items	3,167,123					3,167,123
Nonproperty taxes	682,180					682,180
Charges for services	145,800					145,800
Use of money and property	13,887		-	2,560		16,447
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	22,532					22,532
Miscellaneous	263,039	31,200	19,137	-		313,376
Interfund revenue	54,561					54,561
State Sources	20,944,410	380,729	32,120			21,357,259
Medicaid Reimbursement						-
Federal sources	192,834	1,413,192	887,602			2,493,628
Surplus food			-			-
Sales - school lunch			276,330			276,330
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>37,870,281</b>	<b>1,825,121</b>	<b>1,215,189</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,913,151</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
General Support	\$ 3,655,042	30,516		-		3,685,558
Instruction	17,109,151	1,754,930				18,864,081
Pupil Transportation	1,016,368	48,153				1,064,521
Community Service	-					-
Employee benefits	9,369,555	24,044				9,393,599
Debt service						-
Principal	4,653,151			-		4,653,151
Interest	835,331					835,331
Cost of Sales			1,173,901			1,173,901
Other expenditures				-		-
Capital Outlay					2,003,504	2,003,504
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>36,638,598</b>	<b>1,857,643</b>	<b>1,173,901</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,003,504</b>	<b>41,673,646</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	1,231,683	(32,522)	41,288	2,560	(2,003,504)	(760,495)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES</b>						
Proceeds from debt	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers in	250,000	32,522	-	-	-	282,522
Operating transfers (out)	(32,522)	-	-	(250,000)	-	(282,522)
<b>Total Other Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>217,478</b>	<b>32,522</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(250,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other (Uses)	1,449,161	-	41,288	(247,440)	(2,003,504)	(760,495)
Fund Balances - Beginning of year	3,852,019	-	299,766	3,980,833	3,758,444	11,891,062
Fund Balances - End of year	\$ 5,301,180	\$ -	\$ 341,054	\$ 3,733,393	\$ 1,754,940	\$ 11,130,567

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Cohoes City School District  
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet  
to the Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2014

	Total Governmental Funds	Long-term Assets, Liabilities	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Statement of Net Position Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	\$ 10,462,880	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,462,880
Accounts Receivable	2,471,667	-		2,471,667
Due from other funds	12,367,219		(11,679,204)	688,015
Due from fiduciary funds				-
Due from other governments	541,158			541,158
Inventories	14,331			14,331
Deferred expenditures	-			-
Land, buildings and equipment (net)		68,625,974		68,625,974
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 25,857,255</u>	<u>\$ 68,625,974</u>	<u>\$ (11,679,204)</u>	<u>\$ 82,804,025</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued liabilities	150,670			150,670
Bonds payable		33,390,000		33,390,000
Revenue anticipation notes payable				-
Bond anticipation notes payable				-
Bond interest and matured bonds		123,059		123,059
Due to other funds	11,680,136		(11,679,204)	932
Due to other governments	195			195
Due to teachers' retirement system	2,197,390			2,197,390
Due to employees' retirement system	209,029			209,029
Unearned Revenues	20,299			20,299
Compensated absences	468,969	-		468,969
Installment purchase debt payable		-		-
Postemployment benefits		9,711,734		9,711,734
Judgement and Claims Payable				-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>14,726,688</u>	<u>43,224,793</u>	<u>(11,679,204)</u>	<u>46,272,277</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND EQUITY\NET POSITION</b>				
<b>Total Fund Equity\Net Position</b>	<u>11,130,567</u>	<u>25,401,181</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,531,748</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance\net position</b>	<u>\$ 25,857,255</u>	<u>\$ 68,625,974</u>	<u>\$ (11,679,204)</u>	<u>\$ 82,804,025</u>

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Cohoes City School District  
Reconciliation of Governmental funds Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in  
Fund Equity to the Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Total Governmental Funds	Long-term Revenue, Expenses	Capital Related Items	Eliminations and Reclassifications	Long-term Debt Transactions	Statement of Activities Totals
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Real property taxes	\$ 12,383,915	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,383,915
Other tax items	3,167,123					3,167,123
Nonproperty taxes	682,180					682,180
Charges for services	145,800					145,800
Use of money and property	16,447					16,447
Sale of property and compensation for loss	22,532					22,532
Miscellaneous	313,390					313,390
Interfund revenue	54,561					54,561
State sources	21,357,259	-				21,357,259
Medicaid reimbursement	-					-
Federal sources	2,493,614					2,493,614
Surplus food	-					-
Sales - school lunch	276,330					276,330
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>40,913,151</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,913,151</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES\EXPENSES</b>						
General support	3,685,558		(15,594)			3,669,964
Instruction	18,864,081					18,864,081
Pupil transportation	1,064,521					1,064,521
Community service	-					-
Employee benefits	9,393,599	-		-	1,605,959	10,999,558
Debt service	5,488,482	(31,855)			(4,653,151)	803,476
Cost of sales	1,173,901			(1,173,901)		-
School Lunch Program				1,173,901		1,173,901
Other expenditures	-					-
Depreciation - unallocated			1,394,530			1,394,530
Capital outlay	2,003,504		(2,003,504)			-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>41,673,646</b>	<b>(31,855)</b>	<b>(624,568)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,047,192)</b>	<b>37,970,031</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(760,495)	31,855	624,568	-	3,047,192	2,943,120
<b>OTHER SOURCES AND USES</b>						
Proceeds from debt	-				-	-
Operating transfers in	282,522			(282,522)		-
Operating transfers (out)	(282,522)			282,522		-
<b>Total Other Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Change for the Year</b>	<b>\$ (760,495)</b>	<b>\$ 31,855</b>	<b>\$ 624,568</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,047,192</b>	<b>\$ 2,943,120</b>

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Cohoes City School District  
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position  
June 30, 2014

	Private Purpose Trusts	Agency
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<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 577,831	\$ 729,860
Due from governmental funds	-	932
Accounts receivable		
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Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 577,831</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 730,792</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Due to governmental funds	\$ -	\$ 688,015
Extraclassroom activity balances		38,219
Other liabilities		4,558
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Total Liabilities	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 730,792</u></u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Reserved for scholarships	<u><u>\$ 577,831</u></u>	

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Cohoes City School District  
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2014

	<u>Private Purpose Trusts</u>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>	
Contributions	\$ 100,000
Investment Earnings	
Interest	<u>319</u>
Total Additions	<u>100,319</u>
 <b>DEDUCTIONS</b>	
Scholarships and awards	1,000
Change in Net Position	99,319
Net Position - Beginning of year	<u>478,512</u>
Net Position - End of year	<u><u>\$ 577,831</u></u>

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Cohoes City School District  
Schedule of Change from Original Budget to Revised Budget  
And the Real Property Tax Limit  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

**CHANGE FROM ADOPTED BUDGET TO REVISED BUDGET**

Adopted Budget	\$ 39,577,256
Add: Prior Year Encumbrances	583,515
Original Budget	<u>40,160,771</u>
Budget Revisions:	<u>31,370</u>
Revised Budget	<u><u>\$ 40,192,141</u></u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

**SECTION 1318 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LIMIT CALCULATION**

2014-15 voter approved expenditure budget \$ 39,563,149

General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law:

Unrestricted fund balance	
Committed fund balance	\$ -
Assigned fund balance	1,072,445
Unassigned fund balance	2,189,660
Total unrestricted fund balance	<u><u>\$ 3,262,105</u></u>
Less:	
Appropriated fund balance	\$ 451,939
Encumbrances included in committed and assigned fund balance	620,506
Total adjustments	<u><u>\$ 1,072,445</u></u>

General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law: \$ 2,189,660

Actual percentage 5.5%

See Paragraph on supplementary schedules included in the Independent Auditor's Report

## Supplemental Schedule #2

Cohoes City School District  
Schedule of Revenues Compared  
to Budget - General Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

REVENUES	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Local Sources				
Real Property Taxes	\$ 12,309,192	\$ 12,309,192	\$ 12,383,915	\$ 74,723
Other Tax Items	3,238,651	3,238,651	3,167,123	(71,528)
Nonproperty Taxes	500,000	500,000	682,180	182,180
Charges for Services	109,500	109,500	145,800	36,300
Use of Money and Property	160,000	160,000	13,887	(146,113)
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	15,000	15,000	22,532	7,532
Miscellaneous	240,000	271,370	263,039	(8,331)
Interfund Revenues	45,000	45,000	54,561	9,561
Total Local Sources	16,617,343	16,648,713	16,733,037	84,324
State Sources	21,271,087	21,271,087	20,944,410	(326,677)
Federal Sources	200,000	200,000	192,834	(7,166)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>38,088,430</b>	<b>38,119,800</b>	<b>37,870,281</b>	<b>(249,519)</b>
Other Sources				
Operating Transfers In	1,000,000	1,000,000	250,000	(750,000)
Proceeds of Long-term Debt				-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES</b>	<b>39,088,430</b>	<b>39,119,800</b>	<b>\$ 38,120,281</b>	<b>\$ (999,519)</b>
Designated Fund Balance and Encumbrances Carried Forward From Prior Year	488,826	1,072,341		
Appropriated Reserve Revenues				
Total Revenues, Appropriated Reserves and Designated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 39,577,256</u>	<u>\$ 40,192,141</u>		

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Cohoes City School District  
Schedule of Expenditures, Other Uses and Encumbrances  
Compared to Budget - General Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

EXPENDITURES	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actual	Encumbrances	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
General Support					
Board of Education	\$ 27,109	\$ 27,109	\$ 23,023	\$ 25	\$ 4,061
Central Administration	198,215	199,280	198,775	80	425
Finance	511,678	554,889	465,928	6,349	82,612
Staff	305,230	360,342	295,737	10,251	54,354
Central Services	2,743,398	2,868,836	2,298,812	114,852	455,172
Special Items	373,690	384,673	372,767	-	11,906
Total General Support	4,159,320	4,395,129	3,655,042	131,557	608,530
Instructional					
Instruction, Administration & Improvement	1,343,989	1,445,138	1,383,045	1,360	60,733
Teaching - Regular School	9,129,247	9,104,480	8,799,872	207,853	96,755
Programs for Children With Handicapping Conditions	4,020,831	4,208,149	3,979,976	119,762	108,411
Occupational Education	611,357	534,297	534,108	-	189
Teaching - Special Schools	311,953	290,398	222,623	-	67,775
Instructional Media	655,335	794,517	673,431	17,793	103,293
Pupil Services	1,685,470	1,734,809	1,516,096	9,687	209,026
Total Instruction	17,758,182	18,111,788	17,109,151	356,455	646,182
Pupil Transportation	1,154,869	1,341,814	1,016,368	132,494	192,952
Community Service	-	-	-	-	-
Employee Benefits	10,746,706	10,615,170	9,369,555	-	1,245,615
Debt Service					-
Principal	4,860,667	4,835,039	4,653,150	-	181,889
Interest	848,512	844,201	835,332	-	8,869
Total Debt Service	5,709,179	5,679,240	5,488,482	-	190,758
Total Expenditures	39,528,256	40,143,141	36,638,598	620,506	2,884,037
Other Uses					
Operating Transfers Out	49,000	49,000	32,522	-	16,478
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	\$ 39,577,256	\$ 40,192,141	\$ 36,671,120	\$ 620,506	\$ 2,900,515

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Supplemental Schedule #4

Cohoes City School District  
Schedule of Project Expenditures  
Capital Projects Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Project Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Expenditures		Unexpended Balance	Proceeds of Obligations	State Aid	Local Sources	Total	Fund Balance June 30, 2014
			Prior Years	Current Years						
Capital Project # 2 Reconstruction - 2008 SED#s: 006-018 001-016, 002-014, 005-015, 010-008	22,500,000	22,500,000	18,741,351	1,986,476	20,727,827	22,007,000	492,208		22,499,208	1,771,381
Capital Project # 3 Solar Project - SED# 001-019, 006-020	583,126	583,126	568,171	-	568,171	-	568,758		568,758	587
Middle School Reconstruction SED#s: 001-021				17,028	17,028					(17,028)
Totals	23,083,126	23,083,126	19,309,522	2,003,504	21,313,026	22,007,000	1,060,966	-	23,067,966	1,754,940

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Cohoes City School District  
Schedule of Funding Progress -  
Other Post Employment Benefits Plan  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (in thousands) (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (in thousands) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (in thousands) (c)	UAAL as a percentage of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)
July 1, 2009	\$ -	\$ 39,782	\$ 39,782	0.00%	\$ 19,053	208.80%
July 1, 2010	\$ -	\$ 41,053	\$ 41,053	0.00%	\$ 18,006	228.00%
July 1, 2011	\$ -	\$ 43,198	\$ 43,198	0.00%	\$ 17,477	247.17%
July 1, 2012	\$ -	\$ 45,274	\$ 45,274	0.00%	\$ 16,947	267.15%
July 1, 2013	\$ -	\$ 47,038	\$ 47,038	0.00%	\$ 16,718	281.36%

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Cohoes City School District  
Investment in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Supplemental Schedule #6

Capital assets, net	\$	68,001,406
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Additions:

Unamortized bond issuance costs  
Discounts on bonds payable  
Other:

Total Additions

-
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Deductions:

Bond anticipation notes proceeds used for capital assets-  
Short-term portion of bonds payable  
Long-Term portion of bonds payable  
Less: unspent bond proceeds

3,480,000
29,910,000
(1,771,381)

Short-term portion of capital leases  
Long-term portion of capital leases  
Other short or long-term debt related to capital assets  
Other:

-

Total Deductions

31,618,619	(31,618,619)
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Investment in capital assets, net of related debt

\$	<u>36,382,787</u>
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**COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

**Note 1 – Summary of Certain Significant Accounting Policies:**

The financial statements for the Cohoes City School District (the “District”) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as apply to governmental units. Those principles are prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

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

**A) Reporting Entity:**

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

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

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

i) Extraclassroom Activity Funds

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

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**B) Joint Venture:**

The District is a component district in Capital Region Board of Cooperative Educational Services. A BOCES is a voluntary, cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that shares planning, services, and programs, which provide educational and support activities. There is no authority or process by which a school district can terminate its status as a BOCES component.

BOCES are organized under §1950 of the New York State Education Law. A BOCES Board is considered a corporate body. Members of a BOCES Board are nominated and elected by their component member boards in accordance with provision of §1950 of the New York State Education Law. All BOCES property is held by the BOCES Board as a corporation (§1950(6)). In addition, BOCES Boards also are considered municipal corporations to permit them to contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under §119-n (4)(b)(7) of the New York State General Municipal Law.

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

During the year, the District was billed \$2,574,166 for BOCES administrative and Program costs.

Participating Districts issue debt on behalf of BOCES. During the year, the District issued \$-0- of serial bonds on behalf of BOCES. As of year-end, the District had outstanding BOCES debt of \$-0-.

The District's share of BOCES aid amounted to \$1,216,401.

Financial statements for the BOCES are available from the BOCES administrative office.

**C) Basis of Presentation:**

**i) District-Wide Statements:**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position present financial information about the District's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety, except those that are fiduciary. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, State aid, intergovernmental revenues, and other exchange and nonexchange transactions. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

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

ii) Fund Financial Statements:

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

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund: This is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial transactions that are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds: These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources, such as federal and State grants, that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes, school lunch operations, and other activities whose funds are restricted as to use. These legal restrictions may be imposed either by governments that provide the funds, or by outside parties. Inventory of purchased food is stated at cost, determined on the first in – first out basis.

Capital Projects Funds: These funds are used to account for the financial resources used for acquisition, construction, or major repair of capital facilities.

Debt Service Fund: This fund accounts for the accumulation of resources and the payment of principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental activities. When a capital asset is sold and all or a portion of the bonds used to finance the capital asset are outstanding, this fund must be used to account for the proceeds from the sale of the capital assets up to the balance of related bonds outstanding.

Fiduciary Funds: Fiduciary activities are those in which the District acts as trustee or agent for resources that belong to others. These activities are not included in the District-wide financial statements, because their resources do not belong to the District, and are not available to be used.

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There are two classes of fiduciary funds:

Private purpose trust funds: These funds are used to account for trust arrangements in which principal and income benefits annual third party awards and scholarships for students. Established criteria govern the use of the funds and members of the District or representatives of the donors may serve on committees to determine who benefits.

Agency funds: These funds are strictly custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. Assets are held by the District as agent for various student groups or extraclassroom activity funds and for payroll or employee withholding.

**D) Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:**

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

The governmental fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenue is recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year, except for real property taxes, which are considered to be available if they are collected within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year.

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

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**E) Cash and Investments:**

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

Investments are stated at fair value.

**F) Property Taxes:**

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education no later than September 1, and became a lien on July 10, 2013. Taxes were collected in two installments commencing during the period August 31, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

The City of Cohoes enforces uncollected real property taxes. An amount representing all uncollected real property taxes must be transmitted by the City to the District within two years from the return of unpaid taxes to the city. Real property taxes receivable expected to be collectible within 60 days of year-end, less similar amounts collected during this period in the preceding year are recognized as revenue. Otherwise, deferred revenues offset real property taxes receivable.

**G) Accounts Receivable:**

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

**H) Inventories and Prepaid Items:**

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

Prepaid items represent payments made by the District for which benefits extend beyond year-end. These payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the district-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the statement of net position or balance sheet using the consumption method.



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A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of purchase and an expense/expenditure is reported in the year the goods or services are consumed.

**I) Interfund Transactions:**

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

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

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

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

**J) Capital Assets:**

Capital assets are reported at actual cost for acquisitions in which the cost could be determined. For assets in which the actual cost could not be determined, estimated historical costs based on appraisals conducted by independent third-party professionals were used. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the time received.

Capitalization thresholds (the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts), depreciation methods, and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the District-wide statement are as follows:

	<u>Capitalization Threshold</u>	<u>Depreciation Method</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Buildings	\$ 2,500	Straight-Line	50 yrs
Building Improvements	2,500	Straight-Line	50 yrs
Site improvements	2,500	Straight-Line	20 yrs
Furniture and equipment	2,500	Straight-Line	5-20 yrs

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**K) Vested Employee Benefits:**

Compensated absences:

Compensated absences consist of unpaid accumulated annual sick leave, vacation:

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

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

Consistent with GASB Statement 16, Accounting for Compensated Absences, the liability has been calculated using the vesting/termination method and an accrual for that liability is included in the district-wide financial statements. The compensated absences liability is calculated based on the pay rates in effect at year-end.

In the funds statements only the amount of matured liabilities is accrued within the General Fund based upon expendable and available financial resources. These amounts are expensed on a pay-as-you go basis.

**L) Other Benefits:**

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

In addition to providing pension benefits, the District provides post-employment health insurance coverage and survivor benefits to retired employees and their survivors in accordance with the provision of various employment contracts in effect at the time of retirement. Substantially all of the District's employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the District. Health care benefits are provided through plans whose premiums are based on the benefits paid during the year. The cost of providing post-retirement benefits is shared between the District and the retired employee. The District recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums as an expenditure.

**M) Unearned Revenue:**

The District reports unearned revenues on its Statement of Net Position and its Balance Sheet. On the Statement of Net Position, unearned revenue arises when resources are received by the District before it has legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when the District has legal claim to resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed and revenue is recognized.

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**N) Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources:**

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The government has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. It is the deferred charge on refunding reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

**O) Restricted Resources:**

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

**P) Short-Term Debt:**

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

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

The District may issue Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN), in anticipation of proceeds from the subsequent sale of bonds. These notes are recorded as current liabilities of the funds that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of bonds. State law requires that BAN's issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term financing within five years after the original issue date.

The District may issue deficiency notes up to an amount not to exceed 5% of the amount of that same year's annual budget in any fund or funds arising from revenues being less than the amount estimated in the budget for that fiscal year. The deficiency notes may mature no later than the close of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which they were issued, if notes were authorized and issued after the adoption of the budget for the fiscal year following the year in which they were issued.

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**Q) Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations:**

Payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the district-wide financial statements. In the governmental funds, payables and accrued liabilities are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources. Claims and judgments, and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds, are reported as a liability in the funds financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

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

**R) Equity Classifications:**

District-wide statements:

In the district-wide statements there are three classes of net position:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, constructions or improvements of those assets.

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

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

Funds statements:

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

**Non-spendable** fund balance – includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Non-spendable fund balance includes the inventory recorded in the School Lunch Fund of \$-0-.

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

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Capital

According to Education law §3651, must be used to pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued. The creation of a capital reserve fund requires authorization by a majority of the voters establishing the purpose of the reserve, the ultimate amount, its probable term and the source of the funds. Expenditure may be made from the reserve only for a specific purpose further authorized by the voters. The form of the required legal notice for the vote on establishing the funding the reserve and the form of the proposition to be placed on the ballot are set forth in §3651 of the Education law. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund under restricted Fund Balance.

Debt Service

According to General Municipal Law §6-1, the Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service must be established for the purpose of retiring the outstanding obligations upon the sale of District property or capital improvement that was financed by obligations that remain outstanding at the time of sale. The funding of the reserve is from the proceeds of the sale of School District property or capital improvement.

Employee Benefit Accrued Liability

According to general Municipal Law §6-p, must be used for the payment of accrued employee benefit due to an employee upon termination of the employee's service. This reserve may be established by a majority vote of the Board and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated.

Insurance

According to General Municipal Law §6-n, must be used to pay liability, casualty and other types of losses, except losses incurred for which the following types of insurance may be purchased: life, accident, health, annuities, fidelity and surety, credit, title residual value and mortgage guarantee. In addition, this reserve may not be used for any purpose for which a special reserve may be established pursuant to law (for example, for unemployment compensation insurance). The reserve may be established by Board action and funded by budgetary appropriations or such other funds as may be legally appropriated. There is no limit on the amount that may be accumulated in the Insurance Reserve; however, the annual contribution to this reserve may not exceed the greater of \$33,000 or 5% of the budget. Settled or compromised claims up to \$25,000 may be paid from the reserve without judicial approval.

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Liability Claims and Property Loss

According to Education Law §1709(8)(c) , must be used to pay for liability claims and property loss incurred. Separate funds for liability claims and property loss are required and these reserves may not in total exceed 3% of the annual budget or \$15,000, whichever is greater. This type of reserve fund may be utilized only by school districts, except city school districts with a population greater than 125,000.

Repairs

According to General Municipal Law §6-d, must be used to pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment, which repairs are of a type not recurring annually. The Board of Education without voter approval may establish a repair reserve fund by a majority vote of its members. Voter approval is required to fund this reserve (Opinion of the New York State Comptroller 81-401). Expenditures from this reserve may be made only after a public hearing has been held, except in emergency situations.

If no hearing is held, the amount expended must be repaid to the reserve fund over the next two subsequent fiscal years.

Retirement Contributions

According to General Municipal Law §6-r, must be used for financing retirement contributions. The reserve must be accounted for separate and apart from all other funds and a detailed report of the operation and condition of the fund must be provided to the Board.

Tax Certiorari

According to Education Law §3651.1-a, Must be used to establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari and to expend from the fund without voter approval. The monies held in the reserve shall not exceed the amount that might reasonably be deemed necessary to meet anticipated judgments and claims arising out of tax certiorari proceedings. Any resources deposited to the reserve which are not expended for tax certiorari proceedings in the year such monies are deposited must be returned to the general Fund on or before the first day of the fourth fiscal year after deposit of these monies.

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Uncollected Taxes in a City School District

According to Education Law §3651[1-b], must be used to cover uncollected real property taxes for a given tax fiscal year in city school districts provided the city or county is not required to pay to the treasurer of a city school district the amount of unpaid taxes during the fiscal year for which they are levied. Is created by resolution of the governing board, without voter approval, provided that the ratio of the amount of such reserve to the total principal amount of the district's tax levy for the fiscal year is not less than the ration of the principal amount of the school district taxes as levied for the last completed fiscal year but not received by the district before the end of that fiscal year, to the total principal amount of the tax levy for the last completed fiscal year. Source of funds generally is through budgetary appropriations. If the city or county is not required to pay to the treasurer of a city school district unpaid taxes pursuant to section 1332 of the Real Property Tax Law, the board of education of the city school district shall establish a reserve pursuant to this subdivision, provided that such reserve shall not be less than the amount of taxes for the fiscal year for which the budget is being prepared which are estimated to be unpaid during such fiscal year under the Real Property Tax Law. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund under Restricted Fund Balance.

Unemployment Insurance

According to General Municipal Law §6-m, must be used to pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments made to claimants where the employer has elected to use the benefit reimbursement method. The reserve may be established by Board action and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated.

Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. If the School District elects to convert to tax (contribution) basis, excess resources in the fund over the sum sufficient to pay pending claims may be transferred to any other reserve fund.

Worker's Compensation

According to General Municipal Law §6-j, must be used to pay for compensation benefits and other expenses authorized by Article 2 of the Workers' Compensation Law, and for payment of expenses of administering this self-insurance program. The reserve may be established by Board action, and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget.

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Encumbrances

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

Restricted fund balance includes the following:

General Fund:	
Capital	\$ 39,075
Debt Service	-0-
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	-0-
Insurance	-0-
Liability Claims and Property Loss	-0-
Repairs	-0-
Retirement Contributions	1,635,000
Tax Certiorari	265,000
Uncollected Taxes in a City School District	-0-
Unemployment Insurance	100,000
Workers' Compensation	-0-
Capital Fund	-0-
Debt Service Fund	3,733,393
Special Aid Fund	-0-
School Lunch Fund	-0-
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Total Restricted Funds	<u>\$ 5,772,468</u>

**Committed** – Includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the school districts highest level of decision making authority, i.e., the Board of Education. The School District has not committed fund balances as of June 30, 2014.

**Assigned** – includes amounts that are constrained by the school district's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. All encumbrances of the General Fund are classified as Assigned Fund Balance in the General Fund. Encumbrances reported in the General Fund amounted to \$620,506.

**Unassigned** – includes all other General Fund net position that does not meet the definition of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the School District.



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

**Order of Use of Fund Balance:**

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

**S) Estimates:**

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

**S) New Accounting Standards:**

The District has adopted all current Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) that are applicable. At June 30, 2014, the District implemented the following new standard issued by GASB:

GASB has issued Statement 65, Items Previously reported as Assets and Liabilities, effective for the year ending June 30, 2014.

GASB has issued Statement 66, GASB Technical Corrections – 2012 – an Amendment of Statements 10 and 62, effective for the year ending June 30, 2014.

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**Note 2 – Explanation of certain differences between governmental fund statements and District-wide statements:**

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

**A) Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds vs. Net Position of Governmental Activities:**

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

**B) Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance vs. Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position:**

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

**i) Long-term Revenue Differences:**

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

**ii) Capital Related Differences:**

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

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iii) Long-term Debt Transaction Differences:

Long-term debt transaction differences occur because both interest and principal payments are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund statements, whereas interest payments are recorded in the Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position as incurred, and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

**Note 3 – Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability:**

Budgets:

The District Administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the following governmental funds for which legal appropriated budgets are adopted:

General Fund

The voters of the District approved the proposed appropriation budget for the General Fund.

Appropriations are adopted at the program line item level.

Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year unless expended or encumbered. Encumbrances will lapse if not expended in the subsequent year. Supplemental appropriations may occur subject to legal restrictions, if the Board approves them because of a need that exists, which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted. The following supplemental appropriations occurred during the year:

Donations	<u>\$ 31,370</u>
Total	<u>\$ 31,370</u>

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with GAAP. Appropriations authorized for the year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year. The budget and actual comparison for the Special Revenue Funds reflects budgeted and actual amounts for funds with legally authorized (appropriated) budgets.

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Encumbrances:

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

The District's unreserved undesignated fund balance was in excess of the New York State Real Property Tax Law §1318 limit, which restricts it to an amount not greater than 4% of the District's budget for the upcoming school year.

**Note 4 – Cash – Custodial Credit, Concentration of Credit:**

Cash:

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. While the District does not have a specific policy for custodial credit risk, New York State statutes govern the District's investment policies, as discussed previously in these Notes.

The District's aggregate bank balances (disclosed in the financial statements), included balances not covered by depository insurance at year-end, collateralized as follows:

Uncollateralized	\$ -0-
Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions, or its trust department or agent, but not in the District's name	\$ 11,679,110

Restricted cash represents cash and cash equivalents where use is limited by legal requirements. These assets represent amounts required by statute to be reserved for various purposes. Restricted cash as of year-end includes \$39,075 within the governmental funds and \$1,062,302 in the fiduciary funds.

The District does not typically purchase investments for long enough duration to cause it to believe that it is exposed to any material interest rate risk.

The District does not purchase investments denominated in a foreign currency, and is not exposed to foreign currency risk.

**Note 5 – Investments:**

The District had no security Investments during the year.

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**Note 6 – Capital Assets:**

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2014 were as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements/ Reclass</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets that are not depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,470,419	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 1,470,419
Construction in progress	19,279,584	2,003,504	-0-	21,283,088
Total nondepreciable historical cost	<u>20,750,003</u>	<u>2,003,504</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>22,753,507</u>
Capital Assets that are depreciated:				
Buildings	68,160,208	-0-	-0-	68,160,208
Furniture and Equipment	3,713,349	15,594	-0-	3,728,943
Total depreciable historical cost	<u>71,873,557</u>	<u>15,594</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>71,889,151</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	21,159,730	1,334,352	-0-	22,494,082
Furniture and Equipment	3,462,424	60,178	-0-	3,522,602
Total Accumulated depreciation	<u>24,622,154</u>	<u>1,394,530</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>26,016,684</u>
Total depreciable historical Cost, net	<u>\$68,001,406</u>	<u>\$ 624,568</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$68,625,974</u>

Depreciation expense was not charged to a specific governmental function.

**Note 7 – Short-Term Debt:**

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

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Redeemed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
BAN	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Total	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>

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

Interest paid	\$ -0-
Less interest accrued in the prior year	-0-
Plus interest accrued in the current year	-0-
Total expense	<u>\$ -0-</u>

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**Note 8 – Long-term Debt:**

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

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Redeemed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
Government activities:					
Bonds and notes payable:					
General obligation debt:					
<u>Serial Bonds:</u>					
District-Wide Reconstruction	3,695,000	-0-	340,000	3,355,000	340,000
District-Wide Reconstruction	11,000,000	-0-	1,000,000	10,000,000	1,000,000
District-Wide Reconstruction	16,410,000	-0-	1,310,000	15,100,000	1,330,000
District-Wide Reconstruction	3,965,000	-0-	315,000	3,650,000	320,000
Refunding Bond	2,815,000	-0-	1,530,000	1,285,000	490,000
<u>Installment Purchase Debt:</u>					
EPC	158,151	-0-	158,151	-0-	-0-
 Total bonds & notes payable	 \$38,043,151	 \$ -0-	 \$ 4,653,151	 \$33,390,000	 \$ 3,480,000
 Other Liabilities:					
Due to Retirement Sys.	\$ 1,922,173	\$ 484,246	\$ -0-	\$ 2,406,419	\$ 2,406,419
Postemployment Benefits	8,105,775	1,605,959	-0-	9,711,734	-0-
Compensated absences	477,893	-0-	8,924	468,969	468,969
 Long term liabilities	 \$48,548,992	 \$ 2,090,205	 \$ 4,662,075	 \$45,977,122	 \$ 6,355,388

Other liabilities are disclosed as net activities in the schedule above.

The following is a summary of the maturity of long-term indebtedness:

<u>Description of Issue</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
<u>Serial Bonds</u>			
D.W. Reconstruction	2009	2024	0.89%
D.W. Reconstruction	2009	2024	0.50%
D.W. Reconstruction	2011	2025	0.80%
Refunding Bonds	2013	2018	3.00%
<u>Installment Purchase Debt</u>			
EPC	2002	2014	3.00%

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The following is a summary of debt service requirements:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal year ended June 30,			
2015	3,480,000	708,104	4,188,104
2016	3,280,000	642,917	3,907,917
2017	3,320,000	584,076	3,904,076
2018	3,365,000	523,695	3,888,695
2019	3,145,000	454,788	3,599,788
2020 & thereafter	<u>16,800,000</u>	<u>1,270,441</u>	<u>18,070,441</u>
Totals	<u>\$33,390,000</u>	<u>\$4,184,021</u>	<u>\$37,599,021</u>

On April 24, 2013, the District issued \$2,835,000 in general obligation bonds with an average interest rate of 3 percent to advance refund \$2,825,000 of outstanding bonds with an average interest rate of 3.86 percent. The net proceeds of \$2,825,000 (after payment of \$144,844 in underwriting fees, insurance, and other issuance cost) were used to purchase U.S. government securities. Those securities were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service payments on the bonds. As a result, the bonds are considered to be defeased the liability for those bonds has been removed from the financial statements.

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

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

Interest paid	\$ 835,331
Less interest accrued in the prior year	154,914
Plus interest accrued in the current year	<u>123,059</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$ 803,476</u>

**Note 9 – Interfund Transactions – Governmental Funds:**

Interfund balances at June 30, 2014, are as follows:

	<u>Interfund</u>		<u>Interfund</u>	
	<u>Receivable</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$ 5,218,861	\$ 7,119,423	\$ 250,000	\$ 32,522
Special Aid Funds	2,696,118	4,145,871	32,522	-0-
School Lunch Fund	718,847	398,823	-0-	-0-
Debt Service Fund	3,733,393	-0-	-0-	250,000
Capital Funds	-0-	16,019	-0-	-0-
Total Government Funds	<u>\$12,367,219</u>	<u>\$11,680,136</u>	<u>\$ 282,522</u>	<u>\$ 282,522</u>
Fiduciary Agency Fund	\$ 932	\$ 688,015	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Totals	<u>\$12,368,151</u>	<u>\$12,368,151</u>	<u>\$ 282,522</u>	<u>\$ 282,522</u>

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**Note 10 – Pension Plans:**

General information:

The District participates in the New York State Employees' Retirement System (NYSERS) and the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS). These are cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement systems. The Systems offer a wide range of plans and benefits, which are related to years of service and final average salary, vesting of retirement benefits, death, and disability.

Provisions and administration:

The New York State Teachers' Retirement Board administers NYSTRS. The System provides benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York. NYSTRS issues a publicly available financial report that contains financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing to NYSTRS, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, New York 12211-2395.

NYSERS provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. New York State Retirement and Social Security Law govern obligations of employers and employees to contribute, and benefits to employees. The System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to NYSERS, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244.

Funding policies:

The Systems are noncontributory for the employee who joined prior to July 27, 1976. For employees who joined the Systems after July 27, 1976, and prior to January 1, 2010, employees contribute 3% to 3.5% of their salary. With the exception of ERS tier V and VI employees, employees in the system more than 10 years are no longer required to contribute. In addition, employee contribution rates under ERS tier VI vary based on a sliding salary scale. For NYSERS, the Comptroller certifies the rates expressed as proportions of members' payroll annually, which are used in computing the contributions required to be made by employers to the pension accumulation fund. Pursuant to Article 11 of the Education Law, the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board establishes rates annually for NYSTRS.

The District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The District contributions made to the Systems were equal to 100% of the contributions required for each year. The required contributions for the current year and two preceding years were:

	<u>NYSTRS</u>	<u>NYSERS</u>
2013 – 2014	\$ 2,108,654	\$ 614,360
2012 – 2013	\$ 1,570,187	\$ 558,673
2011 – 2012	\$ 1,673,104	\$ 465,992



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Since 1989, the NYSERS billings have been based on Chapter 62 of the Laws of 1989 of the State of New York. This legislation required participating employers to make payments on a current basis, while amortizing existing unpaid amounts relating to the System's fiscal years ending March 31, 1988 and 1989 over a 17-year period, with an 8.5% interest factor added. Local governments were given the option to prepay this liability. The total unpaid liability at the end of the year was \$-0-.

**Note 11 – Post-Employment Benefits:**

The District provides post employment health insurance coverage to retired employees in accordance with the provisions of various employment contracts. The benefit levels, employee contributions and employer contributions are governed by the District's contractual agreements.

The District implemented GASB Statement #45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions, in the school year ended June 30, 2009. This required the District to calculate and record a net other post-employment benefit obligation at year-end. The net other post-employment benefit obligation is basically the cumulative difference between the actuarially required contribution and the actual contributions made.

Currently, 217 retired employees have elected to use accumulated sick pay to finance health insurance payments under the District's group plans. The District pays various percentages towards the cost of retiree's medical benefits based on the contracts with the different labor organizations. The District contributes towards the cost of eligible spouses during the retiree's lifetime. The spouse is required to pay the 100% of the cost of the benefits following the death of the retiree.

The District recognizes the cost of providing health insurance annually as expenditures in the General Fund of the funds financial statements as payments are made. For the year ended June 30, 2014, the District recognized \$1,768,380 for its share of insurance premiums for currently enrolled retirees.

The District has obtained an actuarial valuation report as of July 1, 2013, which indicates that the total liability for other post-employment benefits is \$47,038,284.

**Plan Type:** The District provides medical and dental benefits to its eligible retirees. The benefits are provided through fully insured plans that are sponsored by a regional health insurance consortium.

**Funding:** The District does not have legal authority to fund the future OPEB liability. The District can only maintain a pay as you go policy for the OPEB liability.

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Annual OPEB cost and Net OPEB Obligation: the District's annual other postemployment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), and amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years.

The following table shows the components of the District's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the District's net OPEB obligation:

Annual required contribution	\$ 3,272,649
Interest on net OPEB obligation	405,289
Adjustment to annual required contribution	<u>(303,599)</u>
Annual OPEB cost (expense)	3,374,339
Contributions made	<u>1,768,380</u>
Increase in net OPEB obligation	1,605,959
Net OPEB obligation – beginning of year	<u>8,105,775</u>
Net OPEB obligation – end of year	<u><u>\$ 9,711,734</u></u>

The District's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for June 30, 2014 and the two preceding years were as follows (dollar amounts in thousands):

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>	<u>Annual OPEB Cost</u>	<u>Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost Contributed</u>	<u>Net OPEB Obligation</u>
6/30/2014	\$ 3,374,339	52.4%	\$ 9,711,734
6/30/2013	\$ 3,213,730	60.9%	\$ 8,105,775
6/30/2012	\$ 3,386,009	54.6%	\$ 6,849,037

Funded Status and Funding Progress: As of July 1, 2013, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was 0% funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$47,038,284, and the actuarial value of assets was \$-0-, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of \$47,038,284. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$16,718,347 and the ratio of UAL to the covered payroll was 281.4%. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

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

In the July 1, 2013, actuarial valuation the projected unit credit cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 5% investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses), which is a blended rate of the expected long-term investment returns on plan assets and on the employer's own investments calculated based on the funded level of the plan at the valuation date, and an annual healthcare cost trend rate of 9.5% initially, reduced by decrements to an ultimate rate of 5% after 9 years. The UAAL is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll on an open basis. The remaining amortization period at June 30, 2014, was 29 years.

**Note 12 – Risk management:**

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

**Note 13 – Contingent liabilities:**

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

**Note 14 – Subsequent Events**

The District has evaluated subsequent events through October 6, 2014, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

**COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT LETTER  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

Our examination of your financial statements is designed to express an opinion as to the fairness of presentation of those statements. During the course of our examination, certain practices or procedures came to our attention, which requires comment.

**Internal Control System**

The system of control currently in use is generally adequate.

**Previous Year Findings**

All Funds

Our test of cash disbursements disclosed a few instances of payment vouchers which did not contain a signed purchase order or claim form on file. All payment vouchers should be supported by a signed purchase order or similar document substantiate that the purchase was approved by the purchasing agent.

General Fund

The unreserved fund balance at June 30, 2013 is in excess of the four percent permitted under Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.

School Lunch

Our test of free and reduced lunch applications revealed three instances of applications lacking the approver's signature. All applications should be signed by the designated reviewer in order to evidence their responsibility in determining the applicant's eligibility.

Extra Classroom

Currently the Class of 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 clubs have cash balances at year end. Class clubs should be encouraged to expend or transfer their cash balances to another club, prior to the end of their commencement year. We suggest that these balances be transferred to the Student Council account.

Our test of cash receipts disclosed one instance of cash payments being disbursed to vendors. In order to ensure that cash disbursements are made for appropriate purposes, cash disbursements should be made by check to known vendors and only after there has been a check request and appropriate documentation approved by the faculty advisor and student treasurer.

Our test of cash receipts also revealed one instance of a deposit which did not match the supporting documentation. All deposit slips should be compared to supporting documentation when received by the District. Any variance should be examined and conclusions reached documented and kept on file with the cash receipts.

**Current Year Findings**

General Fund

The unreserved fund balance at June 30, 2014 is in excess of the four percent permitted under Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.

**COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT LETTER  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

School Lunch

The sales tax return was not filed timely. As a result, the District incurred interest and penalty charges. The District should file all tax returns in a timely manner going forward.

Federal

Our test of invoices found one federal expenditure where the remittance voucher was marked paid and the invoice was not. Invoices should have the necessary paper work filed with them and be on an approved warrant before they are paid. Invoices should have the remittance voucher attached, be signed received and be authorized. The invoice should be marked paid in order to avoid duplicate payments.

Extra Classroom

Our test disclosed instances in which a payment was made without an indication that goods had been received. Invoices should have the necessary paper work filed with them before they are paid. Invoices should have the remittance voucher attached, be signed received by the club advisor and authorized by the club advisor and student treasurer. The invoice should be marked paid in order to avoid duplicate payments.

Dated: October 6, 2014

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**Independent Auditor's Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards**

The Board of Education  
Cohoes City School District  
7 Bevan Street  
Cohoes, NY 12047

Dear Board Member:

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 of Cohoes City School District for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Cohoes City School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 29 2014.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District'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 over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. 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 Cohoes City School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.


We noted certain matters we have reported to management of Cohoes City School District in a separate letter dated September 29, 2014.

## **Purpose of this Report**

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management and others within the organization and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties.

Very truly yours,  
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Certified Public Accountants, PC



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Dated: October 6, 2014

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**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program And Internal Control Over Compliance Required by OMB Circular A-133**

The Board of Education  
Cohoes City School District  
7 Bevan Street  
Cohoes, NY 12047

Dear Board Member:

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

We have audited Cohoes City School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Cohoes City School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014. Cohoes City School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

***Management's Responsibility***

Cohoes City School District's management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Cohoes City School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Cohoes City School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

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

In our opinion, Cohoes City School District, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014.



## Report on Internal Control Over Compliance


Management of Cohoes City School District, is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Cohoes City School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Cohoes City School District's internal control over compliance.

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Very truly yours,  
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Certified Public Accountants, PC



BRYAN T. BASILA, CPA

Dated: October 6, 2014

**COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
JUNE 30, 2014**

**Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results (June 30, 2014)**

**Financial Statement**

Type of Auditor's Report Issued:

Unqualified

Internal Control over Financial Reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified?
- Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses

     Yes   X   No

     Yes   X   Not reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

     Yes   X   No

**Federal Awards**

Internal control over major programs?

- Material weaknesses identified?
- Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?

     Yes   X   No

     Yes   X   None reported

Type of Auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:

Unqualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of Circular A-133?

     Yes   X   No

Identification of major programs:

Special Education – ESEA (Title I)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:

\$300,000

Auditee qualified as low risk auditee?

  X   Yes      No

**COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
JUNE 30, 2014**

**Section II - Financial Statement Findings**

There is nothing to be reported under this schedule.

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

There is nothing to be reported under this schedule.

**COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through

Grantor/ Program Title US Dept of  
Education Pass-Through NYS Dept  
of Education

	Federal CFDA Number	Agency or Pass-Through Number	Federal Expenditures
<u>Special Education Cluster:</u>			
IDEA - Section 611	84.027	032-14-0020	516,469
IDEA - Section 611	84.027	032-13-0020	1,419
IDEA - Section 619	84.173	033-14-0020	38,133
IDEA - Section 619	84.173	033-13-0020	765
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>556,786</u>
ESEA - Title I	84.010	021-13-0025	1,822
ESEA - Title I	84.010	021-14-0025	630,539
ESEA - Title II, Part B	84.366	294-13-0200	15,213
ARRA - Race to the Top	84.395	5500-14-0025	21,085
ARRA - Race to the Top	84.395	5500-13-0025	42,329
ESEA - Title IIA	84.367	147-13-0025	1,928
ESEA - Title IIA	84.367	147-14-0025	143,476
IDEA - Part D	84.323	1035-13-1003	14
Total			<u>856,406</u>
Total US Department of Education			<u>1,413,192</u>
<u>US Dept of Agriculture Pass-Through from New York State Education Department Child Nutrition Cluster:</u>			
School Breakfast Program	10.553		225,916
Summer Food Service Program	10.559		23,455
National School Lunch Program	10.555		<u>638,231</u>
Total US Department of Agriculture			<u>887,602</u>
Total Federal Assistance Programs			<u><u>2,300,794</u></u>

**COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

**Note 1 – Summary of Certain Significant Accounting Policies:**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of Federal awards presents the activity of federal award programs administered by the District, which is described in Note 1 to the District's accompanying financial statements, using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Federal awards that are included in the schedule may be received directly from federal agencies, as well as federal awards that are passed through from other government agencies. The information is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

Indirect costs may be included in the reported expenditures, to the extent that they are included in the federal financial reports used as the source for the data presented. Matching costs (the District's share of certain program costs) are not included in the reported expenditures.

**Note 2 – Subrecipients:**

No amounts were provided to subrecipients.

**Note 3 – Other Disclosures:**

No insurance is carried specifically to cover equipment purchased with federal funds. Any equipment purchased with federal funds has only a nominal value, and is covered by the District's casualty insurance policies.

There were no loans or loan guarantees outstanding at year-end.

**COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
JUNE 30, 2014**

**Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results (June 30, 2013)**

**Financial Statement**

Type of Auditor's Report Issued: Unqualified

Internal Control over Financial Reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified?      Yes   X   No
- Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses      Yes   X   Not reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?      Yes   X   No

**Federal Awards**

Internal control over major programs?

- Material weaknesses identified?      Yes   X   No
- Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?      Yes   X   None reported

Type of Auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unqualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of Circular A-133?      Yes   X   No

Identification of major programs:

Special Education – Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)  
Special Education – Preschool Grants (IDEA Preschool)  
Summer Food Service Program for Children  
School Breakfast Program  
National School Lunch Program

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$300,000

Auditee qualified as low risk auditee?   X   Yes      No

**COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
JUNE 30, 2014**

**Section II - Financial Statement Findings**

There is nothing to be reported under this schedule.

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

There is nothing to be reported under this schedule.

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### **Independent Auditor's Opinion of Extraclassroom Activity Fund**

The Board of Education  
Cohoes City School District  
7 Bevan Street  
Cohoes, NY 12047

Dear Board Member:

We have audited the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the Extraclassroom Activity of the Cohoes City School District for the year ended June 30, 2014.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for 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 an opinion 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. 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 opinion.



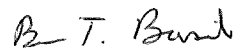
**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash and fund balances of the Extraclassroom Activity Fund, of the Cohoes City School District as of June 30, 2014 arising from the cash transactions, cash collected and disbursements made and changes in fund balance during the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statement is prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Very truly yours,  
STARK & BASILA  
Certified Public Accountants, PC



BRYAN T. BASILA, CPA

Dated: October 6, 2014

COHOES CITY DISTRICT  
EXTRACLASSROOM FUND  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2014

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>				
Class of 2010	455	-	455	-
Class of 2011	422	-	422	-
Class of 2012	1,841	-	1,841	-
Class of 2013	5,260	350	5,610	-
Class of 2014	3,445	15,568	16,729	2,284
Class of 2015	1,767	2,906	769	3,904
Class of 2016	111	1,275	1,033	353
Honor Society	1,181	-	181	1,000
Community Service Club	230	621	95	756
Yearbook	3,857	11,006	12,993	1,870
Student Council	8,606	11,940	12,515	8,031
Musical	2,840	-	-	2,840
Ski Club	-	7,619	7,619	-
Band	165	563	619	109
Cheerleading	218	-	-	218
<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>				
Jr. Honor Society	389	250	398	241
Student Council	6,366	16,332	17,339	5,359
Yearbook	-	601	601	-
8th Grade Activity	1,620	2,018	2,663	975
Green Team	2,461	1,297	3,277	481
Musical	8,189	3,289	1,947	9,531
Band/Chorus	38	-	-	38
<u>VAN SCHAICK</u>				
Student Council	229	-	-	229
Totals	49,690	75,635	87,106	38,219

See independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements