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Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit Report

Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179

Spokane County

For the period September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017

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Board of Directors
Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179
Nine Mile Falls, Washington

Report on Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit

Please find attached our report on Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179's financial statements and compliance with federal laws and regulations.

We are issuing this report in order to provide information on the District's financial condition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat McCarthy".

Pat McCarthy
State Auditor
Olympia, WA

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179

Spokane County

September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

The results of our audit of Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179 are summarized below in accordance with Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

Financial Statements

We issued an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of the District’s financial statements in accordance with its regulatory basis of accounting. Separately, we issued an adverse opinion on the fair presentation of all funds with regard to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) because the financial statements are prepared using a basis of accounting other than GAAP.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting:

- *Significant Deficiencies:* We reported no deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.
- *Material Weaknesses:* We identified no deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

We noted no instances of noncompliance that were material to the financial statements of the District.

Federal Awards

Internal Control over Major Programs:

- *Significant Deficiencies:* We reported no deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over major federal programs that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

- *Material Weaknesses:* We identified deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

We issued an unmodified opinion on the District's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major federal programs.

We reported findings that are required to be disclosed in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a).

Identification of Major Federal Programs:

The following programs were selected as major programs in our audit of compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

<u>CFDA No.</u>	<u>Program or Cluster Title</u>
10.553	Child Nutrition Cluster – School Breakfast Program
10.555	Child Nutrition Cluster – National School Lunch Program
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies

The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs, as prescribed by the Uniform Guidance, was \$750,000.

The District did not qualify as a low-risk auditee under the Uniform Guidance.

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None reported.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

See finding 2017-001 and 2017-002.

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179

Spokane County

September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017

2017-001 The District did not have adequate internal controls to ensure compliance with verification requirements.

CFDA Number and Title:	10.553 School Breakfast Program 10.555 National School Lunch Program
Federal Grantor Name:	U.S. Department of Agriculture
Federal Award/Contract Number:	NA
Pass-through Entity Name:	Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
Pass-through Award/Contract Number:	NA
Questioned Cost Amount:	\$0

Background

The District participates in the School Breakfast and National School Lunch programs, and received \$228,873 for them during fiscal year 2017. These programs provide funding for free and reduced-price meals for low-income students. Families must meet income guidelines to be eligible for these programs.

Each year, districts must select a sample of applications and verify that family income information reported to the District is correct. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) instructs school districts on how to verify program eligibility, including the number of applications that must be verified based on their nonresponse rates from the previous school year's verifications. The verification process must be completed by November 15 of each year.

The District was required to use a 3 percent focused sampling method, because the District's nonresponse rate exceeded 20 percent during the 2015-2016 school year's verification process. This sampling method required the District to select three "error prone" applications for verification. An error-prone application is defined as one where the reported monthly household income falls within \$100 of the upper income limit for free or reduced-priced meal eligibility.

Districts must verify income support for the time period from the month before it received the application through the month it verifies the income reported on the application.

If the verification process results in a reduction or termination of meal benefits, the District must send a letter of adverse action to notify the family at least 10 days before the change takes effect. Also, the District must change the benefit status immediately after this 10-day advance notice period.

Description of Condition

Although the District did have a process in place to perform the verification process, internal controls were not effective to ensure the District performed the verification steps accurately and in compliance with federal requirements.

We consider this control deficiency to be a material weaknesses.

This issue was not reported as a finding in the prior audit.

Cause of Condition

The District had a basic understanding of the verification process but was not aware it needed to use a different sampling method due to the change in the non-response rate it experienced in the prior year. The District also was not aware of OSPI's guidelines for the support it needed to obtain to verify the reported household incomes. Because the District thought the household was eligible, it did not send the letter of adverse action informing the household that benefits were being terminated.

Effect of Condition and Questioned Costs

A lack of proper internal controls over the verification process increases the risk that free or reduced-price meals could be provided to children who were not eligible to receive them.

Our audit found the District:

- Used the wrong sampling method and selected an insufficient number of applications to verify
- Did not obtain proper income verification documentation for one student and overclaimed meals by \$242
- Did not inform a household it was no longer eligible to participate in the program within the 10-day period required by the program. This caused the District to report incorrect response rate information to OSPI, which could

affect the number of applications the District will need to verify during the next fiscal year.

Recommendations

We recommend that the District:

- Train employees responsible for the verification requirements to ensure compliance with OSPI and U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations and guidance
- Review its verification process to ensure its verifications follow OSPI guidelines

District's Response

To ensure that this doesn't occur in the future, the Director of Business will annually audit the accuracy of the program eligibility review by analyzing the following:

- *The Sampling Method – The sampling method will be reviewed ensuring that the correct method was selected based on federal guidelines.*
- *The Review Process – the analysis of the error prone applications will be thoroughly audited looking for timely household income support, for wage verification that is clearly identifiable, and proper handling of benefit status change when applicable.*

In addition, the Director of Business will ensure that the Food Service Director has the adequate training needed to properly adhere to USDA and/or OSPI regulations in regards to verification requirements.

Auditor's Remarks

We thank District management and staff for their assistance during the audit. We will follow up on the status of the issue during our next scheduled audit.

Applicable Laws and Regulations

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants defines significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in its *Codification of Statements on Auditing Standards*, section 935, paragraph 11.

Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) section 516 – Audit Findings, establishes reporting requirements for audit findings.

Title 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Guidance, section 303 – Internal controls, describes the requirements for auditees to maintain internal controls over federal programs and comply with federal program requirements.

Title 7 CFR Part 245, *Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals and Free Milk in Schools*, Section 6a – Verification requirements, establishes requirements for verifying eligibility of children for free and reduced price meal benefits.

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179

Spokane County

September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017

2017-002 The District's internal controls were not adequate to ensure compliance with Title I grant requirements for graduation rate reporting.

CFDA Number and Title:	84.010 – Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies
Federal Grantor Name:	U.S. Department of Education
Federal Award/Contract Number:	NA
Pass-through Entity Name:	Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
Pass-through Award/Contract Number:	202352
Questioned Cost Amount:	\$0

Background

During fiscal year 2017, the District spent \$308,385 in Title I grant funds. The Title I program's objective is to improve the teaching and learning of children who are at risk of not meeting challenging academic standards and who reside in areas with high concentrations of children from low-income families.

Federal regulations require federal-money recipients to establish and follow internal controls to comply with program requirements. These controls include knowledge of grant requirements and monitoring of program controls.

Districts must report graduation rate data for all public high schools to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) annually. This is done by submitting a Graduation Rate Report that indicates the student's enrollment status: graduated, transferred out, dropped out, migrated to another country or deceased. The District must retain adequate support for changes to a student's status. To confirm a student has transferred out, the District must have official written documentation that the student enrolled in another school or in an educational program that culminates in the award of a regular high school diploma.

Description of Condition

Our audit examined the District's documentation for students it classified as "transferred out."

The District's controls were not adequate to ensure it gathered the required documents to support its classification of a student who left the District to be homeschooled and several foreign exchange students who left the District to return to their home country. Specifically, the District did not obtain annual Intent to Provide Home-Based Education forms (homeschool forms) for the homeschooled student, and did not retain the exchange-student applications for its exchange students. Without these forms, the District cannot report the students as confirmed transfers.

We consider this control deficiency to be a material weakness.

This issue was not reported as a finding in the prior audit.

Cause of Condition

District staff were not aware of the requirement to obtain and retain documentation to evidence transfers of foreign exchange students and students transferring to home-schooled programs. The District thought it could discard the support for these students once they had left the District.

Effect of Condition and Questioned Costs

The District did not obtain official written documentation to support the transfer status for seven of the 15 students tested. It incorrectly reported these students as transferred out when it reported graduation rate data to OSPI.

Although there are no questioned costs, the District is at risk of misrepresenting the graduation rates.

Recommendations

We recommend the District:

- Train and guide staff to ensure appropriate personnel understand the grant requirements and the Secretary of State's records retention policy requirements
- Establish controls to obtain and keep current homeschool forms and foreign exchange applications for all students reported as transferred out

District's Response

To ensure that this weakness ceases, the Director of Business will ensure the following:

- *That training is offered to appropriate personnel to ensure that they understand the grant requirements and the Secretary of State's records retention requirements.*
- *That controls are established that results with the District keeping current homeschool forms and foreign exchange applications for all students reported as transferred out.*

Auditor's Remarks

We thank District management and staff for their assistance during the audit. We will follow up on the status of the issue during our next scheduled audit.

Applicable Laws and Regulations

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants defines significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in its *Codification of Statements on Auditing Standards*, section 935, paragraph 11.

Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Costs Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), Section 303 – Internal controls, describes the requirements for auditees to maintain internal controls over federal programs and comply with federal program requirements.

Title 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Guidance, Section 516 – Audit findings, establishes reporting requirements for audit findings.

Title 34 CFR Part 200, *Subpart A – Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies*, Section 200.19 – Other academic indicators, establishes the requirement for Districts to have official written documentation to confirm a student transferred out.

**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**

**Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179
Spokane County
September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017**

Board of Directors
Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179
Nine Mile Falls, Washington

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179, Spokane County, Washington, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 10, 2018.

We issued an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of the District's financial statements in accordance with its regulatory basis of accounting. We issued an adverse opinion on the fair presentation with regard to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) because, as described in Note 1, the *Accounting Manual for Public School Districts in the State of Washington* does not require the District to prepare the government-wide statements presenting the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities as required by GAAP. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

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

internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the 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 was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of the District's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

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

this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

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Pat McCarthy

State Auditor

Olympia, WA

May 10, 2018

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR
EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

**Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179
Spokane County
September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017**

Board of Directors
Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179
Nine Mile Falls, Washington

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL
PROGRAM**

We have audited the compliance of Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179, Spokane County, Washington, with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. *Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2017. The District's major federal programs are identified in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the 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. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the 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 August 31, 2017.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance with those requirements, which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs as Findings 2017-001 and 2017-002. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

District's Response to Findings

The District's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program in order to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the

circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs as Findings 2017-001 and 2017-002 to be material weaknesses.

District's Response to Findings

The District's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

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Pat McCarthy
State Auditor
Olympia, WA

May 10, 2018

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179

Spokane County

September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017

Board of Directors

Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179

Nine Mile Falls, Washington

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179, Spokane County, Washington, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, as listed on page 24.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Washington State statutes and the *Accounting Manual for Public School Districts in the State of Washington* (Accounting Manual) described in Note 1. This includes determining that the basis of accounting is acceptable for the presentation 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 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 District'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 District'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 account 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.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting (Accounting Manual)

As described in Note 1, the District has prepared these financial statements to meet the financial reporting requirements of Washington State statutes using accounting practices prescribed by the Accounting Manual. Those accounting practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The difference in these accounting practices is also described in Note 1.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179, as of August 31, 2017, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP

Auditing standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) require auditors to formally acknowledge when governments do not prepare their financial statements, intended for general use, in accordance with GAAP. GAAP requires presentation of government-wide financial statements to display the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities.

As described in Note 1, the Accounting Manual does not require the District to prepare the government-wide financial statements, and consequently such amounts have not been determined or presented. We are therefore required to issue an adverse opinion on whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP

The financial statements referred to above were not intended to, and in our opinion they do not, present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179, as of August 31, 2017, or the changes in financial position or cash flows for the year then ended, due to the significance of the matter discussed in the above “Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP” paragraph.

Other Matters

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). The Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities is presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by the prescribed Accounting Manual. These schedules are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 10, 2018 on our consideration of the District’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral

part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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State Auditor

Olympia, WA

May 10, 2018

FINANCIAL SECTION

**Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179
Spokane County
September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325

Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

August 31, 2017

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
ASSETS:							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,650.00	5,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,250.00
Minus Warrants Outstanding	-398,911.67	-406.30	0.00	-22,936.05	0.00	0.00	-422,254.02
Taxes Receivable	1,266,049.28		527,514.10	0.00	0.00		1,793,563.38
Due From Other Funds	20,148.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,148.72
Due From Other Governmental Units	85,871.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	85,871.09
Accounts Receivable	2,179.35	0.00	0.00	121,340.18	0.00	0.00	123,519.53
Interfund Loans Receivable	0.00			0.00			0.00
Accrued Interest Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inventory	21,407.69	0.00		0.00			21,407.69
Prepaid Items	41,265.08	0.00			0.00	0.00	41,265.08
Investments	2,179,840.80	174,510.88	1,078,687.60	147,584.91	110.52	0.00	3,580,734.71
Investments/Cash With Trustee	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investments-Deferred Compensation	0.00			0.00			0.00
Self-Insurance Security Deposit	0.00						0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	3,223,500.34	179,704.58	1,606,201.70	245,989.04	110.52	0.00	5,255,506.18
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:							
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Other	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES	3,223,500.34	179,704.58	1,606,201.70	245,989.04	110.52	0.00	5,255,506.18
LIABILITIES:							
Accounts Payable	56,466.56	0.00	0.00	207,801.20	0.00	0.00	264,267.76
Contracts Payable Current	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accrued Interest Payable			0.00				0.00
Accrued Salaries	35,629.61	0.00		0.00			35,629.61
Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00

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

Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325

Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

August 31, 2017

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
LIABILITIES:							
Payroll Deductions and Taxes Payable	0.00	0.00		0.00			0.00
Due To Other Governmental Units	871.05	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	871.05
Deferred Compensation Payable	0.00			0.00			0.00
Estimated Employee Benefits Payable	0.00						0.00
Due To Other Funds	0.00	365.70	0.00	19,783.02	0.00	0.00	20,148.72
interfund Loans Payable	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Deposits	0.00	0.00		0.00			0.00
Unearned Revenue	34,321.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		34,321.58
Matured Bonds Payable			0.00				0.00
Matured Bond Interest Payable			0.00				0.00
Arbitrage Rebate Payable	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	127,288.80	365.70	0.00	227,584.22	0.00	0.00	355,238.72
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:							
Unavailable Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unavailable Revenue - Taxes Receivable	1,266,049.28		527,514.10	0.00	0.00		1,793,563.38
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	1,266,049.28	0.00	527,514.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,793,563.38
FUND BALANCE:							
Nonspendable Fund Balance	62,672.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62,672.77
Restricted Fund Balance	0.00	179,338.88	1,078,687.60	18,404.82	110.52	0.00	1,276,541.82
Committed Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assigned Fund Balance	380,120.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	380,120.02
Unassigned Fund Balance	1,387,369.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,387,369.47
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	1,830,162.26	179,338.88	1,078,687.60	18,404.82	110.52	0.00	3,106,704.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE	3,223,500.34	179,704.58	1,606,201.70	245,989.04	110.52	0.00	5,255,506.18

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Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

	Governmental Funds						
	For the Year Ended August 31, 2017						
	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
REVENUES:							
Local	3,415,185.88	241,897.77	1,277,763.84	162,573.94	1.04		5,097,422.47
State	12,359,040.36		0.00	1,192,364.46	0.00		13,551,404.82
Federal	886,234.16		0.00	0.00	0.00		886,234.16
Federal Stimulus	0.00						0.00
Other	361.68			0.00	0.00	0.00	361.68
TOTAL REVENUES	16,660,822.08	241,897.77	1,277,763.84	1,354,938.40	1.04	0.00	19,535,423.13
EXPENDITURES:							
CURRENT:							
Regular Instruction	9,216,918.11						9,216,918.11
Federal Stimulus	0.00						0.00
Special Education	1,819,945.45						1,819,945.45
Vocational Education	685,562.65						685,562.65
Skill Center	0.00						0.00
Compensatory Programs	623,945.84						623,945.84
Other Instructional Programs	33,875.31						33,875.31
Community Services	0.00						0.00
Support Services							
Student Activities/Other	4,041,330.57	234,055.83				0.00	4,041,330.57
CAPITAL OUTLAY:							
Sites				261,025.09			261,025.09
Building				841,842.23			841,842.23
Equipment				86,314.14			86,314.14
Instructional Technology				44,908.60			44,908.60
Energy				229,883.84			229,883.84
Transportation Equipment					0.00		0.00
Sales and Lease				14,607.24			14,607.24
Other	145,177.43						145,177.43
DEBT SERVICE:							
Principal	0.00		1,040,000.00	0.00	0.00		1,040,000.00
Interest and Other Charges	0.00		236,360.21	0.00	0.00		236,360.21
Bond/Levy Issuance				1,200.00	0.00		1,200.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	16,566,755.36	234,055.83	1,276,360.21	1,479,781.14	0.00	0.00	19,556,952.54

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Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

Governmental Funds						
	For the Year Ended August 31, 2017					
	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund
						Total
DEBT SERVICE:						
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	94,066.72	7,841.94	1,403.63	-124,842.74	1.04	0.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Bond Sales & Refunding Bond Sales	0.00		0.00	140,000.00	0.00	0.00
Long-Term Financing	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfers In	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfers Out (GL 536)	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Financing Uses (GL 535)	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	0.00		0.00	140,000.00	0.00	0.00
						140,000.00
EXCESS OF REVENUES/OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	94,066.72	7,841.94	1,403.63	15,157.26	1.04	0.00
						118,470.59
BEGINNING TOTAL FUND BALANCE	1,736,095.54	171,496.94	1,077,283.97	3,247.56	109.48	0.00
Prior Year(s) Corrections or Restatements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ENDING TOTAL FUND BALANCE	1,830,162.26	179,338.88	1,078,687.60	18,404.82	110.52	0.00
						3,106,704.08

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Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325

Statement Of Fiduciary Net Position

Fiduciary Funds

August 31, 2017

	Private Purpose Trust	Other Trust
ASSETS:		
Imprest Cash	0.00	0.00
Cash On Hand	0.00	0.00
Cash On Deposit with Cty Treas	0.00	0.00
Minus Warrants Outstanding	0.00	0.00
Due From Other Funds	0.00	0.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00	27,387.00
Accrued Interest Receivable	0.00	0.00
Investments	0.00	129,482.24
Investments/Cash With Trustee	0.00	19,596.80
Other Assets	0.00	
Capital Assets, Land	0.00	
Capital Assets, Buildings	0.00	
Capital Assets, Equipment	0.00	0.00
Accum Depreciation, Buildings	0.00	
Accum Depreciation, Equipment	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	0.00	176,466.04
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	0.00	37,184.71
Due To Other Funds	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	37,184.71
NET POSITION:		
Held in trust for:		
Held In Trust For Intact Trust Principal	0.00	0.00
Held In Trust For Private Purposes	0.00	
Held In Trust For Pension Or Other Post-Employment Benefits		0.00
Held In Trust For Other Purposes	0.00	139,281.33
TOTAL NET POSITION	0.00	139,281.33

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Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

Fiduciary Funds		
For the Year Ended August 31, 2017		
	Private Purpose Trust	Other Trust
ADDITIONS:		
Contributions:		
Private Donations	0.00	0.00
Employer		328,387.00
Members		0.00
Other	0.00	2,051.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	0.00	330,438.00
Investment Income:		
Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value	0.00	0.00
Interest and Dividends	0.00	1,332.06
Less Investment Expenses	0.00	0.00
Net Investment Income	0.00	1,332.06
Other Additions:		
Rent or Lease Revenue	0.00	0.00
Total Other Additions	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONS	0.00	331,770.06
DEDUCTIONS:		
Benefits		284,542.55
Refund of Contributions	0.00	0.00
Administrative Expenses	0.00	16,284.44
Scholarships	0.00	
Other	0.00	5,979.19
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	0.00	306,806.18
Net Increase (Decrease)	0.00	24,963.88
Net Position--Prior Year August Beginning	0.00	114,317.15
Prior Year F-196 Manual Revision	0.00	0.00
Net Position - Total	0.00	114,317.15
Prior Year(s) Corrections or Restatements	0.00	0.30
NET POSITION--ENDING	0.00	139,281.33

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NINE MILE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to the Financial Statements
September 1, 2016 Through August 31, 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Nine Mile Falls School District (District) is a municipal corporation organized pursuant to Title 28A of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) for the purposes of providing public school services to students in grades K–12. Oversight responsibility for the District's operations is vested with the independently elected board of directors. Management of the District is appointed by and is accountable to the board of directors. Fiscal responsibility, including budget authority and the power to set fees, levy property taxes, and issue debt consistent with provisions of state statutes, also rests with the board of directors.

The District presents governmental fund financial statements and related notes on the modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the *Accounting Manual for Public School Districts in the State of Washington*, issued jointly by the State Auditor's Office and the Superintendent of Public Instruction by the authority of RCW 43.09.200, RCW 28A.505.140, RCW 28A.505.010(1) and RCW 28A.505.020. This manual prescribes a financial reporting framework that differs from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the following manner:

- (1) Districtwide statements, as defined in GAAP, are not presented.
- (2) A Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities is presented as supplementary information.
- (3) Supplementary information required by GAAP is not presented.
- (4) Property Taxes collected after the end of the fiscal period are not considered available for revenue accrual as described below.

Fund Accounting

Financial transactions of the District are reported in individual funds. Each fund uses a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures (or expenses) as appropriate. All funds are considered major funds. The various funds in the report are grouped into governmental (and fiduciary) funds as follows:

Governmental Funds

General Fund

This fund is used to account for all expendable financial resources, except for those that are required to be accounted for in another fund. In keeping with the principle of having as few funds as are necessary, activities such as food services, maintenance, data processing, printing, and student transportation are included in the General Fund.

Capital Projects Funds

These funds account for financial resources that are to be used for the construction or acquisition of major capital assets. There are two funds that are considered to be of the capital projects fund type: the Capital Projects Fund and the Transportation Vehicle Fund.

Capital Projects Fund. This fund is used to account for resources set aside for the acquisition and construction of major capital assets such as land and buildings.

Transportation Vehicle Fund. This fund is used to account for the purchase, major repair, rebuilding, and debt service expenditures that relate to pupil transportation equipment.

Debt Service Fund

This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of matured general long-term debt principal and interest.

Special Revenue Fund

In Washington State, the only allowable special revenue fund for school districts is the Associated Student Body (ASB) Fund. This fund is accounted for in the District's financial statements as the financial resources legally belong to the District. As a special revenue fund, amounts within the ASB Fund may only be used for those purposes that relate to the operation of the Associated Student Body of the District.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds include pension and other employee benefit trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and agency funds, and are used to account for assets that are held in trust by the District in a trustee and agency capacity.

Pension (and Other Employee Benefit) Trust Fund

This fund is used to account for resources to be held for the members and beneficiaries of a pension plan or other employee benefit plans.

Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and fund financial statement presentation

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are measurable and available. Revenues are considered "measurable" if the amount of the transaction can be readily determined. Revenues are considered "available" when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Categorical program claims and interdistrict billings are measurable and available and are accrued. Property taxes not collected by the fiscal year end

are measurable and recorded as a receivable, however the receivable is not considered available of revenue accrual, but is recorded as a deferred inflow of resources.

Expenditures are recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured principal and interest on long-term debt which are recorded when due. Purchases of capital assets are expensed during the year of acquisition. For federal grants, the recognition of expenditures is dependent on the obligation date. (Obligation means a purchase order has been issued, contracts have been awarded, or goods and/or services have been received.)

Budgets

Chapter 28A.505 RCW and Chapter 392-123 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) mandate school district budget policies and procedures. The board adopts annual appropriated budgets for all governmental funds. These budgets are appropriated at the fund level. The budget constitutes the legal authority for expenditures at that level. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal period.

Budgets are adopted on the same modified accrual basis as used for financial reporting. Fund balance is budgeted as available resources and, under statute, may not be negative, unless the District enters into binding conditions with state oversight pursuant to RCW 28A.505.110.

The government's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

The District receives state funding for specific categorical education-related programs. Amounts that are received for these programs that are not used in the current fiscal year may be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year, where they may be used only for the same purpose as they were originally received. When the District has such carryover, those funds are expended before any amounts received in the current year are expended.

Additionally, the District has other restrictions placed on its financial resources. When expenditures are recorded for purposes for which a restriction or commitment of fund balance is available, those funds that are restricted or committed to that purpose are considered first before any unrestricted or unassigned amounts are expended.

The government's fund balance classifications policies and procedures.

The District classifies ending fund balance for its governmental funds into five categories.

Nonspendable Fund Balance. The amounts reported as Nonspendable are resources of the District that are not in spendable format. They are either non-liquid resources such as inventory or prepaid items, or the resources are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance. Amounts that are reported as Restricted are those resources of the District that have had a legal restriction placed on their use either from statute, WAC, or other legal requirements that are beyond the control of the board of directors. Restricted fund balance includes anticipated recovery of revenues that have been received but are restricted as to their usage.

Committed Fund Balance. Amounts that are reported as Committed are those resources of the District that have had a limitation placed upon their usage by formal action of the District's board of directors. Commitments are made either through a formal adopted board resolution or are related to a school board policy. Commitments may only be changed when the resources are used for the intended purpose or the limitation is removed by a subsequent formal action of the board of directors.

Assigned Fund Balance. In the General Fund, amounts that are reported as Assigned are those resources that the District has set aside for specific purposes. These accounts reflect tentative management plans for future financial resource use such as the replacement of equipment or the assignment of resources for contingencies. Assignments reduce the amount reported as Unassigned Fund Balance, but may not reduce that balance below zero.

In other governmental funds, Assigned fund balance represents a positive ending spendable fund balance once all restrictions and commitments are considered. These resources are only available for expenditure in that fund and may not be used in any other fund without formal action by the District's board of directors and as allowed by statute.

The Superintendent or Executive Director of Business are the only persons who have the authority to create Assignments of fund balance.

Unassigned Fund Balance. In the General Fund, amounts that are reported as Unassigned are those net spendable resources of the District that are not otherwise Restricted, Committed, or Assigned, and may be used for any purpose within the General Fund.

In other governmental funds, Unassigned fund balance represents a deficit ending spendable fund balance once all restrictions and commitments are considered.

A negative Unassigned fund balance means that the legal restrictions and formal commitments of the District exceed its currently available resources.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

All of the District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Inventory

Inventory is valued at cost using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. The consumption method of inventory is used, which charges inventory as an expenditure when it is consumed. A portion of fund balance, representing inventory, is considered Nonspendable. *(Such reserves for inventory indicate that a portion of net current assets is set aside to replace or increase the inventory.)* USDA commodity inventory consists of food donated by the United States Department of Agriculture. It is valued at the prices paid by the USDA for the commodities.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Changes for 2016–2017

Property Taxes – For purposes of revenue recognition, property taxes received after the fiscal year end are not considered available for revenue accrual as defined by GASBS 33 and Interpretation 5. Amounts outstanding are recognized as a deferred inflow of resources on the financial statements.

NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Spokane County Treasurer is the *ex officio* treasurer for the District and holds all accounts of the District. The District directs the County Treasurer to invest those financial resources of the District that the District has determined are not needed to meet the current financial obligations of the District.

The district's deposits and certificates of deposit are entirely covered by federal depository insurance (FDIC) or by collateral held in a multiple financial institution collateral pool administered by the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission (PDPC).

All of the District's investments during the year and at year-end were insured or registered and held by the District or its agent in the District's name.

Washington State statutes authorize the district to invest in the following types of securities:

- Certificates, notes, or bonds of the United States, its agencies, or any corporation wholly owned by the government of the United States,
- Obligations of government-sponsored corporations which are eligible as collateral for advances to member banks as determined by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System,
- Bankers' acceptances purchased on the secondary market,
- Repurchase agreements for securities listed in the three items above, provided that the transaction is structured so that the public treasurer obtains control over the underlying securities,
- Investment deposits with qualified public depositories,
- Washington State Local Government Investment Pool, and
- County Treasurer Investment Pools.

The District's investments as of August 31, 2017, are as follows:

Type of Investment	(District's) own investments	Investments held by (district) as an agent for other organizations	Total
County Treasurer's Investment Pool	\$3,710,217		\$3,710,217
Total	\$3,710,217		\$3,710,217

The district's participation in the Spokane County Investment Pool (SCIP) is voluntary and the pool is not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO). The fair value of the district's investment in the pool is measured using a net asset value (NAV) as determined by the pool. As of November 30th, 2017, the pool maintained a (duration/weighted average maturity) of .97.

Per the District's Pooling Agreement with the SCIP, to remove a fund from participating in the Treasurer's Pool, written notice requesting such removal from participation must be given to the County Treasurer by the appropriate authority no less than 90 days prior to the effective date. Any fund that comprises more than 5% of the Treasurer's Pool will require approval of the County Treasurer on a removal time to prevent unusual losses to other participants. The Treasurer shall not withhold fund balances unreasonably.

NOTE 3: PENSION PLANS

General Information

The Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS), a department within the primary government of the state of Washington, prepares a stand-alone comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for each pension plan. The pension plan's basic financial statement is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. The measurement date of the pension plans is June 30. Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

The school district is reporting the net pension liability in the notes and on the Schedule of Long-term Liabilities calculated as the district's proportionate allocation percentage multiplied by the total plan collective net pension liability.

Detailed information about the pension plans' fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued DRS CAFR. Copies of the report may be obtained by contacting the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems, P.O. Box 48380, Olympia, WA 98504-8380; or online at <http://www.drs.wa.gov/administrations/annual-report>.

Membership Participation

Substantially all school district full-time and qualifying part-time employees participate in one of the following three contributory, multi-employer, cost-sharing statewide retirement systems managed by DRS: Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and School Employees' Retirement System (SERS).

Membership participation by retirement plan as of June 30, 2017, was as follows:

Plan	Retirees and Beneficiaries Receiving Benefits	Inactive Plan Members Entitled to but not yet Receiving Benefits	Active Plan Members
PERS 1	48,268	663	2,593
SERS 2	8,229	5,880	27,011
SERS 3	7,735	8,330	33,890
TRS 1	34,225	188	697
TRS 2	5,076	2,532	19,133
TRS 3	10,289	8,568	54,487

Membership & Plan Benefits

Certificated employees are members of TRS. Classified employees are members of PERS (if Plan 1) or SERS. Plan 1 under the TRS and PERS programs are defined benefit pension plans whose members joined the system on or before September 30, 1977. TRS 1 and PERS 1 are closed to new entrants.

TRS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system comprised of three separate plans for membership purposes: Plans 1 and 2 are defined benefit plans and Plan 3 is a defined benefit plan with a defined contribution component. TRS eligibility for membership requires service as a certificated public school employee working in an instructional, administrative or supervisory capacity.

TRS is comprised of three separate plans for accounting purposes: Plan 1, Plan 2/3, and Plan 3. Plan 1 accounts for the defined benefits of Plan 1 members. Plan 2/3 accounts for the defined benefits of Plan 2 members and the defined benefit portion of benefits for Plan 3 members. Plan 3 accounts for the defined contribution portion of benefits for Plan 3 members. Although members can only be a member of either Plan 2 or Plan 3, the defined benefit portions of Plan 2 and Plan 3 are accounted for in the same pension trust fund. All assets of this Plan 2/3 defined benefit plan may legally be used to pay the defined benefits of any of the Plan 2 or Plan 3 members or beneficiaries, as defined by the terms of the plan. Therefore, Plan 2/3 is considered to be a single plan for accounting purposes.

TRS Plan 1 provides retirement, disability and death benefits. TRS 1 members were vested after the completion of five years of eligible service. Retirement benefits are determined as two percent of the average final compensation (AFC), for each year of service credit, up to a maximum of 60 percent, divided by twelve. The AFC is the total earnable compensation for the two consecutive highest-paid fiscal years, divided by two. Members are eligible for retirement at any age after 30 years of service, or at the age of 60 with five years of service, or at the age of 55 with 25 years of service. Other benefits include temporary and permanent disability payments, an optional cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), and a one-time duty-related death benefit, if found eligible by the Department of Labor and Industries.

TRS Plan 2/3 provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as two percent of the average final compensation (AFC) per year of service for Plan 2 members and one percent of AFC for Plan 3 members. The AFC is the monthly average of the 60 consecutive highest-paid service credit months. There is no cap on years of service credit. Members are eligible for normal retirement at the age of 65 with at least five years of service credit. Retirement before age 65 is considered an early retirement. TRS Plan 2/3

members, who have at least 20 years of service credit and are 55 years of age or older, are eligible for early retirement with a reduced benefit.

The benefit is reduced by a factor that varies according to age, for each year before age 65. TRS Plan 2/3 members who have 30 or more years of service credit, were hired prior to May 1, 2013, and are at least 55 years old, can retire under one of two provisions: With a benefit that is reduced by three percent for each year before age 65; or with a benefit that has a smaller (or no) reduction (depending on age) that imposes stricter return-to-work rules.

TRS Plan 2/3 members hired on or after May 1, 2013 have the option to retire early by accepting a reduction of five percent for each year of retirement before age 65. This option is available only to those who are age 55 or older and have at least 30 years of service. TRS Plan 2/3 retirement benefits are also actuarially reduced to reflect the choice of a survivor benefit.

Other benefits include duty and non-duty disability payments, a cost-of-living allowance (based on the Consumer Price Index), capped at three percent annually and a one-time duty-related death benefit, if found eligible by the Department of Labor and Industries.

PERS Plan 1 provides retirement, disability and death benefits. PERS 1 members were vested after the completion of five years of eligible service. Retirement benefits are determined as two percent of the member's average final compensation (AFC) times the member's years of service. The AFC is the average of the member's 24 highest consecutive service months. Members are eligible for retirement from active status at any age with at least 30 years of service, at age 55 with at least 25 years of service, or at age 60 with at least five years of service.

Members retiring from inactive status prior to the age of 65 may receive actuarially reduced benefits. PERS Plan 1 retirement benefits are actuarially reduced to reflect the choice of a survivor benefit. Other benefits include duty and non-duty disability payments, an optional cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), and a one-time duty-related death benefit, if found eligible by the Department of Labor and Industries.

SERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system comprised of two separate plans for membership purposes. SERS Plan 2 is a defined benefit plan and SERS Plan 3 is a defined benefit plan with a defined contribution component. SERS members include classified employees of school districts and educational service districts.

SERS is reported as two separate plans for accounting purposes: Plan 2/3 and Plan 3. Plan 2/3 accounts for the defined benefits of Plan 2 members and the defined benefit portion of benefits for Plan 3 members. Plan 3 accounts for the defined contribution portion of benefits for Plan 3 members.

Although members can only be a member of either Plan 2 or Plan 3, the defined benefit portions of Plan 2 and Plan 3 are accounted for in the same pension trust fund. All assets of this Plan 2/3 defined benefit plan may legally be used to pay the defined benefits of any of the Plan 2 or Plan 3 members or beneficiaries. Therefore, Plan 2/3 is considered to be a single plan for accounting purposes.

SERS provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as two percent of the member's average final compensation (AFC) times the member's years of

service for Plan 2 and one percent of AFC for Plan 3. The AFC is the monthly average of the member's 60 highest-paid consecutive service months before retirement, termination or death. There is no cap on years of service credit. Members are eligible for retirement with a full benefit at 65 with at least five years of service credit. Retirement before age 65 is considered an early retirement. SERS members, who have at least 20 years of service credit and are 55 years of age or older, are eligible for early retirement with a reduced benefit.

The benefit is reduced by a factor that varies according to age, for each year before age 65. SERS members who have 30 or more years of service credit and are at least 55 years old can retire under one of two provisions, if hired prior to May 2, 2013: With a benefit that is reduced by three percent for each year before age 65; or with a benefit that has a smaller (or no) reduction (depending on age) that imposes stricter return-to-work rules.

SERS members hired on or after May 1, 2013, have the option to retire early by accepting a reduction of five percent for each year of retirement before age 65. This option is available only to those who are age 55 or older and have at least 30 years of service. SERS retirement benefits are also actuarially reduced to reflect the choice of a survivor benefit. Other benefits include duty and non-duty disability payments, a cost-of-living allowance (based on the Consumer Price Index), capped at three percent annually and a one-time duty-related death benefit, if found eligible by the Department of Labor and Industries.

Plan Contributions

The employer contribution rates for PERS, TRS, and SERS (Plans 1, 2, and 3) and the TRS and SERS Plan 2 employee contribution rates are established by the Pension Funding Council based upon the rates set by the Legislature. The methods used to determine the contribution requirements are established under chapters 41.34 and 41.40 RCW for PERS, 41.34 and 41.35 RCW for SERS, and 41.32 and 41.34 RCW for TRS. Employers do not contribute to the defined contribution portions of TRS Plan 3 or SERS Plan 3. Under current law the employer must contribute 100 percent of the employer-required contribution. The employee contribution rate for Plan 1 in PERS and TRS is set by statute at six percent and does not vary from year to year.

The Employer and employee contribution rates for the PERS plan are effective as of July 1. SERS and TRS contribution rates are effective as of September 1. The pension plan contribution rates (expressed as a percentage of covered payroll) for 2017 were as follows:

Pension Rates			
	7/1/17 Rate	7/1/16 Rate	
PERS 1			
Member Contribution Rate	6.00%	6.00%	
Employer Contribution Rate	12.70%	11.18%	
Pension Rates			
	9/1/17 Rate	9/1/16 Rate	
TRS 1			
Member Contribution Rate	6.00%	6.00%	
Employer Contribution Rate	15.20%	13.13%	
TRS 2			
Member Contribution Rate	7.06%	5.95%	
Employer Contribution Rate	15.20%	13.13%	
TRS 3			
Member Contribution Rate	varies*	varies*	
Employer Contribution Rate	15.20%	13.13%	**
SERS 2			
Member Contribution Rate	7.27%	5.63%	
Employer Contribution Rate	13.48%	11.58%	
SERS 3			
Member Contribution Rate	varies*	varies*	
Employer Contribution Rate	13.48%	11.58%	**
<i>Note: The DRS administrative rate of .0018 is included in the employer rate.</i>			
* = Variable from 5% to 15% based on rate selected by the member.			
** = Defined benefit portion only.			

The Collective Net Pension Liability

The collective net pension liabilities for the pension plans districts participated in are reported in the following tables.

The Net Pension Liability as of June 30, 2017:				
Dollars in Thousands	PERS 1	SERS 2/3	TRS 1	TRS 2/3
Total Pension Liability	\$12,241,998	\$5,357,035	\$8,782,761	\$13,446,531
Plan fiduciary net position	(\$7,496,920)	(\$4,863,560)	(\$5,759,493)	(\$12,523,588)
Participating employers' net pension liability	\$4,745,078	\$493,475	\$3,023,268	\$922,943
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.24%	90.79%	65.58%	93.14%

The School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (NPL)

At June 30, 2017, the school district reported a total liability of **\$6,264,655** for its proportionate shares of the individual plans' collective net pension liability. Proportion of net pension liability is based on annual contributions for each of the employers participating in the DRS administered plans. At June 30, 2017, the district's proportionate share of each plan's net pension liability is reported below:

June 30, 2017	PERS 1	SERS 2/3	TRS 1	TRS 2/3
District's Annual Contributions	\$92,827	\$129,023	\$448,395	\$474,435
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$732,257	\$470,072	\$3,873,898	\$1,188,428

At June 30, 2017, the school district's percentage of the proportionate share of the collective net pension liability was as follows and the change in the allocation percentage from the prior period is illustrated below.

Allocation percentages	PERS 1	SERS 2/3	TRS 1	TRS 2/3
Current year proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	0.015432%	0.095257%	0.128136%	0.128765%
Prior year proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	0.015326%	0.101156%	0.133772%	0.135085%
Net difference percentage	0.000106%	-0.005899%	-0.005636%	-0.006320%

Actuarial Assumptions

Capital Market Assumptions (CMAs) and expected rates of return by asset class provided by the Washington State Investment Board. The Office of the State Actuary relied on the CMAs in the selection of the long-term expected rate of return for reporting purposes.

The total pension liabilities for TRS 1, TRS 2/3, PERS 1 and SERS 2/3 were determined by actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016, with the results rolled forward to June 30, 2017, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all prior periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0% total economic inflation, 3.75% salary inflation
Salary increases	In addition to the base 3.75% salary inflation assumption, salaries are also expected to grow by promotions and longevity.
Investment rate of return	7.50%

Mortality Rates

Mortality rates used in the plans were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Table and Combined Disabled Table published by the Society of Actuaries. The Office of the State Actuary applied offsets to the base table and recognized future improvements in mortality by projecting

the mortality rates using 100 percent Scale BB. Mortality rates are applied on a generational basis, meaning members are assumed to receive additional mortality improvements in each future year, throughout their lifetime. The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016, valuation were based on the results of the *2007–2012 Experience Study Report and the 2015 Economic Experience Study*. Additional assumptions for subsequent events and law changes are current as of the 2016 actuarial valuation report.

Long-term Expected Rate of Return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which a best-estimate of expected future rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense, but including inflation) are developed for each major asset class by the Washington State Investment Board (WSIB). Those expected returns make up one component of WSIB's CMAs. The CMAs contain three pieces of information for each class of assets the WSIB currently invest in:

- Expected annual return
- Standard deviation of the annual return
- Correlations between the annual returns of each asset class with every other asset class

WSIB uses the CMAs and their target asset allocation to simulate future investment returns over various time horizons.

The long-term expected rate of return of 7.50% percent approximately equals the median of the simulated investment returns over a fifty-year time horizon, increased slightly to remove WSIB's implicit and small short-term downward adjustment due to assumed mean reversion. WSIB's implicit short-term adjustment, while small and appropriate over a ten to fifteen-year period, becomes amplified over a fifty-year measurement period.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plans' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2017, are summarized in the following table:

TRS 1, TRS 2/3, PERS 1, and SERS 2/3		
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed Income	20.00%	1.70%
Tangible Assets	5.00%	4.90%
Real Estate	15.00%	5.80%
Global Equity	37.00%	6.30%
Private Equity	23.00%	9.30%

The inflation component used to create the above table is 2.20 percent, and represents WSIB's most recent long-term estimate of broad economic inflation.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50 percent. To determine the discount rate, an asset sufficiency test was completed to test whether the pension plan's fiduciary net position was sufficient to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Consistent with current law, the completed asset sufficiency test included an assumed 7.70 percent long-term discount rate to determine funding liabilities for calculating future contributions rate requirements. Consistent with the long-term expected rate of return, a 7.50 percent future investment rate of return on invested assets was assumed for the test. Contributions from plan members and employers are assumed to continue to be made at contractually required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members.

Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.50 percent on pension plan investments was applied to determine the total pension liability.

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

The following table presents the Nine Mile Falls School District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability (NPL) calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (6.50 percent) or one percentage-point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate. Amounts are calculated using the school district's specific allocation percentage, by plan, to determine the proportionate share of the collective net pension liability.

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
PERS 1 NPL	\$5,780,412,000	\$4,745,078,000	\$3,848,257,000
Allocation Percentage	0.015432%	0.015432%	0.015432%
Proportionate Share of Collective NPL	\$892,029	\$732,257	\$593,861
SERS 2/3 NPL	\$1,278,921,000	\$493,475,000	(\$153,665,000)
Allocation Percentage	0.095257%	0.095257%	0.095257%
Proportionate Share of Collective NPL	\$1,218,268	\$470,072	(\$146,377)
TRS 1 NPL	\$3,759,368,000	\$3,023,268,000	\$2,386,123,000
Allocation Percentage	0.128136%	0.128136%	0.128136%
Proportionate Share of Collective NPL	\$4,817,108	\$3,873,898	\$3,057,485
TRS 2/3 NPL	\$3,134,647,000	\$922,943,000	(\$873,375,000)
Allocation Percentage	0.128765%	0.128765%	0.128765%
Proportionate Share of Collective NPL	\$4,036,329	\$1,188,428	(\$1,124,602)

NOTE 4: ANNUAL OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT COST AND NET OPEB OBLIGATIONS

The state, through the Health Care Authority (HCA), administers an agent multi-employer other post-employment benefit plan. The Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB), created within the HCA, is authorized to design benefits and determine the terms and conditions of employee and retired employee participation and coverage, including establishment of eligibility criteria for both active and retired employees. Programs include (medical, dental, life insurance and long-term disability insurance).

Employers participating in the plan include the state of Washington (which includes general government agencies and higher education institutions), 60 of the state's K–12 school districts and educational service districts (ESDs), and 221 political subdivisions and tribal governments. Additionally, the PEBB plan is available to the retirees of the remaining 237 K–12 school districts and ESDs. The District's retirees are eligible to participate in the PEBB plan under this arrangement.

According to state law, the Washington State Treasurer collects a fee from all school district entities which have employees that are not current active members of the state Health Care Authority but participate in the state retirement system. The purpose of this fee is to cover the impact of the subsidized rate of health care benefits for school retirees that elect to purchase their health care benefits through the state Health Care Authority. For the fiscal year 2016–17, the District was required to pay the HCA \$64.39 per month per full-time equivalent employee to support the program, for a total payment of \$123,666.63. This assessment to the District is set forth in the state's operating budget and is subject to change on an annual basis. This amount is not actuarially determined and is not placed in a trust to pay the obligations for post-employment health care benefits.

The District has no control over the benefits offered to retirees, the rates charged to retirees, nor the fee paid to the Health Care Authority. The District does not determine its annual required contribution nor the net other post-employment benefit obligation associated with this plan. Accordingly, these amounts are not shown on the financial statements.

NOTE 5: COMMITMENTS UNDER NON-CAPITALIZED (OPERATING) LEASES

For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2017, the only lease obligations or conditional sales contracts the District has are for four (4) copy machines and two (2) postage machines. The copy machines are on a rental type basis, each for a minimum term of sixty (60) months and are located in the District schools. The copier agreements expire on April 16, 2018, July 29, 2019, July 16, 2022 and October 10, 2022 respectively. Current annual lease payments for these copiers total \$19,830.80 including applicable taxes. The agreements may continue month-to-month upon expiration.

The postage machines are leased on a rental type agreement, one with a minimum term of 60 months and one minimum term of 63 months. The total annual payments for the postage machines total \$1,275.33. These lease agreements may be extended on a month-to-month basis after lease expiration.

NOTE 6: OTHER SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is employed in governmental funds. Purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of moneys are recorded in order to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation. Encumbrances lapse at the end of the fiscal year and may be re-encumbered the following year. The following encumbrance amounts were re-encumbered by fund on September 1, 2017:

Fund	Amount
General	\$10,843.13
ASB Fund	\$11,162.74
Capital Projects Fund	\$206,181.91

NOTE 7: REQUIRED DISCLOSURES ABOUT CAPITAL ASSETS

The District's capital assets are insured in the amount of \$79,013,677 for fiscal year 2017. In the opinion of the District's insurance consultant, the amount is sufficient to adequately fund replacement of the District's assets.

On September 20, 2000 a site lease was signed by Nine Mile Falls School District (Landlord) and Voice PCS BTA I Corporation as agent for Cook Inlet/VoiceStream PV/SS PCS, L.P. (Tenant). The lease was for a piece of property owned by Nine Mile Falls School District and was to be utilized for the transmission and reception of radio communication signals and for the construction, maintenance, repair or replacement of related facilities, towers, antennas, microwave dishes, equipment or building, and related activities. The Tenant agreed to pay the Landlord \$1,000 per month. The initial term of the lease was ten years with the right to extend the lease for four additional, five-year terms. If extended, the terms and conditions would remain the same except that rent would be increased by ten percent of the rent paid over the preceding term. The agreement also contained a provision that the District would additionally receive 25% of any add-on rents secured by the tenant.

On September 9, 2016 a First Amendment to Site Lease with Option was signed by Nine Mile Falls School District (Landlord) and T-Mobile West Tower LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company (successor in interest to the Original Tenant). This agreement required the Tenant to pay the Landlord a one-time signing bonus of \$15,000 and increased the rent to \$2,000 per month with the monthly rent continuing to adjust pursuant to the terms of the lease. Per agreement, the District paid Airwave Advisors a fee of \$14,607.24 for negotiating the revision to the contract. The amendment changed the terms of the agreement giving the Tenant the right to extend the lease for six additional terms of five years each. The final renewal term will expire February 17, 2042.

NOTE 8: REQUIRED DISCLOSURES ABOUT LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-Term Debt

Bonds payable at August 31, 2017, are comprised of the following individual issues:

Issue Name	Amount Authorized	Annual Installments	Final Maturity	Interest Rate(s)	Amount Outstanding
General Obligation Bonds					
3/12/08	\$4,350,000	\$90,000-\$765,000	1/1/18	3.500-4.125%	\$95,000
4/20/16	\$6,655,000	\$130,000-\$1,065,000	1/1/27	2.000-4.000%	\$6,525,000
Total General Obligation Bonds					\$6,620,000

Issue Name	Amount Authorized	Annual Installments	Final Maturity	Interest Rate(s)	Amount Outstanding
Limited General Obligation (LGO) Bonds					
5/19/17	\$140,000	\$20,000	6/1/24	2.75%	\$140,000
Total Limited General Obligation (LGO) Bonds					\$140,000

The following is a summary of general obligation long-term debt transactions of the District for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2017:

Long-Term Debt Payable at 9/1/2016	\$7,660,000
New Issues	\$ 140,000
Debt Retired	-\$1,040,000
Long-Term Debt Payable at 8/31/2017	\$6,760,000

The following is a schedule of annual requirements to amortize debt at August 31, 2017:

Years Ending August 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$1,035,000	\$202,178.33	\$1,237,178.33
2019	\$1,085,000	\$174,425.00	\$1,259,425.00
2020	\$ 445,000	\$151,525	\$ 596,525.00
2021	\$ 475,000	\$137,775	\$ 612,775.00
2022	\$ 515,000	\$122,975	\$ 637,975.00
2023-2027	\$3,205,000	\$304,000	\$3,509,000.00
Total	\$6,760,000	\$1,092,878.33	\$7,852,878.33

At August 31, 2017, the District had \$1,078,687.60 available in the Debt Service Fund to service the general obligation bonds.

NOTE 9: ENTITY RISK MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

WORKERS COMPENSATION COOPERATIVE

The Nine Mile Falls School District is a member of the Northeast Washington Workers' Compensation Trust Fund. Membership is established by execution of an agreement between the District and Northeast Washington Educational Service District 101. Chapter 51.14 RCW authorizes the governing body of any one or more governmental entities to form together into or join a pool or organization for the joint purchasing of insurance, and/or joint self-insuring, and/or joint hiring or contracting for risk management services to the same extent that they may individually purchase insurance, self-insure, or hire or contract for risk management services. An agreement to form a Trust arrangement was made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 39.34 RCW, the Interlocal Cooperation Act. The pool was formed on July 1, 1983 when school districts and an educational service district in the State of Washington joined together by signing an Interlocal Governmental Agreement to pool their self-insured losses and jointly purchase insurance and administrative services. As of August 31, 2017, fifty-eight (58) school districts and an educational service district were members of the Trust.

The Trust provides industrial injury accident insurance coverage for its membership. The Trust is fully funded by its member participants. Member contributions are calculated based on the members' hours worked. The Trust retains responsibility for the payment of claims within specified self-insured retention limits prior to the application of coverage provided by its excess insurance contracts. The Trust acquires insurance from unrelated underwriters. The Trust's per-occurrence retention limit is \$450,000.00 and the annual aggregate retention is \$3,671,677.33. Since the Trust is a cooperative program, there is a joint liability among participating members. The financial statements of the Trust may be obtained by contacting Northeast Washington Educational Service District 101.

The pool allows members to establish a plan for the collection of worker's compensation payroll taxes and the payment of associated benefit claims, Department of Labor and Industries assessments, reinsurer, and administrator expenses. Member contributions are made for the districts' benefit in lieu of having to make monthly premium payments to the State of Washington for industrial insurance. This practice enables the districts to pay industrial insurance benefits as they occur and minimizes the districts' costs of the program. Reinsurance is provided at all times by the cooperative to protect its members' liability.

Members of the cooperative contract to remain in the Trust. The term of agreement is a calendar year from January 1 through December 31; and is automatically renewed from year to year unless the District provides written notice to the cooperative's account trustee at least thirty (30) days prior to midnight December 31 of any year. Even after termination a member is still responsible for any unresolved, unreported, and in-process claims for the period they were a signatory to this Interlocal Governmental Agreement. The pool is governed by a board of directors (Cooperative Advisory Board) which is comprised of one designated representative from each participating member district. A seven-member Executive Board is elected by the Cooperative Advisory Board and is responsible for the business affairs of the Trust. The

Cooperative Executive Advisory Board is responsible for, but not limited to, periodic meetings, cooperative membership, administration, cost control, and annual district assessment rates.

In fiscal year 2016-17 the District made payments of \$ 80,678.60 to the industrial insurance pool that is administered by Educational Service District No. 101 on behalf of several local school districts. These funds are operated for the District's benefit in-lieu-of the District having to make monthly premium payments to the State of Washington for industrial insurance beneficiaries as they occur and minimizes the District's cost for the program. The industrial insurance pool is organized so that no member district retains a vested interest. The value of the vested interest in the workers compensation pool does not show on the District's financial statements.

UNEMPLOYMENT COOPERATIVE

Nine Mile School District is a member of the Unemployment Insurance Pool. The Pool is organized pursuant to Title 50.44 RCW for the purpose of managing unemployment compensation payroll taxes and employee claims. Membership is established by execution of an agreement between the NEWESD 101 and each local school district.

The Pool provides unemployment compensation coverage for members of the Pool arising from former employees. The pool is fully funded by its member participants. Member districts pay a percentage of their employee's wages. These contributions plus investment earnings pays for unemployment claims and for the administration of the Pool. There is a provision that members can be additionally assessed if the Pool needs additional funding. In fiscal year 2016-17 the District made payments of \$8,951.89 to the Pool.

For fiscal year 2017, there are 48 school district members in the Pool in addition to the NEWESD 101. A Board comprised of one designated representative from each participating member and a seven-member Executive Board governs the Pool and is responsible for conducting the business affairs of the Pool.

As of August 31, 2017, the amount of claim reserves totaled \$48,411.88. This liability is the District's best estimate based on available information. Changes in the reported liability since August 31, 2017, resulted in the following:

	Beginning Balance 09/01/2016	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimates	Ending Balance 08/31/17
Claims Reserves	\$209,222.20	\$(160,810.32)	\$48,411.88

CASUALTY INSURANCE

Nine Mile Falls School District is a member of United Schools Insurance Program. Chapter 48.62 RCW authorizes the governing body of any one or more governmental entities to form together into or join a program or organization for the joint purchasing of insurance, and/or joint self-insuring, and/or joint hiring or contracting for risk management services to the same extent that they may individually purchase insurance, self-insure, or hire or contract for risk management services. An agreement to form a pooling arrangement was made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 39.34 RCW, the Interlocal Cooperation Act. The program was formed on

September 1, 1985, when 29 school districts in the state of Washington joined together by signing a Joint Purchasing Agreement to pool their self-insured losses and jointly purchase insurance and administrative services. Current membership includes 154 school districts.

The program allows members to jointly purchase insurance coverage and provide related services, such as administration, risk management, claims administration, etc. Coverage for Wrongful Acts Liability and Employee Benefit Liability is on a claims-made basis. All other coverages are on an occurrence basis. The program provides the following forms of group purchased insurance coverage for its members: Property, General Liability, Automotive Liability, Wrongful Acts Liability, and Crime.

Liability insurance is subject to a self-insured retention of \$100,000. Members are responsible for a \$1,000 deductible for each claim (member deductibles may vary), while the program is responsible for the \$100,000 self-insured retention (SIR). Insurance carriers cover insured losses over \$101,000 to the limits of each policy. Since the program is a cooperative program, there is a joint liability among the participating members towards the sharing of the \$100,000 SIR. The program also purchases a stop loss policy with an attachment point of \$994,680, as an additional layer of protection for its members.

Property insurance is subject to a per-occurrence deductible of \$100,000. Members are responsible for a \$1,000 deductible for each claim (Member deductibles may vary), while the program is responsible for the \$100,000 SIR.

Equipment Breakdown insurance is subject to a per-occurrence deductible of \$10,000. Members are responsible for the deductible amount of each claim.

Members contract to remain in the program for a minimum of one year, and must give notice before August 31 to terminate participation the following September 1. The Interlocal Agreement is renewed automatically each year. Even after termination, a member is still responsible for contributions to the program for any unresolved, unreported, and in-process claims for the period they were a signatory to the Joint Purchasing Agreement.

The program is fully funded by its member participants. Claims are filed by members with Clear Risk Solutions, which has been contracted to perform program administration, claims adjustment, and loss prevention for the program. Fees paid to the third-party administrator under this arrangement for the year ending August 31, 2017, were \$1,675,950.37.

A board of directors, consisting of nine members, is selected by the membership from six areas of the state on a staggered term basis and is responsible for conducting the business affairs of the program. The Board of Directors has contracted with Clear Risk Solutions to perform day-to-day administration of the program. This program has no employees.

VISION SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM

On September 20, 2006, the Nine Mile Falls School District Board of Directors authorized the District's participation in an interlocal agreement under RCW 39.34 to participate in a vision self-insurance cooperative for the benefit of all District employees. From this interlocal agreement the Spokane County Vision Consortium-Certificated and Classified Plans was formed between Nine Mile Falls School District, Deer Park School District and Freeman School District to be effective on October 1, 2006. The purpose of this consortium was to provide low cost vision

insurance protection for District employees and to have local control of the insurance benefits provided. An agreement was subsequently made between the consortium and Northwest Administrators, Inc. to provide administrative services to the consortium. Pre-established premiums were deducted from each employee's paycheck and remitted to Northwest Administrators, Inc. which maintained the consortium's financial resources and paid claims.

On November 5, 2012 the District received approval from the State Risk Manager to operate this as a separate self-insurance program, held independently from the other districts. In January 2013, the vision program began a transition to self-insurance plans held independently by each member district, with administrative services provided by Northwest Administrators, Inc. The District established a trust fund to manage and report the assets of the self-insurance program. As of August 31, 2017, the Nine Mile Falls School District Self-Funded Vision Plan had assets of \$45,458.91 with accrued liabilities from claims, administrative fees and commissions of \$ 6,304.03 resulting in net reserves of \$ 39,154.88. The cash balance is composed of premiums paid by employees for their personal benefit, and is not considered an asset of the District. Liabilities are based on the District's best estimate based on available information.

DENTAL SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM

On September 21, 2011 the Board of Directors of the Nine Mile Falls School District directed the District Superintendent to execute a self-insured dental interlocal agreement under RCW 39.34 for the benefit of District employees. This Interlocal Agreement between Nine Mile Falls and Freeman School Districts, effective October 1, 2011, authorized the creation of a Self-Funded Dental Agreement (SFDA) as a joint purchasing agency for the purpose of purchasing dental health care insurance per RCW 28A.400.350(1). This agreement specified the operating and management structure of the cooperative. Union Security Insurance Company through its subsidiary, Assurant Employee Benefits, was designated as third-party administrator for this program.

On November 5, 2012 the District received approval from the State Risk Manager to operate this as a separate self-insurance program, held independently from other districts. The District continued to contract with Union Security Insurance Company through its subsidiary, Assurant Employee Benefits to provide third party administration for this dental self-insurance program.

Pre-established premiums, established by the District Insurance Committee, are paid each month on behalf of each employee. Since the cash balance of this program is composed of premiums paid out of payroll by employees for their personal benefit, the cash balance is not reported in the District's financial statements and are not considered an asset of the District. Accounting transactions for this program are accounted for in the District's trust fund and not considered as part of the District's book balances. As of August 31, 2017, Nine Mile Falls School District's dental insurance assets totaled \$131,007.13 with an accrued total liability balance of \$30,880.68 from claims, administrative fees and commissions resulting in net reserves of \$100,126.45. Liabilities are based on the District's best estimate based on available information.

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST FUND

On August 15, 2012 the Nine Mile Falls School District Board of Directors authorized the establishment of a Trust and Agency Fund (Fund 7) with the Spokane County Treasurer to account for the District's vision and dental self-insurance programs according to Governmental Accounting standards Board (GASB) Cod. Sec. 1100.103c(1) and Sec. 1300 as outlined in the Accounting Manual for Public School Districts in the State of Washington. In September 2012 the District began accounting for the self-insured dental and vision program through this fund. On July 25, 2012 the District submitted a Self-Insured Health and Welfare Benefit Program Application, as required by law, to the state's Department of Enterprise Services-Office of Risk Management to allow the District to provide self-insurance programs to its employees for vision and dental insurance. This application was approved on November 5, 2012.

NOTE 10: PRIOR PERIOD CORRECTIONS

The District has a very minor prior period correction resulting from communication received from the Spokane County Treasurer. The adjustment is to the Employee Benefit Trust fund in the amount of \$.30. The adjustment was done to correct past errors that caused school reports to be out of balance with the Spokane County's general ledger. They were unable to isolate a specific transaction or date in which the reporting error occurred.

NOTE 11: PROPERTY TAXES

Property tax revenues are collected as the result of special levies passed by the voters in the District. Taxes are levied on January 1. The taxpayer has the obligation of paying all taxes on April 30 or one-half then and one-half on October 31. Typically, slightly more than half of the collections are made on the April 30 date. The tax collections occurring after the end of the fiscal period are unavailable for revenue accrual. Therefore, the fall portion of property taxes is not accrued as revenue. Instead, the property taxes due after the end of the fiscal period are recorded as a deferred inflow of resources.

Avista Corporation is currently the top tax payer for Nine Mile Falls School District. Avista Corporation, like the majority of tax payers, pay half the total taxes due twice a year. Avista Corporation paid their second-half taxes in August 2017 (approximately \$93,000). Previously, they paid closer to the October 31st deadline. This revenue was recognized in the 2016-2017 fiscal year as per guidance provided by the Accounting Manual for Public School Districts in the State of Washington.

NOTE 12: JOINT VENTURES AND JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

The District is a member of the King County Director's Association (KCDA). KCDA is a purchasing cooperative designed to pool the member districts' purchasing power. The board authorized the contract with KCDA on January 9, 1992 and has remained in the joint venture ever since. The District's current equity of \$4,552.21 is the accumulation of the annual assignment of KCDA's operating surplus based upon the percentage derived from KCDA's total sales to the District compared to all other districts applied against paid administrative fees. The District may withdraw from the joint venture and will receive its equity in ten annual allocations of merchandise or 15 annual payments.

NOTE 13: FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

The District's financial statements include the following amounts presented in the aggregate.

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Other Trusts
Nonspendable Fund Balance						
Inventory and Prepaid Items	\$62,673					
Restricted Fund Balance						
For Other Items			\$29,416			
For Fund Purpose		\$179,339			\$111	
For Debt Service				\$1,078,688		
Restricted from Bond Proceeds			\$-11,011			
Assigned Fund Balance						
Other Purposes	\$380,120					
Fund Purposes						\$139,281
Prior Year Corrections or Restatements						\$0.30
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$1,387,369					

The Capital Projects Fund's Restricted from Bond Proceeds balance of \$-11,011 is related to the District's LGO and utility rebate funded security and lighting project (Resolution 3-17). The utility rebates are only issued upon project completion. The lighting was not entirely installed as of August 31, 2017 nor were any rebates received by August 31, 2017. Rebates were accrued based on percentage of completion. It is anticipated that all rebates will be received in the 2017-18 school year which will result in a positive change to the Restricted from Bond Proceeds balance.

NOTE 14: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS OTHER THAN PENSION PLANS—BOTH IN SEPARATELY ISSUED PLAN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EMPLOYER STATEMENTS

457 Plan – Deferred Compensation Plan

District employees have the option of participating in a deferred compensation plan as defined in §457 of the Internal Revenue Code that is administered by the state deferred compensation plan, or the District.

403(b) Plan – Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA)

The District offers a tax deferred annuity plan for its employees. The plan permits participants to defer a portion of their salary until future years under two types of deferrals: elective deferrals (employee contribution) and non-elective contribution (employer matching).

The District complies with IRS regulations that require school districts to have a written plan to include participating investment companies, types of investments, loans, transfers, and various requirements. The plan is administered by The Omni Group. The plan assets are assets of the District employees, not the school district, and are therefore not reflected on these financial statements.

NOTE 15: TERMINATION BENEFITS

Compensated Absences

Certificated employees earn sick leave at the rate of 12 days per year up to a maximum of one contract year. Sick leave is prorated according to the fraction of the position for which the person is employed. Classified and non-represented employees earn sick leave at the rate of one (1) day per month worked, up to a maximum of one contract year. The one (1) day is based on the hours of their scheduled shift. For example, if the employee's scheduled shift is 6.5 hours per day, they would earn 6.5 hours of sick leave per month worked.

Under the provisions of RCW 28A.400.210, sick leave accumulated by District employees is reimbursed at death or retirement at the rate of one day for each four days of accrued leave, limited to 180 accrued days. This chapter also provides for an annual buyout of an amount up to the maximum annual accumulation of 12 days. For buyout purposes, employees may accumulate such leave to a maximum of 192 days, including the annual accumulation, as of December 31 of each year.

These expenditures are recorded when paid, except termination sick leave that is accrued upon death, retirement, or upon termination provided the employee is at least 55 years of age and has sufficient years of service. Vested sick leave was computed using the vesting method.

Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325

Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities

For the Year Ended August 31, 2017

Description	Beginning Outstanding Debt September 1, 2016	Amount Issued / Increased	Amount Redeemed / Decreased	Ending Outstanding Debt August 31, 2017	Amount Due Within One Year
Voted Debt					
Voted Bonds	7,660,000.00	0.00	1,040,000.00	6,620,000.00	1,015,000.00
LOCAL Program Proceeds Issued in Lieu of Bonds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Voted Debt and Liabilities					
Non-Voted Bonds	0.00	140,000.00	0.00	140,000.00	20,000.00
LOCAL Program Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Leases	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contracts Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Cancellable Operating Leases	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Claims & Judgements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Compensated Absences	596,023.07	32,273.87	0.00	628,296.94	190,828.56
Long-Term Notes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lines of Credit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Non-Voted Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Liabilities					
Non-Voted Notes Not Recorded as Debt					
Net Pension Liabilities:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Pension Liabilities TRS 1	4,567,281.00	0.00	693,384.00	3,873,897.00	
Net Pension Liabilities TRS 2/3	1,855,113.00	0.00	666,686.00	1,188,427.00	
Net Pension Liabilities SERS 2/3	664,362.00	0.00	194,290.00	470,072.00	
Net Pension Liabilities PERS 1	823,089.00	0.00	90,832.00	732,257.00	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	16,165,868.07	172,273.87	2,685,192.00	13,652,949.94	1,225,828.56

NINE MILE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 325/179

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For the year ending August 31, 2017

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					Expenditures				
Federal Agency Name	Pass Through Agency	Federal Program Title	CFDA Number	Other Identification Number	From Direct Awards	From Pass Through Awards	Total	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Footnote
USDA	WA OSPI	National School Lunch Program: Cash	10.555			\$ 164,821	\$ 164,821		
		National School Lunch Program: Non Cash	10.555			\$ 43,914	\$ 43,914		3
		Subtotal CFDA 10.555					\$ 208,735		
	WA OSPI	School Breakfast Program	10.553			\$ 20,138	\$ 20,138		
		Subtotal Child Nutrition Cluster					\$228,873.27		
			Subtotal US Department of Agriculture			\$ 228,873	\$ 228,873		
U.S. Dept of Ed	WA OSPI	Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	84.010	0202352		\$ 308,385	\$ 308,385		4
	WA OSPI	Special Education Grants to States	84.027	0305737		\$ 273,690	\$ 273,690		4
	WA OSPI	Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	0363734		\$ 9,586	\$ 9,586		
		Subtotal Special Education Cluster					\$ 283,276		
	WA OSPI	Career and Technical Education-Basic Grants to States	84.048	0173733		\$ 10,283	\$ 10,283		4
	WA OSPI	Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	0524138		\$ 49,592	\$ 49,592		4
			Subtotal US Department of Education			\$ 651,536	\$ 651,536		
Inst. Museum and Library Services	WA SEC.	Grants to States	45.310	IG 5551		\$ 5,825	\$ 5,825		
	OF STATE								
			Subtotal Institute of Museum and Library Services			\$ 5,825	\$ 5,825		
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDED						\$ 886,234	\$ 886,234		

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Note 1-BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is prepared on the same basis of accounting as Nine Mile Falls School District's financial statements. The Nine Mile Falls School District uses the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures represent only the federally funded portions of the program. District records should be consulted to determine amounts expended or matched from non-federal sources.

Note 2-PROGRAM COSTS/MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

The amounts shown as current year expenses represent only the federal grant portion of the program costs. Entire program costs, including Nine Mile Falls School District's local matching share, may be more than shown. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable either the cost principals in the OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principals for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments, or the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Note 3-NON CASH AWARDS-FOOD COMMODITIES

The amount of food commodities reported on the schedule is the value of commodities distributed by Nine Mile Falls School District during the current year and priced as prescribed by USDA.

Note 4-FEDERAL INDIRECT RATE-(Restricted)

The Nine Mile Falls School District used the federal restricted rate of **2.91** percent. The Nine Mile Falls School District has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR FINDINGS REPORTED UNDER UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179

Spokane County

September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017

This schedule presents the corrective action planned by the District for findings reported in this report in accordance with Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

Finding ref number: 2017-001	Finding caption: The District did not have adequate internal controls to ensure compliance with verification requirements.
Name, address, and telephone of School District contact person: Stephanie Hance, Director of Business Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179 10110 W. Charles Road Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026	
Corrective action the auditee plans to take in response to the finding: <i>The Director of Business will annually audit the accuracy of the program eligibility review by analyzing the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>The Sampling Method – The sampling method will be reviewed ensuring that the correct method was selected based on federal guidelines.</i><i>The Review Process – the analysis of the error prone applications will be thoroughly audited looking for timely household income support, for wage verification that is clearly identifiable, and proper handling of benefit status change when applicable.</i>	

In addition, the Director of Business will ensure that the Food Service Director has the adequate training needed to properly adhere to USDA and/or OSPI regulations in regards to verification requirements.

Anticipated date to complete the corrective action:

5/7/18 – A formal review has already been conducted by the Director of Business on the 17/18 Family Income Verification Process. This will become a permanent part of the District's internal control process.

**Finding ref
number:**
2017-002

Finding caption:

The District's internal controls were not adequate to ensure its compliance with Title I grant requirements for graduation rate reporting.

Name, address, and telephone of School District contact person:

Stephanie Hance, Director of Business
Nine Mile Falls School District No. 325/179
10110 W. Charles Road
Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026

Corrective action the auditee plans to take in response to the finding:

The Director of Business will ensure the following:

- *That training is offered to appropriate personnel to ensure that they understand the grant requirements and the Secretary of State's records retention requirements.*
- *That controls are established that results with the District keeping current homeschool forms and foreign exchange applications for all students reported as transferred out.*

Anticipated date to complete the corrective action: 6/15/18

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