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Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit Report

Ferndale School District No. 502

Whatcom County

For the period September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014

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Board of Directors
Ferndale School District No. 502
Ferndale, Washington

Report on Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit

Please find attached our report on Ferndale School District No. 502'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 black ink, reading "Jan M. Jutte".

JAN M. JUTTE, CPA, CGFM
ACTING STATE AUDITOR
OLYMPIA, WA

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FEDERAL SUMMARY

Ferndale School District No. 502 Whatcom County September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014

The results of our audit of Ferndale School District No. 502 are summarized below in accordance with U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133.

Financial Statements

An unmodified opinion was issued on the financial statements.

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 no 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 no findings that are required to be disclosed under section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133.

Identification of Major Programs:

The following were major programs during the period under audit:

<u>CFDA No.</u>	<u>Program Title</u>
84.010	Title I, Part A Cluster - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies
84.041	Impact Aid Cluster - Impact Aid (Title VIII of ESEA)

The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs, as prescribed by OMB Circular A-133, was \$300,000.

The District qualified as a low-risk auditee under OMB Circular A-133.

**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**

**Ferndale School District No. 502
Whatcom County
September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014**

Board of Directors
Ferndale School District No. 502
Ferndale, 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 Ferndale School District No. 502, Whatcom County, Washington, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 15, 2015. As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, during the year ended August 31, 2014, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*.

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.



JAN M. JUTTE, CPA, CGFM

ACTING STATE AUDITOR

OLYMPIA, WA

May 15, 2015

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR
EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL
CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB
CIRCULAR A-133**

**Ferndale School District No. 502
Whatcom County
September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014**

Board of Directors
Ferndale School District No. 502
Ferndale, Washington

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

We have audited the compliance of Ferndale School District No. 502, Whatcom County, Washington, with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. *Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2014. The District's major federal programs are identified in the accompanying Federal Summary.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of 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 OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program

occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about 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, 2014.

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 OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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 OMB Circular A-133. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan M. Jutte", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JAN M. JUTTE, CPA, CGFM

ACTING STATE AUDITOR

OLYMPIA, WA

May 15, 2015

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Ferndale School District No. 502 Whatcom County September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014

Board of Directors
Ferndale School District No. 502
Ferndale, Washington

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Ferndale School District No. 502, Whatcom County, Washington, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, as listed on page 14.

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 an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 Ferndale School District No. 502, as of August 31, 2014, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Unmodified Opinions on the Governmental and Fiduciary Funds Based on U.S. GAAP

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the General, ASB, Debt Service, Capital Project, Transportation Vehicle and Fiduciary funds as of August 31, 2014, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Matters of Emphasis

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the District adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

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 accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. The accompanying Schedules of Long-Term Liabilities are also 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 15, 2015 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.



JAN M. JUTTE, CPA, CGFM
ACTING STATE AUDITOR
OLYMPIA, WA

May 15, 2015

FINANCIAL SECTION

Ferndale School District No. 502
Whatcom County
September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

August 31, 2014

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
ASSETS:							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,948,741.80	48,084.59	4,998.50	76,951.24	0.00	0.00	2,078,776.13
Minus Warrants Outstanding	-1,908,255.58	-829.59	0.00	-75,802.68	0.00	0.00	-1,984,887.85
Taxes Receivable	6,211,181.63		1,631,609.65	342,316.76	0.00		8,185,108.04
Due From Other Funds	4,268.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,268.01
Due From Other Governmental Units	264,354.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	264,354.88
Accounts Receivable	16,357.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,357.07
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	13,316.06	2,447.19					15,763.25
Prepaid Items	511,066.45	926.12		0.00	0.00	0.00	511,992.57
Investments	6,186,116.23	476,752.21	1,887,679.03	3,153,314.95	268,327.97	0.00	11,972,190.39
Investments/Cash With Trustee	300,368.70		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300,368.70
Investments-Deferred Compensation	0.00			0.00			0.00
Self-Insurance Security Deposit	0.00						0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	13,547,515.25	527,380.52	3,524,287.18	3,496,780.27	268,327.97	0.00	21,364,291.19
LIABILITIES:							
Accounts Payable	821,350.25	379.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	821,729.32
Contracts Payable Current	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accrued Interest Payable			0.00				0.00
Accrued Salaries	7,812.00	0.00		0.00			7,812.00
Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Payroll Deductions and Taxes Payable	9,410.75	0.00		0.00			9,410.75
Due To Other Governmental Units	3,272.40	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	3,272.40
Deferred Compensation Payable	0.00			0.00			0.00
Estimated Employee Benefits Payable	180,081.82						180,081.82
Due To Other Funds	0.00	4,268.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,268.01

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

Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

August 31, 2014

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
LIABILITIES:							
Interfund Loans Payable	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Deposits	0.00	0.00		0.00			0.00
Unearned Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
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	1,021,927.22	4,647.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,026,574.30
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:							
Unavailable Revenue	25,897.83	97,114.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	123,011.83
Unavailable Revenue - Taxes Receivable	6,211,181.63		1,631,609.65	342,316.76	0.00		8,185,108.04
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	6,237,079.46	97,114.00	1,631,609.65	342,316.76	0.00	0.00	8,308,119.87
FUND BALANCE:							
Nonspendable Fund Balance	524,382.51	3,373.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	527,755.82
Restricted Fund Balance	218,391.26	422,246.13	1,892,677.53	52,079.00	268,327.97	0.00	2,853,721.89
Committed Fund Balance	300,368.70	0.00	0.00	89,359.01	0.00	0.00	389,727.71
Assigned Fund Balance	3,245,366.10	0.00	0.00	3,013,025.50	0.00	0.00	6,258,391.60
Unassigned Fund Balance	2,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000,000.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	6,288,508.57	425,619.44	1,892,677.53	3,154,463.51	268,327.97	0.00	12,029,597.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE	13,547,515.25	527,380.52	3,524,287.18	3,496,780.27	268,327.97	0.00	21,364,291.19

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

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended August 31, 2014

	General Fund	Abbot Fund	Capital Fund	Transportation Fund	Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
REVENUES:							
Local	13,376,762.59	569,666.82	3,454,461.58	775,569.04	298.29		18,176,758.32
State	34,409,775.25		0.00	0.00	248,439.64		34,658,214.89
Federal	3,956,904.54		0.00	0.00	0.00		3,956,904.54
Federal Stimulus	0.00						0.00
Other	87,017.26			0.00	0.00	0.00	87,017.26
TOTAL REVENUES	51,830,459.64	569,666.82	3,454,461.58	775,569.04	248,737.93	0.00	56,878,895.01
EXPENDITURES:							
CURRENT:							
Regular Instruction	29,009,246.09						29,009,246.09
Federal Stimulus	0.00						0.00
Special Education	7,524,585.75						7,524,585.75
Vocational Education	1,859,598.35						1,859,598.35
Skill Center	0.00						0.00
Compensatory Programs	2,995,165.32						2,995,165.32
Other Instructional Programs	248,931.84						248,931.84
Community Services	14,309.30						14,309.30
Support Services	10,386,409.10						10,386,409.10
Student Activities/Other		555,241.14				0.00	555,241.14
CAPITAL OUTLAY:							
Sites				0.00			0.00
Building				1,381,548.19			1,381,548.19
Equipment				398,621.38			398,621.38
Instructional Technology				0.00			0.00
Energy				52,719.50			52,719.50
Transportation Equipment					0.00		0.00
Sales and Lease				0.00			0.00
Other	228,575.23						228,575.23
DEBT SERVICE:							
Principal	0.00		2,215,000.00	46,017.92	164,779.61		2,425,797.53
Interest and Other Charges	0.00		1,085,413.75	1,107.38	16,012.14		1,102,533.27
Bond/Levy Issuance				0.00	0.00		0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	52,266,820.98	555,241.14	3,300,413.75	1,880,014.37	180,791.75	0.00	58,183,281.99

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

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended August 31, 2014

	Fund	General Fund	Debt ASB Fund	Capital service Fund	Transportation Projects Fund	Vehicle Fund	Permanent Total
DEBT SERVICE:							
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		-436,361.34	14,425.68	154,047.83	-1,104,445.33	67,946.18	0.00 -1,304,386.98
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
Bond Sales & Refunding Bond Sales		0.00		0.00	0.00	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		3,989.98		0.00	0.00	3,552.80	7,542.78
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		3,989.98		0.00	0.00	3,552.80	0.00 7,542.78
EXCESS OF REVENUES/OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES		-432,371.36	14,425.68	154,047.83	-1,104,445.33	71,498.98	0.00 -1,296,844.20
BEGINNING TOTAL FUND BALANCE		6,461,860.55	411,193.76	1,738,629.70	4,258,908.84	196,828.99	0.00 13,067,421.84
Prior Year(s) Corrections or Restatements		259,019.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 259,019.38
ENDING TOTAL FUND BALANCE		6,288,508.57	425,619.44	1,892,677.53	3,154,463.51	268,327.97	0.00 12,029,597.02

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

Statement Of Fiduciary Net Position

Fiduciary Funds

August 31, 2014

	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	19.53	0.00
Minus Warrants Outstanding	-19.53	0.00
Due From Other Funds	0.00	0.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00
Accrued Interest Receivable	0.00	0.00
Investments	1,345.69	0.00
Investments/Cash With Trustee	0.00	0.00
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	1,345.69	0.00
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
Due To Other Funds	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00
NET POSITION:		
Held in trust for:		
Restricted for Other Items	0.00	0.00
Restricted for Self Insurance		0.00
Restricted for Uninsured Risks		0.00
Nonspendable -- Trust Principal	0.00	0.00
Committed to Other Purposes	0.00	0.00
Held In Trust For Private Purposes	1,345.69	
Assigned to Fund Purposes	0.00	0.00
Held In Trust For Pension And Other Employee Benefits		0.00
Unassigned Fund Balance		0.00
TOTAL NET POSITION	1,345.69	0.00

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

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

Fiduciary Funds

For the Year Ended August 31, 2014

	Private Purpose Trust	Other Trust
ADDITIONS:		
Contributions:		
Private Donations	1,130.00	0.00
Employer		0.00
Members		0.00
Other	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	1,130.00	0.00
Investment Income:		
Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value	0.00	0.00
Interest and Dividends	7.41	0.00
Less Investment Expenses	0.00	0.00
Net Investment Income	7.41	0.00
Other Additions:		
Rent or Lease Revenue	0.00	0.00
Total Other Additions	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONS	1,137.41	0.00
DEDUCTIONS:		
Benefits		0.00
Refund of Contributions	0.00	0.00
Administrative Expenses	0.00	0.00
Scholarships	779.40	
Other	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	779.40	0.00
Net Increase (Decrease)	358.01	0.00
Net Position--Beginning	987.68	0.00
Prior Year(s) Corrections or Restatements	0.00	0.00
NET POSITION--ENDING	1,345.69	0.00

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

Ferndale School District No. 502

Notes to the Financial Statements

September 1, 2013 Through August 31, 2014

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Ferndale 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.

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 principle 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.

Permanent Funds

These funds are used to report resources that are legally restricted such that only earnings, and not principal, may be expended. Amounts in the Permanent Fund may only be spent in support of the District's programs and may not be used to the benefit of any individual.

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.

Private-Purpose Trust Fund

This fund is used to account for resources that are legally held in trust by the District. The trust agreement details whether principal and interest may both be spent, or whether only interest may be spent. Money from a Private-Purpose Trust Fund may not be used to support the District's programs, and may be used to benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

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.

Agency Funds

These funds are used to account for assets that the District holds on behalf of others in a purely custodial capacity.

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. Property taxes receivable are measurable but not available and are, therefore, not accrued. Categorical program claims and interdistrict billings are measurable and available and are, therefore, accrued.

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 and Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services 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.

Accounting and Reporting Changes for 2013–2014

Effective for the 2013-2014 school year, the district implemented provisions of GASB Statement No. 65 Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities. As a result, deferred property taxes were reclassified from liabilities to deferred inflows of resources.

NOTE 2: CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

The Whatcom 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.

All of the District's investments (except for investments of deferred compensation plans) during the year and at year-end were insured or registered and held by the District or its agent in the District's name.

The District's investments as of August 31, 2014, are as follows:

	Number of Securities	Carrying Amount	Market Value
County Treasurer's Investment Pool	6	\$11,973,536	\$11,973,536
Total Investments	6	\$11,973,536	\$11,973,536

NOTE 3: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Litigation

The District has no known legal obligations that would materially impact the financial position of the District.

Arbitrage Rebate

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 requires the District to rebate the earnings on the investment of bond and revenue anticipation note proceeds, in excess of their yield, to the federal government. This requirement is effective for the District's 2006 bond issue(s) after September 1, 1986, currently totaling \$27,730,000 million as of August 31. Of the rebate, 90 percent is due and payable five years from the date bonds were issued and at five-year intervals thereafter. The remaining 10 percent is payable 60 days after they are retired. Because positive arbitrage can be offset against negative arbitrage, the rebatable amount fluctuates each year and may or may not be owed at the payment intervals. Because of the uncertainty of having to make this payment, the District is contingently liable for arbitrage rebate currently computed to a total of (\$161,449.57) as of August 31, 2014.

NOTE 4: SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The district began construction last spring on a new communications center that will house its network infrastructure and serve as an emergency communication center. This project went to bid on February 20, 2014. The work consisted of constructing a 1,634sf single story communications center building including mechanical, electrical and related site work. It was completed in time to be fully operational for the 2014-2015 school year and provides the district with much greater network reliability.

The Board determined that Mountain View Elementary would be closed at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. The capacity for this move is created by moving the 6th grade out of the elementary schools and into the middle schools. There is enough capacity in the middle schools to easily accommodate the transfer of the 6th graders. This combination of moves will allow for both cost savings by reducing the overhead and repair costs associated with an old facility, as well as improve the academic program at the middle schools.

North Bellingham Elementary was closed at the end of the 2009-2010 school year due to the high risk of a catastrophic failure of the 1938 structure in a low level seismic event. It has subsequently been repurposed as the districts alternative high school site without using the 1938 building.

NOTE 5: ANNUAL PENSION COST AND NET PENSION OBLIGATIONS

A. General Information

Substantially all 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 the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS): Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and School Employees' Retirement System (SERS). Participation in the programs was as follows:

Membership by retirement system program as of June 30, 2012:

Program	Active Members	Inactive Vested Members	Retired Members
TRS	65,357	9,545	42,918
PERS	150,590	30,515	82,242
SERS	51,558	10,920	7,651

Membership by retirement system program as of June 30, 2013:

Program	Active Members	Inactive Vested Members	Retired Members
TRS	65,935	9,823	44,220
PERS	150,706	31,047	85,328
SERS	52,295	11,588	9,079

Data is as of last actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2013.

Certificated public employees are members of TRS. Noncertificated public 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. Plan 1 members are eligible to retire with full benefits after five years of credited service and attainment of age 60, after 25 years of credited service and attainment of age 55, or after 30 years of credited service.

Plan 2 under the TRS or SERS programs are defined benefit pension plans whose members joined on or after October 1, 1977, but before June 30, 1996 or August 31, 2000, for TRS or SERS programs, respectively. Members of TRS and SERS are eligible to retire with full benefits after five years of credited service and attainment of age 65, after 20 years of credited service and attainment of age 55 with the benefit actuarially reduced from age 65, or 30 years of credited service and receive either a reduced benefit or stricter return-to-work rules.

Plan 3 under the TRS and SERS programs are defined benefit, defined contribution pension plans whose members joined on or after July 1, 1996, or September 1, 2000, for TRS and SERS, respectively. Members are eligible to retire with full benefits at age 65, or they may retire at age 55 with at least ten service years with a reduced benefit amount, or they may retire at age 55 with at least 30 service years and receive either a reduced benefit or stricter return-to-work rules.

Average final compensation (AFC) of Plan 1 TRS and PERS members is the highest average salary during any two consecutive years. For Plan 2 and Plan 3 TRS and SERS members, it is the highest average salary during any five consecutive years.

The retirement allowance of Plan 1 TRS and PERS members is the AFC multiplied by 2 percent per year of service capped at 60 percent with a cost-of-living adjustment. For Plan 2 TRS and SERS members, it is the AFC multiplied by 2 percent per year of service with provision for a cost-of-living adjustment. For the defined benefit portion of Plan 3 TRS and SERS it is the AFC multiplied by 1 percent per year of service with a cost-of-living adjustment.

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 employee contribution rate for Plan 1 in PERS and TRS is set by statute at 6 percent and does not vary from year to year. The employer rate is the same for all plans in a system. The methods used to determine the contribution requirements are established under chapters 41.40, 41.32, and 41.35 RCW for PERS, TRS and SERS respectively.

The district contribution represents its full liability under both systems, except that future rates may be adjusted to meet the system needs.

B. Contributions

Employee contribution rates effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014:

Plan 1 TRS	6.00%	Plan 1 PERS	6.00%
Plan 2 TRS	4.96%	Plan 2 SERS	4.64%
Plan 3 TRS and SERS	5.00% (minimum), 15.00% (maximum)		

For Plan 3 TRS and SERS, rates adjusted based upon age may be chosen. The optional rates range begins at 5 percent and increase to a maximum of 15 percent.

Employer contribution rates effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014:

Plan 1 TRS	10.39%	Plan 1 PERS	9.21%
Plan 2 TRS	10.39%	Plan 2 SERS	9.82%
Plan 3 TRS	10.39%	Plan 3 SERS	9.82%

Under current law the employer must contribute 100 percent of the employer-required contribution. Employer required contributions in dollars (Participant information for all plans is as of August 31):

Plan	FY 13-14	FY 12-13	FY 11-12
Plan 1 TRS	\$150,838.36	\$136,980.83	\$144,217.29
Plan 2 TRS	\$153,154.11	\$99,963.04	\$99,241.51
Plan 3 TRS	\$1,933,332.91	\$1,446,291.27	\$1,396,031.53
Plan 1 PERS	\$17,918.17	\$18,238.28	\$18,828.17
Plan 2 SERS	\$214,728.59	\$161,598.67	\$145,656.69
Plan 3 SERS	\$482,817.73	\$360,559.67	\$366,372.97

Historical trend information showing TRS, PERS and SERS progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the state of Washington's June 30, 2013, comprehensive annual financial report. Refer to this report for detailed trend information. It is available from:

State of Washington
Office of Financial Management
300 Insurance Building
PO BOX 43113
Olympia, WA 98504-3113

NOTE 6: 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), 57 of the state's K-12 school districts and educational service districts (ESDs), and 206 political subdivisions and tribal governments. Additionally, the PEBB plan is available to the retirees of the remaining 247 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 2013-14, the District was required to pay the HCA \$66.64 per month per full-time equivalent employee to support the program, for a total payment of \$367,769.72. 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. This is a departure from GAAP.

NOTE 7: COMMITMENTS UNDER NONCAPITALIZED (OPERATING) LEASES

For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2014, the District had incurred additional long-term debt as follows:

Lessor	Amount	Annual Installment	Final Installment Date	Interest Rate	Balance
Lease-Purchase Commitments					
TVF – Midwest Bus Lease	\$505,451.40	\$68,759.00	4/28/2015	4.481%	\$188,281.00
TVF – Traxis Financial Group	\$512,453.03	\$112,032.75	9/22/2013	4.660%	\$0.00
CPF - FHS Upgrade	\$134,136.90	\$47,125.30	5/15/2014	3.200%	\$0.00
Total Lease-Purchase Commitments					\$188,281.00

NOTE 8: REQUIRED DISCLOSURES ABOUT CAPITAL ASSETS

The District's capital assets are insured in the amount of \$219,892,662 for fiscal year 2014. In the opinion of the District's insurance consultant, the amount is sufficient to adequately fund replacement of the District's assets.

NOTE 9: REQUIRED DISCLOSURES ABOUT LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-Term Debt

Bonds payable at August 31, 2014, are comprised of the following individual issues:

Issue Name	Amount Authorize	Annual Installments	Final Maturity	Interest Rate(s)	Amount Outstanding
General Obligation Bonds					
Series 2006 GO	\$41,265,000	\$220,000-2,710,000	12/1/2018	4.50%-5.00%	\$9,925,000
Series 2012 GO	\$9,240,000	\$100,000-3,880,000	12/1/2022	3.375%-3.00%	\$9,040,000
Series 2013 GO	\$8,880,000	\$50,000-3,170,000	12/1/2020	0.80%-4.00%	\$8,765,000
Total General Obligation Bonds					\$27,730,000

The following is a summary of general obligation long-term debt transactions of the District for the fiscal year(s) ended August 31, 2014:

Long-Term Debt Payable at 9/1/2013	\$29,945,000
New Issues	\$0
Debt Retired	\$2,215,000
Long-Term Debt Payable at 8/31/2014	\$27,730,000

The following is a schedule of annual requirements to amortize debt at August 31, 2014:

Years Ending August 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	\$2,305,000	\$976,680	\$3,281,680
2016	\$2,485,000	\$862,135	\$3,347,135
2017	\$2,665,000	\$741,845	\$3,406,845
2018	\$2,910,000	\$611,275	\$3,521,275
2019	\$3,070,000	\$480,338	\$3,550,338
2020-2023	\$14,295,000	\$875,125	\$15,170,125
Total	\$27,730,000	\$4,547,398	\$32,277,398

At August 31, 2014, the District had \$1,892,678 available in the Debt Service Fund to service the general obligation bonds.

NOTE 10: 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.

In September 1995, the District joined together with other school districts in the state to form Schools Insurance Association of Washington (SIAW), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for risk management, claims administration, etc. The District pays an annual premium to the pool for its general insurance coverage. The agreement for formation of the SIAW provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial companies for claims in excess of \$102,500 for each insured event.

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 October 31 collection is not available in time to cover liabilities for the fiscal period ended August 31. Therefore, the fall portion of property taxes is not accrued as revenue. Instead, the property taxes due on October 31 are recorded as deferred revenue.

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 joining the association by passing a Resolution dated April 15, 1974, and has remained in the joint venture ever since. The District's current equity of \$49,740.37 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
Nonspendable Fund Balance					
Inventory and Prepaid Items	\$524,383	\$3,373			
Restricted Fund Balance					
Carryover of Restricted Revenues	\$148,391	\$422,246			\$268,328
Debt Service				\$1,892,678	
Arbitrage Rebate			\$41,829		
Uninsured Risks	\$70,000				
Other Items			\$10,250		
Committed Fund Balance					
Minimum Fund Balance Policy					
Other Commitments	\$300,369		\$89,359		
Assigned Fund Balance					
Contingencies	\$1,049,998				
Other Capital Projects					
Other Purposes	\$2,195,369				
Fund Purposes			\$3,013,026		
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$2,000,000				

In addition, the Capital Projects Fund has the following amounts in Restricted and Committed Fund Balance, based on the source of the revenues:

Restricted from Bond Proceeds	
Committed from Levy Proceeds	\$89,359
Restricted from State Proceeds	
Restricted from Federal Proceeds	
Restricted from Other Proceeds	
Restricted from Impact Fee Proceeds	\$10,250
Restricted from Mitigation Fee Proceeds	
Restricted from Undistributed Proceeds	

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 elective deferrals (employee contribution).

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 TSA Consulting Group, Inc. 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

Employees earn sick leave at a rate of 12 days per year up to a maximum of one contract year.

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 buy out 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 termination payment method.

Vacation pay, including benefits, that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as expenditures and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it.

The District entered into an agreement to participate in the NWESD 189 Compensated Absences Liability Pool effective September 1, 2006. The Pool allows member districts to accumulate funds for payments of accrued sick and/or annual leave due to annual cash out, long-term medical leave, retirement and/or death of employees.

Payroll contributions are made to the Pool at the time leave is earned to reserve assets for expenditures related to sick leave and vacation leave buy out at retirement and certain other

instances. In fiscal year ending August 31, 2014, the District made payments totaling \$41,349.32 to the NWESD 189 Compensated Absences Liability Pool. After disbursements made from the pool, a balance of \$300,368.70 is available to fund the district's compensated absence liability reflected on the schedule of long term debt included in the financial statements.

Due to recent rulings made by the Washington State Auditor's Office, the Ferndale School District stopped making contributions to the Pool effective April 2014.

Ferndale School District No. 502
Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities: GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended August 31, 2014

Description	Beginning Outstanding Debt September 1,				Amount Redeemed /			Ending Outstanding Debt		Amount Due	
	2013	Amount Issued /	Increased	Decreased	August 31, 2014	Within One Year					
Non-Voted Debt and Liabilities											
Capital Leases	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contracts Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Cancellable Operating Leases	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Claims & Judgements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Compensated Absences	1,172,681.89	12,690.76	0.00	0.00	1,185,372.65	98,187.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Long-Term Notes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lines of Credit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Non-Voted Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Liabilities											
Non-Voted Notes Not Recorded as Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	1,172,681.89	12,690.76	0.00	0.00	1,185,372.65	98,187.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities: DEBT SERVICE FUND

For the Year Ended August 31, 2014

Description	Beginning Outstanding Debt September 1, 2013	Amount Issued / Increased		Amount Redeemed / Decreased		Ending Outstanding Debt August 31, 2014	Amount Due Within One Year
Voted Debt							
Voted Bonds	29,945,000.00		0.00	2,215,000.00	27,730,000.00	2,305,000.00	
LOCAL Program Proceeds Issued in Lieu of Bonds	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Voted Debt							
Non-Voted Bonds	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LOCAL Program Proceeds	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	29,945,000.00		0.00	2,215,000.00	27,730,000.00	2,305,000.00	

Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities: CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

For the Year Ended August 31, 2014

Description	Beginning Outstanding Debt September 1, 2013	Amount Issued / Increased	Amount Redeemed / Decreased	Ending Outstanding Debt, August 31, 2014	Amount Due Within One Year
Non-Voted Debt and Liabilities					
Capital Leases	46,017.89	0.00	46,017.89	0.00	0.00
Contracts Payable	41,829.00	0.00	0.00	41,829.00	0.00
Claims & Judgements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Compensated Absences	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	87,846.89	0.00	46,017.89	41,829.00	0.00

Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities: TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE FUND

For the Year Ended August 31, 2014

Description	Beginning Outstanding Debt September 1, 2013	Amount Issued / Increased		Amount Redeemed / Decreased		Ending Outstanding Debt August 31, 2014	Amount Due Within One Year
Non-Voted Debt and Liabilities							
Capital Leases	353,061.62		0.00	164,780.62	188,281.00	188,281.00	
Contracts Payable	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Long-Term Notes	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lines of Credit	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Non-Voted Debt	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Liabilities							
Non-Voted Notes Not Recorded as Debt	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	353,061.62		0.00	164,780.62	188,281.00	188,281.00	

Ferndale School District - Whatcom County
Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards for FY August 31, 2014

Federal Catalog Number	Other Identification Number	Federal Agency Name	Federal Program Title	Pass Thru Agency	Pass Thru Amount	Direct Fund Amount	Total Funds Expended	Foot Note
10.553	37-502	Dept of Ag - Food and Nutrition Services	School Breakfast Program	WA OSPI	\$178,957		\$178,957	
10.555	37-502	Dept of Ag - Food and Nutrition Services	Natl School Lunch Program (A) (cash assistance)	WA OSPI	\$712,957		\$712,957	
10.555	37-502	Dept of Ag - Food and Nutrition Services	Natl School Lunch Program (A) (non-cash assistance/commodities)	WA OSPI	\$103,333		\$103,333	2
10.665	37-502	Dept of Ag - Forest Services	Schools and Roads - Grants to States	WA State Treasurer	\$91,664		\$91,664	
			Dept of Agriculture Subtotal		\$1,086,911		\$1,086,911	
84.010A	0201508	Dept of Ed - Office of Elem and Sec Ed	Title 1 Grants to LEAs	WA OSPI	\$911,371		\$911,371	3
84.010A	0224515	Dept of Ed - Office of Elem and Sec Ed	Title 1 Grants to LEAs	WA OSPI	\$14,153		\$14,153	3
84.027A	0304764	Dept of Ed - Office of Spec Ed and Rehab Svc	Special Ed - Grants to States	WA OSPI	\$947,250		\$947,250	
84.027A	0337625	Dept of Ed - Office of Spec Ed and Rehab Svc	Special Ed - Grants to States	WA OSPI	\$2,052		\$2,052	
84.041	S041B-T1&145371	Dept of Ed - Office of Elem and Sec Ed	Impact Aid			\$322,155	\$322,155	
84.048	0173042	Dept of Ed - Office of VOC and Adult Ed	Career and Technical Education Grants to States	WA OSPI	\$66,502		\$66,502	3
84.060A	S060A131111	Dept of Ed - Office of Indian Ed	Indian Ed Grants to Local Ed Agencies			\$103,336	\$103,336	3
84.173A	0364771	Dept of Ed - Office of Spec Ed and Rehab Svc	Special Ed - Preschool Grants	WA OSPI	\$34,825		\$34,825	
84.196A	0455083	Dept of Ed - Office of Elem and Sec Ed	Education for Homeless Children and Youth	WA OSPI	\$38,698		\$38,698	3
84.365A	0401856	Dept of Ed - Office of English Language Acq	English Language Acquisition Grants	WA OSPI	\$53,127		\$53,127	4
84.367A	0523302	Dept of Ed - Office of Elem and Sec Ed	Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	WA OSPI	\$254,916		\$254,916	3
			Dept of Education Subtotal		\$2,322,893	\$425,491	\$2,748,384	
16.684	2011-GW-AX-K003	Office on Violence Against Women	Supporting Teens Through Education and Protection Act of 2005			\$120,945	\$120,945	3
			US Dept of Justice Subtotal		\$0	\$120,945	\$120,945	
			Totals		\$3,409,804	\$546,435	\$3,956,239	

The Accompanying Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are an Integral Part of this Schedule

2013-2014
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
Ferndale School District #502

NOTE 1—BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is prepared on the same basis of accounting as the Ferndale School District's financial statements. The Ferndale 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—NONCASH AWARDS

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

NOTE 3—FEDERAL INDIRECT RATE

The Ferndale School District claimed indirect costs using its federal restricted rate of 3.66% and unrestricted rate of 14.7%.

NOTE 4—FEDERAL INDIRECT RATE

The Ferndale School District claimed indirect costs using its federal restricted rate cap of 2.00% for the English Language Acquisition federal grant.

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