



# **HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2011  
(Including Independent Auditor's Reports)**



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Members of the General Assembly  
Members of the State Board of Education  
and  
Superintendent and Members of the  
Hall County Board of Education

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMBINED REPORT ON BASIC FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - SCHEDULE OF  
EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information (Exhibits A through H) of the Hall County Board of Education, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Hall County Board of Education's management. 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hall County Board of Education, as of June 30, 2011, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

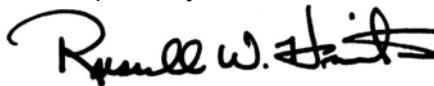
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 6, 2012, on our consideration of the Hall County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and 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* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual, as presented on pages i through xi and page 29 respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Hall County Board of Education's financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information consists of Schedules 2 through 5, which includes the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by U. S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

A copy of this report has been filed as a permanent record in the office of the State Auditor and made available to the press of the State, as provided for by Official Code of Georgia Annotated section 50-6-24.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell W. Hinton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Russell W. Hinton, CPA, CGFM  
State Auditor

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

**INTRODUCTION**

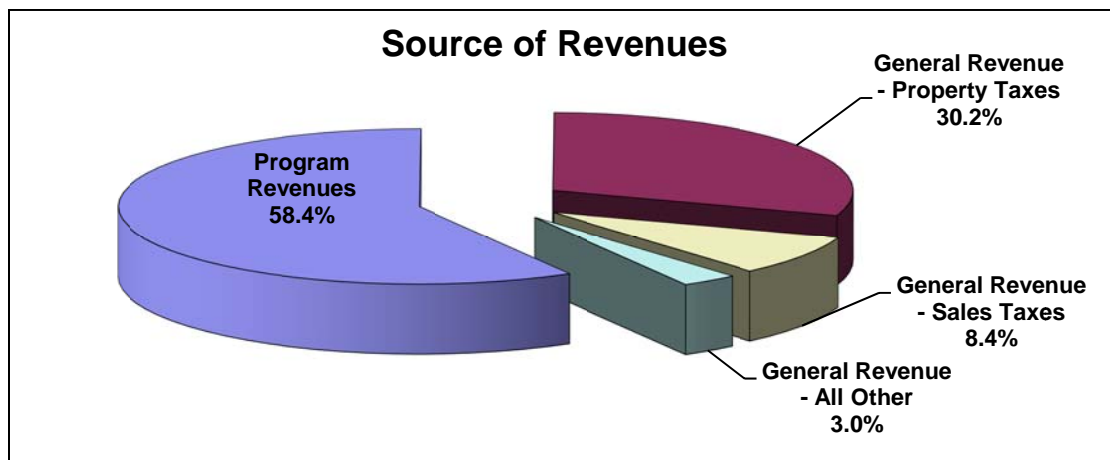
The School District's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, includes a series of basic financial statements that report financial information for the School District as a whole, its funds, and its fiduciary responsibilities. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provide financial information about all of the School District's activities and present both a short-term and long-term view of the School District's finances on a global basis. The fund financial statements provide information about all of the School District's funds. Information about these funds, such as the School District's General Fund, is important in its own right, but will also give insight into the School District's overall soundness as reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2011 are as follows:

On the District-wide financial statements:

- District-wide net assets at June 30, 2011, were \$268.7 million. Net assets reflect the difference between all assets of the School District (including capital assets, net of depreciation) and all liabilities, both short-term and long-term. The net assets at June 30, 2011, of \$268.7 million represented an increase of \$19.8 million in net assets when compared to the prior year net assets as restated.
- The School District had \$232.6 million in expenses relating to governmental activities; about \$147.5 million of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. However, general revenues (primarily property and sales taxes) of just over \$105.0 million were adequate to provide for these programs.
- As stated above, general revenues accounted for just over \$105.0 million or about 42% of all revenues totaling just over \$252.5 million. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, grants, and contributions accounted for the balance of these revenues.



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On the fund financial statements:

- Among major funds, the General Fund had almost \$231.8 million in revenues and \$221.4 million in expenditures. The General Fund balance of \$29.3 million at June 30, 2011, increased by roughly \$10.2 million from the prior year. The increase in fund balance is due to management taking a conservative stance in adoption of the current budget. The expenditures for fiscal year 2011 were virtually unchanged as compared to the prior year.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

These financial Statements consists of three parts; management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements including notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two levels of statements that present different views of the School District. These include the District-wide and fund financial statements.

The District-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities. These statements provide information about the activities of the School District presenting both short-term and long-term information about the School District's overall financial status.

The fund financial statements focus on individual parts of the School District, reporting the School District's operation in more detail. The Governmental Funds statements disclose how basic services are financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The Fiduciary Funds statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the School District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others. In the case of the Hall County School District, the General Fund, Capital Projects Funds, and Debt Service Funds are all considered to be major funds. The School District has no nonmajor funds required to be reported as nonmajor funds as defined by generally accepted accounting principles.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements. Additionally, other supplementary information (not required) is also presented that further supplements understanding of the financial statements.

### **District-wide Statements**

Since Hall County School District has no operations that have been classified as "Business Activities", the District-wide financial statements are basically a consolidation of all of the School District's operating funds into one column called governmental activities. In reviewing the District-wide financial statements, a reader might ask the question, are we in a better financial position now than last year? The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provides the basis for answering this question. These financial statements include all School District's assets and liabilities and uses the **accrual basis of accounting** similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School District's net assets and any changes in those assets. The change in net assets is important because it tells the reader that, for the School District as a whole, the financial position of the School District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change



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may be the results of many factors, including those not under the School District's control, such as the property tax base, facility conditions, required educational programs, student-teacher ratios, and other factors.

When analyzing District-wide financial statements, it is important to remember these statements are prepared using an economic resources measurement focus (accrual accounting) and involve the following steps to format the Statement of Net Assets:

- Capitalize current outlays for capital assets
- Depreciate capital assets
- Report long-term debt as a liability
- Calculate revenue and expense using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting
- Allocate net assets as follows:
  - *Net Assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt*
  - *Restricted net assets* are those with constraints placed on the use by external sources such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws and regulations.
  - *Unrestricted net assets* are net assets that do not meet any of the above restrictions.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

The School District uses many funds or sub-funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions during the fiscal year. The fund financial statements presented in this report provide detail information about the School District's significant or major funds. As discussed previously, the School District has no nonmajor Funds as defined by generally accepted accounting principles.

The School District has two kinds of funds as discussed below:

**Governmental Funds** – Most of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the **modified accrual method of accounting** which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The differences between government activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds are reconciled in the financial statements.

**Fiduciary Funds** – The School District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to clubs, organizations and others within the principals' accounts. The School District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The School District excludes these activities from the District-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

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

Net assets, which is the difference between total assets and total liabilities, is one indicator of the financial condition of the School District. When revenues exceed expenses, the result is an increase in net assets. When expenses exceed revenues, the result is a decrease in net assets. The

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relationship between revenues and expenses can be thought of as the School District's operating results. The School District's net assets, as measured in the Statement of Net Assets, can be one way to measure the School District's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the School District's net assets as measured in the Statement of Activities- are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, the School District's goal and mission is to provide success for each child's education, not to generate profits as private corporations do. For this reason, many other nonfinancial factors should be considered in assessing the overall health of the School District.

In the case of the Hall County School District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$268.7 million at June 30, 2011. To better understand the School District's actual financial position and ability to deliver services in future periods, it is necessary to review the various components of the net assets category. For example, of the \$268.7 million of net assets, about \$16.7 million was restricted for continuation of various State and Federal programs, debt service and ongoing capital projects. Accordingly, these funds were not available to meet the School District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

In addition, the School District had \$233.4 million (net of related debt) invested in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, and equipment). The School District uses these capital assets to provide educational services to students within geographic boundaries served by the School District. Because of the very nature and on-going use of the assets being reported in this component of net assets, it must be recognized that this portion of the net assets is *not* available for future spending.

The remaining balance of *unrestricted net assets* of almost \$18.6 million may be used to meet the School District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net assets for this fiscal year as compared to the prior fiscal year.

**Table 1  
Net Assets**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2010
<b>Assets</b>		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 77,928,379	\$ 63,783,008
Capital Assets, Net	264,790,393	262,980,324
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 342,718,772</b>	<b>\$ 326,763,332</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current and Other Liabilities	\$ 27,176,544	\$ 28,075,822
Long-Term Liabilities	46,817,518	50,585,501
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 73,994,062</b>	<b>\$ 78,661,323</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Debt	\$ 233,441,938	\$ 216,486,103
Restricted	16,719,596	19,403,448
Unrestricted	18,563,176	12,212,458
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 268,724,710</b>	<b>\$ 248,102,009</b>

Total net assets increased \$19.8 million in fiscal year 2011 from the prior year net assets as restated. This change in net assets is detailed in Table 2 as presented below. Table 2 also shows the changes in net assets as compared to the prior fiscal year.

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**Table 2  
Change in Net Assets**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2010
<b>Revenues</b>		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services and Sales	\$ 4,203,104	\$ 4,506,120
Operating Grants and Contributions	139,931,559	135,722,512
Capital Grants and Contributions	3,323,631	2,778,000
Total Program Revenues	<u>\$ 147,458,294</u>	<u>\$ 143,006,632</u>
General Revenues:		
Property Taxes	\$ 76,258,693	\$ 81,157,173
Sales Taxes	21,180,570	20,637,586
Grants and Contributions not Restricted to Specific Programs	4,530,396	5,972,052
Investment Earnings	216,460	229,342
Miscellaneous	2,710,990	4,746,676
Special Item		
Gain on Disposal of Capital Assets	110,016	-202,030
Total General Revenues and Special Item	<u>\$ 105,007,125</u>	<u>\$ 112,540,799</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 252,465,419</u>	<u>\$ 255,547,431</u>
<b>Program Expenses</b>		
Instruction	\$ 152,972,647	\$ 152,299,881
Support Services		
Pupil Services	7,610,328	7,424,174
Improvement of Instructional Services	6,187,788	6,450,886
Educational Media Services	3,987,639	4,032,957
General Administration	863,178	1,296,169
School Administration	12,405,870	12,767,648
Business Administration	1,871,522	1,878,644
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	14,150,083	14,848,815
Student Transportation Services	10,448,953	9,354,795
Central Support Services	6,219,309	5,926,116
Other Support Services	821,251	1,276,920
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Community Services	151,738	160,882
Food Services	13,544,451	12,218,503
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	<u>1,383,987</u>	<u>1,431,902</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 232,618,744</u>	<u>\$ 231,368,292</u>
Increase in Net Assets	<u>\$ 19,846,675</u>	<u>\$ 24,179,139</u>

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**Governmental Activities**

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting these services. Table 3 shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. Net cost of services can be defined as the total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental revenue provided for specific programs. The net cost reflects the financial burden on the School District's taxpayers by each activity as compared to the prior fiscal year.

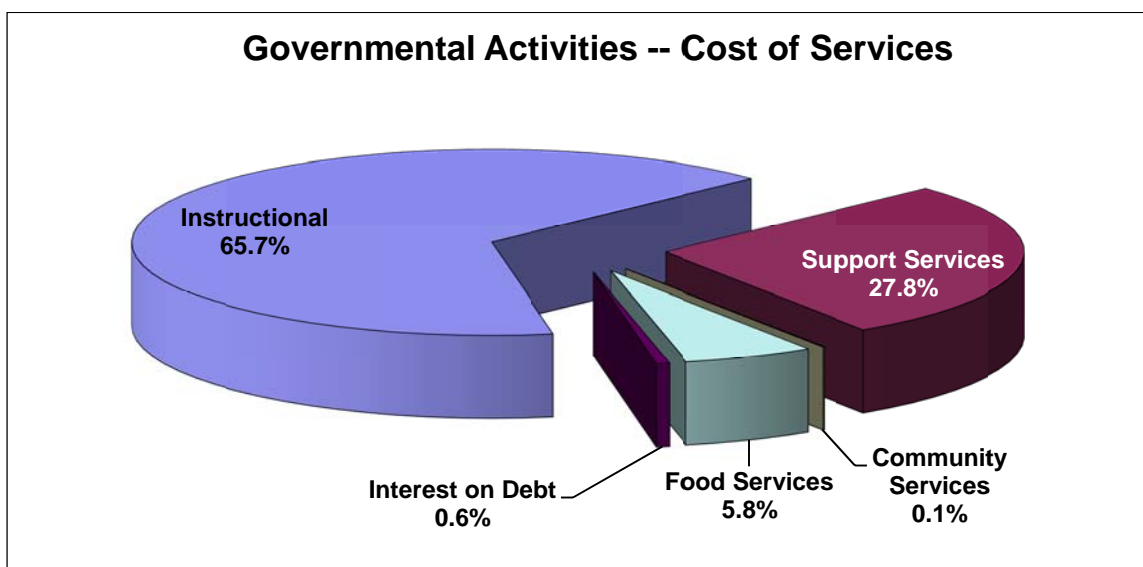
**Table 3  
Governmental Activities**

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2010	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2010
Instruction	\$ 152,972,647	\$ 152,299,881	\$ 49,303,787	\$ 53,098,288
Support Services				
Pupil Services	7,610,328	7,424,174	6,018,734	5,874,808
Improvement of Instructional Services	6,187,788	6,450,886	2,820,910	2,717,501
Educational Media Services	3,987,639	4,032,957	574,484	596,986
General Administration	863,178	1,296,169	-2,919,375	-2,228,539
School Administration	12,405,870	12,767,648	5,779,337	6,145,031
Business Administration	1,871,522	1,878,644	1,826,518	1,846,305
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	14,150,083	14,848,815	5,975,018	6,598,339
Student Transportation Services	10,448,953	9,354,795	8,232,270	6,988,364
Central Support Services	6,219,309	5,926,116	5,804,739	5,697,994
Other Support Services	821,251	1,276,920	12,580	446,473
Operations of Non-Instructional Services				
Community Services	151,738	160,882	148,684	156,344
Food Services	13,544,451	12,218,503	233,879	-1,008,137
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	1,383,987	1,431,902	1,348,887	1,431,902
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 232,618,744</u>	<u>\$ 231,368,292</u>	<u>\$ 85,160,452</u>	<u>\$ 88,361,659</u>

Expenditures for fiscal year 2011 increased about 0.5% from prior year expenditures while the net cost of services decreased about 4%. The above comparison indicates expenditures in fiscal year 2011 remained essentially flat as compared to the prior year while program revenues experienced some growth, mainly due to the increase in state revenues in fiscal year 2011.

The chart below shows a functional summary of the expenses made by the School District during fiscal year 2011:

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#### **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS**

Information about the School District's governmental funds is presented starting on Exhibit "C" of this report. Governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The governmental funds had total revenues of \$255.1 million, other financing sources of \$13.6 million and total expenditures of \$250.9 million in fiscal year 2011. Total governmental fund balances of \$50.1 million at June 30, 2011, increased almost \$17.8 million from the prior year. This increase in fund balance resulted primarily from the issuance of new debt of \$13.4 million in fiscal year 2011 and from an aggressive approach by management to conserve costs and increase the governmental fund balances that had been dwindling in prior years.

#### **General Fund Budget Highlights**

The School District's budget is prepared according to Georgia Law. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund. During the course of fiscal year 2011, the School District amended its general fund budget as needed.

The School District budget is adopted at the aggregate level and maintained at the program, function, object, and site levels to facilitate budgetary control. The budgeting systems are designed to control the total budget, but provide flexibility to meet the ongoing programmatic needs. The budgeting systems are also designed to control total site budgets but provide flexibility for site management as well.

For the General Fund, the final actual revenues of almost \$231.8 million were more than the final budgeted amount of almost \$226.5 million by \$5.3 million. This difference (final actual vs. final budget) was primarily attributable to actual revenues for property taxes more than the final budget of \$3.6 million, and actual revenues for State funds more than the final budget of \$2.5 million. The School District traditionally estimates revenue on a conservative basis to avoid shortfalls in actual revenues.

The General Fund's final actual expenditures of almost \$221.4 million were less than the final budget amount of \$232.6 million by \$11.2 million. This budget under expenditure indicates the School District effectively managed its budget during fiscal year 2011.

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**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

At fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, the School District had almost \$264.8 million invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, all in governmental activities. These assets are made up of a broad range of items including buildings; land; land improvements; and food service, transportation and maintenance equipment. Table 4 reflects a summary of these balances, net of accumulated depreciation, as compared to the prior fiscal year.

**Table 4  
Capital Assets  
(Net of Depreciation)**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2010
Land	\$ 28,661,743	\$ 28,480,244
Construction in Progress	3,710,754	3,823,736
Land Improvements	8,428,296	8,884,407
Buildings and Improvements	210,406,704	209,267,433
Equipment	13,582,896	12,524,504
Total	<u>\$ 264,790,393</u>	<u>\$ 262,980,324</u>

Additional information about the School District's Capital Assets can be found in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

**Long-Term Debt**

At June 30, 2011, the School District had \$46.8 million in total debt outstanding which was consisted of \$41.5 million in bond debt, \$1.4 million in capital lease debt, almost \$3.0 million in installment sales debt, \$0.6 million in compensated absences debt, and \$0.3 million in unamortized bond premiums on bonds sold. Table 5 summarizes the School District's debt as compared to the prior fiscal year.

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**Table 5  
Debt at June 30**

	Governmental Activities	
	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2010
Bonds Payable	\$ 41,510,000	\$ 42,740,000
Capital Leases	1,386,633	1,762,537
Installment Sales Agreement	2,960,813	4,772,286
Compensated Absences	621,125	669,799
Unamortized Premiums on Bonds Sold	338,947	640,879
Total	<u>\$ 46,817,518</u>	<u>\$ 50,585,501</u>

At June 30, 2011, the School District's assigned bond rating was "Aa2" as determined by Moody's rating service.

Additional information about the School District's debt can be found in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

#### **FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE**

Currently known circumstances that are expected to have a significant effect on financial position or results of operations in future years are as follows:

- The School District is financially stable. The School District's operating millage for fiscal year 2011 was 16.42, which produced approximately \$4.8 million per mill. The School District continues to grow at the rate of about 100 students per year. The School District continues to construct additional facilities to accommodate the growth and reduce portable classrooms at various schools as needed. The School District plans to fund additional capital outlays with the one percent local sales tax revenue and state capital outlay grants.
- The State of Georgia is showing signs of emerging from the recent recession. State Revenues provided to the School District in fiscal year 2011 for operations increased \$8.1 million or about 8% more than the prior year. However, because of limiting factors in the QBE formula, the School District believes this rate of increase in State Funds will be short lived in subsequent years. The School District will continue to be a good steward of tax dollars while providing a quality educational opportunity.
- The School District is in excellent financial condition. The General Fund has an unassigned fund balance in excess of \$21.6 million at June 30, 2011. The Board anticipates significant financial challenges going forward due to the slow economy, higher health insurance costs for employees and stagnant or lower assessments of property values within the School District.



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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

**CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Mr. Lee Lovett, Deputy Superintendent, Hall County Board of Education, 711 Green Street, Gainesville, Georgia 30505. You may also email your questions to Mr. Lovett at [lee.lovett@hallco.org](mailto:lee.lovett@hallco.org).

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
JUNE 30, 2011

EXHIBIT "A"

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 45,879,467.62
Investments	1,158,007.79
Accounts Receivable, Net	
Taxes	5,811,903.44
State Government	18,684,816.82
Federal Government	5,635,645.49
Other	99,119.50
Inventories	471,646.69
Capitalized Bond and Other Debt Issuance Costs	187,772.37
Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable	32,372,496.38
Capital Assets, Depreciable (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>232,417,896.30</u>
 Total Assets	 \$ <u><u>342,718,772.40</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Salaries and Benefits Payable	\$ 26,556,702.97
Claims Incurred but not Reported (IBNR)	50,337.40
Payroll Withholdings Payable	94,198.93
Interest Payable	209,105.44
Retainages Payable	266,199.31
Long-Term Liabilities	
Due Within One Year	12,642,649.22
Due in More Than One Year	<u>34,174,868.91</u>
 Total Liabilities	 \$ <u>73,994,062.18</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	\$ 233,441,938.26
Restricted for	
Continuation of Federal Programs	6,255,955.52
Debt Service	3,148,933.06
Capital Projects	7,314,707.13
Unrestricted	<u>18,563,176.25</u>
 Total Net Assets	 \$ <u>268,724,710.22</u>
 Total Liabilities and Net Assets	 \$ <u><u>342,718,772.40</u></u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	EXPENSES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES
<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>		
Instruction	\$ 152,972,647.29	\$ 1,355,074.30
Support Services		
Pupil Services	7,610,327.97	
Improvement of Instructional Services	6,187,788.13	
Educational Media Services	3,987,639.38	
General Administration	863,177.99	
School Administration	12,405,870.15	
Business Administration	1,871,522.02	
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	14,150,083.09	37,862.60
Student Transportation Services	10,448,952.56	
Central Support Services	6,219,309.12	
Other Support Services	821,250.93	
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Community Services	151,738.14	
Food Services	13,544,450.87	2,810,167.23
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	1,383,987.15	
	<u>\$ 232,618,744.79</u>	<u>\$ 4,203,104.13</u>
Total Governmental Activities		
General Revenues		
Taxes		
Property Taxes		
For Maintenance and Operations		
Sales Taxes		
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax		
For Debt Services		
For Capital Projects		
Other Sales Tax		
Grants and Contributions not Restricted to Specific Programs		
Investment Earnings		
Miscellaneous		
Special Item		
Gain on Sale of Equipment		
Total General Revenues and Special Item		
Change in Net Assets		
Net Assets - Beginning of Year (Restated)		
Net Assets - End of Year		

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

## EXHIBIT "B"

PROGRAM REVENUES		NET (EXPENSES)	
OPERATING	CAPITAL	REVENUES	
GRANTS AND	GRANTS AND	AND CHANGES IN	
CONTRIBUTIONS	CONTRIBUTIONS	NET ASSETS	
\$ 99,612,859.44	\$ 2,700,926.44	\$ -49,303,787.11	
1,590,261.68	1,332.00	-6,018,734.29	
3,366,877.74		-2,820,910.39	
3,413,155.77		-574,483.61	
3,782,553.34		2,919,375.35	
6,531,015.31	95,518.07	-5,779,336.77	
20,323.73	24,680.72	-1,826,517.57	
8,090,736.05	46,466.57	-5,975,017.87	
2,216,682.38		-8,232,270.18	
203,374.32	211,196.14	-5,804,738.66	
808,670.53		-12,580.40	
3,054.11		-148,684.03	
10,291,994.25	208,410.65	-233,878.74	
	35,100.00	-1,348,887.15	
<u>\$ 139,931,558.65</u>	<u>\$ 3,323,630.59</u>	<u>\$ -85,160,451.42</u>	
		\$ 76,258,692.90	
		17,185,355.22	
		2,751,708.18	
		1,243,506.82	
		4,530,396.00	
		216,460.07	
		2,710,990.35	
		<u>110,016.23</u>	
		\$ <u>105,007,125.77</u>	
		\$ 19,846,674.35	
		<u>248,878,035.87</u>	
		\$ <u><u>268,724,710.22</u></u>	

## EXHIBIT "C"

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
JUNE 30, 2011

EXHIBIT "D"

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit "C") \$ 50,145,532.27

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:

Capital Assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. These assets consist of:

Land	\$	28,661,742.88	
Construction in Progress		3,710,753.50	
Land Improvements		20,960,768.82	
Buildings		264,709,835.57	
Equipment		27,065,775.91	
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>-80,318,484.00</u>	
Total Capital Assets			264,790,392.68

Property taxes that are not available to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in the funds. 677,973.87

Other Long-Term Assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore, are deferred on the Statement of Net Assets.

Deferred Charges - Capitalized Bond Issuance Costs 187,772.37

Long-Term Liabilities, including Bonds Payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.  
Long-Term Liabilities at year-end consist of:

Bonds Payable	\$	-41,510,000.00	
Accrued Interest		-209,105.44	
Capital Leases Payable		-1,386,633.25	
Compensated Absences Payable		-621,125.41	
Unamortized Bond Premiums		-338,946.65	
Intergovernmental Agreement		-2,960,812.82	
Claims and Judgments Payable		<u>-50,337.40</u>	
Total Long-Term Liabilities			<u>-47,076,960.97</u>

Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Exhibit "A") \$ 268,724,710.22

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

EXHIBIT "E"

	GENERAL FUND	DISTRICT- WIDE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Property Taxes	\$ 78,994,840.07			\$ 78,994,840.07
Sales Taxes	1,243,506.82	\$ 2,751,708.18	\$ 17,185,355.22	21,180,570.22
State Funds	112,118,993.33	3,288,530.59		115,407,523.92
Federal Funds	32,342,961.32		35,100.00	32,378,061.32
Charges for Services	4,203,104.13			4,203,104.13
Investment Earnings	160,679.49	44,531.41	11,249.17	216,460.07
Miscellaneous	2,691,712.69	19,277.66		2,710,990.35
Total Revenues	\$ 231,755,797.85	\$ 6,104,047.84	\$ 17,231,704.39	\$ 255,091,550.08
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction	\$ 145,494,402.50	\$ 929,122.92		\$ 146,423,525.42
Support Services				
Pupil Services	7,608,604.16			7,608,604.16
Improvement of Instructional Services	6,187,788.13			6,187,788.13
Educational Media Services	3,685,915.50	301,723.88		3,987,639.38
General Administration	787,656.74			787,656.74
School Administration	12,145,127.44			12,145,127.44
Business Administration	1,748,381.49	82,964.72	\$ 32,855.68	1,864,201.89
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	14,046,111.00			14,046,111.00
Student Transportation Services	9,427,326.12			9,427,326.12
Central Support Services	5,626,808.09			5,626,808.09
Other Support Services	821,250.93			821,250.93
Community Services	151,738.14			151,738.14
Food Services Operation	12,965,301.46			12,965,301.46
Capital Outlay	7,792.20	10,291,120.94		10,298,913.14
Debt Services				
Principal	687,304.66	617,721.51	15,541,473.18	16,846,499.35
Dues and Fees			1,365.00	1,365.00
Interest	35,820.90	51,031.27	1,645,601.36	1,732,453.53
Total Expenditures	\$ 221,427,329.46	\$ 12,273,685.24	\$ 17,221,295.22	\$ 250,922,309.92
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	\$ 10,328,468.39	\$ -6,169,637.40	\$ 10,409.17	\$ 4,169,240.16
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds		\$ 9,500,000.00		\$ 9,500,000.00
Proceeds of Long-Term Capital Related Debt		3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00
Sale of Equipment/Capital Assets	\$ 83,638.58	64,504.00		148,142.58
Capital Leases		929,122.92		929,122.92
Transfers In		10,000.00	\$ 145,995.90	155,995.90
Transfers Out	-155,995.90			-155,995.90
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -72,357.32	\$ 13,503,626.92	\$ 145,995.90	\$ 13,577,265.50
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ 10,256,111.07	\$ 7,333,989.52	\$ 156,405.07	\$ 17,746,505.66
Fund Balances - Beginning	19,029,625.23	13,028,289.65	341,111.73	32,399,026.61
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 29,285,736.30	\$ 20,362,279.17	\$ 497,516.80	\$ 50,145,532.27

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
JUNE 30, 2011

EXHIBIT "F"

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit "E") \$ 17,746,505.66

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Capital Outlays are reported as expenditures in Governmental Funds. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of Capital Assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, these amounts are:

Capital Outlay	\$ 7,607,279.00	
Depreciation Expense	-6,535,110.51	
Excess of Capital Outlay over Depreciation Expense		1,072,168.49

Taxes reported in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	-2,736,147.17
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The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, donations, and disposals) is to decrease net assets.	-38,126.35
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Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to Governmental Funds; however, issuing debt increases Long-Term Liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. In the current period, proceeds were received from:

General Obligation Bonds Issued, Including a Premium of \$0.00	\$ -9,500,000.00	
Intergovernmental Agreement	-3,000,000.00	
Total Bond Proceeds		-12,500,000.00

Bond issuance costs, deferred gains on refundings and similar items when debt is first issued are reported as an expenditure in Governmental Funds, but are reported as deferred charges on the Statement of Net Assets and amortized over the term of the debt, using the straight-line method. The details of this difference in the current period are as follows:

Deferral of Bond Issuance Costs	\$ 112,251.12	
Amortization of Bond Issuance Costs	-75,521.25	
Net Change in Deferred Charges		36,729.87

Some of the Capital Assets acquired this year were financed with capital leases. In Governmental Funds, a capital lease arrangement is considered a source of financing, but in the Statement of Net Assets, the lease obligation is reported as a Long-Term Liability.	-929,122.92
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Repayment of Long-Term Debt is reported as an expenditure in Governmental Funds, but the repayment reduces Long-Term Liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. In the current year, these amounts consist of:

Bond Principal Retirements	\$ 10,730,000.00	
Capital Lease Payments	1,305,026.17	
Intergovernmental Agreement	39,187.18	
installment Sales Agreement	4,772,286.00	
Total Long-Term Debt Repayments		16,846,499.35

Some items reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in Governmental Funds. These activities consist of:

Net Decrease in Accrued Interest on Issuance of Bonds	\$ 47,898.73	
Decrease in Compensated Absences	48,673.44	
Amortization of Bond Premium	301,932.65	
Increase in Claims and Judgments	-50,337.40	
Total Additional Expenditures		348,167.42

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Exhibit "B") \$ 19,846,674.35

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2011

EXHIBIT "G"

	AGENCY FUNDS
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<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ <u>288,110.64</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Funds Held for Others	\$ <u>288,110.64</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Note 1: DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

**REPORTING ENTITY**

The Hall County Board of Education (School District) was established under the laws of the State of Georgia and operates under the governance of a school board elected by the voters and a Superintendent appointed by the Board. The Board is organized as a separate legal entity and has the power to levy taxes and issue bonds. Its budget is not subject to approval by any other entity. Accordingly, the School District is a primary government and consists of all the organizations that compose its legal entity.

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The School District's basic financial statements are collectively comprised of the District-wide financial statements, fund financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements of the Hall County Board of Education.

***District-wide Statements:***

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities display information about the financial activities of the overall School District, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the School District's governmental activities.

- Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses (expenses of the School District related to the administration and support of the School District's programs, such as office and maintenance personnel and accounting) are not allocated to programs.
- Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

***Fund Financial Statements:***

The fund financial statements provide information about the School District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Separate statements for each category (governmental and fiduciary) are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. The Hall County Board of Education has no funds that were required to be reported as nonmajor funds.

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

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- District-wide Capital Projects Fund accounts for financial resources including Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), Bond Proceeds, Installment Sales Agreement Proceeds, Capital Lease Proceeds and grants from Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission to be used for the acquisition, construction or renovation of major capital facilities.
- Debt Service Fund accounts for taxes (sales) legally restricted for the payment of general long-term principal, interest and paying agent's fees.

The School District reports the following fiduciary fund type:

- Agency funds account for assets held by the School District as an agent for various Principal's accounts.

### **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

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

The School District uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The School District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if they are collected within sixty days after year-end. Property taxes, sales taxes and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term liabilities and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The School District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program costs are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available to finance the program. It is the School District's policy to first apply grant resources to such programs, followed by cost-reimbursement grants, then general revenues.

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The State of Georgia reimburses the School System for teachers' salaries and operating costs through the Quality Basic Education Formula Earnings program (QBE). Generally teachers are contracted for the school year (July 1 – June 30) and paid over a twelve month contract period, generally September 1 through August 31. In accordance with the respective rules and regulations of the QBE program, the State of Georgia reimburses the School System over the same twelve month period in which teachers are paid. At June 30, the amount of teachers' salaries incurred but not paid until July and August of the subsequent year are accrued. Since the State of Georgia recognizes its QBE liability for the July and August salaries at June 30, the School System recognizes the same QBE as a receivable and revenue, consistent with symmetrical recognition.

#### NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In fiscal year 2011, the School District adopted the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. The provisions of this Statement establish accounting and financial reporting standards for all governments that report governmental funds. It establishes criteria for classifying fund balances into specifically defined classifications and clarifies definitions for governmental funds.

#### RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR NET ASSETS

For fiscal year 2011, the School District restated various Capital Assets due to errors and omissions. The School District increased the cost basis of Land, Equipment and Construction in Progress by a net amount of \$815,208.75. Additionally, the School District increased accumulated depreciation of equipment by \$39,181.89. These adjustments result in a net increase in Net Assets at July 1, 2010, of \$776,026.86. This change is in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Net assets, July 1, 2010, as previously reported	\$ 248,102,009.01
Correction of Capital Assets	<u>776,026.86</u>
Net Assets, July 1, 2010, as restated	<u>\$ 248,878,035.87</u>

#### CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

##### COMPOSITION OF DEPOSITS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition in authorized financial institutions. Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 45-8-14 authorizes the School District to deposit its funds in one or more solvent banks, insured Federal savings and loan associations or insured chartered building and loan associations.

#### INVESTMENTS

##### COMPOSITION OF INVESTMENTS

Investments made by the School District in nonparticipating interest-earning contracts (such as certificates of deposit) and repurchase agreements are reported at cost. Participating interest-earning contracts and money market investments with a maturity at purchase of one year or less are reported at amortized cost. Both participating interest-earning contracts and money market investments with a maturity at purchase greater than one year are reported at fair value. The Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 36-83-4 authorizes the School District to invest its funds. In

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selecting among options for investment or among institutional bids for deposits, the highest rate of return shall be the objective, given equivalent conditions of safety and liquidity. Funds may be invested in the following:

- (1) Obligations issued by the State of Georgia or by other states,
- (2) Obligations issued by the United States government,
- (3) Obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the United States government or a United States government agency,
- (4) Obligations of any corporation of the United States government,
- (5) Prime banker's acceptances,
- (6) The Georgia Fund 1 administered by the State of Georgia, Office of State Treasurer,
- (7) Repurchase agreements, and
- (8) Obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia.

The School District does not have a formal policy regarding investment policies that address credit risks, custodial credit risks, concentration of credit risks, interest rate risks or foreign currency risks.

#### RECEIVABLES

Receivables consist of amounts due from property and sales taxes, grant reimbursements due on Federal, State or other grants for expenditures made but not reimbursed and other receivables disclosed from information available. Receivables are recorded when either the asset or revenue recognition criteria has been met. Receivables recorded on the basic financial statements do not include any amounts which would necessitate the need for an allowance for uncollectible receivables.

#### PROPERTY TAXES

The Hall County Board of Commissioners fixed the property tax levy for the 2010 tax digest year (calendar year) on June 10, 2010 (levy date). Taxes were due on December 1, 2010, (lien date). Taxes collected within the current fiscal year or within 60 days after year-end on the 2010 tax digest (or prior digests) are reported as revenue in the governmental funds for fiscal year 2011. The Hall County Tax Commissioner bills and collects the property taxes for the School District, withholds 2.5% of taxes collected as a fee for tax collection and remits the balance of taxes collected to the School District. Property tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, for maintenance and operations amounted to \$78,959,857.62.

Tax millage rates levied for the 2010 tax year (calendar year) for the Hall County Board of Education were as follows (a mill equals \$1 per thousand dollars of assessed value):

School Operations

16.42 mills

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## SALES TAXES

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, at the fund reporting level, during the year amounted to \$19,937,063.40 and is to be used for capital outlay for educational purposes or debt service. This sales tax was authorized by local referendum and the sales tax must be re-authorized at least every five years. The current governing referendum expires September 30, 2012.

## INVENTORIES

### FOOD INVENTORIES

On the basic financial statements, inventories of donated food commodities used in the preparation of meals are reported at their Federally assigned value and purchased foods inventories are reported at cost (first in-first-out). The School District uses the consumption method to account for inventories whereby donated food commodities are recorded as an asset and as revenue when received, and expenses/expenditures are recorded as the inventory items are used. Purchased foods are recorded as an asset when purchased and expenses/expenditures are recorded as the inventory items are used.

## CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets purchased, including capital outlay costs, are recorded as expenditures in the fund financial statements at the time of purchase (including ancillary charges). On the District-wide financial statements, all purchased capital assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value on the date donated. Disposals are deleted at depreciated recorded cost. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend the useful lives of the assets is not capitalized. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. The School District does not capitalize book collections or works of art. During the fiscal year 2011, no events or changes in circumstances affecting a capital asset that may indicate impairment were known to the School District.

Capitalization thresholds and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the District-wide statements are as follows:

	<u>Capitalization Policy</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Land	All	N/A
Land Improvements	\$ 5,000.00	10 to 60 years
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 100,000.00	10 to 70 years
Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	5 to 50 years
Intangible Assets	\$ 100,000.00	individually determined

Depreciation is used to allocate the actual or estimated historical cost of all capital assets over estimated useful lives, with the exception of intangible assets which are amortized.

Amortization of intangible assets such as water, timber, and mineral rights, easements, patents, trademarks, copyrights and internally generated software is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally 10 to 20 years.



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## COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Members of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (TRS) may apply unused sick leave toward early retirement. The liability for early retirement will be borne by TRS rather than by the individual school districts. Otherwise, sick leave does not vest with the employee, and no liability is reported in the School District's financial statements.

Vacation leave of 15 days is awarded on a fiscal year basis to all full time personnel employed on a twelve month basis. No other employees are eligible to earn vacation leave. Vacation leave not utilized during the fiscal year may be carried over to the next fiscal year, providing such vacation leave does not exceed 15 days.

The following table reflects changes in the compensated absences liability for the last three fiscal years:

	Beginning of Year Liability		Increases		Decreases		End of Year Liability
2009	\$ 692,466.29	\$	827,579.12	\$	832,183.98	\$	687,861.43
2010	\$ 687,861.43	\$	785,510.31	\$	803,572.89	\$	669,798.85
2011	\$ 669,798.85	\$	725,280.06	\$	773,953.50	\$	621,125.41

## GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

The School District issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. In the District-wide financial statements, bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the debt.

In the fund financial statements, the School District recognizes bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs during the fiscal year bonds are issued. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the government. The outstanding amount of these bonds is recorded in the Statement of Net Assets.

## NET ASSETS

The School District's net assets in the District-wide Statements are classified as follows:

**Invested in capital assets, net of related debt** - This represents the School District's total investment in capital assets, net of outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included as a component of invested in capital assets, net of related debt.

**Restricted net assets** - These represent resources for which the School District is legally or contractually obligated to spend resources for continuation of Federal programs, debt service and capital projects in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties.

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**Unrestricted net assets** - Unrestricted net assets represent resources derived from property taxes, sales taxes, grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs, charges for services, and miscellaneous revenues. These resources are used for transactions relating to the educational and general operations of the School District, and may be used at the discretion of the Board to meet current expenses for those purposes.

## FUND BALANCES

The School District's fund balances are classified as follows:

**Nonspendable** - Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted** - Constraints are placed on the use of resources are either (1) externally imposed conditions by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed** - Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Education. The Board of Education is the School District's highest level of decision-making authority, and the formal action that is required to be taken to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment is a resolution approved by the Board. Committed fund balance also should incorporate contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

**Assigned** - Amounts that are constrained by the School District's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The intent should be expressed by (1) the Board of Education or (2) the budget or finance committee, or the Superintendent, or designee, to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

**Unassigned** - The residual classification for the General Fund. This classification represents fund balances that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

Nonspendable		
Inventories		\$ 471,646.69
Restricted		
Continuation of Federal Programs	\$ 5,784,308.83	
Capital Projects	17,422,783.12	
Debt Service	<u>3,358,038.50</u>	26,565,130.45
Assigned		
School Activity Accounts	\$ 1,421,559.17	
Local Capital Outlay Projects	<u>78,974.35</u>	1,500,533.52
Unassigned		<u>21,608,221.61</u>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2011		<u>\$ 50,145,532.27</u>

When multiple categories of fund balance are available for expenditure, the School District will start with the most restricted category and spend those funds first before moving down to the next category with available funds.

## USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

### Note 3: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

#### COLLATERALIZATION OF DEPOSITS

Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) Section 45-8-12 provides that there shall not be on deposit at any time in any depository for a time longer than ten days a sum of money which has not been secured by surety bond, by guarantee of insurance, or by collateral. The aggregate of the face value of such surety bond and the market value of securities pledged shall be equal to not less than 110 percent of the public funds being secured after the deduction of the amount of deposit insurance. If a depository elects the pooled method (O.C.G.A. Section 45-8-13.1) the aggregate of the market value of the securities pledged to secure a pool of public funds shall be not less than 110 percent of the daily pool balance.

Acceptable security for deposits consists of any one of or any combination of the following:

- (1) Surety bond signed by a surety company duly qualified and authorized to transact business within the State of Georgia,
- (2) Insurance on accounts provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,
- (3) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness or other direct obligations of the United States or of the State of Georgia,
- (4) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness or other obligations of the counties or municipalities of the State of Georgia,
- (5) Bonds of any public authority created by the laws of the State of Georgia, providing that the statute that created the authority authorized the use of the bonds for this purpose,
- (6) Industrial revenue bonds and bonds of development authorities created by the laws of the State of Georgia, and
- (7) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness, or other obligations of a subsidiary corporation of the United States government, which are fully guaranteed by the United States government both as to principal and interest or debt obligations issued by or securities guaranteed by the Federal Land Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the Central Bank for Cooperatives, the Farm Credit Banks, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association, and the Federal National Mortgage Association.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. The School District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2011, the bank balances were \$58,938,747.25. The amounts exposed to custodial credit risk are classified into three categories as follows:

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- Category 1 - Uncollateralized,  
Category 2 - Cash collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution,  
or  
Category 3 - Cash collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's  
trust department or agent but not in the School District's name.

The School District's deposits by custodial credit risk category at June 30, 2011, are as follows:

<u>Custodial Credit Risk Category</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
1	\$ 0.00
2	0.00
3	<u>57,206,703.60</u>
Total	<u>\$ 57,206,703.60</u>

#### CATEGORIZATION OF INVESTMENTS

The School District's investments as of June 30, 2011, are presented below. All investments are presented by investment type and debt securities are presented by maturity. These amounts do not include \$66,765.73 of certificates of deposits in various banks which the School District has classified as investments.

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturity Less Than 1 Year</u>
Debt Securities		
U. S. Treasuries	\$ <u>1,091,242.06</u>	\$ <u>1,091,242.06</u>

#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates of debt investment will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The School District does not have a formal policy for managing interest rate risk.

#### Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the School District will not be able to recover the value of the investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The School District does not have a formal policy for managing custodial credit risk.

At June 30, 2011, \$1,091,242.06 of the School District's applicable investments were uninsured or unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the School District's name.

#### Note 4: NON-MONETARY TRANSACTIONS

The School District receives food commodities from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for school breakfast and lunch programs. These commodities are recorded at their Federally assigned value. **See Note 2 - Inventories**

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Note 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in the Capital Assets during the fiscal year:

	Balances July 1, 2010 (Restated)	Increases	Decreases	Balances June 30, 2011
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 28,469,332.98	\$ 192,409.90		\$ 28,661,742.88
Construction Work In Progress	3,873,296.45	6,153,165.07	\$ 6,315,708.02	3,710,753.50
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	\$ 32,342,629.43	\$ 6,345,574.97	\$ 6,315,708.02	\$ 32,372,496.38
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 259,425,364.37	\$ 5,284,471.20		\$ 264,709,835.57
Equipment	25,883,774.52	2,090,450.00	\$ 908,448.61	27,065,775.91
Land Improvements	20,758,277.97	202,490.85		20,960,768.82
Less: Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings and Improvements	50,157,932.14	4,145,199.10		54,303,131.24
Equipment	12,621,892.48	1,731,309.60	870,322.26	13,482,879.82
Land Improvements	11,873,871.13	658,601.81		12,532,472.94
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	\$ 231,413,721.11	\$ 1,042,301.54	\$ 38,126.35	\$ 232,417,896.30
Governmental Activity Capital Assets - Net	\$ 263,756,350.54	\$ 7,387,876.51	\$ 6,353,834.37	\$ 264,790,392.68

Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:

Instruction	\$ 4,642,317.17
Support Services	
Pupil Services	\$ 2,647.00
School Administration	189,817.64
Business Administration	49,046.59
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	92,340.39
Student Transportation Services	725,080.93
Central Support Services	419,698.12
Food Services	1,478,630.67
	414,162.67
	\$ 6,535,110.51

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Note 6: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2011, consisted of the following:

<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Transfers From General Fund</u>
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Debt Service Fund	<u>145,995.90</u>
Total	<u>\$ 155,995.90</u>

Transfers are used to move property tax revenues collected by the General Fund to (1) the Debt Service Fund to retire the School District's debt as it becomes due and (2) move funds collected by the General Fund to the District-wide Capital Projects Fund to cover non-SPLOST expenditures.

Note 7: RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors or omissions; job related illness or injuries to employees; acts of God and unemployment compensation.

The School District has obtained commercial insurance for risk of loss associated with commercial property, crime, general liability, commercial auto, and educator's liability. The coverage also includes torts, assets, errors or omissions, job related illness or injuries to employees and acts of God. The School District has neither significantly reduced coverage for these risks nor incurred losses (settlements) which exceeded the School District's insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

The School District has established a limited risk management program for workers' compensation claims. A premium is charged when needed by the General Fund to each user program on the basis of the percentage of that program's payroll to total payroll in order to cover estimated claims budgeted by management based on known claims and prior experience. The School District accounts for claims with expenses/expenditures and liability is reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. An excess coverage insurance policy covers individual claims in excess of \$350,000.00 loss per occurrence, up to the statutory limit.

Changes in the workers' compensation claims liability during the last two fiscal years are as follows:

	<u>Beginning of Year Liability</u>	<u>Claims and Changes in Estimates</u>	<u>Claims Paid</u>	<u>End of Year Liability</u>
2010	\$ 0.00	\$ 630,161.12	\$ 630,161.12	\$ 0.00
2011	\$ 0.00	\$ 755,930.03	\$ 755,930.03	\$ 0.00

The School District is self-insured with regard to unemployment compensation claims. A premium is charged when needed by the General Fund to each user program on the basis of the percentage of that fund's payroll to total payroll in order to cover estimated claims budgeted by management based

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on known claims and prior experience. The School District accounts for claims with expenses/expenditures and liability is reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated.

Changes in the unemployment compensation claims liability during the last two fiscal years are as follows:

	Beginning of Year Liability	Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claims Paid	End of Year Liability
2010	\$ 0.00	\$ 373,224.57	\$ 373,224.57	\$ 0.00
2011	\$ 0.00	\$ 281,011.45	\$ 281,011.45	\$ 0.00

The School District has purchased a surety bond to provide additional insurance coverage as follows:

<u>Position Covered</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Superintendent	\$ 25,000.00

**Note 8: OPERATING LEASES**

The Hall County Board of Education has entered into various leases as lessee for office equipment. These leases are considered for accounting purposes to be operating leases. Lease expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2011, for governmental funds amounted to \$362,395.04. Future minimum lease payments for these leases are as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>Governmental Funds</u>
2012	\$ 305,455.41
2013	222,780.61
2014	152,913.04
2015	1,208.00
Total	<u>\$ 682,357.06</u>

**Note 9: LONG-TERM DEBT**

**CAPITAL LEASES**

The Hall County Board of Education entered into various lease agreements as lessee for energy, lawn equipment, and information technology equipment. Under the terms of the agreement, the School District will make annual payments through 2014. These lease agreements qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes, and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inception.

**COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

Compensated absences represent obligations of the School District relating to employees' rights to receive compensation for future absences based upon service already rendered. This obligation relates only to vesting accumulating leave in which payment is probable and can be reasonably estimated. Typically, the General Fund is the fund used to liquidate this long-term debt. The School District uses the vesting method to compute compensated absences.

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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT (1)**

The Hall County Board of Education entered into an intergovernmental installment sale agreement with the Gainesville and Hall County Development Authority, dated September 1, 2010. Under the terms of the agreement, the Authority issued \$3,000,000.00 in Taxable Revenue Bonds (Hall County School District Qualified School Construction Bonds Project). The net proceeds of the bonds will be used by the Authority for the purpose of providing funds to pay defined capital costs of District schools. The School District is contractually liable to make payments to the Authority's Debt Sinking Fund in accordance with an amortization schedule sufficient to make interest payments to bond holders and retire principal as the bonds mature. The Authority is responsible to the School District to file appropriate documents with the Internal Revenue Service to qualify these bonds as eligible to receive "subsidy payments" from the U. S. Government which will defray or offset the School District's liability to make full interest debt service amortization payments to the Authority's Debt Sinking Fund as scheduled.

The obligation of the School District is absolute and unconditional so long as any of the bonds remain outstanding. Under the contract, the School District will exercise its power of taxation to the extent necessary to pay the amounts required to be paid by the agreement.

**GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT OUTSTANDING**

General Obligation Bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Government - Series 2006	3.59%	\$ 6,445,000.00
General Government - Series 2007	4.25% - 5.00%	6,105,000.00
General Government - Series 2007A	4.00% - 5.00%	5,135,000.00
General Government - Refunding - Series 2007B	4.00% - 5.00%	11,710,000.00
General Government - Series QZAB - Series 2007	0.00%	2,615,000.00
General Government - Series 2011	1.81%	9,500,000.00
		<u>\$ 41,510,000.00</u>

During fiscal year 2011, voters authorized \$25,000,000.00 in general obligation debt for various capital outlay projects in the School District, which was not issued as of June 30, 2011.

The changes in Long-Term Debt during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 were as follows:

	<u>Governmental Funds</u>				
	<u>Balance July 1, 2010</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2011</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
G. O. Bonds	\$ 42,740,000.00	\$ 9,500,000.00	\$ 10,730,000.00	\$ 41,510,000.00	\$ 11,320,000.00
Capital Leases	1,762,536.50	929,122.92	1,305,026.17	1,386,633.25	782,551.11
Compensated Absences	669,798.85	725,280.06	773,953.50	621,125.41	64,000.00
Intergovernmental Agreement	0.00	3,000,000.00	39,187.18	2,960,812.82	174,165.46
Installment Sales Agreement	4,772,286.00		4,772,286.00	0.00	
Bond Premiums Amortized	640,879.30		301,932.65	338,946.65	301,932.65
	<u>\$ 50,585,500.65</u>	<u>\$ 14,154,402.98</u>	<u>\$ 17,922,385.50</u>	<u>\$ 46,817,518.13</u>	<u>\$ 12,642,649.22</u>



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At June 30, 2010, payments due by fiscal year which includes principal and interest for these items are as follows:

	Capital Leases		Intergovernmental Agreement	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest (1)
<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>				
2012	\$ 782,551.11	\$ 97,623.93	\$ 174,165.46	\$ 156,000.00
2013	482,835.64	42,964.60	174,165.46	156,000.00
2014	121,246.50	10,811.58	174,165.46	156,000.00
2015			174,165.46	156,000.00
2016			174,165.46	156,000.00
2017 - 2021			870,827.30	780,000.00
2022 - 2026			870,827.30	780,000.00
2026 - 2027			348,330.92	312,000.00
Total Principal and Interest	<u>\$ 1,386,633.25</u>	<u>\$ 151,400.11</u>	<u>\$ 2,960,812.82</u>	<u>\$ 2,652,000.00</u>

(1) See above Note concerning School District's liability to make interest payments on the Intergovernmental Installment Sale Agreement.

	General Obligation Debt		Unamortized
	Principal	Interest	Bond Premium
<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>			
2012	\$ 11,320,000.00	\$ 1,377,334.94	\$ 301,932.65
2013	12,040,000.00	914,277.00	37,014.00
2014	4,535,000.00	360,872.25	
2015	4,920,000.00	191,971.25	
2016	1,890,000.00	92,943.50	
2017 - 2021	4,190,000.00	77,106.00	
2022 - 2026			
2023	2,615,000.00		
Total Principal and Interest	<u>\$ 41,510,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,014,504.94</u>	<u>\$ 338,946.65</u>

**Note 10: PRIOR YEAR DEFEASEMENT OF DEBT**

In fiscal year 2008, the School District defeased certain general obligation bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the School District's basic financial statements. At June 30, 2011, none of these bonds are outstanding or considered defeased.

**Note 11: ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS**

The School District has recognized revenues and costs in the amount of \$709,363.68 for health insurance and retirement contributions paid on the School District's behalf by the following State Agencies.

Georgia Department of Education  
Paid to the Georgia Department of Community Health  
For Health Insurance of Non-Certified Personnel  
In the amount of \$399,521.76

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Paid to the Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia  
For Teachers Retirement System (TRS) Employer's Cost  
In the amount of \$176,210.92

Office of State Treasurer  
Paid to the Public School Employees Retirement System  
For Public School Employees Retirement (PSERS) Employer's Cost  
In the amount of \$133,631.00

**Note 12: SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS**

The following is an analysis of significant outstanding construction or renovation contracts executed by the School District as of June 30, 2011, together with funding available:

Project	Unearned Executed Contracts	Funding Available From State
East Hall High School	\$ 425,528.62	
East Hall Middle School	141,532.95	\$ 28,499.84
North Hall Middle School	349,941.81	350,961.54
West Hall High School	803,200.40	704,544.03
	<u>\$ 1,720,203.78</u>	<u>\$ 1,084,005.41</u>

The amounts described in this note are not reflected in the basic financial statements.

**Note 13: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Amounts received or receivable principally from the Federal government are subject to audit and review by grantor agencies. This could result in requests for reimbursement to the grantor agency for any costs which are disallowed under grant terms. The School District believes that such disallowances, if any, will be immaterial to its overall financial position.

The School District is a defendant in various legal proceedings pertaining to matters incidental to the performance of routine School District operations. The ultimate disposition of these proceedings is not presently determinable, but is not believed to be material to the basic financial statements.

**Note 14: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Pursuant to approval of the voters in an election held on March 15, 2011, in the subsequent year, the School District issued \$9,500,000.00 of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of various capital outlay purposes for the School District. These bonds will be repaid, either in whole or in part, by proceeds of a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax which was approved on the same date.

**Note 15: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

***Georgia School Personnel Post-employment Health Benefit Fund***

*Plan Description.* The Georgia School Personnel Post-employment Health Benefit Fund (School OPEB Fund) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan that

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covers eligible former employees of public school systems, libraries and regional educational service agencies. The School OPEB Fund provides health insurance benefits to eligible former employees and their qualified beneficiaries through the State Employees Health Benefit Plan administered by the Department of Community Health. The Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the group health plans, including benefits for retirees, to the Board of Community Health (Board). The Department of Community Health, which includes the School OPEB Fund, issues a separate stand alone financial audit report and a copy can be obtained from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts.

*Funding Policy.* The contribution requirements of plan members and participating employers are established by the Board in accordance with the current Appropriations Act and may be amended by the Board. Contributions of plan members or beneficiaries receiving benefits vary based on plan election, dependent coverage, and Medicare eligibility and election. On average, plan members pay approximately 25 percent of the cost of the health insurance coverage.

Participating employers are statutorily required to contribute in accordance with the employer contribution rates established by the Board. The contribution rates are established to fund all benefits due under the health insurance plans for both active and retired employees based on projected "pay-as-you-go" financing requirements. Contributions are not based on the actuarially calculated annual required contribution (ARC) which represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years.

The combined active and retiree contribution rates established by the Board for employers participating in the School OPEB Fund were as follows for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011:

**For certificated teachers, librarians and regional educational service agencies:**

July 2010 - April 2011	21.955% of covered payroll for August - May Coverage
May 2011 - June 2011	1.429% of covered payroll for June - July Coverage

**For non-certificated school personnel:**

July 2010 - December 2010	\$162.72 per member per month
January 2011 - May 2011	\$218.20 per member per month
June 2011	\$246.20 per member per month

The Department of Education was appropriated an additional \$25,081,633 for non-certificated personnel health insurance payments. The amount attributable to the School District is reflected in the On-behalf note disclosure.

No additional contribution was required by the Board for fiscal year 2011 nor contributed to the School OPEB Fund to prefund retiree benefits. Such additional contribution amounts are determined annually by the Board in accordance with the School plan for other post-employment benefits and are subject to appropriation.

The School District's combined active and retiree contributions to the health insurance plans, which equaled the required contribution, for the current fiscal year and the preceding two fiscal years were as follows:

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Fiscal Year	Percentage Contributed	Required Contribution
2011	100%	\$ 21,007,703.03
2010	100%	\$ 19,623,730.08
2009	100%	\$ 16,137,283.52

**Note 16: RETIREMENT PLANS**

**TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TRS)**

*Plan Description.* The TRS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan created in 1943 by an act of the Georgia General Assembly to provide retirement benefits for qualifying employees in educational service. A Board of Trustees comprised of active and retired members and ex-officio State employees is ultimately responsible for the administration of TRS. The Teachers Retirement System of Georgia issues a separate stand alone financial audit report and a copy can be obtained from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts.

On October 25, 1996, the Board created the Supplemental Retirement Benefits Plan of the Georgia Teachers Retirement System (SRBP-TRS). SRBP-TRS was established as a qualified excess benefit plan in accordance with Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as a portion of TRS. The purpose of SRBP-TRS is to provide retirement benefits to employees covered by TRS whose benefits are otherwise limited by IRC Section 415. Beginning July 1, 1997, all members and retired former members in TRS are eligible to participate in the SRBP-TRS whenever their benefits under TRS exceed the IRC Section 415 imposed limitation on benefits.

TRS provides service retirement, disability retirement, and survivor's benefits. The benefit structure of TRS is defined and may be amended by State statute. A member is eligible for normal service retirement after 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age, or after 10 years of service and attainment of age 60. A member is eligible for early retirement after 25 years of creditable service.

Normal retirement (pension) benefits paid to members are equal to 2% of the average of the member's two highest paid consecutive years of service, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service up to 40 years. Early retirement benefits are reduced by the lesser of one-twelfth of 7% for each month the member is below age 60 or by 7% for each year or fraction thereof by which the member has less than 30 years of service. It is also assumed that certain cost-of-living adjustments, based on the Consumer Price Index, will be made in future years. Retirement benefits are payable monthly for life. A member may elect to receive a partial lump-sum distribution in addition to a reduced monthly retirement benefit. Death, disability and spousal benefits are also available.

*Funding Policy.* TRS is funded by member and employer contributions as adopted and amended by the Board of Trustees. Members become fully vested after 10 years of service. If a member terminates with less than 10 years of service, no vesting of employer contributions occurs, but the member's contributions may be refunded with interest. Member contributions are limited by State law to not less than 5% or more than 6% of a member's earnable compensation. Member contributions as adopted by the Board of Trustees for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, were 5.53% of annual salary. The member contribution rate will increase to 6.00% effective July 1, 2012. Employer contributions required for fiscal year 2011 were 10.28% of annual salary as required by the June 30, 2008, actuarial valuation. The employer contribution rate will increase to 11.41% effective July 1, 2012.

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2011

EXHIBIT "H"

Employer contributions for the current fiscal year and the preceding two fiscal years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Percentage Contributed</u>		<u>Required Contribution</u>
2011	100%	\$	12,470,131.57
2010	100%	\$	12,038,280.79
2009	100%	\$	12,388,836.21

**PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSERS)**

Bus drivers, lunchroom personnel, and maintenance and custodial personnel are members of the Public School Employees' Retirement System of Georgia. The System is funded by contributions by the employees and by the State of Georgia. The School District makes no contribution to this plan.

**DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN**

The Hall County Board of Education maintains an employer paid 403(b) annuity plan for the group of employees covered under the Public School Retirement System (PSERS). Recognizing that PSERS was a limited defined contribution and defined benefit plan which did not provide for an adequate retirement for this group of employees, it was the Board's desire to supplement the retirement of this group.

The Board selected The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (VALIC) as the provider of this plan. For each employee covered under PSERS, the Board matches employee contributions to the plan in an amount not to exceed 5% of the employee's base pay.

The employee becomes vested in the plan immediately. Funds accumulated in the employer paid accounts are only available to the employee upon termination.

Employer contributions for the current fiscal year and the preceding two fiscal years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Percentage Contributed</u>		<u>Required Contribution</u>
2011	100%	\$	201,523.35
2010	100%	\$	218,363.65
2009	100%	\$	215,127.85

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HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GENERAL FUND  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

SCHEDULE "1"

	NONAPPROPRIATED BUDGETS		ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL (1)	FINAL (1)	AMOUNTS
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Property Taxes	\$ 75,436,108.00	\$ 75,436,108.00	\$ 78,994,840.07
Sales Taxes	1,125,000.00	1,125,000.00	1,243,506.82
State Funds	109,667,457.00	109,644,224.77	112,118,993.33
Federal Funds	29,064,223.00	33,887,172.00	32,342,961.32
Charges for Services	4,422,619.00	4,422,619.00	4,203,104.13
Investment Earnings	219,266.00	219,266.00	160,679.49
Miscellaneous	1,753,898.00	1,758,898.00	2,691,712.69
Total Revenues	\$ 221,688,571.00	\$ 226,493,287.77	\$ 231,755,797.85
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Current			
Instruction	\$ 150,257,091.00	\$ 148,882,861.27	\$ 145,494,402.50
Support Services			
Pupil Services	8,043,625.00	8,316,114.00	7,608,604.16
Improvement of Instructional Services	5,965,657.00	6,573,390.93	6,187,788.13
Educational Media Services	3,843,595.00	3,861,269.00	3,685,915.50
General Administration	753,520.00	1,248,453.00	787,656.74
School Administration	12,369,992.00	12,418,334.53	12,145,127.44
Business Administration	1,327,003.00	1,335,235.00	1,748,381.49
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	16,123,251.00	16,240,521.00	14,046,111.00
Student Transportation Services	9,798,726.00	10,570,040.00	9,427,326.12
Central Support Services	5,787,919.00	5,948,254.50	5,626,808.09
Other Support Services	686,894.00	941,861.54	821,250.93
Food Services Operation	16,036,486.00	16,036,486.00	12,965,301.46
Community Services Operations	227,389.00	193,891.00	151,738.14
Capital Outlay	38,639.00	38,639.00	7,792.20
Debt Service			723,125.56
Total Expenditures	\$ 231,259,787.00	\$ 232,605,350.77	\$ 221,427,329.46
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	\$ -9,571,216.00	\$ -6,112,063.00	\$ 10,328,468.39
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>			
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	\$ 87,500.00	\$ 87,500.00	
Sale or Compensation for Loss of Fixed Assets	20,000.00	20,000.00	\$ 83,638.58
Operating Transfers To Other Funds	-233,495.00	-233,495.00	-155,995.90
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -125,995.00	\$ -125,995.00	\$ -72,357.32
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ -9,697,211.00	\$ -6,238,058.00	\$ 10,256,111.07
Fund Balances - Beginning	15,478,882.00	15,478,882.00	19,029,625.23
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 5,781,671.00	\$ 9,240,824.00	\$ 29,285,736.30

Notes to the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual

(1) Original and Final Budget amounts do not include budgeted revenues or expenditures of the various principal accounts.

The accompanying schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances budget and actual is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is the basis of accounting used in the presentation of the fund financial statements.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

SCHEDULE "2"

FUNDING AGENCY PROGRAM/GRANT	CFDA NUMBER	PASS- THROUGH ENTITY ID NUMBER	EXPENDITURES IN PERIOD
Agriculture, U. S. Department of			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Food Services			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	N/A	(2)
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	\$ 12,560,702.51 (1)
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			\$ 12,560,702.51
Education, U. S. Department of			
School Improvement Grants Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
School Improvement Grants	84.377	N/A	\$ 6,207.07
Special Education Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Special Education			
ARRA - Grants to States	* 84.391	N/A	\$ 2,289,452.13
ARRA - Preschool Grants	* 84.392	N/A	97,039.81
Grants to States	* 84.027	N/A	4,003,583.57
Preschool Grants	* 84.173	N/A	146,201.24
Total Special Education Cluster			\$ 6,536,276.75
Title I, Part A Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
ARRA - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	* 84.389	N/A	\$ 2,037,992.48
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	* 84.010	N/A	5,090,044.65
Total Title I, Part A Cluster			\$ 7,128,037.13
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
ARRA - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants	* 84.395	N/A	\$ 223,881.87
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	N/A	263,404.64
Charter Schools	84.282	N/A	873,271.87
Education Jobs Fund	* 84.410	N/A	5,222,642.00
English Language Acquisition Grants	84.365	N/A	707,751.81
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	N/A	791,314.58
Migrant Education - State Grant Program	84.011	N/A	331,881.26
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - State Grants	84.186	N/A	36,454.82
Total Other Programs			\$ 8,450,602.85
Total U. S. Department of Education			\$ 22,121,123.80
Health and Human Services, U. S. Department of			
Direct			
Developmental Disabilities Basic Support Advocacy Grants	93.630		\$ 126,675.08
Drug-Free Communities Support Program Grants	93.276		116,170.55
Total U. S. Department of Human Resources			\$ 242,845.63
Defense, U. S. Department of			
Direct			
Department of the Navy			
R.O.T.C. Program			\$ 68,916.82
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 34,993,588.76

N/A = Not Available



HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

SCHEDULE "2"

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

- (1) Includes the Federally assigned value of donated commodities for the Food Donation Program in the amount of \$613,365.43.
- (2) Expenditures for the funds earned on the School Breakfast Program (\$2,725,259.56) were not maintained separately and are included in the 2011 National School Lunch Program.

Major Programs are identified by an asterisk (\*) in front of the CFDA number.

The School District did not provide Federal Assistance to any Subrecipient.

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of Federal awards includes the Federal grant activity of the Hall County Board of Education and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is the basis of accounting used in the presentation of the fund financial statements.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

SCHEDULE "3"

AGENCY/FUNDING	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTAL
	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	
GRANTS			
Bright From the Start:			
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning			
Pre-Kindergarten Program	\$ 380,577.39		\$ 380,577.39
Education, Georgia Department of			
Quality Basic Education			
Direct Instructional Cost			
Kindergarten Program	8,581,685.10		8,581,685.10
Kindergarten Program - Early Intervention Program	1,425,075.00		1,425,075.00
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	21,115,125.76		21,115,125.76
Primary Grades - Early Intervention (1-3) Program	1,725,253.00		1,725,253.00
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	10,116,197.14		10,116,197.14
Upper Elementary Grades - Early Intervention (4-5) Program	805,131.00		805,131.00
Middle Grades (6-8) Program	31,952.00		31,952.00
Middle School (6-8) Program	15,771,464.99		15,771,464.99
High School General Education (9-12) Program	13,367,859.00		13,367,859.00
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	3,556,032.00		3,556,032.00
Students with Disabilities			
Category I	2,980,882.00		2,980,882.00
Category II	1,173,891.00		1,173,891.00
Category III	6,980,077.00		6,980,077.00
Category IV	1,574,192.00		1,574,192.00
Category V	815,255.00		815,255.00
Gifted Student - Category VI	4,331,924.00		4,331,924.00
Remedial Education Program	766,235.00		766,235.00
Alternative Education Program	1,202,597.00		1,202,597.00
English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	6,118,736.00		6,118,736.00
Media Center Program	2,813,645.00		2,813,645.00
20 Days Additional Instruction	845,135.00		845,135.00
Staff and Professional Development	528,249.00		528,249.00
Indirect Cost			
Central Administration	2,612,791.00		2,612,791.00
School Administration	5,242,329.00		5,242,329.00
Facility Maintenance and Operations	6,563,699.00		6,563,699.00
Categorical Grants			
Pupil Transportation			
Regular	1,873,548.00		1,873,548.00
Nursing Services	384,854.00		384,854.00
Vocational Supervisors	29,270.00		29,270.00
Education Equalization Funding Grant	4,530,396.00		4,530,396.00
Food Services	393,642.00		393,642.00
Vocational Education	182,834.69		182,834.69
Amended Formula Adjustment	-18,321,064.00		-18,321,064.00
Other State Programs			
Dual Enrollment Funding	18,723.00		18,723.00
Health Insurance	399,521.76		399,521.76
Math and Science Supplements	114,849.22		114,849.22
Preschool Handicapped Program	337,031.00		337,031.00
Project Summer Express Program	3,000.00		3,000.00
Teachers' Retirement	176,210.92		176,210.92
Virtual Schools Grant	2,587.50		2,587.50
Vocational Construction Related Equipment - State Bonds	363,968.86		363,968.86
Georgia State Financing and Investment			
Commission			
Reimbursement on Construction Projects		\$ 3,288,530.59	3,288,530.59

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

SCHEDULE "3"

<u>AGENCY/FUNDING</u>	<u>GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</u>	
GRANTS			
Health and Human Services, Georgia Department of Youth Development	\$ 70,000.00		\$ 70,000.00
Office of the State Treasurer Public School Employees Retirement	<u>133,631.00</u>		<u>133,631.00</u>
	<u>\$ 112,118,993.33</u>	<u>\$ 3,288,530.59</u>	<u>\$ 115,407,523.92</u>

See notes to the basic financial statements.

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

SCHEDULE "4"

PROJECT	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1)	CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3)	PROJECT STATUS
<b>SPLOST III</b>					
Payment of portion of the payments, including principal and interest, due on the Hall County School District's Series 1992B and 1997 Bonds with a maximum payment amount of \$28,800,000.00;	\$ 28,800,000.00	\$ 28,800,000.00	\$ 3,219,511.57	\$ 12,003,138.75	Ongoing/ In Budget
Acquiring, constructing and equipping of new schools and facilities, acquiring and conducting site preparation of real estate for School District purposes, constructing and equipping additional classrooms and instructional and support space, remodeling, renovating and equipping existing classrooms and instructional and support space, and acquiring furnishings, equipment and fixtures for new and existing facilities system-wide, including technology equipment, textbooks, library books and school buses;	124,200,000.00	124,200,000.00	10,956,217.43	86,440,022.80	Ongoing/ In Budget
Payment of any general obligation debt of the Hall County School District issued in conjunction with the imposition of this tax.	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	987,354.74	4,673,196.85	Ongoing/ In Budget
<b>SPLOST IV</b>					
Payment of a portion of the payments, including principal and interest, due on the Hall County School District's Series 2007B Bonds, with a maximum payment amount of \$9,604,500.00;	9,604,500.00	9,604,500.00			Ongoing/ In Budget
Acquiring, constructing and equipping new schools, fine arts facilities, physical education facilities, student activity facilities and other school system facilities, acquiring and conducting site preparation of real estate for School District purposes, constructing and equipping additional classrooms and instructional and support space, remodeling, renovating and equipping classrooms, instructional and support space, and other School District facilities at existing school system facilities, and acquiring furnishings, equipment and fixtures for new and existing facilities system-wide, including technology equipment, textbooks, library books and school buses, with the estimated cost of such projects to be financed from funds raised by the Sales Tax being \$152,983,000.00;	151,983,000.00	151,983,000.00	23,464.72		Ongoing/ In Budget
Payment of any general obligation debt of the Hall County School District issued in conjunction with the imposition of the Sales Tax.	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00			Ongoing/ In Budget
	<u>\$ 322,587,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 322,587,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,186,548.46</u>	<u>\$ 103,116,358.40</u>	

(1) The School District's original cost estimate as specified in the resolution calling for the imposition of the Local Option Sales Tax.

(2) The School District's current estimate of total cost for the projects. Includes all cost from project inception to completion.

(3) The voters of Hall County approved the imposition of a 1% sales tax to fund the above projects and retire associated debt. Amounts expended for these projects may include sales tax proceeds, state, local property taxes and/or other funds over the life of the projects.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GENERAL FUND - QUALITY BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM (QBE)  
ALLOTMENTS AND EXPENDITURES - BY PROGRAM  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

SCHEDULE "5"

DESCRIPTION	ALLOTMENTS FROM GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (1) (2)	ELIGIBLE QBE PROGRAM COSTS		
		SALARIES	OPERATIONS	TOTAL
Direct Instructional Programs				
Kindergarten Program	\$ 9,995,068.00	\$ 9,103,701.61	\$ 376,877.66	\$ 9,480,579.27
Kindergarten Program-Early Intervention Program	1,665,047.00	693,686.14		693,686.14
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	24,234,306.00	19,649,926.59	538,639.75	20,188,566.34
Primary Grades-Early Intervention (1-3) Program	2,090,970.00	1,491,200.84		1,491,200.84
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	11,477,870.00	11,487,906.55	402,562.75	11,890,469.30
Upper Elementary Grades-Early Intervention (4-5) Program	1,030,165.00	451,145.81		451,145.81
Middle Grades (6-8) Program	42,326.00			
Middle School (6-8) Program	18,812,532.00	20,748,639.65	490,804.30	21,239,443.95
High School General Education (9-12) Program	16,083,042.00	17,722,132.49	1,209,371.50	18,931,503.99
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	4,346,634.00	3,556,669.67	136,709.88	3,693,379.55
Students with Disabilities	16,316,044.00			
Category I		127,232.93	2,212.50	129,445.43
Category II		1,398,508.86	4,854.58	1,403,363.44
Category III		11,917,661.24	71,550.99	11,989,212.23
Category IV		1,217,201.41	80,338.16	1,297,539.57
Category V		437.22		437.22
Gifted Student - Category VI	5,052,879.00	2,076,913.84	23,907.51	2,100,821.35
Remedial Education Program	1,018,475.00			
Alternative Education Program	1,452,514.00	909,230.89		909,230.89
English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	7,451,539.00	5,244,791.08	1,188.48	5,245,979.56
TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	\$ 121,069,411.00	\$ 107,796,986.82	\$ 3,339,018.06	\$ 111,136,004.88
Media Center Program	3,392,124.00	3,415,726.13	165,833.48	3,581,559.61
Staff and Professional Development	637,400.00			245,610.24
TOTAL QBE FORMULA FUNDS	\$ 125,098,935.00	\$ 111,212,712.95	\$ 3,504,851.54	\$ 114,963,174.73

(1) Comprised of State Funds plus Local Five Mill Share.

(2) Allotments do not include the impact of the State amended formula adjustment.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

## SECTION II

### COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS



## DEPARTMENT OF AUDITS AND ACCOUNTS

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STATE AUDITOR  
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March 6, 2012

Honorable Nathan Deal, Governor  
Members of the General Assembly  
Members of the State Board of Education  
and  
Superintendent and Members of the  
Hall County Board of Education

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hall County Board of Education as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise Hall County Board of Education's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 6, 2012. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of Hall County Board of Education is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Hall County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Hall County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Hall County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

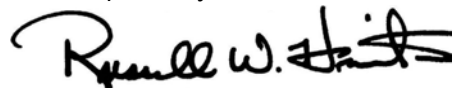
Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Hall County Board of Education's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, members of the Hall County Board of Education, others within the entity, Federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell W. Hinton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Russell W. Hinton, CPA, CGFM  
State Auditor

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## DEPARTMENT OF AUDITS AND ACCOUNTS

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March 6, 2012

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS THAT COULD HAVE  
A DIRECT AND MATERIAL EFFECT ON EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL  
OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Compliance

We have audited Hall County Board of Education's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major Federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2011. Hall County Board of Education's major Federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major Federal programs is the responsibility of Hall County Board of Education's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Hall County Board of Education's compliance based on our audit.

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 Hall County Board of Education'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. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Hall County Board of Education's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Hall County Board of Education complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major Federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2011.

## Internal Control Over Compliance

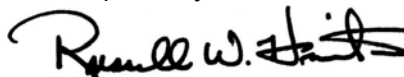
Management of Hall County Board of Education is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to Federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Hall County Board of Education's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major Federal program to determine the auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance 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 Hall County Board of Education'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.

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 deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be *material weaknesses*, as defined above.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, members of the Hall County Board of Education, others within the entity, Federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell W. Hinton".

Russell W. Hinton, CPA, CGFM  
State Auditor

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### SECTION III

#### AUDITEE'S RESPONSE TO PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AUDITEE'S RESPONSE  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

## SECTION IV

### FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

**I SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issue:  
Governmental Activities; General Fund; Capital Projects Fund; Debt  
Service Fund; Aggregate Remaining Fund Information Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:  
▪ Material weakness identified? No  
▪ Significant deficiency identified? None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted: No

**Federal Awards**

Internal Control over major programs:  
▪ Material weakness identified? No  
▪ Significant deficiency identified? None Reported

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

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

Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.010, 84.389	Title I, Part A Cluster
84.027, 84.173, 84.391, 84.392	Special Education Cluster
84.410	Education Jobs Fund
84.395	Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$1,049,807.66

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes

**II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

No matters were reported.

**III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

No matters were reported.