

**EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
DBA TEACHWELL SOLUTIONS**

AUDIT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors
East Dakota Educational Cooperative
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the East Dakota Educational Cooperative, d/b/a Teachwell Solutions, Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Cooperative), as of June 30, 2016 and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 1, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Current Audit Findings, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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 Cooperative's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Current Audit Findings as item 2016-001 to be a material weakness.

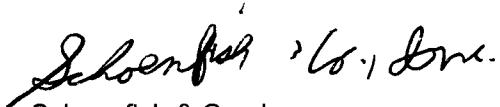
Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Cooperative'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*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. As required by South Dakota Codified Law 4-11-11, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS:

Finding Number 2015-001:

A material weakness in internal controls was noted due to a lack of proper segregation of duties for revenues. This comment has not been corrected and is restated under current audit finding number 2016-001.

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SCHEDULE OF CURRENT AUDIT FINDINGSCURRENT AUDIT FINDINGS:CURRENT OTHER AUDIT FINDINGS:Internal Control – Related Findings – Material Weakness:Finding Number 2016-001:

A material weakness in internal controls was noted due to a lack of proper segregation of duties for revenues. This is a continuing audit comment since fiscal year 2015.

Criteria:

Proper segregation of duties results in increased reliability of reported financial data decreased potential for the loss of public assets.

Condition:

A limited number of employees process all revenue transactions from beginning to end. They also receive money, issue receipts, record receipts, post receipts in the accounting records, prepare bank deposits, reconcile bank statements, and prepare financial statements.

Effect:

As a result, there is an increased likelihood that errors could occur and not be detected in a timely manner by employees in the ordinary course of performing their duties.

Recommendation:

1. We recommend that the East Dakota Educational Cooperative officials be cognizant of this lack of segregation of duties for revenues and attempt to provide compensating internal controls whenever, and wherever, possible and practical.

Management's Response:

The East Dakota Educational Cooperative Board President, Renee Ullom, is the contact person responsible for the corrective action plan for this comment. This comment is due to the size of the East Dakota Educational Cooperative, which precludes staffing at a level sufficient to provide an ideal environment for internal controls. We are aware of this problem and are developing policies and attempting to provide compensating controls.

CLOSING CONFERENCE

The audit was discussed with the Director and Business Manager during the course of the audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
East Dakota Educational Cooperative
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the East Dakota Educational Cooperative, d/b/a Teachwell Solutions, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, (Cooperative) as of June 30, 2016 and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities and each major fund of East Dakota

Educational Cooperative as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

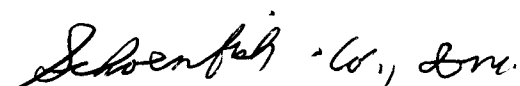
Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Budgetary Comparison Schedules, the Schedule of the Cooperative's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset), and the Schedule of the Cooperative Contributions on pages 32 through 33, 35, and 36, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The Cooperative has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 1, 2016 on our consideration of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
As of June 30, 2016

	Primary Government		
	Governmental	Business-Type	
	Activities	Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,635,561.27	130.74	1,635,692.01
Inventories	1,124.91		1,124.91
Other Assets	492,861.38	1,093.13	493,954.51
Net Pension Asset	418,917.31		418,917.31
Capital Assets:			
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	56,069.65		56,069.65
TOTAL ASSETS	2,604,534.52	1,223.87	2,605,758.39
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Pension Related Deferred Outflows	804,206.40		804,206.40
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	804,206.40	0.00	804,206.40
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts Payable	24,129.78		24,129.78
Other Current Liabilities	2,589.25		2,589.25
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	10,000.00		10,000.00
Due in More than One Year	4,868.07		4,868.07
TOTAL LIABILITIES	41,587.10	0.00	41,587.10
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Pension Related Deferred Inflows	618,120.50		618,120.50
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	618,120.50	0.00	618,120.50
NET POSITION:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	56,069.65		56,069.65
Restricted for:			
SDRS Pension Purposes	605,003.21		605,003.21
Unrestricted (Deficit)	2,087,960.46	1,223.87	2,089,184.33
TOTAL NET POSITION	2,749,033.32	1,223.87	2,750,257.19

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

EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government	
					Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities Total
Primary Government:						
Governmental Activities:						
Instruction	1,234,355.88	1,468,854.06	276,106.63		510,604.81	510,604.81
Support Services	1,921,895.25	511,040.32	764,113.55		(646,741.38)	(646,741.38)
Community Services	71,678.24				(71,678.24)	(71,678.24)
Total Governmental Activities	3,227,929.37	1,979,894.38	1,040,220.18	0.00	(207,814.81)	(207,814.81)
Business-type Activities:						
Food Service	23,663.97	9,799.85	11,063.94		(2,800.18)	(2,800.18)
Total Primary Government	3,251,593.34	1,989,694.23	1,051,284.12	0.00	(207,814.81)	(210,614.99)
General Revenues:						
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					232.23	252.23
Other General Revenues					269,076.29	269,076.29
Transfers					(3,000.00)	0.00
Total General Revenues and Transfers					266,308.52	269,328.52
Change in Net Position					58,493.71	58,713.53
Net Position - Beginning					2,690,539.61	2,691,543.66
NET POSITION - ENDING					2,749,033.32	2,750,257.19

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**EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
As of June 30, 2016**

	General Fund
ASSETS:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,630,561.27
Advanced Payments	5,000.00
Accounts Receivable, Net	13,315.85
Due from State Government	479,545.53
Inventory of Supplies	1,124.91
TOTAL ASSETS	2,129,547.56
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:	
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	24,129.78
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings and Employer Matching Payable	2,589.25
Total Liabilities	26,719.03
Fund Balances:	
Nonspendable:	
Inventory	1,124.91
Assigned for Next Year's Budget	300,349.00
Unassigned	1,801,354.62
Total Fund Balances	2,102,828.53
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	2,129,547.56

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EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2016

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	<u>2,102,828.53</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Net pension asset reported in governmental activities is not an available financial resource and therefore is not reported in the funds.	<u>418,917.31</u>
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>56,069.65</u>
Pension related deferred outflows are components of pension liability (asset) and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>804,206.40</u>
Long-term liabilities, including accrued leave payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>(14,868.07)</u>
Pension related deferred inflows are components of pension liability (asset) and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>(618,120.50)</u>
Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u><u>2,749,033.32</u></u>

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EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	General Fund
Revenues:	
Revenue from Local Sources:	
Tuition and Fees:	
Student Tuition	1,468,854.06
Earnings on Investments and Deposits	232.23
Other Revenue from Local Sources:	
Rentals	2,400.00
Services Provided Other LEAs	511,040.32
Other	266,676.29
Revenue from State Sources:	
Other State Revenue	704,846.90
Revenue from Federal Sources:	
Grants-in-Aid:	
Restricted Grants-in-Aid Received from Federal Government Through the State	284,718.61
Other Federal Revenue	50,654.67
Total Revenue	3,289,423.08
Expenditures:	
Instruction:	
Regular Programs:	
Other Regular Programs	1,163,676.33
Special Programs:	
Educationally Deprived	91,123.24
Support Services:	
Pupils:	
Guidance	58,389.10
Student Therapy Services	395,804.12
Instructional Staff:	
Improvement of Instruction	882,829.79
Educational Media	59,317.75
General Administration:	
Executive Administration	320,839.00
Business:	
Fiscal Services	157,262.40
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	82,879.72

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EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	<u>General Fund</u>
Expenditures (Continued):	
Community Services:	
Other	73,971.25
Total Expenditures	<u>3,286,092.70</u>
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>3,330.38</u>
Other Financing Sources:	
Transfers Out	(3,000.00)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(3,000.00)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>330.38</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>2,102,498.15</u>
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u><u>2,102,828.53</u></u>

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EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund
Balances to the Government-Wide Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	<u>330.38</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
This amount represents the current year depreciation expense reported in the statement of activities which is not reported on the fund financial statements because it does not require the use of current financial resources.	<u>(6,330.26)</u>
Governmental funds recognize expenditures for amounts of compensated absences actually paid to employees with current financial resources during the fiscal year. Amounts of compensated absences earned by employees are not recognized in the funds. In the statement of activities, expenses for these benefits are recognized when the employees earn leave credits.	<u>7,168.22</u>
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. (Pension Expense)	<u>991.13</u>
Changes in the pension related deferred outflows/inflows are direct components of pension liability (asset) and are not reflected in the governmental funds.	<u>56,334.24</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>58,493.71</u></u>

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**EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
As of June 30, 2016**

	Enterprise Funds
	Food Service Fund
ASSETS:	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	130.74
Due from State Government	1,093.13
Total Current Assets	1,223.87
TOTAL ASSETS	1,223.87
NET POSITION:	
Unrestricted Net Position	1,223.87
TOTAL NET POSITION	1,223.87

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EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Enterprise Funds
	Food Service Fund
Operating Revenue:	
Food Sales:	
Student	9,799.85
Total Operating Revenue	9,799.85
Operating Expenses:	
Supplies	34.52
Cost of Sales - Purchased	23,629.45
Total Operating Expenses	23,663.97
Operating Income (Loss)	(13,864.12)
Nonoperating Revenue:	
Investment Earnings	20.00
Federal Grants	11,063.94
Total Nonoperating Revenue	11,083.94
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(2,780.18)
Transfers In	3,000.00
Change in Net Position	219.82
Net Position - Beginning	1,004.05
NET POSITION - ENDING	1,223.87

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EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Enterprise Funds Food Service Fund
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Cash Receipts from Customers	9,799.85
Cash Payments to Suppliers of Goods and Services	(23,697.87)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	(13,898.02)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Transfers from General Fund	3,000.00
Operating Grants	9,970.81
Net Cash Provided (Used) from Noncapital Financing Activities	12,970.81
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Cash Received for Interest	20.00
Net Cash (Used) by Investing Activities	20.00
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(907.21)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	1,037.95
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	130.74
 RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating Income (Loss)	(13,864.12)
Change in Assets and Liabilities:	
Accounts and Other Payables	(33.90)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	(13,898.02)

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Cooperative conform to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to government entities in the United States of America.

a. Financial Reporting Entity:

The reporting entity of East Dakota Educational Cooperative, d/b/a Teachwell Solutions, (Cooperative) consists of the primary government (which includes all of the funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that make up the legal entity, plus those funds for which the primary government has a fiduciary responsibility, even though those fiduciary funds may represent organizations that do not meet the criteria for inclusion in the financial reporting entity); those organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable; and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that their exclusion would cause the financial reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The East Dakota Educational Cooperative is a cooperative organized by three member school districts; Lennox School District 41-4, Brandon Valley School District 49-2, and the West Central School District 49-7, to provide educational services to students. Funding sources are provided through various state and federal grants along with tuition paid for each student. The East Dakota Educational Cooperative is a separate legal entity, distinct from the member school districts.

b. Basis of Presentation:

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the reporting entity as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity except for fiduciary funds. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

The Statement of Net Position reports all financial and capital resources, in a net position form (assets minus liabilities equal net position). Net position is displayed in three components, as applicable, net investment in capital assets, restricted (distinguishing between major categories of restrictions), and unrestricted.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Cooperative'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. Program revenues include (a) charges paid by recipients of goods and 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:

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. Funds are organized into two major categories: governmental and proprietary. An emphasis is placed on major funds

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)

within the governmental category. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Cooperative or it meets the following criteria:

1. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type, and
2. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund are at least five percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds combined, or
3. Management has elected to classify one or more governmental funds as major for consistency in reporting from year to year, or because of public interest in the fund's operations.

The funds of the Cooperative financial reporting entity are described below within their respective fund types:

Governmental Funds:

General Fund – A fund established by South Dakota Codified Laws (SDCL) 13-16-3 to meet all the general operational costs of the cooperative, excluding capital outlay fund and special education fund expenditures. The General Fund is always a major fund.

Proprietary Funds:

Enterprise Funds – Enterprise funds may be used to report any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. Activities are required to be reported as enterprise funds if any one of the following criteria is met.

- a. The activity is financed with debt that is secured solely by a pledge of the net revenues from fees and charges of the activity. Debt that is secured by a pledge of net revenues from fees and charges and the full faith and credit of a related primary government or component unit—even if that government is not expected to make any payments—is not payable solely from fees and charges of the activity. (Some debt may be secured, in part, by a portion of its own proceeds but should be considered as payable "solely" from the revenues of the activity.)
- b. Laws or regulations require that the activity's costs of providing services, including capital costs (such as depreciation or debt service), be recovered with fees and charges, rather than with taxes or similar revenues.
- c. The pricing policies of the activity establish fees and charges designed to recover its costs, including capital costs (such as depreciation or debt service).

Food Service Fund – A fund used to record financial transactions related to food service operations. This fund is financed by user charges and grants. This is a major fund.

c. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "how" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements, regardless of the measurement focus.

Measurement Focus:

Government-wide Financial Statements:

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus, applied on the accrual basis of accounting.

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Fund Financial Statements:

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting are applied to governmental fund types, while the accrual basis of accounting is applied to the proprietary funds.

Basis of Accounting:

Government-wide Financial Statements:

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, governmental and business-type activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues and related assets generally are recorded when earned (usually when the right to receive cash vests); and, expenses and related liabilities are recorded when an obligation is incurred (usually when the obligation to pay cash in the future vests).

Fund Financial Statements:

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues generally are recognized when they become measurable and available. "Available" means resources are collected or to be collected soon enough after the end of the fiscal year that they can be used to pay all the bills of the current period. The accrual period does not exceed one bill-paying cycle, and for the Cooperative, the length of that cycle is 60 days. The revenues which are accrued at June 30, 2016 are grants from the state of South Dakota and revenue from member schools districts.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, receivables may be measurable but not available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Reported deferred revenues are those where asset recognition criteria have been met but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met.

Expenditures generally are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include principal and interest on general long-term debt which are recognized when due.

All proprietary funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they are earned, and their expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

d. Capital Assets:

Capital assets include land, buildings, machinery and equipment, and all other tangible or intangible assets that are used in operations and that have initial useful lives extending beyond a single reporting period.

The accounting treatment over capital assets depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

Government-Wide Statements:

All capital assets are valued at historical cost. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated.

Interest costs incurred during the construction of general capital assets are not capitalized along with other capital asset costs.

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Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the government-wide Statement of Activities, with net capital assets reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Capitalization thresholds (the dollar values above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts), depreciation methods, and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the government-wide statements are as follows:

	Capitalization Threshold	Depreciation Method	Estimated Useful Life
Land	\$ 0.00	----N/A----	-----N/A-----
Improvements	\$ 10,000.00	Straight-line	15 yrs.
Buildings	\$ 50,000.00	Straight-line	50 yrs.
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	Straight-line	5-10 yrs.

Land is an inexhaustible capital asset and is not depreciated.

Fund Financial Statements:

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for on the accrual basis, the same as in the government-wide statements.

e. Long-Term Liabilities:

The accounting treatment of long-term liabilities depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

All long-term liabilities to be repaid from governmental and business-type resources are reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term liabilities primarily consist of compensated absences.

In the fund financial statements, debt proceeds are reported as revenues (other financing sources), while payments of principal and interest are reported as expenditures when they become due.

f. Program Revenues:

In the Government-wide Statement of Activities, reported program revenues derive directly from the program itself or from parties other than the Cooperative's taxpayers or citizenry, as a whole. Program revenues are classified into three categories, as follows:

1. Charges for services – These arise from charges to customers, applications, or others who purchase, use, or directly benefit from the goods, services, or privileges provided, or are otherwise directly affected by the services.
2. Program-specific operating grants and contributions – These arise from mandatory and voluntary non-exchange transactions with other governments, organizations, or individuals that are restricted for use in a particular program.
3. Program-specific capital grants and contributions – These arise from mandatory and voluntary non-exchange transactions with other governments, organizations, or individuals that are restricted for the acquisition of capital assets for use in a particular program.

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g. Proprietary Funds Revenue and Expense Classifications:

In the proprietary fund's Statement of Activities, revenues and expenses are classified in a manner consistent with how they are classified in the Statement of Cash Flows. That is, transactions for which related cash flows are reported as capital and related financing activities, noncapital financing activities, or investing activities are not reported as components of operating revenues or expenses.

h. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The Cooperative pools its cash resources for depositing and investing purposes. Accordingly, the enterprise fund has access to its cash resources on demand. Accordingly, all reported enterprise fund deposit and investment balances are considered to be cash equivalents for the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows.

i. Equity Classifications:

Government-wide Statements:

Equity is classified as net position and is displayed in three components.

1. Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation (if applicable) and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
2. Restricted net position - Consists of net position with constraints placed on its use either by (a) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or (b) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted net position - All other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

Fund Financial Statements:

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance, and is distinguished between Nonspendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned or Unassigned components. Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide financial statements.

j. Application of Net Position:

It is the Cooperative's policy to first use restricted net position, prior to the use of unrestricted net position, when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

k. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures:

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, the Cooperative classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

- Nonspendable – includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual constraints.
- Restricted – includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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- Committed – includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision making authority and does not lapse at year-end.
- Assigned – includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed. Fund Balance may be assigned by the Business Manager.
- Unassigned – includes positive fund balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the above mentioned categories and negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

The Nonspendable Fund Balance is comprised of the following:

- Amount reported in non-spendable form such as inventory and prepaid expenses.

The Cooperative uses restricted/committed amounts first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as a grant agreement requiring dollar for dollar spending. Additionally, the Cooperative would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

The Cooperative does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy.

I. Pensions:

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability (asset), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense (revenue), information about the fiduciary net position of the South Dakota Retirement System (SDRS) and additions to/deletions from SDRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by SDRS. Cooperative contributions and net pension liability (asset) are recognized on an accrual basis of accounting.

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS CREDIT RISK, CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK AND INTEREST RATE RISK

The Cooperative follows the practice of aggregating the cash assets of various funds to maximize cash management efficiency and returns. Various restrictions on deposits and investments are imposed by statutes. These restrictions are summarized as follows:

Deposits - The Cooperative's deposits are made in qualified public depositories as defined by SDCL 4-6A-1, 13-16-15, 13-16-15.1 and 13-16-18.1. Qualified depositories are required by SDCL 4-6A-3 to maintain at all times, segregated from their other assets, eligible collateral having a value equal to at least 100 percent of the public deposit accounts which exceed deposit insurance such as the FDIC and NCUA. In lieu of pledging eligible securities, a qualified public depository may furnish irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by federal home loan banks accompanied by written evidence of that bank's public debt rating which may not be less than "AA" or a qualified public depository may furnish a corporate surety bond of a corporation authorized to do business in South Dakota.

Investments - In general, SDCL 4-5-6 permits cooperative funds to be invested in (a) securities of the United States and securities guaranteed by the United States Government either directly or indirectly; or (b) repurchase agreements fully collateralized by securities described in (a) above; or in shares of an open-end, no-load fund administered by an investment company whose investments are in securities described in (a) above and repurchase agreements described in (b) above. Also, SDCL 4-5-9 requires that investments shall be in the physical custody of the political subdivision or may be deposited in a safekeeping account with any bank or trust company designated by the political subdivision as its fiscal agent.

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Credit Risk - State law limits eligible investments for the Cooperative, as discussed above. The Cooperative has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

As of June 30, 2016, the Cooperative had the following investments. Except for the investment in SDFIT, for the General Fund, all investments are in an internal deposit and investment pool.

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
External Investment Pools:		
SDFIT	Unrated	<u>\$1,508,600.22</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		<u>\$1,508,600.22</u>

The South Dakota Public Fund Investment Trust (SDFIT) is an external investment pool created for South Dakota local government investing purposes. It is regulated by a nine-member board with representation from municipalities, school districts, and counties.

The net asset value of the SDFIT money market account (GCR) is kept at one dollar per share by adjusting the rate of return on a daily basis. Earnings are credited to each account on a monthly basis.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The Cooperative places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. More than 5 percent of the Cooperative's investments are in SDFIT (100%).

Interest Rate Risk – The Cooperative does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Assignment of Investment Income – State law allows income from deposits and investments to be credited to either the General Fund or the fund making the investment. The Cooperative's policy is to credit all income from investments to the fund making the investment.

3. RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Receivables and payables are not aggregated in these financial statements. The Cooperative expects all receivables to be collected within one year.

4. INVENTORY

Inventory held for consumption is state at cost. Inventory for resale is stated at the lower of cost or market. The cost valuation method is first-in, first-out.

In the Government-wide financial statements, inventory items are initially recorded as assets and charged to expense in the various functions of government as they are consumed.

In the fund financial statements, inventories in the General Fund consist of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost is recorded as an expenditure at the time individual inventory items are consumed. Reported inventories are equally offset by a nonspendable fund balance which indicates that they do not constitute "available spendable resources" even though they are a component of net current assets.

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5. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2016, is as follows:

	Balance 07/01/2015	Increases	Decreases	Balance 06/30/2016
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets, being depreciated:				
Improvements	35,622.50			35,622.50
Leasehold Improvements	64,708.00			64,708.00
Machinery & Equipment	91,131.29			91,131.29
Total, being depreciated	<u>191,461.79</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>191,461.79</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Improvements	(35,622.50)			(35,622.50)
Leasehold Improvements	(23,110.04)	(1,540.67)		(24,650.71)
Machinery & Equipment	(70,329.34)	(4,789.59)		(75,118.93)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(129,061.88)</u>	<u>(6,330.26)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(135,392.14)</u>
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated, net	<u>62,399.91</u>	<u>(6,330.26)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>56,069.65</u>
Governmental Activity Capital Assets, Net	<u><u>62,399.91</u></u>	<u><u>(6,330.26)</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>56,069.65</u></u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
Instruction	\$ 4,206.22
Support Services	<u>2,124.04</u>
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 6,330.26</u></u>

6. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A summary of the changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2016 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
Accrued Compensated Absences	22,036.29	39,189.28	46,357.50	14,868.07	10,000.00
Total Governmental Activities	<u>22,036.29</u>	<u>39,189.28</u>	<u>46,357.50</u>	<u>14,868.07</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	<u><u>22,036.29</u></u>	<u><u>39,189.28</u></u>	<u><u>46,357.50</u></u>	<u><u>14,868.07</u></u>	<u><u>10,000.00</u></u>

Compensated absences for governmental activities typically have been liquidated from the General Fund.

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Debt payable at June 30, 2016 is comprised of the following:

PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

Governmental Activities:

Compensated Absences:

Accrued leave balances for eligible employees.

Payment to be made by the fund that the payroll expenditures are charged to.

\$14,868.07

7. OPERATING LEASES

The Cooperative entered into an agreement for lease of the office and alternative school building with the East Dakota Educational Foundation. The lease is paid out of the General Fund.

The Cooperative entered into an agreement for lease of copiers and copier maintenance. The lease is paid out of the General Fund.

The following are the minimum payments required for existing operating leases:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Office/Building</u>	<u>Copiers</u>
2017	\$ 54,100.00	\$ 13,835.28
2018	\$ 55,800.00	\$ 13,835.28
2019		\$ 2,305.88

8. RESTRICTED NET POSITION

Restricted net position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 was as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Restricted By</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Major Funds:		
SDRS Pension	Governmental Accounting Standards	\$ 605,003.21
Total Restricted Net Position		<u>\$ 605,003.21</u>

9. DEFERRED INFLOWS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent consumption of net position that applies to a future period or periods. These items will not be recognized as an outflow of resources until the applicable future period.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent acquisitions of net position that applies to a future period or periods. These items will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until the applicable future period.

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10. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2016 were as follows:

<u>Transfers From:</u>	<u>Transfers To:</u>
	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>
	<u>Food Service Funds</u>
Major Funds:	
General Fund	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>

The Cooperative typically uses transfers to the Food Service Fund from the General Fund to supplement the operating income of the Food Service Fund.

11. PENSION PLAN

All employees, working more than 20 hours per week during the school year, participate in the South Dakota Retirement System (SDRS), a cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SDRS to provide retirement benefits for employees of the State of South Dakota and its political subdivisions. The SDRS provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. The right to receive retirement benefits vests after three years of credited service. Authority for establishing, administering and amending plan provisions are found in SDCL 3-12. The SDRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained at <http://sdrs.sd.gov/publications.aspx> or by writing to the SDRS, P.O. Box 1098, Pierre, SD 57501-1098 or by calling (605) 773-3731.

Benefits Provided:

SDRS has three different classes of employees, Class A, Class B public safety and Class B judicial. Class A retirement benefits are determined as 1.7 percent prior to 2008 and 1.55 percent thereafter of the employee's final 3-year average compensation times the employee's years of service. Employees with 3 years of service are eligible to retire at age 55. Class B public safety benefits are determined as 2.4 percent for service prior to 2008 and 2.0 percent thereafter of employee final average compensation. Class B judicial benefits are determined as 3.733 percent for service prior to 2008 and 3.333 percent thereafter of employee final average compensation. All Class B employees with 3 years of service are eligible to retire at age 45. Employees are eligible for service-related disability benefits regardless of length of service. Three years of service is required for nonservice-related disability eligibility. Disability benefits are determined in the same manner as retirement benefits but are payable immediately without an actuarial reduction. Death benefits are a percent of the employee's final average salary.

The annual increase in the amount of the SDRS benefits payable on each July 1st is indexed to the consumer price index (CPI) based on SDRS funded status:

- If the SDRS market value funded ratio is 100% or more – 3.1% COLA
- If the SDRS market value funded ratio is 80.0% to 99.9%, index with the CPI
 - 90.0% to 99.9% funded — 2.1% minimum and 2.8% maximum COLA
 - 80.0% to 90.0% funded — 2.1% minimum and 2.4% maximum COLA
- If the SDRS market value funded ratio is less than 80% -- 2.1% COLA

All benefits except those depending on the Member's Accumulated Contributions are annually increased by the Cost-of-Living Adjustment.

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Contributions:

Per SDCL 3-12, contribution requirements of the active employees and the participating employers are established and may be amended by the SDRS Board. Covered employees are required by state statute to contribute the following percentages of their salary to the plan; Class A Members, 6.0% of salary; Class B Judicial Members, 9.0% of salary; and Class B Public Safety Members, 8.0% of salary. State statute also requires the employer to contribute an amount equal to the employee's contribution. State statute also requires the employer to make an additional contribution in the amount of 6.2 percent for any compensation exceeding the maximum taxable amount for social security for general employees only. The Cooperative's share of contributions to the SDRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014 were \$109,194.46, \$108,203.33, and \$110,498.76, respectively, equal to the required contributions each year.

Pension Liabilities (Assets), Pension Expense (Revenue), and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources to Pensions:

At June 30, 2015, SDRS is 104.1% funded and accordingly has a net pension asset. The proportionate shares of the components of the net pension asset of South Dakota Retirement System, for the Cooperative as of the measurement period ending June 30, 2015 and reported by the Cooperative as of June 30, 2016 are as follows:

Proportionate share of net position restricted for pension benefits	\$ 10,644,112.35
Less proportionate share of total pension liability	<u>\$ 10,225,205.04</u>
Proportionate share of net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$ (418,907.31)</u>

At June 30 2016, the Cooperative reported a liability (asset) of \$(418,917.31) for its proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset). The net pension liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2015 and the total pension liability (asset) used to calculate the net pension liability (asset) was based on a projection of the Cooperative's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. At June 30, 2015, the Cooperative's proportion was 0.09877130%, which is an increase (decrease) of (0.0065423%) from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the Cooperative recognized pension expense (revenue) of \$51,869.09. At June 30, 2016 the Cooperative reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience.	\$ 85,775.22	
Changes in assumption.	\$ 332,175.06	
Net Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments.	\$ 255,909.48	\$ 618,120.50
Changes in proportion and difference between Cooperative contributions and proportionate share of contributions.	\$ 21,152.18	
Cooperative contributions subsequent to the measurement date.	\$ 109,194.46	
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 804,206.40</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 618,120.50</u></u>

\$109,194.46 reported as deferred outflow of resources related to pensions resulting from Cooperative contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense (revenue) as follows:

Year Ended June 30:

2017	\$ 25,999.05
2018	\$ 25,999.05
2019	\$ (47,253.47)
2020	\$ 72,146.80
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 76,891.43</u></u>

Actuarial Assumptions:

The total pension liability (asset) in the June 30, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.25 percent
Salary Increases	5.83 percent at entry to 3.87 percent after 30 years of service
Investment Rate of Return	7.25 percent through 2017 and 7.50 percent thereafter, net of pension plan investment expense

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Employee Mortality Table for males and females, as appropriate.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2011. The mortality assumptions were revised based on an extension of the experience study including mortality experience through June 30, 2013.

Investment portfolio management is the statutory responsibility of the South Dakota Investment Council (SDIC), which may utilize the services of external money managers for management of a portion of the

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portfolio. SDIC is governed by the Prudent Man Rule (i.e., the council should use the same degree of care as a prudent man). Current SDIC investment policies dictate limits on the percentage of assets invested in various types of vehicles (equities, fixed income securities, real estate, cash, private equity, etc.). the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of real rates for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2015 (see the discussion of the pension plan's investment policy) are summarized in the following table using geometric means:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Global Equity	61.0%	4.5%
Fixed Income	27.0%	1.8%
Real Estate	10.0%	5.2%
Cash	2.0%	0.8%
Total	100%	

Discount Rate:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability (asset) was 7.25 percent through 2017 and 7.50 percent thereafter. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that matching employer contributions from will be made at rates equal to the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability (asset).

Sensitivity of liability (asset) to changes in the discount rate:

The following presents the Cooperative's proportionate share of net pension liability (asset) calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 percent through 2017 and 7.50 percent thereafter, as well as what the Cooperative's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.25/6.50%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.25/8.50%) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Cooperative's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$1,054,410.17	\$(418,917.31)	\$(1,620,288.98)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position:

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued SDRS financial report.

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12. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Cooperative is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the period ended June 30, 2016, the Cooperative managed its risks as follows:

Employee Health Insurance:

The Cooperative purchases health insurance through a commercial carrier.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the liability coverage during the past three years.

Liability Insurance:

The Cooperative purchases liability insurance for risks related to torts; theft or damage to property; and errors and omissions of public officials from a commercial carrier. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the liability coverage during the past three years.

Worker's Compensation:

The Cooperative participates, with several other educational units and related organizations in South Dakota, in the Associated School Boards of South Dakota Workers' Compensation Fund Pool which provided workers' compensation insurance coverage for participating members of the pool. The objective of the Fund is to formulate, develop, and administer, on behalf of the member organizations, a program of worker's compensation coverage, to obtain lower costs for that coverage, and to develop a comprehensive loss control program. The Cooperative's responsibility is to initiate and maintain a safety program to give its employees safe and sanitary working conditions and to promptly report to and cooperate with the Fund to resolve any worker's compensation claims. The Cooperative pays an annual premium to provide worker's compensation coverage for its employees, under a retrospectively rated policy and the premiums are accrued based on the ultimate cost of the experience to date of the Fund members. The Cooperative may also be responsible for additional assessments in the event the pool is determined by its board of trustees to have inadequate reserves to satisfy current obligations or judgments. Additional assessments, if any, are to be determined on a prorated basis based upon each participant's percentage of contribution in relation to the total contribution to the pool of all participants for the year in which the shortfall occurs. The pool provides loss coverage to all participants through pool retained risk retention and through insurance coverage purchased by the pool in excess of the retained risk. The pool pays the first \$500,000 of any claim per individual. The pool has reinsurance which covers up to an additional \$1,000,000 per individual per incident.

The Cooperative does not carry additional insurance to cover claims in excess of the upper limit. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the liability coverage over the past three years.

Unemployment Benefits:

The Cooperative has elected to be self-insured and retain all risk for liabilities resulting from claims for unemployment benefits.

During the year ended June 30, 2016, no claims were filed for unemployment benefits. At June 30, 2016, no claims had been filed or were outstanding. It is not anticipated that any additional claims for unemployment benefits will be filed in the next fiscal year.

13. RELATED ORGANIZATION

The East Dakota Educational Foundation was incorporated April 17, 1992 to promote the further educational development of East Dakota Educational Cooperative's students and staff. The organization is a nonprofit corporation governed by four trustees, which are appointed by the East Dakota Educational Cooperative.

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The Cooperative does not approve the organization's financial decisions. The Foundation does own the building which houses some of the Cooperative's office and classroom space. The Cooperative does pay rent to the Foundation for this purpose.

14. SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES – LITIGATION

At June 30, 2016, the Cooperative was not involved in any significant litigation.

15. POTENTIAL FUTURE LIABILITIES

The East Dakota Educational Cooperative has terminated its health insurance with the South Dakota School District Health Benefit Fund. Because of a deficit in the fund, the Cooperative could have a future liability to the fund. Although the exact amount is not known, one calculation has the amount owed to be \$88,970.

16. REPORTING ENTITY SECONDARY NAME

Teachwell Solutions began as East Dakota Educational Cooperative (EDEC) in 1986 as an educational resource, advocate and support network for member districts in eastern South Dakota. EDEC eventually grew to serve the entire state through unique opportunities provided to them by their member districts. In 2013, it was determined EDEC needed a new name that wouldn't restrict their services to eastern South Dakota or the cooperative members. Teachwell Solutions was introduced in 2015, even as programs were continuing to change and evolve to meet the needs of the districts. Today, Teachwell solutions continues to focus on their core member districts of Brandon Valley, West Central and Lennox, but many of their programs are utilized across the entire state of South Dakota to help administrators, teachers, students and parents.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Revenue from Local Sources:				
Tuition and Fees:				
Student Tuition	1,405,806.00	1,406,306.00	1,468,854.06	62,548.06
Earnings on Investments and Deposits	1,000.00	1,000.00	232.23	(767.77)
Other Revenue from Local Sources:				
Rentals	0.00	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Services Provided Other LEAs	977,283.00	978,183.00	511,040.32	(467,142.68)
Other	222,953.00	223,353.00	266,676.29	43,323.29
Revenue from State Sources:				
Other State Revenue	49,903.00	240,903.00	704,846.90	463,943.90
Revenue from Federal Sources:				
Grants-in-Aid:				
Restricted Grants-in-Aid Received from Federal Government	229,771.00	229,771.00	284,718.61	54,947.61
Through the State	55,210.00	146,210.00	50,654.67	(95,555.33)
Other Federal Revenue				
Total Revenue	2,941,926.00	3,225,726.00	3,289,423.08	63,697.08
Expenditures:				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs:				
Other Regular Programs	1,339,040.00	1,339,040.00	1,163,676.33	175,363.67
Special Programs:				
Educationally Deprived	90,935.00	90,935.00	91,123.24	(188.24)
Support Services:				
Pupils:				
Guidance	53,333.00	54,233.00	58,389.10	(4,156.10)
Student Therapy Services	422,840.00	422,840.00	395,804.12	27,035.88
Instructional Staff:				
Improvement of Instruction	588,664.00	870,664.00	882,829.79	(12,165.79)
Educational Media	66,584.00	67,085.00	59,317.75	7,767.25
General Administration:				
Executive Administration	365,611.00	365,611.00	320,839.00	44,772.00
Business:				
Fiscal Services	199,056.00	199,056.00	157,262.40	41,793.60
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	115,100.00	115,100.00	82,879.72	32,220.28
Community Services:				
Other	73,613.00	74,012.00	73,971.25	40.75
Nonprogrammed Charges:				
Payments to State - Unemployment	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Total Expenditures	3,324,776.00	3,608,576.00	3,286,092.70	322,483.30

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	(382,850.00)	(382,850.00)	3,330.38	386,180.38
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers Out	0.00	(3,000.00)	(3,000.00)	0.00
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	(3,000.00)	(3,000.00)	0.00
Net Change in Fund Balances	(382,850.00)	(385,850.00)	330.38	386,180.38
Fund Balance - Beginning	2,102,498.15	2,102,498.15	2,102,498.15	0.00
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	1,719,648.15	1,716,648.15	2,102,828.53	386,180.38

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
June 30, 2016

Schedules of Budgetary Comparisons for the General Fund.

Note 1. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting:

The Cooperative followed these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Prior to the first regular meeting in May of each year the board causes to be prepared a proposed budget for the next fiscal year according to the budgetary standards prescribed by the Auditor General.
2. The proposed budget is considered by the board at the first regular meeting held in the month of May of each year.
3. The proposed budget is published for public review no later than July 15 each year.
4. Public hearings are held to solicit taxpayer input prior to the approval of the budget.
5. Before October 1 of each year, the board must approve the budget for the ensuing fiscal year for each fund, except trust and agency funds.
6. After adoption by the board, the operating budget is legally binding and actual expenditures of each fund cannot exceed the amounts budgeted, except as indicated by number eight.
7. A line item for contingencies may be included in the annual budget. Such a line item may not exceed five percent of the total cooperative budget and may be transferred by resolution of the cooperative board to any other budget category, except for capital outlay, that is deemed insufficient during the year.
8. If it is determined during the year that sufficient amounts have not been budgeted, state statute allows adoption of supplemental budgets when moneys are available to increase legal spending authority.
9. Unexpended appropriations lapse at year-end unless encumbered by resolution of the board.
10. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund.
11. Budgets for the General Fund are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Note 2. GAAP/Budgetary Accounting Basis Differences:

The financial statements prepared in conformity with USGAAP present capital outlay expenditure information in a separate category of expenditures. Under the budgetary basis of accounting, capital outlay expenditures are reported within the function to which they relate. For example, the purchase of a new school bus would be reported as a capital outlay expenditure on the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances, however in the Budgetary RSI Schedule, the purchase of a school bus would be reported as an expenditure of the Support Services-Business/Pupil Transportation function of government, along with all other current Pupil Transportation related expenditures.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATIONSCHEDULE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S PROPORTIONATE
SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)

South Dakota Retirement System

(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cooperative's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.09877130%	0.1053136%
Cooperative's proportionate share of net pension liability (asset)	\$ (419)	\$ (759)
Cooperative's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,803	\$ 1,842
Cooperative's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	▼ (23.23%)	▼ (41.20%)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability (asset)	▼ (104.10%)	▼ (107.29%)

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of the collective net pension liability (asset) which is 6/30 of the previous fiscal year.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE COOPERATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

South Dakota Retirement System

(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 109	\$ 108
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>\$ 109</u>	<u>\$ 108</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -
Cooperative's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,820	\$ 1,803
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	6.0%	6.0%