

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio

Treasurer's Financial Summary and Analysis November, 2017

GENERAL FUND

	2017	2016	2015
Beginning Balance 11/1	\$5,756,424	\$4,951,463	\$3,755,998
Revenues	762,990	720,069	700,537
Expenditures	773,283	740,890	674,854
Ending Balance 11/30	<u>\$5,746,131</u>	<u>\$4,930,642</u>	<u>\$3,781,681</u>
Month Over Change	(\$10,293)	(\$20,821)	\$25,683
Cummulative Change	\$710,561	\$454,756	\$574,597

Introduction

A school district's General Fund is its main operating fund containing most of its operational costs and the revenues to support those operations. This is why the emphasis of this financial summary and its comments is the General Fund. A comparative view of three years activity for the General Fund for the month of November is presented above. A summary of November's results, particularly concerning any financial events causing a variance from the normal cash flow cycle, is included below.

General Fund, Cash Flow Results in November, 2017

As evidenced in the table above, only nominal changes were experienced in revenue between 2017 and 2016 in the General Fund. This is primarily the result of the "catch-up" payment from the State of Ohio being received in October and the District receiving no unexpected changes in revenue volume. Additionally, the changing EMIS reporting requirements and measurement periods will act to somewhat smooth out the revenue flows that at times could be dramatically different from month-to-month in previous fiscal years. As a result, though annual revenue amounts have increased approximately \$85,000 to this point in the year, there have only been relatively small increases in any individual month and revenues are on pace with annual expectations.

The increase of \$32,393 in expenditures are the result of increased salary and employment in the District. Though we knew this would inevitably impact the School District's bottom line, the Board and Administration felt strongly it was the correct path forward to take.

November Summary and Outlook for remaining Fiscal Year

November has historically been a positive month for the District due mainly to catch-up payments. This, however, is changing. Due to the improvements in the State-wide EMIS system, "catch-up" payments are being made earlier in the fiscal year. I feel it is safe to assume that the District, in most years, will continue to see small deficits in most Novembers. Though expenditures have normally settled down by this time, foundation revenue alone is rarely enough to result in a surplus in any one month. Looking forward, economic indicators continue to indicate that that initial expectations are in most instances correct. However, December's results will be dramatically different. December is a three pay month and the District's Workers' Compensation Insurance will be due, and, therefore, we can expect to run a sizable deficit. Looking further into the future though, we should expect expenditures to continue to moderate in January, and revenues should begin to see increases (property tax advances). A strong argument still remains for exercising caution and taking a conservative approach for future expenditures.