

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio

Treasurer's Financial Summary and Analysis

August, 2017

GENERAL FUND

	2017	2016	2015
Beginning Balance 8/1	\$5,126,387	\$4,804,017	\$2,872,653
Revenues	1,224,759	792,804	1,056,839
Expenditures	779,939	925,114	714,087
Ending Balance 8/31	<u>\$5,571,207</u>	<u>\$4,671,707</u>	<u>\$3,215,405</u>
Monthly Change	\$444,820	(\$132,310)	\$342,752
Yearly Change	\$535,637	\$195,821	\$8,321

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 August is presented above. A summary of August's results, particularly concerning any financial events causing a variance from the normal cash flow cycle, is included below. Any review of the District's should include an understanding of our cash flow cycle. The District receives only State funding during most months of the year and State aid is not enough to cover monthly operational costs, resulting in operating deficits.

General Fund, Cash Flow Results in August 2017

August, 2017 General Fund Revenues were well above the previous fiscal years' total, but in-line with historical trends. This was entirely due to the early property tax settlement the District received in July, 2016, unlike in most fiscal years this settlement is received in August. Therefore, it is going to be much more useful to look at revenues from the beginning of the Fiscal Year (July) through current to understand the District's overall fiscal condition. Doing this allows us to see that the District is well ahead of where it has been in previous fiscal years. Revenues in 2017 through this point have increased more than \$40,000 over this same period in 2016, not a large amount, but moving in the proper direction nonetheless.

Expenditures are also moving in the right direction. A year-over-year analysis shows a decrease of over \$300,000 to this point. This improvement however is not as easily explained. The differences show up across the spectrum, from small decreases in salary expenditures to larger decreases in materials and supplies (the result from changing to Chromebooks from Apple). Additionally, in the previous fiscal year we had the purchase of new LED light bulbs for both buildings, the new copier purchases made for the elementary school, and the new prox system in the high school and these served to bloat the previous year's amounts.

August Summary and Outlook for remaining Fiscal Year

August has historically been a positive month for the District, and the current year would seem to reinforce that trend. Expenditures for the 2018 school year are less than the 2017 school year, a pleasant surprise, though not entirely unanticipated. In September, we should start to realize some moderation in materials and supplies expenditures, but expectations beyond that are in the opposite direction and we should expect a negative month on the whole. We should be able to see the changes in State Funding in our October Settlement reports from ODE, our expectations being that this will be somewhat negative, but tempered by lower expenditures. As we learn more about the District's Foundation revenue, we will forward that information to the Board.