

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio

Treasurer's Financial Summary and Analysis

April, 2016

GENERAL FUND

	2016	2015	2014
Beginning Balance 4/1	\$4,122,759	\$3,132,756	\$2,905,071
Revenues	1,583,606	1,269,368	1,334,578
Expenditures	951,480	777,356	701,709
Ending Balance 4/30	<u>\$4,754,885</u>	<u>\$3,624,768</u>	<u>\$3,537,940</u>
Monthly Change	\$632,126	\$492,012	\$632,869
Yearly Change	\$1,547,801	\$366,570	\$334,374

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 April is presented above. A summary of April'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 April 2016

April 2016 General Fund Revenues outpaced the two previous fiscal years. This is the result of increases in State Funding and a greater than expected property tax settlement. Though total revenue looks much greater than previous years, we have to consider the transfer we made from the General Fund to the Budget Reserve Fund. April's tax revenue has increased approximately \$45,000 (delinquencies) and Foundation revenue increased approximately \$20,000. What remains is the \$250,000 transfer to the Budget Reserve. Keep in mind, this will allow the District to continue to participate in the CEP. This is an awesome learning support for our children and, as long as the State continues its current funding regime, we can provide this service to our students at no cost.

April expenditures were above the previous two fiscal years. The increase noted is entirely due to a combination of factors including the transfer. Combine this with a timing related issue for electric payments in the previous fiscal year and the continued decrease in open enrollment out payments, and these account for the \$174,000 increase for the month. Annual expenditures, across all categories, are where we would expect them to be. In total, expenditures for the year are down \$161,508 with the CEP transfer included. Operating expenditures are actually down a total of \$411,508. We continue to move in the right direction on this side of the ledger.

April Summary and Outlook for remaining Fiscal Year

April has generally been the School District's best performing month, and 2016 held. Though we cannot or should not forget that much of the financial improvements the School District is seeing at this time, are the result of action taken in previous fiscal years, we do note that the year over change has improved by approximately \$1,200,000. As noted in the five year forecast update in this month's Board packet, annual carryover should increase dramatically. Additional revenues from what was estimated must not be treated as a windfall to expand programs but as an opportunity to extend the time horizon of the five-year forecast.