MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY
(A Component Unit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts)

Financial Statements and Required Supplementary Information

June 30, 2018

(With Independent Auditor’s Report Thereon)

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Independent Auditor's Report

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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA"), a component unit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the entity's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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 control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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 from 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 entity'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 entity'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.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of MSBA as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter
As discussed in Note 11 to the financial statements, in fiscal year 2018, the MSBA adopted the provisions of Governmental Account Standards Board Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. Accordingly, the net deficit of the MSBA has been restated as of July 1, 2017. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information
Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 to 8 and the Schedule of Changes in Net Other Post-Employment Benefits Assets and Related Ratios, Schedule of Employer Contributions, and the Schedule of Investment Returns on pages 38 to 40 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.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 11, 2018, on our consideration of the MSBA'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 solely 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 effectiveness of the MSBA's 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 MSBA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

RSM US LLP

Boston, Massachusetts
December 11, 2018

This section of the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (the "MSBA") annual financial report presents a discussion and analysis of the MSBA's financial performance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Please read it in conjunction with the MSBA's financial statements, which follow this section.

Background

The MSBA was created by statute in 2004 (the "Act") to service the former grant obligations for school building projects approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education ("Prior Grant") and to fund a new program (the "New Program") for grants to cities, towns, and regional school districts for school construction and renovation projects. The MSBA is a component unit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth").

The MSBA's major revenue source is the portion of the Commonwealth's sales tax revenue dedicated to the MSBA (the "Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue"). A one percent (1%) statewide sales tax (drawn from the existing statewide 6.25% sales tax, with some exclusions) is available to the MSBA without further appropriation or allotment. The Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue is pledged for payment of debt service. The Commonwealth has covenanted that the Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue will not be diverted from the control of the MSBA and has pledged not to reduce the sales tax rate below that prescribed by the Act. The Act states that, under the New Program, no project can be approved for funding unless the MSBA determines that the school project is within the capacity of the MSBA to finance with revenues projected to be available to the MSBA.

In fiscal year 2008, the MSBA began approving grants under the New Program for school construction and renovation projects. Under the New Program, no city, town, or regional school district or independent agricultural and technical school has any entitlement to funds from the MSBA. Grants approved by the MSBA for projects may range from 31% to 80% of approved eligible project costs.

Financial Highlights

- Total liabilities and deferred inflows exceed the total assets and deferred outflows of the authority by $5.5 billion at June 30, 2018. This net deficit exists as a result of the inherited grant liability and the issuance of debt for funding grants. Over time, sales tax revenue coupled with the extinguishment of the inherited grant liability is expected to eliminate the deficit.
- Total assets declined $228 million, due to the Authority drawing down available cash to reduce grants payable and to prepay debt service.
- Total liabilities decreased $493 million, primarily in reduced current liabilities. The Authority retired commercial paper of $450 million and reduced grants payable overall by $198 million.
- General revenues increased $63 million over FY2017 driven by strong sales tax growth and income on investments.
- Total expenses decreased $41 million over FY2017 primarily due to a reduction in grant payments. Projects at the end of the grant cycle are held at 95% payment until the final audit is approved by the Authority's Board of Directors. Projects at the beginning of the grant cycle have smaller payment requests until such time as the project enters contruction.
- The Authority adopted Governmental Accounting Standard Board ("GASB") Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions* (OPEB) (GASB Statement No. 75). Net position as of July 1, 2017 was restated, resulting in a decrease of approximately $700 thousand to reflect the cumulative retrospective effect of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 75.

- During FY2018, the MSBA made a contribution of $500 thousand from the Special Revenue Fund to the OPEB Trust Fund.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The financial section of this report consists of the following parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, the notes to the financial statements, and required supplementary information.

This report consists of six financial statements presented on three pages. The first two financial statements are the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position (Deficit) found on page 9. The second two financial statements are the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance/Statement of Activities found on page 10. The final two financial statements are the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position found on page 11. The OPEB Trust Fund is an irrevocable trust fund established for the purpose of accumulating assets to pay for future OPEB costs. The assets are funded from operations and accumulate to provide future payment of health care and other related OPEB. In FY2018, the MSBA had two retirees for which benefits were incurred; thus, the direct payment of benefits is not material relative to the assets of the Trust. See Note 10 for additional information related to OPEB.

Required Supplementary Information (RSI)

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain RSI concerning the Authority's OPEB plan.

Reporting the MSBA's Governmental Funds

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the MSBA's Governmental Funds – not the MSBA as a whole. The fund financial statements are prepared using a different approach than the government-wide financial statements discussed on pages 5 and 6. The MSBA's expenditures are reported in its Governmental Funds and focus on cash inflows and outflows in the funds as well as residual balances left at year-end that are available for current spending. The Governmental Funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual accounting, which measures revenues as they become both measurable and available, and per MSBA policy are those amounts expected to be collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded in the period the liability is due and payable. The Governmental Fund Statements provide a detailed short-term view (less than one year) of the MSBA's government operating requirements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018.

The MSBA as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position (Deficit) and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the MSBA as a whole using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting, and present a longer-term view of the MSBA's finances by focusing on total available resources and changes therein.

These statements report the MSBA's net position (deficit) and changes to the MSBA's net position (deficit). Annual changes in the MSBA's net position (deficit) – the difference between assets and deferred outflows, and liabilities and deferred inflows – are one way to measure the MSBA's health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the MSBA's net position (deficit) are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

The MSBA reports a deficit in its net position primarily due to the fact that the MSBA has $6 billion of Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds outstanding for the purposes of funding school construction and renovation projects. The MSBA also assumed responsibility for funding the Commonwealth's share of the 26 remaining Waiting List and 133 remaining Prior Grant school construction and renovation projects. This net deficit of $5.5 billion will be eliminated primarily through the receipt of Dedicated Sales Tax Revenues. The difference between currently expendable resources reported as a fund balance in governmental funds and total available resources reported as net position in the governmental activities financial statements is identified in the adjustment columns found in the financial statements (pages 9 and 10). To arrive at the Statement of Net Position (Deficit), there are adjustments for deferred inflows and outflows of resources as well as long-term and short-term liabilities that are not reported as fund assets and liabilities. Further, to arrive at the Statement of Activities, transactions relating to assets and long-term liabilities are added to or eliminated from the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Amounts relating to the aforementioned transactions are displayed in the Adjustments column to the left of the Statement of Net Position (Deficit) and the Statement of Activities and in note 6 to the basic financial statements.

Financial Analysis

Condensed Financial Information

Summary of Net Position (Deficit)

(In thousands)

	2018	2017 *
Cash and investments	$ 1,198,704	$ 1,513,931
Receivables and other assets	330,257	243,493
Total assets	1,528,961	1,757,424
Deferred outflows of resources	156,594	168,237
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	1,685,555	1,925,661
Current liabilities	491,559	1,015,684
Noncurrent liabilities	6,684,092	6,653,386
Total liabilities	7,175,651	7,669,070
Deferred inflows of resources	706	-
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	7,176,357	7,669,070
Net position (deficit)	$ (5,490,802)	$ (5,743,409)

* Restated for adoption GASB 75

The Authority's net deficit at June 30, 2018 improved by $253 million (4%) over the net position at June 30, 2017. Significant changes are described below:

- Cash and investments declined $315 million (21%) year over year, as cash on hand was used to reduce grant liabilities and debt.

- Receivables remained consistent year to year. An increase of $5.8 million in SMART Funds receivable was off-set by the annual reduction of $6.4 million in loans receivable.
- Current liabilities decreased $524 million (52%). The Authority eliminated its commercial paper of $450 million and reduced grants payable by $90 million. These reductions were slightly offset by an increase of $14 million (12%) in the current portion of long-term debt and $2 million (3%) in accrued interest.
- Noncurrent liabilities increased $31 million (0.5%) with reductions in grants payable of $108 million offset by a net increase in debt of $148 million. Bond premium declined $9 million (2%) through amortization.

Summary of Activities

(In thousands)

	2018	2017
Dedicated sales tax	$ 850,569	$ 817,856
Investment income	14,149	(13,611)
Grant income	22,613	22,522
Gain on defeasance	2,855	-
Intergovernmental revenue	1,602	1,643
Total general revenues	891,788	828,410
Grant payments and operations	371,588	424,251
Debt service and related expenses	264,836	254,340
Loss on defeasance	1,155	-
Pension expense	1,602	1,643
Total expenses	639,181	680,234
Change in net position (deficit)	252,607	148,176
Net position (deficit), beginning of year	(5,743,409)	(5,890,885)
Restatement of net position (deficit) for GASB 75	-	(700)
Net position (deficit), end of year	$ (5,490,802)	$ (5,743,409)

- General revenues increased $63 million (8%) over FY2017 driven by strong sales tax growth and income on investments.
    - Dedicated sales tax revenue increased $33 million (4%).
    - Investment income increased $28 million, effectively eliminating the prior year's losses.
    - Grant income in the form of Federal subsidies on Build America Bonds and Qualified School Construction Bonds held steady.
    - The Authority executed two cash defeasances during the year that generated accounting gains and losses as stated separately above. The net effect has minimal impact on the financial statements, however, the defeasances allow the Authority to effectively manage its required debt service payments relative to sales tax revenue.

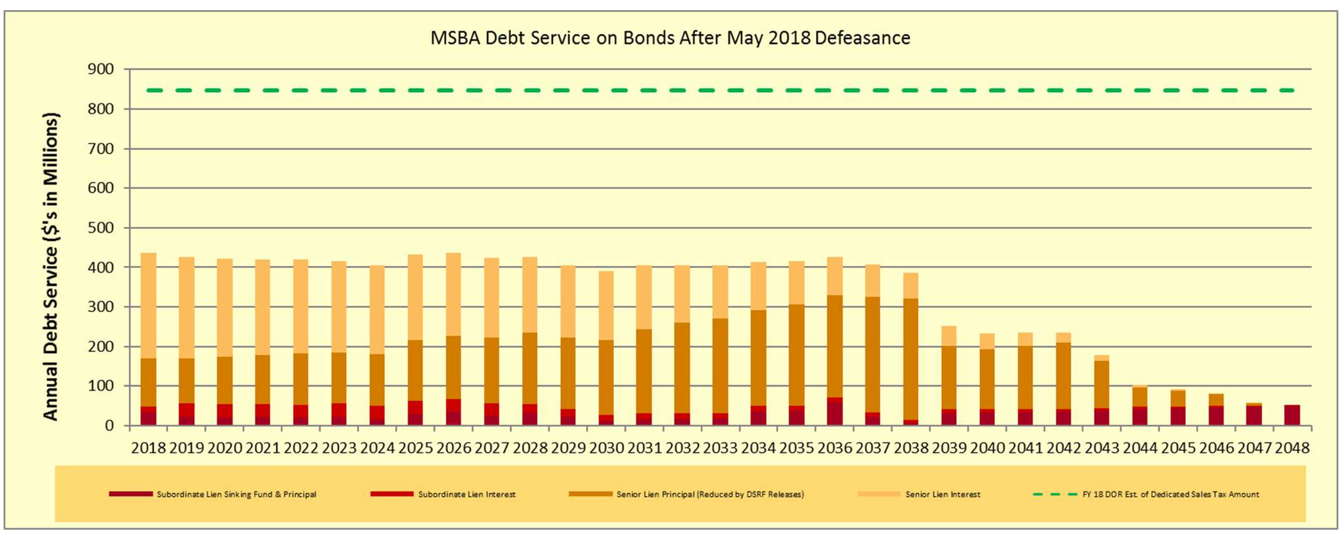
- Total expenses decreased $41 million over FY2017 primarily due to a reduction in grant payments.
    - Grant payments decreased $52 million (13%). This decrease pertains to New Program grants that submit periodic requests for reimbursement throughout the project life-cycle. Grant payments on Prior Grant and Waiting List projects are recorded as a reduction of the grant payable liability.
    - Operations expenses declined $821,000 (7%) during FY2018. The main driver on the savings is the five-year update to the Needs Survey that concluded in FY2017 and had minimal expenses in FY2018.
    - Debt service costs, including costs of issuance, increased $10.5 million in FY2018 due to new debt issuance and offsetting defeasance activity.
    - Pension expense, which is covered by the Commonwealth, remains stable.

Debt

The Act provides the MSBA with the power to issue bonds and notes. The MSBA may issue either general obligation or special obligation bonds. Pursuant to the Act, the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the bonds shall not exceed $10 billion. To date, the MSBA has issued a total of $10.7 billion of Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds, including $3 billion of refunding bonds, for the purpose of funding school construction and renovation projects.

As of June 30, 2018, the MSBA had $6 billion of Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds outstanding plus approximately $613 million of unamortized bond premiums. As shown in the chart below, the Authority seeks to manage its debt service requirements to be approximately half of the predicted SMART fund revenue.

See Note 5 for additional information related to outstanding debt.



As of June 30, 2018, the ratings assigned to the MSBA's Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds are as follows: AA+ by Fitch Ratings, Aa2 by Moody's Investor Services, and AA+ by Standard & Poor's Investor Services. As of June 30, 2018, the ratings assigned to the MSBA's Subordinated Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds are as follows: AA+ by Fitch Ratings, Aa3 by Moody's Investor Services, and AA by Standard & Poor's Investor Services.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the MSBA's finances and to show the MSBA's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Massachusetts School Building Authority at 40 Broad Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02109.

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

(A Component Unit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts)

Governmental Fund Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position (Deficit)

June 30, 2018

(Dollars in thousands)

Assets	**Special Revenue Fund**	**Debt Service Fund**	**Adjustments (note 6)**	**Statement of Net Position (Deficit)**
Current assets:				
Cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments	$ 230,380	$ –	$ –	$ 230,380
Restricted cash and investments	834,017	134,307	–	968,324
Amount due from Commonwealth	143,943	–	–	143,943
Interest receivable	8,715	–	–	8,715
Grant receivable	–	–	3,475	3,475
Loan receivable	6,437	–	–	6,437
Noncurrent assets:				
Loan receivable	79,966	–	–	79,966
Assets held in trust for refunding escrow	–	–	87,274	87,274
Net OPEB asset	–	–	357	357
Capital assets	–	–	90	90
Total assets	1,303,458	134,307	91,196	1,528,961
Deferred outflows of resources:				
Loss on bond refunding	–	–	156,594	156,594
Total assets and deferred outflows	$ 1,303,458	$ 134,307	$ 247,790	$ 1,685,555
Liabilities				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ 1,481	$ –	$ –	$ 1,481
Accrued interest	–	–	86,168	86,168
Current portion of grants payable	32,883	–	186,622	219,505
Current portion of long-term debt	–	–	135,560	135,560
Current portion of compensated absences	–	–	351	351
Current portion of bond premium	–	–	48,494	48,494
Long-term liabilities:				
Long-term debt	–	–	5,854,994	5,854,994
Grants payable	–	–	262,151	262,151
Bond premium	–	–	564,237	564,237
Compensated absences	–	–	251	251
Arbitrage rebate	–	–	2,459	2,459
Total liabilities	34,364	–	7,141,287	7,175,651
Deferred inflows of resources				
OPEB	–	–	706	706
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	$ 34,364	$ –	$ 7,141,993	7,176,357
Fund balance/net position (deficit):				
Restricted for debt service	777,204	134,307	(911,511)	–
Restricted for new program	56,813	–	(56,813)	–
Restricted for OPEB	357		(357)	–
Assigned	434,720	–	(434,720)	–
Total fund balance	1,269,094	134,307	$ (1,403,401)	–
Total liabilities and fund balance	$ 1,303,458	$ 134,307		
Restricted for debt service				911,511
Restricted for new program				56,813
Restricted for OPEB				357
Unrestricted				(6,459,483)
Commitments and contingencies				
Net position (deficit)				(5,490,802)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows, and net position/(deficit)				$ 1,685,555

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance/Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2018

(Dollars in thousands)

	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Adjustments (note 6)	Statement of activities
General revenues:				
Dedicated sales tax	$ 850,569	$ –	$ –	$ 850,569
Investment gain (loss)	16,811	(2,197)	(465)	14,149
Grant income	22,602	–	11	22,613
Gain on defeasance	–	–	2,855	2,855
Intergovernmental revenue	1,602	–	–	1,602
Total revenues	891,584	(2,197)	2,401	891,788
Expenditures/expenses:				
Grant payments	550,332	–	(190,855)	359,477
Operations	12,388	–	(277)	12,111
Bond issuance costs	2,283	–	–	2,283
Loss on refunding	–	–	11,643	11,643
Debt service	628,101	–	(377,191)	250,910
Commercial paper repayments	1,937,665	–	(1,937,665)	–
Loss on defeasance	–	–	1,155	1,155
Pension expense	1,602	–	–	1,602
Total expenditures/expenses	3,132,371	–	(2,493,190)	639,181
Other financing sources (uses):				
Bond proceeds	395,000	–	(395,000)	–
Commercial paper proceeds	1,487,665	–	(1,487,665)	–
Bond Premium	51,136	–	(51,136)	–
Transfer to (from) funds	(14,017)	14,017	–	–
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,919,784	14,017	(1,933,801)	–
Change in fund balance/net position (deficit)	(321,003)	11,820	561,790	252,607
Fund balance/net position (deficit), beginning of year	1,590,097	122,487	(7,455,293)	(5,742,709)
Restatement of net position (deficit) for GASB 75	–	–	(700)	(700)
Fund balance/net position (deficit), end of year	$ 1,269,094	$ 134,307	$ (6,894,203)	$ (5,490,802)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

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Fiduciary Fund

June 30, 2018

(Dollars in thousands)

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

	OPEB Trust Fund
Assets:	
Cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments	$ 3,893
Total assets	3,893
Net position – restricted for OPEB benefits	$ 3,893

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

Additions:	
Contributions:	
Employer	$ 500
Total contributions	500
Net investment income:	
Net appreciation	236
Interest income	99
Total investment expense	(19)
Net investment income	316
Total additions	816
Deductions:	
Benefit payments	16
Total deductions	16
Net increase in fiduciary net position	800
Net position restricted for OPEB benefits, beginning of period	3,093
Net position restricted for OPEB benefits, end of period	$ 3,893

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

(1) Organization and Background

Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2004 (Chapter 208, together with Chapter 70B of the Massachusetts General Laws ("MGL"), Section 35BB of Chapter 10 of the MGL and Chapter 210 of the Acts of 2004, all as most recently amended, (collectively referred to as the Act), eliminated the former school building assistance program and created the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") to administer and fund a new program (the "New Program") for grants to cities, towns, and regional school districts for school construction and renovation projects.

The MSBA is mandated with achieving the effective planning, management, and financial sustainability of a school building assistance program. The MSBA is an independent public authority not subject to the supervision and control of any other executive office, department, agency, or political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth"). The MSBA is funded by a dedicated portion of the Commonwealth's statewide sales tax revenue (the "Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue"). The Commonwealth has covenanted that the Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue will not be diverted from the control of the MSBA and has pledged not to reduce the sales tax rate below that prescribed by the Act. The Act prohibits the MSBA from filing for bankruptcy. The Act provides the MSBA with the power to issue bonds and notes. The MSBA may issue either general obligation or special obligation bonds. Pursuant to the Act, the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the bonds shall not exceed $10 billion.

Under the former program, the Commonwealth was reimbursing cities, towns, and regional school districts for its share of 728 previously approved projects ("Prior Grant" projects). In addition, under the former program, 428 school projects were maintained on a waiting list for funding (the "Waiting List"). Pursuant to the Act, the MSBA became responsible for funding the Commonwealth's share of the 728 Prior Grant projects and 428 Waiting List projects. The Commonwealth's share ranged from 50% to 90% of approved eligible costs. As of June 30, 2018, the MSBA had paid in full its share of 402 of the 428 Waiting List projects and 595 of the 728 Prior Grant projects.

Under the New Program, no city, town, regional school district, or independent agricultural and technical school has any entitlement to funds from the MSBA. Grants approved by the MSBA for projects may range from 31% to 80% of approved eligible project costs. Under the New Program, the MSBA is limited in the amount of grants it can approve in a fiscal year. The limit may change by the lesser of 4.5% of the limit for the prior fiscal year or the percentage change in the Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue Amount over the prior fiscal year.

Under the Act, the MSBA Board of Directors ("Board") shall consist of the Treasurer and Receiver General of the Commonwealth (the "Treasurer"), the Secretary of Administration and Finance, and the Commissioner of Education, each *ex officio*, or such persons' designees, and four other members appointed by the Treasurer, each of whom shall serve two-year terms and shall be eligible for reappointment. Of the four members appointed by the Treasurer, two are required to have practical experience in educational facilities planning, school building construction, or architecture and school design, and two are required to be persons in the field of education with demonstrated knowledge of the Commonwealth's curriculum frameworks and other relevant federal and state educational standards. The Treasurer serves as the chairperson of the MSBA. The Executive Director of the MSBA serves as Secretary of the MSBA Board, *ex officio*.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Reporting Entity and Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the MSBA have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for governments as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"). The MSBA has prepared government-wide financial statements titled "Statement of Net Position (Deficit)" and "Statement of Activities." The MSBA also prepares the fund financial statements, which are the Special Revenue Fund and Debt Service Fund "Balance Sheet" and "Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance." The MSBA's basic financial statements include both the government-wide and the fund financial statements.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements – The MSBA utilizes the current resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting in the preparation of the governmental fund financial statements. Revenues and related receivables are recognized when they become both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period, which is 60 days after year end. Expenditures and related liabilities are generally recorded in the period in which the liability is incurred. However, expenditures related to debt service, compensated absences, and grants payable are recorded only to the extent that the liabilities mature (come due for payment).

Operating expenditures are direct costs incurred by the MSBA and are categorized into administrative expenditures, such as payroll related benefits and legal fees, and project related expenditures, such as professional consultants and other related costs.

Other financing sources (uses) primarily relate to the issuance of long-term debt.

The MSBA reports the following funds:

Special Revenue Fund - This is the MSBA's primary operating fund. This fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. Funds granted from this fund are utilized by grantees for the construction and improvement of public school facilities. This fund accounts for all financial resources of the MSBA, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Debt Service Fund - This is a sinking fund related to the 2010 Series A Bonds and 2011 Series A Bonds. The amounts in the Debt Service Fund will be used to pay the principal of the 2010 Series A Bonds and 2011 Series A Bonds at maturity. Periodically, funds are transferred from the Special Revenue Fund to the Debt Service Fund to meet sinking fund requirements. During fiscal year 2018, there was a transfer of $14 million from the Special Revenue Fund to the Debt Service Fund. As of June 30, 2018, the fund balance in the Debt Service Fund totaled $134.3 million.

Fiduciary Fund – During fiscal year 2012, the MSBA established the OPEB Trust Fund, an irrevocable trust fund established to accumulate assets for the purpose of paying for future other post-employment benefits ("OPEB"). The assets are funded from operations and accumulate to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other related OPEB. The OPEB Trust Fund financial statements utilize the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

Government-wide Financial Statements – The MSBA utilizes the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Accordingly, changes in long-term assets and liabilities are incorporated into these financial statements. Since the governmental fund financial statements are prepared on a different measurement focus and basis of accounting than the government-wide financial statements, an "Adjustments Column" is presented to convert the fund basis financial statements into the government-wide financial statements. Details supporting amounts in the Adjustments Column are presented in note 6.

Due to its relationship with the Commonwealth, the MSBA is considered a blended component unit for financial statement purposes and is presented as a governmental fund in the Commonwealth's financial statements. The MSBA has no relationship with other entities that could be considered component units.

(b) Investments

The MSBA has investments in U.S. Treasuries, municipal bonds, money markets, an external investment pool, and a Guaranteed Investment Contract ("GIC").

The MSBA invests some of its funds in the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust ("MMDT"), an investment pool for political subdivisions of the Commonwealth designed as a legal means to invest temporarily available cash. The state treasurer serves as a trustee of MMDT, and has sole authority pertaining to rules, regulations, and operations of the Trust.

Investment options the MMDT offers are a cash portfolio which offers participation in a diversified portfolio of high-quality money-market instruments that seeks the highest possible level of current income consistent with preservation of capital and liquidity, and a short-term bond portfolio which offers participation in a diversified portfolio of investment-grade, short-term, fixed-income securities that seeks to generate performance exceeding the Barclays 1-5 Year Government/Credit Bond Index, and offers a fixed-income alternative with a longer time horizon than the cash portfolio. A participant's holdings in the Trust are not subject to creditors of the Commonwealth, nor will the Trust itself be affected by the financial difficulties of any participant. Amounts held at MMDT are uninsured and uncollateralized. MSBA's investment balance as of June 30, 2018 at MMDT consisted of $75.6 million in the cash portfolio and $100.5 million in the short-term bond portfolio. The cash portfolio is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment company, but maintains a policy to operate in a manner as a qualifying external investment pool as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*.

The cash portfolio adheres to GASB Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*, which amends Statement No. 31 and establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for state and local governments that participate in a qualifying external investment pool that measures for financial reporting purposes all of its investments at amortized cost. At June 30, 2018 MSBA's deposits with MMDT totaled $176.1 million and the investment in MMDT is valued at amortized cost. MMDT has no redemption restrictions. A copy of the financial statements of MMDT can be obtained from the Office of the State Treasurer, 1 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02110.

The MSBA has implemented GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. This statement requires that certain assets, primarily investments, be recorded at fair value, as well as establishes a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based on the nature of inputs used in the valuation of an asset or liability as of the reporting date (Note 4).

Fluctuations in the fair value of U.S. Treasuries and municipal bonds are recorded as investment gain or loss. Investment gain related to fluctuations in value of these investments was $14.1 million in fiscal year 2018. The MSBA intends to hold these investments to maturity.

(c) Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the MSBA as classes of assets with an initial aggregate cost of more than $100,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed.

Leasehold improvements exceeding $100,000 are capitalized and amortized over the life of the lease which is ten years. The net book value of capitalized leasehold improvements associated with the MSBA's lease totals $90,000 as of June 30, 2018.

(d) Compensated Absences

Employees earn the right to be compensated during absences for vacation and illness. Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are reported as expenditures and liabilities. Employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts based on years of service.

Upon retirement, termination, or death, certain employees are compensated for unused vacation and sick leave (subject to certain limitations) at their then-current rate of pay. At June 30, 2018, approximately $602 thousand of accrued compensated absences has been recorded in the government-wide financial statements.

(e) Deferred Inflows of Resources and Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net position that is applicable to a future reporting period. This category is presented below assets on the Statement of Net Position (Deficit). Deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net position that is applicable to a future reporting period. This category is presented below liabilities in the Statement of Net Position (Deficit). For fiscal year 2018, the MSBA has reported deferred outflows pertaining to the losses on its debt refunding transactions that will be amortized over the life of the refunding bonds, and has reported deferred inflows pertaining to OPEB as a result of actual and projected investment earnings, actual and expected experience, and changes in assumptions.

(f) Revenue Recognition

The MSBA's major revenue source is the portion of the Commonwealth's Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue. Pursuant to the Act, all monies received by the Commonwealth raised by a one percent (1%) statewide sales tax (drawn from the existing statewide 6.25% sales tax, excluding sales tax revenues on meals and from certain additional statutorily exempted revenues from sales) are deposited into the School Modernization and Reconstruction Trust ("SMART") Fund, and are available to the MSBA without further appropriation or allotment. The use of the SMART Fund is exclusively restricted for the purposes of the MSBA. Revenue is recognized and a corresponding "Amount due from Commonwealth" is recorded to reflect revenue earned in the period of the underlying sale. The Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue is pledged for repayment of outstanding debt service.

(g) ***Grants Payable***

The MSBA records a liability for its share of total eligible project costs differently depending on the type of project. However, for all projects, the MSBA recognizes a liability for its estimated share of total eligible project costs when the applicable eligibility requirements have been met.

Prior Grants – All of the 728 Prior Grant projects had been receiving an annual payment under the former program. The liability for these projects will be reduced over time through annual payments, and savings from debt refundings by the local communities in which the MSBA shares in the savings based on the reimbursement rate of the project.

Waiting List – The MSBA funds Waiting List projects using two different methods, lump sum and progress payments. Each funding method has different eligibility requirements.

Waiting List projects that are under the lump sum method were recognized as a liability once construction started. The liability for these projects will be reduced over time through annual payments and savings from debt refundings by the local communities in which the MSBA shares in the savings based on the reimbursement rate of the project. These projects operate similar to Prior Grant projects.

Under the progress payment method, the MSBA's share of costs incurred are generally recognized as a liability once a grantee requests reimbursement from the MSBA. Of the $75 million liability associated with Waiting List projects, none of the liability is related to the progress payment method.

Waiting List projects that are not currently recognized as a liability are considered commitments of the MSBA. As of June 30, 2018, the amount of commitments outstanding for the Waiting List projects is $1.4 million, and is anticipated to be funded under the progress payment method.

New Program – The MSBA funds New Program projects on a progress payment basis. Under this process, communities may submit reimbursement requests no more frequently than once per month. Upon review, audit, and approval, the MSBA processes payments for its share of eligible costs incurred. The MSBA's share of costs incurred for New Program projects are recognized as a liability once a grantee's request for reimbursement is reviewed, audited, and approved by the MSBA. The MSBA has recorded a liability of $32.9 million in the Special Revenue Fund for reimbursements received, reviewed, and approved for payment by June 30, 2018. Additionally, a liability of $97.6 million was recorded for the reimbursements not reviewed or approved for payment prior to June 30, 2018, as well as final project hold back payments subject to final audit and Board approval after year end. The long-term portion of this liability is estimated at $40.2 million. New Program projects that are not currently recognized as a liability are considered commitments of the MSBA. As of June 30, 2018, the amount of commitments outstanding for the New Program projects is $1.5 billion, and will be funded under the progress payment method.

For all projects, regardless of the funding mechanism, costs incurred by the grantees are subject to audit by the MSBA. Completion of these audits will allow the MSBA to determine the final approved cost of these projects, and the MSBA will adjust the payments it makes for these projects, as necessary, in accordance with the results of those audits.

(h) Employee Benefits

The Commonwealth is responsible by statute for the pension benefits for members of the State Employees' Retirement System ("SERS"), including employees of the MSBA. The SERS is a cost-sharing, multi-employer public employee retirement system, covering substantially all employees of the Commonwealth and certain employees of independent authorities and agencies. The SERS is administered by the Commonwealth and is part of its reporting entity; no stand-alone financial report is issued. MSBA is not required to make employer contributions to SERS.

The MSBA provides employment benefits other than pensions ("OPEB"), including health care and life insurance benefits for active and retired employees through participation in the Commonwealth's Group Insurance Commission. MSBA employees may become eligible for OPEB if they reach normal retirement age while working for the MSBA and retire from the MSBA. The MSBA currently funds OPEB based on an actuarial funding schedule. As of June 30, 2018, the MSBA had four retirees.

(i) Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and deferred outflows, and liabilities and deferred inflows, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(j) Fund Balances

GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions* requires entities to classify fund balances as restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned. The MSBA Board has the ability to commit and un-commit funds while financial management of the MSBA has the ability to assign and un-assign funds. Restricted balances are restricted in their use by bond covenants or statute.

As of June 30, 2018, the MSBA had the following fund balances (in thousands):

		Amount
Fund balance:		
Restricted:		
Debt service*	$	911,511
New program		56,813
OPEB		357
Subtotal		968,681
Assigned:		
Grants and loans to cities, towns, and regional school districts		434,720
Subtotal		434,720
Total fund balance	$	1,403,401

* $134.3 million relates to the debt service fund

(k) Adoption of New GASB Pronouncements

The Authority adopted the following GASB statements in fiscal year 2018:

GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. GASB Statement No. 75 replaces the requirements of GASB No. 45, *Accounting for Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)*. Among other things, GASB Statement No. 75 requires governments to report a liability on the face of the financial statements for the OPEB that they provide and requires governments in all types of OPEB plans to present more extensive note disclosures and required supplementary information about their OPEB liabilities. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. The adoption of GASB No. 75 is reflected within these financial statements. A restatement of beginning net position of $700,000 has been made in conjunction with GASB Statement No. 75.

GASB Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*. GASB Statement No. 85 addresses practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and includes a variety of topics including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and postemployment benefits. GASB Statement No. 85 is effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2017. The adoption of GASB No. 85 is reflected within these financial statements. There was no material impact.

GASB Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*. GASB Statement No. 86 improves consistency in accounting and financial reporting for in-substance defeasance of debt by providing guidance for transactions in which cash and other monetary assets acquired with only existing resources—resources other than the proceeds of refunding debt—are placed in an irrevocable trust for the sole purpose of extinguishing debt. GASB Statement No. 86 also improves accounting and financial reporting for prepaid insurance on debt that is extinguished and notes to financial statements for debt that is defeased in substance. The requirements of GASB Statement No. 86 are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2017. The adoption of GASB No. 86 is reflected within these financial statements, resulting in gains and losses of $2.9 million and $1.2 million, respectively, being recognized on the Statement of Activities during the year.

(l) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. This Statement is designed to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Earlier application is permitted. MSBA is currently evaluating the effect that this Statement will have on its financial statements.

In June 2017, the GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*. This Statement was established to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Earlier adoption is permitted. MSBA is currently evaluating the effect that this Statement will have on its financial statements.

In March 2018, the GASB issued Statement No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements*. This Statement requires that additional essential information related to debt be disclosed in notes to the financial statements, including unused lines of credit; assets pledged as collateral for the debt; and terms specified in debt agreements related to significant events of default with finance-related consequences, significant termination events with finance-related consequences, and significant subjective acceleration clauses. This Statement also requires that existing and additional information be provided for direct borrowings and direct placements of debt separately from other debt. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2018. Earlier application is encouraged. MSBA is currently evaluating the effect that this Statement will have on its financial statements.

In June 2018, the GASB issued Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*. This Statement requires that interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period be recognized as an expense in which the cost is incurred for financial statements prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. As a result, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period will not be included in the historical cost of a capital asset reported in a business-type activity or enterprise fund. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Earlier application is encouraged. The MSBA does not engage in activities that would give rise to interest on constructed capital assets, therefore this pronouncement will have no effect on its financial statements.

In August 2018, the GASB issued Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests*. This Statement outlines reporting requirements for holdings of a majority equity interest in a legally separate organization. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Earlier application is encouraged. The MSBA has no equity interests in any legally separate organization, therefore this Statement will have no effect on its financial statements.

(3) Amount due from Commonwealth

Coincident with the establishment of the MSBA, the Commonwealth established the SMART Fund for the purpose of receiving the transfer of Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue and other funds from the Commonwealth to the MSBA. Amounts held in the SMART Fund are for the exclusive purpose of the MSBA. In fiscal year 2018, $850.6 million of Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue was earned and recorded as revenue. Of that amount, $143.9 million was received subsequent to year-end and is recorded as a receivable on the MSBA's financial statements. Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue is pledged for repayment of outstanding debt service.

(4) Deposits and Investments

GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*, requires that entities disclose essential risk information about deposits and investments.

(a) Investment Policy

Pursuant to the Act, the MSBA is authorized to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, its agencies and instrumentalities, bonds, or notes of public agencies or municipalities, bank time deposits, GICs, money market accounts, and repurchase agreements. The MSBA has an investment policy that establishes minimum credit quality for certain instruments, outlines investment procedures, and provides for periodic reporting. The MSBA's investment policy does not specifically limit the amount the MSBA may invest in any one issuer.

The assets of the MSBA's OPEB Trust Fund are invested in the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund, which is managed by the Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Trust Fund ("PRIT") and follows the investment policy of the PRIT.

(b) Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the MSBA's deposits may not be returned. The MSBA does not have a formal investment policy for custodial credit risk. The MSBA carries deposits that are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as well as deposits that are fully collateralized. As of June 30, 2018, all MSBA bank balances were fully protected against loss.

(c) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of the MSBA's investments. The MSBA's investment policy does not specifically limit investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The MSBA intends to hold its fixed income investments to maturity.

Investment type	Fair value	Investment maturities < 1 Year	1-5 Years	6-10 Years	>10 Years
Money market funds	$ 199,042	$ 199,042	$ —	$ —	$ —
U.S. Treasuries/SLGS	417,995	17,366	—	120,290	280,339
Municipal bonds	79,329	—	—	—	79,329
	696,366	216,408	—	120,290	359,668
Investments held at other than fair value:					
MMDT, amortized cost	176,133	75,634	100,499	—	—
GIC, contract value	200,099	—	—	—	200,099
Total investments	1,072,598	$ 292,042	$ 100,499	$ 120,290	$ 559,767
Cash and cash equivalents	126,106				
Total cash and investments	$ 1,198,704				

(d) Credit Risk

As of June 30, 2018, the MSBA had $200.1 million invested in a GIC for which collateral equal to 105% of the principal value of the contract is held by a third party. This investment is not rated.

As of June 30, 2018, the MSBA had $418.0 million invested in Treasury STRIPS and other U.S. obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.

As of June 30, 2018, the MSBA had $199.0 million invested in institutional money market funds valued at fair value. These investments were rated AAA.

As of June 30, 2018, the MSBA had $79.3 million invested in municipal bonds. These investments were rated AA+ or above.

As of June 30, 2018, the MSBA had $176.1 million invested in MMDT. This investment was not rated.

(e) Concentration of Credit Risk – Investments

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The issuers where investments as of June 30, 2018 exceeded 5% of the MSBA's total investments, other than investments in U.S. government obligations and money market funds, are as follows:

	Percentage of total Investments
FSA Capital Management Services, LLC (GIC)	19%
Massachusetts Commonwealth Transportation Fund Revenue Bonds (2012A)	5%

(f) Fair Value Measurements

The MSBA categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by GAAP. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2018.

Money Market Funds – Institutional money market investments are valued at $1 per share which approximates fair market value. Money market funds are generally classified as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

U.S. Treasuries - Securities issued by the U.S. government, its agencies, authorities, and instrumentalities are valued using quoted prices and a pricing model maximizing the use of observable inputs determined by investment managers. U.S. Treasury securities consist principally of U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and bonds, which are generally classified as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

SLGS - Securities issued under the State and Local Government Series ("SLGS") securities program consist principally of certificates of indebtedness, notes, or bonds with maturities from 15 days to 40 years. SLGS are generally valued using a pricing model maximizing the use of observable inputs determined by investment managers. SLGS are generally classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy

Municipal securities - State and municipal securities are generally valued based on the independent prices obtained from third party evaluated services. Where prices of recently executed market transactions of similar securities of comparable size are easily observed, those are taken into consideration for arriving at the fair value. When independent prices are available for state and municipal bonds, these are categorized as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

GIC and MMDT Investments – The GIC and MMDT funds are valued at contract value and amortized cost, respectively.

The MSBA has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2018 (amounts in thousands):

Investment type	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Money market funds	$ 199,042	$ 199,042	$ —	$ —
U.S. Treasuries	409,195	409,195	—	—
State and Local Government Series	8,800	—	8,800	—
Municipal bonds	79,329	—	79,329	
Total	$ 696,366	$ 608,237	$ 88,129	$ —

(5) Long and Short-Term Obligations

Following is a summary of the long and short-term obligations of the MSBA as of June 30, 2018 (amounts in thousands):

	Outstanding, beginning of year	Additions	Reductions	Outstanding, end of year	Due within one year
Grants payable:					
Prior Grant projects	$ 407,788	$ —	$ 131,155	$ 276,633	$ 114,087
Waiting List projects	91,281	432	17,134	74,579	15,220
New Program projects	180,421	352,066	402,043	130,444	90,198
	679,490	352,498	550,332	481,656	219,505
Long-term debt:					
Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2009A)	2,000	—	—	2,000	2,000
Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2009B) – Build America Bonds	450,000	—	—	450,000	—
Subordinated Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2010A) – Qualified School Construction Bonds	151,000	—	—	151,000	—
Subordinated Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2011A) – Qualified School Construction Bonds	142,380	—	—	142,380	—
Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2011B)	912,870	—	29,420	883,450	25,735
Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2012A)	766,140	—	19,895	746,245	—
Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2012B)	916,350	—	74,060	842,290	77,665
Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2013A)	544,490	—	5,502	538,988	18,525
Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2015B)	241,950	—	5,555	236,395	—
Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2015C)	669,120	—	40,891	628,229	—
Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2015D)	291,075	—	—	291,075	—
Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2016A)	147,790	—	9,203	138,587	—
Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2016B)	405,000	—	39,005	365,995	7,570
Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2016C)	188,625	—	—	188,625	—
Subordinated Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2018A)	—	395,000	9,705	385,295	4,065
	5,828,790	395,000	233,236	5,990,554	135,560
Other liabilities:					
Compensated absences	541	303	242	602	351
Commercial paper	450,000	1,487,665	1,937,665	—	—
Bond Premium	622,492	51,136	60,897	612,731	48,494
Arbitrage rebate	1,994	465	—	2,459	—
	1,075,027	1,539,569	1,998,804	615,792	48,845
Total obligations	$ 7,583,307	$ 2,287,067	$ 2,782,372	$ 7,088,002	$ 403,910

Maturity of Bond Indebtedness

Bond indebtedness outstanding at June 30, 2018 matures as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Principal	Interest	Interest subsidy *	Total
Year ending June 30:				
2019	$ 135,560	$ 289,016	$ (22,725)	$ 401,851
2020	135,452	282,274	(24,213)	393,513
2021	133,373	276,315	(24,213)	385,475
2022	135,532	270,098	(24,213)	381,417
2023	158,126	264,061	(24,213)	397,974
2024–2028	1,017,516	1,197,970	(112,809)	2,102,677
2029–2033	1,435,225	875,104	(46,751)	2,263,578
2034–2038	1,545,005	531,203	(24,171)	2,052,037
2039–2043	1,019,015	205,170	(2,289)	1,221,896
2044–2048	275,750	32,050	-	307,800
	$ 5,990,554	$ 4,223,261	$ (305,597)	$ 9,908,218

* 2019 subsidy amount reflects published Federal sequestration. Future years, stated at par, might be reduced by sequestration.

As of June 30, 2018, the MSBA had approximately $6 billion of outstanding Dedicated Sales Tax bonds, plus approximately $613 million of unamortized premiums, for the purpose of funding school construction and renovation projects. Coupons on the bonds range from 3.000% to 5.715%, and each series is payable semi-annually with the last maturity occurring in fiscal year 2048. The $6 billion of debt outstanding includes $678.7 million of Subordinated Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds.

On July 1, 2017, the MSBA had $450 million of outstanding Commercial Paper for the funding of school construction and renovation projects. The Commercial Paper matured at various dates ranging from 12 to 154 days and interest is payable at maturity. The interest rate on this issuance of commercial paper ranged from 0.77% to 1.40%. The final maturity of commercial paper occurred on March 9, 2018, at which time the commercial paper program was closed. Proceeds of the 2018 Series A Bonds (see below) were used to retire the Commercial Paper program.

During FY18, the MSBA maintained credit facilities to provide liquidity support in the amount of $450 million for its commercial paper notes. The $450 million Commercial Paper Notes, Series 2015A, Series 2015B and 2015C were secured by irrevocable letters of credit provided by Bank of America, N.A., Citibank, N.A. and Barclays Bank PLC, respectively, which expired without renewal in March 2018.

On November 27, 2017, the MSBA used funds on hand to refund $53 million of the 2015 Series C Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds outstanding and $23.4 million of 2016 Series A Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds outstanding; $40.9 million and $6.9 million of the 2015 Series C and 2016 Series A bonds, respectively, were defeased. $84.2 million in cash was used to purchase open market securities, which were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service payments on the defeased portion of the 2015 Series C and 2016 Series A bonds. The MSBA's defeasance of these bonds reduces it debt service payments over the next 8 years by approximately $90.4 million.

On February 15, 2018, the MSBA issued $395 million of Subordinated Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2018 Series A Bonds) to retire the outstanding Commercial Paper Notes and close the program. The Bonds mature at various dates through February 2048 and interest is due semi-annually each August 15th and February 15th. The interest rate on the bonds ranges from 3% to 5.25%.

On May 2, 2018, the MSBA used funds on hand to refund the following outstanding principal amounts:

- $19.9 million of 2012 Series A Senior Dedicated Sales Tax Refunding Bonds – all of which was defeased.
- $34.4 million of 2013 Series A Senior Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds – $5.5 million of which was defeased.
- $35.3 million of 2015 Series B Senior Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds – $5.5 million of which was defeased.
- $23.3 million of 2016 Series B Senior Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds – all of which was defeased.

$126.6 million in cash was used to purchase SLGS and open market securities, which were deposited in irrevocable trusts with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service payments on the refunded portion of the four bond issues above. The MSBA's refunding of these bonds reduces its debt service payments over the next 20 years by approximately $159.3 million.

Certain balances refunded during the current year did not meet the definition of a defeasance in accordance with GASB 86. The open market securities purchased for these refundings are being held in an irrevocable trust; these securities are reported on the statement of net position as assets held in trust for refunding escrow.

In prior years, the MSBA has defeased certain Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds and funds on hand into irrevocable trusts with escrow agents in amounts which will provide for payment of the principal and interest on the defeased bonds to the redemption date. The defeased portion of such debt, accrued interest thereon, and related unamortized issuance costs and bond premiums were removed from the statements of net position (deficit). At June 30, 2018, $149.4 million of bonds outstanding are considered defeased, inclusive of current year defeasance activity.

A portion of the interest on the Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds is reimbursed by the federal government. Of the $6 billion of debt outstanding as of June 30, 2018, $450 million is taxable Build America Bonds for which the MSBA is eligible to receive a 35% interest subsidy directly from the U. S. Treasury. In addition, $293 million of the Subordinated Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds were issued as "Qualified School Construction Bonds" for which the MSBA is eligible to receive a 100% interest subsidy payment directly from the U. S. Treasury. During fiscal year 2013, the federal government implemented automatic budget cuts imposed through sequestration required pursuant to the Budget Control Act of 2011. Subsidy payments received from March 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013 were reduced by 8.7% (5.1% on an annualized basis) due to sequestration. Subsequent notices published by the Internal Revenue Service have adjusted the sequestration rate as follows:

Date of notice	Payments affected From	To	Sequestration rate
September-2013	October 1, 2013	September 30, 2014	7.20 %
September-2014	October 1, 2014	September 30, 2015	7.30
August-2015	October 1, 2015	September 30, 2016	6.80
August-2016	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	6.90
August-2017	October 1, 2017	September 30, 2018	6.60
Februrary 2018	October 1, 2018	September 30, 2019	6.20

The notice states that the sequestration reduction rate will be applied unless and until a law is enacted that cancels or otherwise impacts the sequester. Subsidy payments were reduced by approximately $1.6 million due to sequestration during fiscal year 2018.

Grants Payable

As of June 30, 2018, the liability for future payments related to the Prior Grant and Waiting List projects is as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Prior Grants	Waiting List	New Program	Total
Year ending June 30:				
2019	$ 114,087	$ 15,220	$ 90,198	$ 219,505
2020	82,147	15,221	40,246	137,614
2021	51,284	15,221	—	66,505
2022	21,766	13,219	—	34,985
2023	7,349	10,729	—	18,078
Thereafter	—	4,969	—	4,969
Total	$ 276,633	$ 74,579	$ 130,444	$ 481,656

The amounts to be reimbursed for the Prior Grant and Waiting List projects may decrease as a result of debt refundings by the local communities in which the MSBA shares in the savings based on the reimbursement rate of the project.

(6) Adjustments Column

(a) Explanation of Certain Differences between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheets and the Statements of Net Position (Deficit)

Long-term liabilities of the MSBA's activities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as fund liabilities. Also, some assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as fund assets. All assets and liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the statements of net position (deficit). The difference between the governmental fund balances and governmental activities net position at June 30, 2018 were as follows (amounts in thousands):

Total fund balance – governmental funds	$ 1,403,401
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (deficit) are different because:	
Grants receivable is capitalized in the government-wide statements	3,475
Other assets are capitalized in the government-wide statements	90
Net OPEB Asset is not reported in the governmental funds	357
Loss on bond refundings is classified as deferred outflows of resources in the government-wide statements	156,594
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	
Those liabilities consist of:	
Dedicated sales tax bonds, net of refunding escrows held in trust	(5,903,280)
Grants payable to local communities	(448,773)
Bond premiums	(612,731)
Accrued interest	(86,168)
Arbitrage rebate	(2,459)
Compensated absences	(602)
Deferred inflows for OPEB are not included in the governmental funds:	
Difference between actual and expected experience	(279)
Difference between actual and projected investement	(39)
Changes in assumptions	(388)
Net position (deficit) of governmental activities	$ (5,490,802)

(b) Explanation of Certain Differences between the Governmental Fund Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance and the Statements of Activities

In the statements of activities all revenues and expenses are recognized in the year they are earned or incurred, regardless of when they are paid. In the governmental funds, payments and receipts contribute to the change in fund balance, while the same payments and receipts decrease and increase liabilities in the statements of net position (deficit). These differences in measurement and recognition affect both the reported fund balance and the reported net position (deficit). Adjustments required to be made to the reported governmental funds to arrive at the statements of activities are as follows (amounts in thousands):

Net change in fund balances – governmental funds	$	(309,183)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Payments and adjustments on grants decrease long-term liabilities in the statement of net position (deficit), but are included as expenditures in the governmental funds.		190,855
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. This amount represents the change in compensated absences, interest payable, and arbitrage rebate		(11,366)
Proceeds of long-term debt and premiums increase long-term liabilities in the statement of net position (deficit) but, are included in the operating statement of the governmental funds.		(446,136)
Repayment of commercial paper and bond principal are expenditures in the governmental funds, but reduce long-term liabilities on the statement of net position (deficit).		827,191
Gains and losses on defeasance transactions are recorded in the government-wide financial statements		1,700
Adjustment of revenues reported in the statement of activities on a different basis than in the governmental funds.		(454)
Change in net position (deficit) of governmental activities	$	252,607

(7) Commitments and Contingencies

(a) Grant Commitments

The MSBA has estimated the amount of outstanding Waiting List commitments and New Program commitments at June 30, 2018 to be $1.4 million and $1.5 billion, respectively.

(b) Related Parties

The MSBA enters into various related party transactions with the Commonwealth. All significant or material transactions have been properly disclosed in the accompanying financial statements.

(c) Operating Lease

The MSBA leases its office space. The lease terminates on June 30, 2025 with future minimum lease payments totaling $8.2 million as follows:

Fiscal year	Amount
2019	1,092,295
2020	1,116,887
2021	1,141,479
2022	1,166,071
2023	1,190,663
2024–2025	2,455,102
Total	$ 8,162,497

Rent expense recorded during fiscal year 2018 was approximately $1,074,207.

(8) Loans Receivable

The MSBA has entered into various loan agreements with municipalities at a 2% interest rate, with principal to be paid in equal installments for varying terms. Currently, the longest repayment schedule has a final payment in fiscal year 2043. This program is designed to assist a limited number of school districts with unanticipated inflationary construction costs over the districts' original project budget. The loans outstanding as of June 30, 2018 were $86.4 million, of which $6.4 million is due in FY2019. During FY2018, the MSBA collected $6.4 million of scheduled principal payments.

(9) Retirement Benefits

(a) Plan Description

SERS is a public employee retirement system ("PERS") that administers a cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit plan as defined by GASB Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, covering substantially all employees of the Commonwealth and certain employees of the independent authorities and agencies, including employees of MSBA.

Management of SERS is vested in the Massachusetts State Retirement Board (the "MSRB") which consists of five members–two elected by current and active SERS members, one by the remaining members of the MSRB, one who is appointed by the State Treasurer, and the State Treasurer, who serves as ex-officio and is the Chair of the MSRB.

SERS Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Allocations and Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer and Nonemployer is a publicly available report that can be obtained by submitting a request to the Commonwealth via email to comptroller.info@state.ma.us or mail to: Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of the State Comptroller, 1 Ashburton Place, 9th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02108.

(b) Benefits Provided

SERS provides retirement, disability, survivor, and death benefits to members and their beneficiaries. MGL establishes uniform benefit and contribution requirements for all contributory PERS. These requirements provide for superannuation retirement allowance benefits up to a maximum of 80% of a member's highest three-year average annual rate of regular compensation. For employees hired after April 1, 2012, retirement allowances are calculated on the basis of the last five years or any five consecutive years, whichever is greater in terms of compensation. Benefit payments are based upon a member's age, length of creditable service, and group creditable service, and group classification. The authority for amending these provisions rests with the Legislature.

Members become vested after ten years of creditable service. A superannuation retirement allowance may be received upon the completion of twenty years of creditable service or upon reaching the age of 55 with ten years of service. Normal retirement for most employees occurs at age 65; for certain hazardous duty and public safety positions, normal retirement is at age 55. Most employees who joined the system after April 1, 2012 cannot retire prior to age 60.

The SERS' funding policies have been established by MGL Chapter 32. The Legislature has the authority to amend these policies. The annuity portion of the SERS retirement allowance is funded by employees, who contribute a percentage of their regular compensation. Costs of administering the plan are funded out of plan assets.

(c) Contributions

Member contributions for SERS vary depending on the most recent date of membership:

Hire Date	% of Compensation
Prior to 1975	5% of regular compensation
1975–1983	7% of regular compensation
1984 to 6/30/1996	8% of regular compensation
7/1/1996 to present	9% of regular compensation except for State Police which is 12% of regular compensation
1979 to present	An additional 2% of regular compensation in excess of $30,000

(d) Pension Liability and Pension Expense

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017 ("Measurement Date"). At June 30, 2017, MSBA was considered to have a 100% special funding situation as defined in the GASB Standards. As such, no net pension liability was required to be recognized by the MSBA. Instead, the Commonwealth is legally obligated for the net pension liability that was associated with MSBA which amounted to $12.4 million at the Measurement Date.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, MSBA recognized pension expense and intergovernmental revenue of $1.6 million which represents the Commonwealth's total proportionate share of the collective pension expense associated with MSBA.

(e) Actuarial assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2017 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2017, rolled forward to June 30, 2017. This valuation used the following assumptions:

Inflation	3.5%
Salary increases	Salary increases are based on analyses of past experience, but range from 4% to 9%, depending on group and length of service.
Investment rate of return	7.5%
Cost of living adjustments	3.0% cost of living increase per year
Mortality rates:	
Pre-retirement:	Reflects RP-2014 Employees table projected generationally with Scale MP-2016 and set forward 1 year for females.
Healthy retiree:	Reflects RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant table projected generationally with Scale MP-2016 set forward 1 year for females.
Disabled retiree:	The morality rate is assumed to be in accordance with the RP-2000 Table projected generationally, with Scale BB and a base year of 2015 (gender distinct).

Investment assets of SERS are with the PRIT. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. Best estimates of geometric rates of return for each major asset class included in the PRIT Fund's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2017 are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Target allocation (%)	Long-term expected rate of return (%)
Global equity	40.0 %	5.0%
Portfolio completion strategies	13.0	3.6
Core fixed income	12.0	1.1
Private equity	11.0	6.6
Value added fixed income	10.0	3.8
Real estate	10.0	3.6
Timber/natural resources	4.0	3.2
Hedge funds	0.0	3.6
	100.0 %	

(f) Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.5%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that Plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and the Commonwealth's contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rates. Based on those assumptions, the net position was projected to be available to make all projected 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.

(g) Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the MSBA's proportion of the net pension liability to be paid by the Commonwealth, calculated using the discount rate of 7.5%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.5%) than the current discount rate (amount in thousands):

	(6.5%)	(7.5%)	(8.5%)
Net pension liability as of June 30, 2017	$ 16,860	$ 12,379	$ 8,770

(10) Other Post-Employment Benefits

(a) Plan Description

The MSBA provides post-employment health care, life insurance, and OPEB for employees who meet the eligibility criteria and retire directly from the MSBA through the Group Insurance Commission. The Group Insurance Commission is a state agency that administers an agent multi-employer defined benefit OPEB plan. Separate, audited, GAAP basis OPEB plan reports are not available for the plan. As of December 31, 2017, the actuarial valuation date, the MSBA had 2 retirees and 70 active plan members. There were 10 terminated employees that have a vested interest to benefits, including 2 retirees not electing benefits for FY18.

The OPEB plan is overseen by the OPEB Trust Committee, which consists of five members designated by the MSBA's Executive Director, including four employees of the MSBA and one member who may or may not be an employee of the MSBA. The four employees of the MSBA shall include two members of the MSBA finance staff, one member of the MSBA staff who is an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth, and one member of the MSBA's senior staff, each ex officio. Committee members shall serve a term of three years. The Executive Director may reappoint any Committee member for additional three-year terms, without limitation.

(b) Benefits Provided

As part of the MSBA employee benefits package administered by the Group Insurance Commission, the MSBA provides health and life insurance to employees who retire from the MSBA and their covered dependents. All active employees who retire from the MSBA, meet the eligibility criteria, and opt for the plan will receive these benefits. The OPEB plan pays 80% of the premium for healthcare and up to $5,000 in basic life insurance. The retiree pays

20% of the healthcare premium and the full cost of any optional insurance (life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment, dental, and vision). Annual open enrollment periods allow retirees to choose between offered healthcare plans.

(c) Investment Policy

The MSBA's OPEB trust assets are invested with the PRIT, which is managed by the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (PRIM). The PRIM's overall objective is to achieve the highest level of investment performance that is compatible with its risk tolerance and prudent investment practices. PRIM maintains a long-term perspective in formulating and implementing its investment policies, and in evaluating its investment performance. There were no changes made to the investment policy during the fiscal year. See page 31 for approved asset allocation.

(d) Contribution Information and Funding Policy

Subject to statutory requirement, future retirees will contribute 20% of the cost of the premium of the health plan, as determined by the Group Insurance Commission, and the MSBA will contribute the remainder of the health plan costs. The MSBA plans to keep the plan fully funded on an annual basis by contributing the actuarially determined contribution of the employer, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No. 75. The actuarially determined contribution represents a level of funding that if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal costs each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities over a period not to exceed one year. MSBA’s fiscal year 2018 contribution totaled $500,000, which represents 8.2% of covered payroll ($6.13 million).

(e) Changes in the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)

The MSBA's net OPEB liability/(asset) was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability/(asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2017, with standard actuarial techniques used to roll forward the total OPEB liability/(asset) to the Measurement Date.

	Total OPEB Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net OPEB Liability (Asset) (a) - (b)
Balance at June 30, 2017	$ 3,793	$ 3,093	$ 700
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	221	-	221
Interest	300	-	300
Difference between expected and actual experience	(310)	-	(310)
Change in assumptions	(431)	-	(431)
Employer contributions	-	537	(537)
Net investment income	-	300	(300)
Benefit payments including refunds	(37)	(37)	-
Net change	(257)	800	(1,057)
Balance at June 30, 2018	$ 3,536	$ 3,893	$ (357)

(f) Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability/(asset) to changes in the discount rate:

The following presents the net OPEB liability/(asset), calculated using the discount rate of 7.35%, as well as what the net OPEB liability/(asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.35%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.35%) than the current discount rate (amount in thousands):

	1% Decrease (6.35%)	Current discount (7.35%)	1% Increase (8.35%)
Net OPEB liability/(asset)	$ 340	$ (357)	$ (905)

(g) Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability/(asset) to changes in the healthcare cost trend rate:

The following presents the net OPEB liability/(asset), calculated using the healthcare cost trend rate of 8%, as well as what the net OPEB liability/(asset) would be if it were calculated using a trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate (amount in thousands):

	1% Decrease (7%)	Current Trend Rate (8%)	1% Increase (9%)
Net OPEB liability/(asset)	$ (1,003)	$ (357)	$ 500

(h) OPEB Expense

OPEB expense recognized by the MSBA for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 was $187 thousand.

(i) OPEB Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

At June 30, 2018, the MSBA reported deferred inflows of resources as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between projected and actual experience	$ -	$ 279
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	-	39
Change in assumptions	-	388
	$ -	$ 706

Amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending:	Deferred Outflows (Inflows)
2019	$ (84)
2020	(84)
2021	(84)
2022	(84)
2023	(74)
Thereafter	(296)
	$ (706)

(j) Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the plan as understood by the MSBA and the plan members and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the MSBA and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the December 31, 2017 actuarial valuation, the entry age normal, level percentage of pay cost method was used. The actuarial value of assets was determined to be $3.8 million based on the fair market value of the assets. The actuarial assumptions included a 7.35% investment rate of return and an initial annual healthcare cost trend rate of 8.0%, which decreases to a 5.0% long-term trend rate for all healthcare benefits after six years. The MSBA has chosen to amortize its AAL over 1 year.

Assumptions:

Measurement date	June 30, 2018
Actuarial valuation date	December 31, 2017
Salary and wage increases	7.0%, decreasing over 20 years to a level of 4.0%
Healthcare cost trend rates:	
Medical	8.0%
Administrative	5.0%
Discount rate	7.35%
Long-term rate of return	
Mortality tables used:	
Pre-retirement	RP-2014 Blue Collar Employee Mortality Table projected generationally with Scale MP-
Healthy retiree	RP-2014 Blue Collar Employee Mortality Table projected generationally with Scale MP-
Disabled retiree	RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table projected generationally with Scale BB2D
Date of experience study on which significant assumptions were based	January 1 to December 31, 2016

Healthcare cost trend rate assumptions:

Year Ending December 31:	Annual Rate of Increase: Medical	Administrative
2018	8.0%	5.0%
2019	7.5%	5.0%
2020	7.0%	5.0%
2021	6.5%	5.0%
2022	6.0%	5.0%
2023	5.5%	5.0%
Thereafter	5.0%	5.0%

Assumed rate of return:

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each asset class. These returns are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and subtracting expected investment expenses and a risk margin.

The target allocation as of June 30, 2018 and projected arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, after deducting inflation, but before investment expense, used in the derivation of the long-term expected investment rate of return are summarized below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	17.50 %	6.15 %
International developed markets equity	15.50 %	7.11 %
International emerging markets equity	6.00 %	9.41 %
Core fixed income	12.00 %	1.68 %
High-yield fixed income	10.00 %	4.13 %
Real estate	10.00 %	4.90 %
Commodities	4.00 %	4.71 %
Hedge fund, GTAA, risk parity	13.00 %	3.94 %
Private equity	12.00 %	10.28 %
Total	100.00 %	

Retirement rate assumptions:

	Age				
	50	55	60	65	70
Male	3.0	3.5	9.0	20.0	100.0
Female	3.0	5.0	7.5	20.0	100.0

(11) Prior Period Adjustment

The MSBA implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 75 as of July 1, 2017. This Statement replaces the requirements of GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, as amended. This Statement establishes standards for recognizing and measuring liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expenses.

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 75, net position/(deficit) was restated to reflect the balance of the net OPEB asset and the deferred outflows and inflows of resources as of July 1, 2017, as follows (amounts in thousands):

As of July 1, 2017:	Net Position/ (Deficit)	Net OPEB Liability	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
Balance, as previously reported	$ (5,742,709)	$ -	$ -	$ -
Adjusted due to implementation of GASB Statement No. 75	(700)	700	-	-
Balance, as restated	$ (5,743,409)	$ 700	$ -	$ -

(12) Subsequent Events

In July 2018, Fitch upgraded the rating on MSBA Senior Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds from AA+ to AAA.

On August 1, 2018, the MSBA issued $200 million of Subordinated Dedicated Sales Tax Bonds (2018 Series B Bonds) for the purpose of funding school construction and renovation projects. The Bonds mature at various dates through February 2048 and interest is due semi-annually each February 15th and August 15th. The interest rate on the bonds ranges from 4% to 5.25%.

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Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Asset and Related Ratios - Required Supplementary Information - OPEB

Last Ten Fiscal Years *

(Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)

	2018	2017
Total OPEB liability:		
Service cost	$ 221	$ 215
Interest	300	265
Difference between expected and actual experience	(310)	-
Change in assumptions	(431)	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(37)	(36)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(257)	444
Total OPEB liability, beginning	3,793	3,349
Total OPEB liability, ending	$ 3,536	$ 3,793
Plan fiduciary net position:		
Contributions - Employer	$ 537	$ 136
Net investment income	300	323
Benefit payments	(37)	(36)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	$ 800	$ 423
Plan fiduciary net position, beginning	3,093	2,670
Plan fiduciary net position, ending	$ 3,893	$ 3,093
Net OPEB (asset) liability, ending	$ (357)	$ 700
Covered employee payroll	$ 6,130	$ 5,510
Net OPEB (asset) liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	-5.8%	12.7%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

* Data reported for fiscal years 2018 and 2017 is based on the MSBA's plan Measurement Dates of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, respectively. Changes in the total OPEB liability for the fiscal years prior to 2017, or prior to the Measurement Date of June 30, 2017, were not available and accordingly, not included in the schedule.

Notes to the Schedule:

Actuarial method - At the June 30, 2018 Measurement Date, the actuarial method was changed from the projected unit credit method to the entry age normal (level percentage of pay).

Mortality assumption - The rates used for the pre-retirement, healthy retiree, and disabled retiree were updated to match the Group 1 rates used in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Retirement) Actuarial Valuation as of January 1, 2017.

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Schedule of Employer Contributions – Required Supplementary Information - OPEB

June 30, 2018

(Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)

Fiscal year ending June 30	Actuarial Required Contributions	Actual Employer Contributions	Contribution Deficiency/ (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	Employer Contribution as a Percentage of Actuarial Required Contribution
2018	$ 232	$ 500	$ (268)	$ 6,130	8.2%	216%
2017	700	100	600	5,510	1.8%	14%
2016	(6)	100	(106)	5,964	1.7%	-1667%
2015	16	100	(84)	5,206	1.9%	625%
2014	(9)	–	(9)	4,880	0.0%	0%
2013	(183)	–	(183)	4,490	0.0%	0%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

Valuation date: Actuarial determined contribution rates are calculated as of the actuarial valuation dates identified above.

The schedule above is intended to show information for ten years. Additional information will be displayed as it becomes available.

Notes to the Schedule:

- Methods and assumptions used to determine the contribution rates:

To maintain fully funded status, the MSBA will request a budget of $100,000 unrestricted funds be deposited to the OPEB Trust. Deposits are invested at the beginning of the month, so transfers should be scheduled for the 1st. If a future actuarial report indicates there is an unfunded portion, the MSBA may request a budget allocation annually between $100,000 to $500,000 until fully funded status is reached again. MSBA will be reimbursed annually for actual premiums rather than estimated premiums.

	Actuarial Cost Method	Amortization Method & Period	Healthcare Cost Trend	Investment Rate	Mortality Table	Salary Increases
2018	Entry age normal	Immediate Recognition	8.00%	7.35%	RP-2014	7.00%
2017	Projected Unit Credit	Immediate Recognition	9.00%	7.50%	RP-2000	7.00%
2016	Projected Unit Credit	Immediate Recognition	6.00%	8.00%	RP-2000	N/A
2015	Projected Unit Credit	Immediate Recognition	7.00%	8.00%	RP-2000	N/A
2014	Projected Unit Credit	Immediate Recognition	7.00%	8.00%	RP-2000	N/A
2013	Projected Unit Credit	Immediate Recognition	7.00%	8.00%	RP-2000	N/A

N/A Not available

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Schedule of Investment Returns - Required Supplementary Information - OPEB

Last Ten Fiscal Years*

(Unaudited)

Measurement Date Year Ended	Annual money weighted rate on return, net of investment expense
June 30, 2018	9.25%
June 30, 2017	12.85%

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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*

The Board Members
Massachusetts School Building Authority

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA"), a blended component of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the MSBA's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 11, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered MSBA'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 MSBA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the MSBA's internal control.

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 a 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. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section 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 have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described below, that we consider to be significant deficiencies:

2018-001: Duplication of Liabilities – Special Revenue Fund

Criteria: Liabilities should represent only those amounts that are obligations of the MSBA.

Condition: During our audit, we identified several subsequent grant payments that were included in accounts payable as well as grants payable.

Cause: There was a breakdown in the review process over liabilities.

Effect: The expenses and liabilities of MSBA were overstated.

Recommendation: We recommend that the year-end listings of MSBA's liability accounts be reviewed to identify and correct duplications.

Management's Response: MSBA will conduct training for all parties involved in the year-end close process to ensure that those individuals recording or reviewing entries understand the cut-off criteria.

2018-002: Errors Related to Bond Refundings

Criteria: Per Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"), Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*, gains and losses resulting from the in-substance defeasance of debt using only existing resources should be immediately recognized in the statement of activities. Furthermore, the open market securities purchased in relation to a bond refunding must be backed by the government of the United States of America ("US") in order for the debt to qualify as a defeasance and be written off.
Condition: During the audit, we noted the gains and losses resulting from the fiscal year 2018 bond defeasances were incorrectly deferred and amortized. In addition, we noted not all open market securities purchased in relation to the defeasances were backed by the US government.

Cause: The error was a result of a misinterpretation of the new standard, as well as a misunderstanding of the types of securities purchased.

Effect: With respect to the GASB statement misinterpretation, there was an overstatement of both assets and liabilities, as well as an understatement of gain and loss. As it pertains to the US government-backed securities, the related investments and debt were brought back on the books, and adjustments were necessary to properly state the gains and losses on the defeasances, as well as the bond premium previously written off. The investments were recorded as Assets Held in Trust for Refunding Escrow, as the Authority does not have control over the funds.

Recommendation: We recommend that entries recorded and provided to the next level of review are accompanied by guidance for ease of review. In addition, steps should be taken to ensure that the open market securities purchased in relation to defeasances meet the requirements of GASB 86.

Management's Response: Additional training and research will be devoted to the implementation of new standards. In future defeasance transactions, the MSBA will evaluate the cost/benefit of open market securities permitted by the MSBA investment policy versus the impact on the financial statements by investments that do not fully conform to the GASB 86 definition of risk-free.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the MSBA's financial statements are free from 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*.

Other Matters

MSBA's response to the internal control deficiencies identified in our audit is described above. MSBA's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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 entity'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.

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