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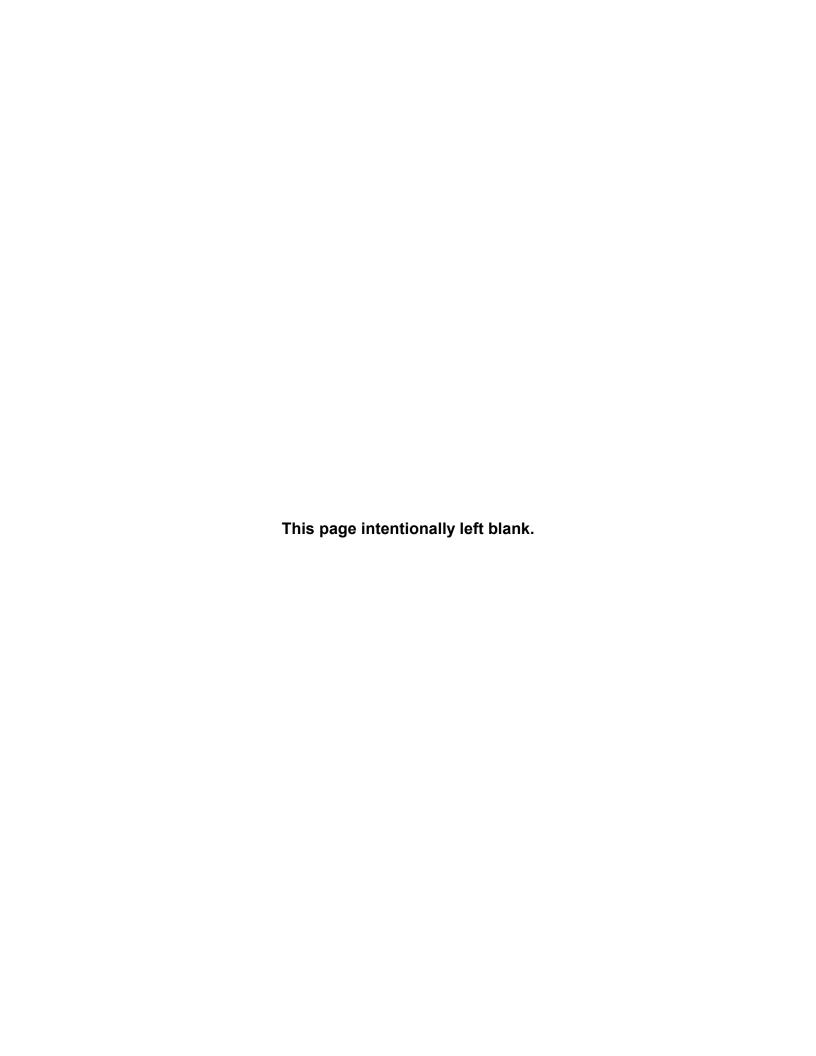
SINGLE AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

New London Local School District Huron County 100 East Main Street New London, Ohio 44851

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of New London Local School District, Huron County, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, as listed in the Table of Contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2000, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund type and nonexpendable trust fund for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 22, 2000 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The accompanying Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

November 22, 2000

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS JUNE 30, 2000

General	Government Special Revenue	Governmental Fund Types Special Debt Revenue Service	Capital Projects	Proprietary Fund Type Enferorise	Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and	Accoun General Fixed Assets	Account Groups ral General ed Long-Term ers Obligations	Total (Memorandum Only)
					6336		6	(***)
\$1,129,966	\$282,036	\$163,426	\$10,708,145	\$2,400	\$81,909			\$12,367,882
			48,560		275,207			275,207 48,560
1,733,266	Ψ	248,487						2,016,361 28,361
20,847 9,817	898 1,675		61,987	13 8,392	17,795			101,540 19,884
675				12,404				675 12,404
146,913								146,913
				16,132		\$6,637,386		6,653,518
Amount available in debt service fund Amount to be provided for retirement of							\$209,294	209,294
							\$3,669,981	3,669,981
Total assets and other debits \$3,069,093	\$319,969	\$411,913	\$10,818,692	\$39,341	\$374,911	\$6,637,386	\$3,879,275	\$25,550,580

THE NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

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NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HURON COUNTY, OHIO
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2000

	Total (Memorandum Only)	\$70,893 1,121,930 48,560 717,758 546,689 153,042	1,453,508 22,949 39,200 55,230 3,250,673	7,481,107	6,637,386 10,499	(20,995)	163,426 348,441 265,507	132,439 14,474 10,396,826	18,069,473	\$25,550,580
Groups	General Long-Term Obligations	\$529,450 43,922	55,230 3,250,673	3,879,275						\$3,879,275
Account Groups	General Fixed Assets				\$6,637,386				6,637,386	\$6,637,386
Fiduciary Fund Types	Trust and Agency	\$23	39,200	39,223		7,755	265,507	62,426	335,688	\$374,911
Proprietary Fund Type	Enterprise	\$11 21,754 9,849 8,480	9,743	49,837	10,499	(20,995)			(10,496)	\$39,341
	Capital Projects	\$5,075 1,121,930 48,560	51,094	1,226,659		\$49,871		9,542,162	9,592,033	\$10,818,692
Governmental Fund Types	Debt Service		\$202,619	202,619			163,426		209,294	\$411,913
Governmenta	Special Revenue	\$19,207 26,284 3,592	28,220	77,978		18,453	6,388	217,150	241,991	\$319,969
	General	\$46,577 669,720 7,390 97,048	1,161,832	2,005,516		45,391	296,185	132,439 14,474 575,088	1,063,577	\$3,069,093
	LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	LIABILITIES. Accounts payable	Deferred revenue Due to other governments. Due to students. Asbestos removal loans payable.	Total liabilities	EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS: Investment in general fixed assets. Contributed capital Retained earnings (accumulated deficit):	Unreserved	Reserved for debt service Reserved for tax revenue unavailable for appropriation	Reserved for budget stabilization Reserved for capital acquisition Unreserved-undesignated	Total equity and other credits	Total liabilities, equity and other credits.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

<u>-</u>		Governmental	Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	
_	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	Total (Memorandum Only)
Revenues: From local sources:						
Taxes	\$2,298,100	\$27,812	\$237,237			\$2,563,149
Tuition	174,814		,			174,814
Earnings on investments	99,228	6,215		\$208,360	\$1,845	315,648
Other local revenues	64,983	261,755	0.650	0.100.057	16,555	343,293
Intergovernmental - State	4,236,554	125,499	2,653	9,128,276		13,492,982
Intergovernmental - Federal	8,517	277,417				285,934
Total revenue	6,882,196	698,698	239,890	9,336,636	18,400	17,175,820
Expenditures:						
Current:						
Instruction:	3,362,122	126,781		10,028		3,498,931
Regular	701,990	182,125		10,028		884,115
Vocational	194,726	102,120				194,726
Other	123,119	410				123,529
Support services:						
Pupil	188,215	19,279				207,494
Instructional staff	321,385	52,399			393	374,177
Board of Education	8,530 548,713	10,691	5,190			8,530 564,594
Fiscal	164,159	6,085	3,190			170,244
Business	101,109	222			11,281	11,503
Operations and maintenance	497,281	1,116		18,480	,	516,877
Pupil transportation	325,741	750		,		326,491
Central		1,249				1,249
Community services		7,433				7,433
Extracurricular activities	177,103	188,166				365,269
Facilities acquisition and construction Debt service:	2,250	9,962		3,232,207		3,244,419
Principal retirement			3,259,000			3,259,000
Interest and fiscal charges			159,498		-	159,498
Total expenditures	6,615,334	606,668	3,423,688	3,260,715	11,674	13,918,079
Excess (deficiency) of revenues						
over (under) expenditures	266,862	92,030	(3,183,798)	6,075,921	6,726	3,257,741
Other financing sources (uses):						
Operating transfers out	(30,100)					(30,100)
Premium and accrued interest on bonds sold			2.052			2.052
Proceeds from sale of bonds			3,952 3,250,673			3,952 3,250,673
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	912					912
Total other financing sources (uses)	(29,188)		3,254,625			3,225,437
Excess of revenues and						
other financing sources over						
expenditures and other financing uses .	237,674	92,030	70,827	6,075,921	6,726	6,483,178
Fund balances, July 1	825,903	149,961	138,467	3,516,112	37,262	4,667,705
Fund balances, June 30	\$1,063,577	\$241,991	\$209,294	\$9,592,033	\$43,988	\$11,150,883

NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HURON COUNTY, OHIO
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FIND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL COMPARISON (WOOKAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

cial Revenue Debt Service Capital Projects Total (Memorandum only)	Variance: Variance: Variance: Variance: Variance: Variance: Variance: Actual (Infavorable Revised Actual (Infavorable) Revised Actual (Infavorable) Revised Actual (Infavorable) Revised Actual (Infavorable)	31 \$491 \$222,625 \$2242,648 \$2,477,900		288,873 295,614 1 9,226,006 3,886,052 9,574,870 13,589,460 4	4.690 282.278 286.988 17.40.872 17.40.872 17.40.872	132,924 40,303 1,522,226 139,810 17,918 0 3,662,036 3,522,226 139,810 17,816,3 19,600	887 198,071 192,614 143,404 125,694	20,646 0 230,326 208,972 21,354 48,926 6,627 3,000 0 3,000 403,232 369,04 34,038 4775 8,531 1,344	6,072 5,303 5,190 113 584,737 559,967 1,548 178,526 171,738	18,480 18,480 0 651,380 527,955 1 376,649 332,310 1 4.48 1 2.49	66.964 74.392 7,428 42,913 433,288 372,403 829 5,874,611 3,393,492 2,	3.391,017 3.259,000 132,017 3.269,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 3.289,000 132,017 4.86 4.	96.535 197.776 (3.336,996) (3.198,410) 138.586 (227,143) 6,031,757 6,258,900 (4,358,215) 3,043,631 7,401,846		7,488 122 (5,100) (6,813) (6,813) (6,813) (6,813) (6,813) (7,181) (7,181) (7,181)	3,952 3,952 0 3,952 0 3,250,673 3,250,673 0 3,250,673 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	3,243,965 (4,7	97,858 191,096 (82,371) 56,215 138,586 (226,475) 6,031,157 6,257,632 (1,109,490) 6,287,596 7,397,086	116,727 0 107,211 107,211 0 3,589,469 3,589,469 0 4,783,291 4,783,291 0 4,3324 0 0 0 10,135 10,135 0 143,627 143,627 0	
Special Revenue		04		257,928 262,213 122,463 124,497		173,227 132,924 197,653 178,053		20,646 20,646 55,553 48,926		315 222 1,245 1,116 751 751 1,468 1249		799,010 612,826	(101,241) 96,535	637 648	7,366 7,488 0 (6,813)		8,003 1,323	(93,238) 97,858	116,727 116,727 42,324 42,324	
	Variance: Favorable Revised (Unfavorable) Budget		5,175 2,854			99,507 17. 26,486 197		21,354 20 24,401 5: 1,244	1	123,196 44,339	7, 17,972 233. 200,000 10	604,604	806,584 (10)	534 100		7.0		809,772	0 110	
General	Actual	4	173,277 95,572	33,401 4,236,304	6.763.798	3,378,384	192,614 125,283	188,326 320,278 8 531	544,088 165,744	508,359 331,559	177,948 2,250	6,650,049	113,749	17,880	(3,123) 8,553 (8,628)	610	(11,383)	102,366	969,884 91,168	
	Revised Budget	\$2,160,253	168,102 92,718	30,945 4,109,800	6.561.818	3,477,891	198,071 142,106	209,680 344,679 9,775	562,673 170,984	631,555 375,898	195,920 202,250	7,254,653	(692,835)	17,346 (100)	8,298 (10,000)	× × ×	(14,571)	(707,406)	969,884 91,168	
		Revenues: From local sources: Taxes	Tuition Earnings on investments	Other local revenues	Intergovernmental - Federal. Total revenues.	Expenditures: Current: Instruction: Regular: Snecial	l vices:	Pupil Instructional staff. Roard of Education	Administration. Fiscal.	Business. Operations and maintenance Pupil transportation	Community services. Extracurricular activities. Facilities aquisition and construction	Protection of the Protection of the Protection of Total expenditures.	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	Other financing sources (uses): Refund of prior year's expenditures Refund of prior year's (receipts)	Advances in	on bonds sold	Total other financing sources (uses)	Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	Fund balances, July 1	

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS/FUND BALANCE PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE AND NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	
	Enterprise	Nonexpendable Trust	Total (Memorandum Only)
Operating revenues:	6117 100		6117 103
Sales/charges for services	\$117,182	¢17.720	\$117,182
Interest revenue		\$16,739 72,091	16,739 72,091
Total operating revenues	117,182	88,830	206,012
Operating expenses:			
Personal services	142,783		142,783
Contract services	3,148		3,148
Materials and supplies	81,569		81,569
Depreciation	2,097		2,097
Other		9,888	9,888
Total operating expenses	229,597	9,888	239,485
Operating income (loss)	(112,415)	78,942	(33,473)
Nonoperating revenues:			
Operating grants	57,034		57,034
Interest revenue	222		222
Federal commodities	21,880		21,880
Total nonoperating revenues	79,136		79,136
Net income (loss) before operating transfers .	(33,279)	78,942	45,663
Operating transfers in	30,100		30,100
Net income (loss).	(3,179)	78,942	75,763
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit) / fund balance, July 1	(17,816)	212,758	194,942
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit) / fund balance, June 30	(\$20,005)	\$201.700	\$270.705
runu varance, June 30	(\$20,995)	\$291,700	\$270,705

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE AND NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	
	Enterprise	Nonexpendable Trust	Total (Memorandum Only)
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash received from sales/service charges	\$117,235		\$117,235
Cash received for donations		\$72,091	72,091
Cash payments for personal services	(142,712)		(142,712)
Cash payments for contract services	(3,367)		(3,367)
Cash payments for supplies and materials	(60,553)		(60,553)
Cash payments for other expenses		(9,888)	(9,888)
Net cash provided by (used in)			
operating activities	(89,397)	62,203	(27,194)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:			
Cash received from operating grants	58,063		58,063
Transfers in from other funds	30,100		30,100
Net cash provided by noncapital			
financing activities.	88,163		88,163
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest received	223	866	1,089
Net cash provided by			
investing activities.	223	866	1,089
Net increase (decrease) in			
cash and cash equivalents	(1,011)	63,069	62,058
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	3,411	212,138	215,549
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$2,400	\$275,207	\$277,607
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to			
net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Operating income (loss)	(\$112,415)	\$78,942	(\$33,473)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income			
(loss) to net cash provided by (used in)			
operating activities:			
Depreciation.	2,097		2,097
Federal donated commodities	21,880	(1 (720)	21,880
Interest reported as operating income		(16,739)	(16,739)
Decrease in materials and supplies inventory	2,711		2,711
Decrease in accounts receivable	53		53
Decrease in accounts payable	(219)		(219)
Increase in accounts payable	1,243		1,243
Decrease in compensated absences payable	(245)		(245)
Decrease in pension obligation payable	(927)		(927)
Decrease in deferred revenue	(3,575)		(3,575)
Net cash provided by (used in)			
operating activities	(\$89,397)	\$62,203	(\$27,194)
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NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The New London Local School District (the "District") is located in north-central Ohio in parts of Huron, Lorain, and Ashland counties. The District includes all of the Village of New London and portions of surrounding townships.

The District is organized in accordance with Sections 2 and 3, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. Under such laws, there is no authority for a school district to have a charter or adopt local laws. The legislative power of the District is vested in the Board of Education, consisting of five members elected at large for staggered four year terms.

The District currently operates two elementary schools, one middle school, and one comprehensive high school. The District employs 41 non-certified and 79 certified (including administrative) full-time and part-time employees to provide services to approximately 1,159 students in grades K through 12 and various community groups, which ranks it 463rd of 660 public and community school districts in Ohio, and fifth largest of seven districts in Huron County.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The general purpose financial statements (GPFS) of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The District also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations issued prior to November 30, 1989 to its proprietary activities unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The District's significant accounting policies are described below.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

A. The Reporting Entity

The District's reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity." When applying GASB Statement No. 14, management has considered all potential component units. The basic, but not the only, criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the Board's ability to exercise significant oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependence. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of the governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and the accountability for fiscal matters.

A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the District and/or its citizens. A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the District is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Based upon the application of these criteria, the District has no component units. The following organizations are described due to their relationship with the District:

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Lake Erie Education Computer Association (LEECA)

The Lake Erie Educational Computer Association (LEECA) is a jointly governed organization comprised of 31 school districts. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology (with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment) to the administrative and instructional functions of member districts. Each of the governments of these districts supports LEECA based upon a per pupil charge depending upon the software package utilized. The LEECA assembly consists of a superintendent or designated representative from each participating district and a representative from the fiscal agent. LEECA is governed by a board of directors chosen from the general membership of the LEECA assembly. The board of directors consists of a representative from the fiscal agent, the chairman of each operating committee, and at least one assembly member from each county in which participating districts are located. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer at the Educational Service Center of Lorain County, which serves as fiscal agent, located at 1885 Lake Avenue, Elyria, Ohio 44035. During the year ended June 30, 2000, the District paid approximately \$8,683 to LEECA.

Huron-Erie School Employees Insurance Association

The Huron-Erie School Employees Insurance Association (Association) is a jointly governed organization among fourteen districts. The Association assembly consists of a superintendent or designated representative from each participating district and the program administrator. The Association is governed by a board of directors chosen from the general membership. The degree of control exercised by any participating district is limited to its representation on the board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the program administrator at the Huron-Erie School Employees Insurance Association, located at 2900 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870. During the year ended June 30, 2000, the District paid approximately \$770,050 to the Association.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program
The District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established in Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP) was established as an insurance purchasing pool. The GRP is governed by a three-member Board of Directors. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the program. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program. Refer to Note 12 for further information on this group rating plan.

B. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds and account groups to report its financial position and the results of its operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain school district activities or functions. Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category is divided into separate fund types.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Governmental Funds are those through which most governmental functions of the District are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the District's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities (except those accounted for in proprietary funds) are accounted for through governmental funds. The following are the District's governmental fund types:

<u>General Fund</u> - The general fund is the general operating fund of the District and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> - The special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts, or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> - The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs

<u>Capital Projects Funds</u> - The capital projects funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds).

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Proprietary funds are used to account for the District's ongoing activities which are similar to those often found in the private sector where the determination of net income is necessary or useful to sound financial administration. The following is the District's proprietary fund type.

<u>Enterprise Funds</u> - The enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises--where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units and/or other funds. These include an expendable trust fund, a nonexpendable trust fund and agency funds. The expendable trust fund is accounted for in the same manner as governmental funds. The nonexpendable trust fund is accounted for in the same manner as proprietary funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The agency funds are presented on a budget basis, with note disclosure, regarding items which, in other fund types, would be subject to accrual. See Note 3 for an analysis of agency fund accruals which, in other fund types, would be recognized in the combined balance sheet.

ACCOUNT GROUPS

To make a clear distinction between fixed assets related to specific funds and those of general government, and between long-term liabilities related to specific funds and those of general nature, the following account groups are used.

<u>General Fixed Assets Account Group</u> - This group of accounts is established to account for all fixed assets of the District, other than those accounted for in the proprietary funds.

<u>General Long-Term Obligations Account Group</u> - This group of accounts is established to account for all long-term obligations of the District, other than those accounted for in the proprietary funds.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds and expendable trust funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

All proprietary and nonexpendable trust funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operations of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed for governmental and expendable trust funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period, which for the District is sixty days after the June 30 year-end. Revenues accrued at the end of the year include interest, tuition, grants and entitlements (to the extent they are intended to finance the current fiscal year), student fees and rent. Current property taxes measurable as of June 30, 2000, and which are intended to finance fiscal 2001 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenues. Delinquent property taxes measurable and available (received within 60 days) and amounts available as an advance on future tax settlements are recognized as revenue at year-end. Taxes available for advance and recognized as revenue but not received by the District prior to June 30, 2000, are reflected as a reservation of fund balance for future appropriations. The District is prohibited by law from appropriating this revenue in accordance with ORC Section 5705.35, since an advance of revenue was not requested or received prior to the fiscal year-end.

The District reports deferred revenue on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenues also arise when resources are received by the District before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the recognition of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the government has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

Expenditures (decreases in net financial resources) are recognized in the period in which the fund liability is incurred with the following exceptions: general long-term obligation principal and interest are reported only when due; and the costs of accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave are reported as expenditures in the period in which they will be liquidated with available financial resources rather than in the period earned by employees.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The proprietary funds and the nonexpendable trust funds are accounted for on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred. The fair value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the operating statement as an expense and a like amount is reported as donated commodities revenue.

D. Budgets

The District is required by state statute to adopt an annual appropriated cash basis budget for all funds. The specific timetable is as follows.

- 1. Prior to January 15 of the preceding year, the Superintendent and Treasurer submit to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing for all funds. Public hearings are publicized and conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. The expressed purpose of this budget document is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.
- 2. By no later than January 20, the Board-adopted budget is filed with the Huron County Budget Commission for tax rate determination.
- 3. Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission and receives the Commission's Certificate of Estimated Resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to June 30, the District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the Certificate of Estimated Resources. The revised budget then serves as a basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the Certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year as reported by the District Treasurer. The Certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The amounts reported in the budgetary statement reflect the amounts set forth in the final Amended Certificate issued for fiscal year 2000.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

- 4. By July 1, the annual appropriation resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund, function, and object level of expenditures, which are the legal levels of budgetary control. (State statute permits a temporary appropriation to be effective until no later than October 1 of each year.) Resolution appropriations by fund must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission and the total of expenditures and encumbrances may not exceed the appropriation totals.
- 5. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriation or alter total function appropriations within a fund, or alter object appropriations within functions must be approved by the Board of Education.
- 6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds consistent with the general obligation bond indenture and other statutory provisions. All departments/functions and funds completed the year within the amount of their legally authorized cash basis appropriation.
- 7. Appropriation amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Education through the year by supplemental appropriations which either reallocated or increased the original appropriated amounts. All supplemental appropriations were legally enacted by the Board during fiscal 2000.
- 8. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated. Expenditures plus encumbrances may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund, function and/or object level.
- 9. Advances in and advances out are not required to be budgeted since they represent a temporary cash flow resource and are intended to be repaid.

Encumbrance accounting is utilized with District funds in the normal course of operations, for purchase orders and contract-related expenditures. An encumbrance is a reserve on the available spending authority due to commitment for a future expenditure and does not represent a liability. For governmental fund types, encumbrances outstanding at year-end appear as a reservation of fund balance on a GAAP basis and as the equivalent of expenditures on a non-GAAP budgetary basis in order to demonstrate legal compliance. Note 16 provides a reconciliation of the budgetary and GAAP basis of accounting and Note 13 discloses encumbrances outstanding for the enterprise funds at fiscal year end.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

E. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled. Monies for all funds, including proprietary funds, are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the combined balance sheet.

During fiscal year 2000, investments were limited to federal agency notes, investments in the State Asset Treasury Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio) and nonnegotiable certificates of deposit. The federal agency notes and investments in STAR Ohio are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices. Nonparticipating investment contracts, such as nonnegotiable certificates of deposit, are reported at cost.

STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2000.

By policy of the Board of Education, investment earnings are assigned to the general fund, the Permanent Improvement and Project Construction capital projects funds, the Food Service, Summer School and Adult Education enterprise funds, the Public School Support and District Managed Student Activities special revenue funds, Student-Managed Activity agency funds, and certain trust funds. The following funds were credited with more interest revenue than would have been received based upon their share of the District's investments during fiscal 2000:

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

E. Cash and Investments (Continued)

	Interest Actually Received	Interest Based upon Share of Investments	Interest Assigned by Other Funds
General Fund	\$99,228	\$40,915	\$58,313
Special Revenue Funds			
Public School Support	1,186	719	467
District Managed Student Activities	3,984	2,411	1,573
Enterprise Funds			
Food Service	97	24	73
Rotary	97	61	36
Adult Education	28	17	11
Agency Fund			
Student Managed Activities	1,981	1,034	947

An analysis of the Treasurer's investment account at year end is provided in Note 4.

F. Inventory

Inventories of proprietary funds are valued at the lower of cost (first-in/first-out method) or market and expensed when used rather than when purchased.

G. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

1. General Fixed Assets Account Group

General fixed assets are capitalized at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date donated. The District follows the policy of not capitalizing assets with a cost of less than \$1,000 and a useful life of less than five years. No depreciation is recognized for assets in the general fixed assets account group. The District has not included infrastructure in the general fixed assets account group.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

G. Fixed Assets and Depreciation (Continued)

2. Proprietary Funds

Equipment reflected in these funds is stated at historical cost or estimated historical cost and updated for the cost of additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date donated. Depreciation has been provided, where appropriate, on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives.

Asset	<u>Life (years)</u>
Buildings	25 - 50
Furniture, Fixtures and	
Minor Equipment	8 - 20
Vehicles	4 - 6

H. Intergovernmental Revenues

In governmental funds, entitlements and non-reimbursable grants (to the extent such grants and entitlements relate to the current fiscal year) are recorded as receivables and revenue when measurable and available. Reimbursement type grants are recorded as receivables and revenues when the related expenditures are incurred. Grants for proprietary fund operations are recognized as revenue when measurable and earned. The District currently participates in various state and federal programs categorized as follows:

Entitlements

General Fund
State Foundation Program
State Property Tax Relief

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> State Property Tax Relief

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

H. Intergovernmental Revenues (Continued)

Non-Reimbursable Grants

Special Revenue Funds

Professional Development Block Grant

Classroom Facilities Maintenance

Management Information Systems

Title I

Title VI

Title VI-B

Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid

Network Connectivity

Drug-Free School

School Breakfast Start-up

SchoolNet Professional Development

Safe Schools Hotline

Title VI-R

Performance Incentive

Martha Holden Jennings Grant

Capital Project Funds

School Net

Technology Equity

Emergency School Building Repair

Ohio School Facilities Commission Grant

Reimbursable Grants

General Fund

School Bus Purchases

Driver Education

Vocational Education Travel/Salary

Reimbursable Grants - Continued

Proprietary Fund

National School Lunch Program

Government Donated Commodities

Grants and entitlements amounted to approximately 79% of the District's operating revenue during the 2000 fiscal year.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

I. Compensated Absences

Compensated absences of the District consist of vacation leave and sick leave to the extent that payment to the employee for these absences are attributable to services already rendered and are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the District and the employee.

In accordance with the provisions of Statement No. 16 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), "Accounting for Compensated Absences," a liability for vacation leave is accrued if a) the employees' rights to payment are attributable to services already rendered; and b) it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or other means, such as cash payment at termination or retirement. A liability for sick pay is accrued using the vesting method; i.e., the liability is based on the sick leave accumulated at the balance sheet date by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination (severance) payments, as well as those employees expected to become eligible in the future. For purposes of establishing a liability for sick pay on employees expected to become eligible to retire in the future, all non-certified personnel employed at June 30, 2000 and all certified personnel employed at the District for 10 years or more as of June 30, 2000 were expected to become eligible to retire in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16.

The total liability for vacation and sick leave payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at the balance sheet date, and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus any applicable additional salary related payments.

Accumulated vacation and sick pay of governmental fund type employees meeting the above requirements have been recorded in the appropriate governmental fund as a current liability to the extent that the amounts are expected to be payable within the current available period. The balance of the liability is recorded in the general long-term obligations account group. Vacation and sick leave for employees meeting the above requirements who are paid from proprietary funds is recorded as an expense when earned.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

J. Long-Term Obligations

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due, or when resources have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payment early in the following year. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a government fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the general long-term obligations account group.

Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from proprietary fund operations are accounted for in those funds.

K. Contributed Capital

Contributed capital is recorded in proprietary funds that have received capital grants, or contributions from developers, customers, or other funds. These assets are recorded at their fair market value on the date contributed. Depreciation on those assets acquired or constructed with contributed resources is expensed and closed to unreserved retained earnings at year end.

L. Fund Equity

Reserved fund balances indicate that portion of fund equity which is not available for current appropriation or is legally segregated for a specific use. Fund balances are reserved for encumbrances, debt service, principal endowment, tax revenue unavailable for appropriation, budget stabilization and capital acquisition. The unreserved portions of fund equity reflected for the governmental funds are available for use within the specific purposes of those funds.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

M. Interfund Transactions

During the course of normal operations, the District may have numerous transactions between funds. The most significant include:

- 1. Transfers of resources from one fund to another fund. The resources transferred are to be expended for operations by the receiving fund and are recorded as operating transfers, with the exception of agency funds, which do not show transfers of resources as operating transfers.
- 2. Reimbursements from one fund to another are treated as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and a reduction in expenditures/expenses in the reimbursed fund. Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses.
- 3. Short-term interfund loans and accrued interfund reimbursements and accrued operating transfers are reflected as "interfund loans receivable or payable". The District had short-term interfund loans receivable and payable at June 30, 2000.
- 4. Long-term interfund loans that will not be repaid within the next year are termed "advances" and are shown as reservations of fund balances on the combined balance sheet for those funds that report advances to other funds as assets because they are not spendable, available resources. The District had no long-term advances receivable or payable at June 30, 2000.

An analysis of interfund transactions is presented in Note 5.

N. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets in the general fund represent cash and cash equivalents set aside to establish a budget stabilization and capital acquisition reserve. These reserves are required by State statute. The budget stabilization reserve can be used only after receiving approval from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Fund balance reserves have also been established. See Note 18 for detail of statutory reserves.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

O. Bond Discounts, Premiums and Interest Costs

For governmental fund types, bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance cost, are recognized during the current period. Bond proceeds are reported as other financing sources net of the applicable premium or discount. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual net proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures. The long-term debt that appears in the general long-term obligations account group is always reported at the bond's face value.

P. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Q. Memorandum Only - Total Columns

Total columns on the GPFS are captioned (Memorandum Only) to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with GAAP. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Deficit Fund Balances/Retained Earnings

Fund balances/retained earnings at June 30, 2000 included the following individual fund deficits:

	<u>Deficit Balance</u>
Special Revenue Funds Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid	\$ 225
Enterprise Funds Food Service	23,294

These funds complied with Ohio state law which does not permit a cash basis deficit at year end.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

A. Deficit Fund Balances/Retained Earnings (Continued)

The deficit fund balance in the Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid special revenue fund is due to the application of GAAP, namely in the reporting of a liability for accrued wages and benefits attributable to the fiscal year. This deficit will be eliminated by intergovernmental revenues and other resources not recognized at June 30.

The deficit retained earnings in the Food Service enterprise fund is due to the application of GAAP namely in the reporting of a liability for accrued wages, benefits and retirement obligations attributable to the fiscal year. This deficit will be funded by user charges and other subsidies not recognized and recorded at June 30.

B. Agency Fund

The following accrual for the Student-Managed Activity agency fund would be recognized in the combined balance sheet in other fund types:

ASSET

Accrued interest receivable	\$211
Accounts receivable	168

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable 957

NOTE 4 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The District maintains a cash and investment pool used by all funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents". Statutes require the classification of monies held by the District into three categories:

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the District treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 4 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Inactive deposits are public deposits the Board of Education has identified as not required for use within the current two year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings accounts, including passbook accounts.

Protection of the District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the Treasurer by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

Interim monies may be invested or deposited in the following securities:

- 1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States;
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- 3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above, provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- 4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 4 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

- 5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- 6. The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);
- 7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred and eighty days in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and
- 8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt instruments rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

The following information classifies deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined in GASB Statement No. 3, "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments and Reverse Repurchase Agreements."

Deposits: At year end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits, including non-negotiable certificates of deposit, was \$1,550,418 and the bank balance, including non-negotiable certificates of deposit, was \$1,580,694. Of the bank balance:

- 1. \$200,000 was covered by federal depository insurance.
- 2. \$1,280,843 was covered by collateral held in the pledging bank's trust department in the District's name.
- 3. \$50,000 was federally insured.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 4 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

4. \$49,851 was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money has been followed, non compliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the District held to a successful claim by the FDIC.

Investments: Investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the entity at year-end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or securities held by the District. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the District's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty or by its trust department, but not in the District's name. STAR Ohio is an unclassified investment since it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

	Category 2	Reported Amount	Fair <u>Value</u>
Federal agency securities	<u>\$1,987,460</u>	\$ 1,987,460	\$ 1,987,460
Total	<u>\$1,987,460</u>		
Investment in STAR Ohio		9,300,684	9,300,684
Total investments		\$11,288,144	\$11,288,144

The classification of cash and cash equivalents, and investments on the combined balance sheet is based on criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 9, "Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary and Non-Expendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting."

A reconciliation between the classifications of equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents on the combined balance sheet (per GASB Statement No. 9) and the classifications of deposits and investments presented above per GASB Statement No. 3 is as follows:

	Cash and Cash Equivalents/Deposits	Inves	stments
GASB Statement No. 9	\$12,838,562	\$	0
Investments of the cash management pool: Investment in STAR Ohio Federal agency securities	(9,300,684) _(1,987,460)		00,684 87,460
GASB Statement No. 3	<u>\$ 1,550,418</u>	<u>\$11,25</u>	<u>88,144</u>

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

A. The following is a reconciliation of the District's operating transfers for fiscal year 2000:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	Transfers (Out)
General Fund	\$	\$30,100
Enterprise Funds Food Service	30,100	
Totals	<u>\$30,100</u>	<u>\$30,100</u>

B. Interfund balances at June 30, 2000, consist of the following individual interfund loans receivable and payable:

	Interfund Receivable	Interfund <u>Payable</u>
General Fund	\$675	\$
Special Revenue Funds Drug Free Grant	<u></u>	<u>675</u>
Totals	<u>\$675</u>	<u>\$675</u>

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis. Distributions from the second half of the calendar year occur in a new fiscal year and are intended to finance the operations of that year. Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible (used in business) property located in the District.

Real property taxes and public utility taxes are levied after November 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35% of appraised market value.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

Public utility property taxes are assessed on tangible personal property, as well as land and improvements. Real property is assessed at 35% of market value and personal property is assessed at 100% of market value except for the personal property of rural electric companies which is assessed at 50% of market and railroads which are assessed at 29%.

Tangible personal property taxes attach as a lien and are levied on January 1 of the current year. Tangible personal property assessments are 25% of true value.

The assessed value upon which the 1999 taxes were collected was \$67,136,030. Agricultural/Residential and public utility/mineral real estate represented 77.18% or \$51,817,920 of this total; Commercial/Industrial real estate represented 8.84% or \$5,934,950; public utility tangible represented 7.27% or \$4,883,480 and general tangible property represented 6.71% or \$4,499,680. The voted general tax rate for operations at the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000 was \$29.70 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation and \$4.09 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for debt service.

Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due January 20; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due January 20 with the remainder payable by June 20.

The Ashland, Lorain and Huron County Treasurers collect property taxes on behalf of the District. The County Auditors periodically remit to the District their portion of the taxes collected. These tax "advances" are based on statutory cash flow collection rates. Final "settlements" are made each February and August. A total of \$348,441 was available to the District as an advance at June 30, and is recognized as revenue.

Accrued property taxes receivable represent delinquent taxes outstanding and real property, personal property and public utility taxes which became measurable as of June 30, 2000. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, they are not (exclusive of advances) intended to finance current year operations. The net receivable (total receivable less amount available intended to finance the current year) is therefore offset by a credit to deferred revenue.

Taxes available for advance and recognized as revenue but not received by the District prior to June 30, 2000, are reflected as a reservation of fund balance for future appropriations. The District is prohibited, by law, from appropriating this revenue in accordance with ORC Section 5705.35, since an advance of revenue was not requested or received prior to the fiscal year end.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 7 - SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX

The District has authorized, through voter approval, an annual 1% school district income tax levied on the school district income of individuals and estates. The tax is to be used for normal operating expenses of the District, and is credited to the general fund. Total income tax revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2000 was \$781,497.

NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2000 consisted of taxes, accrued interest, accounts (billings for user charged services and student fees), and intergovernmental grants and entitlements (to the extent such grants and/or entitlements relate to the current fiscal year). Intergovernmental receivables have been reported as "Due From Other Governments" on the combined balance sheet. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes and the stable condition of State programs, and the current year guarantee of Federal funds.

A summary of the principal items of receivables follows:

	Amounts
General Fund	
Taxes - current and delinquent	\$1,448,346
School district income tax	284,920
Accounts	27,609
Accrued interest	20,847
Due from other governments	9,817
Special Revenue Funds	24.600
Taxes - current and delinquent	34,608
Accounts	752
Accrued interest	898
Due from other governments	1,675
Debt Service Funds	
Taxes - current and delinquent	248,487
raxes - current and definquent	240,407
Capital Projects Funds	
Accrued interest	61,987
Enterprise Funds	
Due from other governments	8,392

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES (Continued)

Expen	<u>dable Trust Funds</u>	
Accrued interest		\$1,303
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Nonexpendable Trust Funds

Accrued Interest 16,492

NOTE 9 - FIXED ASSETS

A summary of the changes in the general fixed assets account group during the fiscal year follows:

	Balance at July 1, 1999	Increase	Deletions	Balance at June 30, 2000
Land/improvements Buildings/improvements Equipment and vehicles Construction in progress	\$ 309,096 2,194,014 1,813,875 0	\$ 36,459 2,319,478	\$ (35,536)	\$ 309,096 2,194,014 1,814,798 2,319,478
Total	<u>\$4,316,985</u>	<u>\$2,355,937</u>	<u>\$(35,536</u>)	\$6,637,386

The construction in progress represents costs incurred by June 30, 2000 for the construction of a new elementary, middle and high school building. The total estimated cost of the building project is \$21,381,539.

A summary of the proprietary fixed assets at June 30, 2000 follows:

Furniture and equipment Less: accumulated depreciation	\$ 64,335 (48,203)
Net fixed assets	\$ 16,132

NOTE 10 - CHANGES IN CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL

The change in contributed capital for the year ended June 30, 2000 is summarized as follows:

	Food Service
Contributed capital, July 1, 1999	\$ 5,700
Current contributions from general fund	4,799
Contributed capital, June 30, 2000	<u>\$10,499</u>

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

During the year ended June 30, 2000, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in the general long-term obligations account group.

	Balance July 1, 1999	Increase	Decrease	Balance June 30, 2000
Compensated Absences	\$ 552,318	\$ 36,217	\$ (59,085)	\$ 529,450
Pension Obligation Payable	45,712	43,922	(45,712)	43,922
Asbestos Removal Loans	62,230		(7,000)	55,230
Bond Anticipation Notes	3,252,000		(3,252,000)	0
General Obligation				
Bonds Payable	0	3,250,673		3,250,673
Total Long-Term Obligations	<u>\$3,912,260</u>	<u>\$3,330,812</u>	<u>\$(3,363,797</u>)	<u>\$3,879,275</u>

- A. Compensated absences and the pension obligation will be paid from the fund from which the employee is paid.
- B. All general obligation bonds and notes outstanding, issued to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of equipment and facilities are general obligations of the District for which full faith and credit of the District is pledged for repayment. Accordingly, such unmatured obligations of the District are accounted for in the general long-term obligation account group. Payments of principal and interest relating to these liabilities are recorded as expenditures in the debt service fund.

1. Asbestos Removal Loans Payable

The following is a description of the loans outstanding as of June 30, 2000:

	Interest	Issue	Maturity	Balance
	<u>Rate</u>	Date	<u>Date</u>	6/30/00
<u>Purpose</u>				
Asbestos Removal Loan, 1989	N/A	05/17/89	05/30/08	\$16,010
Asbestos Removal Loan, 1995	N/A	12/07/94	05/31/08	39,220
				<u>\$55,230</u>

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

The following is a summary of the District's future annual debt service requirements to maturity for the asbestos removal loans:

Year Ending	Principal	Interest	
June 30	on Loans	on Loans	<u>Total</u>
2001	\$ 7,000	\$	\$ 7,000
2002	7,000		7,000
2003	7,000		7,000
2004	7,000		7,000
2005	7,000		7,000
2006 - 2008	20,230		20,230
Total	<u>\$55,230</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$55,230</u>

2. Bond Anticipation Notes

On April 8, 1999 the District issued \$3,252,000 in bond anticipation notes to begin the construction of a new high school, middle school and elementary building. These notes had an annual interest rate of 3.35% and matured on October 8, 1999. The bond anticipation notes were retired with the proceeds from the District's general obligation bonds which were issued on October 7, 1999.

3. General Obligation Bonds Payable

On October 7, 1999, the District issued \$3,250,673 in general obligation bonds. The proceeds of these bonds were used to provide long-term financing of the construction of a new high school, middle school and elementary building. These bonds bear annual interest rates ranging from 3.80% to 7.50% and mature in fiscal year 2023.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

The following is a summary of the District's future annual debt service requirements to maturity for the general obligation bonds:

Year Ending June 30	Principal on Bonds	Interest on Bonds	<u>Total</u>
2001	\$ 45,000	\$ 156,685	\$ 201,685
2002	85,000	154,066	239,066
2003	95,000	150,284	245,284
2004	110,000	145,845	255,845
2005	115,000	140,837	255,837
2006 - 2010	547,599	772,734	1,320,333
2011 - 2015	583,074	726,838	1,309,912
2016 - 2020	955,000	345,835	1,300,835
2021 - 2023	715,000	62,558	777,558
Total	<u>\$3,250,673</u>	<u>\$2,655,682</u>	<u>\$5,906,355</u>

4. Legal Debt Margin

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of a school district shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the district. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the district. The effects of these debt limitations for the District at June 30, 2000 are a voted debt margin of \$3,000,864 (including available funds of \$209,294) and an unvoted debt margin of \$67,136.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property, Fleet, and Liability Insurance

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The District has a comprehensive property and casualty policy with the Indiana Insurance Company which includes boiler coverage. The deductible is \$500 per incident. All vehicles are insured with Nationwide Insurance Company and have a \$100 deductible on collision and \$50 on comprehensive. All board members, administrators and employees are covered under a school district liability policy with Nationwide Insurance. The limits of this coverage are \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate. Settled claims have not exceeded these commercial insurance coverages in any of the past three years.

B. Employee Dishonesty Bonds

The board president is covered with a surety bond for \$20,000 through the OSBA Board Program. The superintendent and the treasurer are covered by a \$20,000 and a \$100,000 surety bond respectively. The student activity clerk/treasurer's secretary is also covered by a surety bond in the amount of \$10,000. These bonds are all with the Western Surety Company. The remaining employees who handle money are covered with a public employees blanket bond in the amount of \$10,000. This coverage is provided by the State Auto Insurance Company. Settled claims have not exceeded these commercial insurance coverages in any of the past three years.

C. Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2000, the District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 2. A.). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the GRP.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

D. Huron-Erie School Employees Insurance Association

The District has contracted with the Huron-Erie School Employees Insurance Association (Association) to provide medical/surgical, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits for its employees and their covered dependents. The Association is a shared risk pool comprised of fourteen school districts that provide public education within Erie and Huron Counties. The Districts pay monthly contributions that are placed in a common fund from which eligible claims and expenses are paid for employees of participating school districts and their covered dependents. Claims are paid for all participants regardless of claims flow.

In the event of withdrawal, the District shall assume and be responsible for payment of all claims of its eligible employees, families, and dependents from the effective date of withdrawal, regardless of when such claims were incurred, processed, or presented to the Association, insurance provider, insurance consultant, or any other appropriate or authorized person or representative; provided further, any such claims which are paid after the effective date of withdrawal by the Association insurance provider or insurance consultant, or charged to such parties, shall be reimbursed in full by any withdrawing member upon demand of the Association.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 13 - SEGMENT INFORMATION - ENTERPRISE FUNDS

The District maintains three enterprise funds to account for the operations of Food Services, Summer School, and Adult Education. The table below reflects, in a summarized format, the more significant financial data relating to the Enterprise Funds of the District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000.

	Food Services	Summer School	Adult Education	_Total_
Operating revenue	\$ 117,182	\$	\$	\$ 117,182
Operating expenses before depreciation	227,500			227,500
Depreciation	2,097			2,097
Operating loss	(112,415)			(112,415)
Operating grants	57,034			57,034
Operating transfers in	30,100			30,100
Net income (loss)	(3,304)	97	28	(3,179)
Net working capital	(16,779)	1,789	510	(14,480)
Total assets	37,042	1,789	510	39,341
Total liabilities	49,837			49,837
Total retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(23,294)	1,789	510	(20,995)
Contributed capital	10,499			10,499
Total fund equity (deficit)	(12,795)	1,789	510	(10,496)
Encumbrances at June 30, 2000	68			68

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

The District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the School Employees Retirement Board. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 45 North Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3634, or by calling (614) 222-5853.

Plan members are required to contribute 9 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent for 2000; 5.55 percent was the portion to fund pension obligations. The contribution rates are not determined actuarially, but are established by the School Employees Retirement Board within the rates allowed by State statute. The adequacy of the contribution rates is determined annually. The District's required contributions to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000, 1999 and 1998 were \$194,617, \$175,283, and \$141,685, respectively; 69 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2000 and 100 percent for the fiscal years 1999 and 1998. \$69,534, representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2000, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds and the general long-term obligations account group.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

The District contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by the State Teachers Retirement Board. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death and survivor benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771, or by calling (614) 227-4090.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Plan members are required to contribute 9.3 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent; 6 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. The District's required contributions to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000, 1999, and 1998 were \$587,140, \$521,681, and \$515,630, respectively; 86 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2000 and 100 percent for the fiscal years 1999 and 1998. \$83,508, representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2000, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System have an option to choose Social Security or the School Employees Retirement System/State Teachers Retirement System. As of June 30, 2000, four members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

NOTE 15 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The District provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), and to retired non-certified employees and their dependents through the School Employees Retirement System (SERS). Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs, and reimbursement of monthly Medicare premiums. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the Systems based on authority granted by State statute. Both systems are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The State Teachers Retirement Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Most benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By Ohio law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS funds shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For this fiscal year, the Board allocated employer contributions equal to 8 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund. For the District, this amount equaled \$335,509 during fiscal 2000.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 15 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. The balance in the Health Care Reserve Fund was \$2.783 billion at June 30, 1999 (the latest information available). For the year ended June 30, 1999 (the latest information available), net health care costs paid by STRS were \$249.929 million and STRS had 95,796 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying service credit, and disability and survivor benefit recipients. Members retiring on or after August 1, 1989, with less than twenty-five years of service credit must pay a portion of their premium for health care. The portion is based on years of service up to a maximum of 75 percent of the premium.

For this fiscal year, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 8.45 percent of covered payroll. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2000, the minimum pay was established at \$12,400. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund.

The target level for the health care reserve is 150 percent of annual health care expenses. Expenses for health care at June 30, 1999 (the latest information available), were \$126.4 million and the target level was \$189.6 million. At June 30, 1999 (the latest information available), SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$188.0 million and SERS had approximately 51,000 participants receiving health care benefits. For the District, the amount to fund health care benefits, including surcharge, equaled \$120,129 during the 2000 fiscal year.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 16 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

The Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual - All Governmental Fund Types is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis);
- (b) Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis);
- (c) In order to determine compliance with Ohio law, and to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, encumbrances are recorded as the equivalent of an expenditure (budget basis) as opposed to a reservation of fund balance for governmental funds (GAAP basis).

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 16 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - (Continued)

The adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations for the year on the budget basis to the GAAP basis for the governmental funds are as follows:

Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

Governmental Fund Types

	<u>General</u>	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects
Budget basis	\$102,366	\$ 97,858	\$56,215	\$6,031,157
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	118,398	(10,663)	14,612	(105,799)
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(78,746)	(18,969)		(994,943)
Net adjustment for other financing sources/(uses)	(17,805)	(1,323)		600
Adjustment for encumbrances	113,461	25,127		1,144,906
GAAP basis	<u>\$237,674</u>	\$ 92,030	<u>\$70,827</u>	<u>\$6,075,921</u>

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 17 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The District receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, state and local agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on any of the financial statements of the individual fund types included herein or on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2000.

B. Litigation

The District is not currently a party to any legal proceedings.

C. State School Funding Decision

On March 24, 1997, the Ohio Supreme Court rendered a decision declaring certain portions of the Ohio school funding plan unconstitutional. The Court stayed the effect of its ruling for one year to allow the State's legislature to design a plan to remedy the perceived defects in that system. Declared unconstitutional was the State's "school foundation program", which provides significant amounts of monetary support to this District. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, the District received \$3,992,878 of school foundation support for its general fund.

In addition, the Court declared the classroom facilities program unconstitutional, because, in the Court's opinion, the program had not been sufficiently funded by the State. The classroom facilities program provided money to build schools and furnish classrooms. As of June 30, 2000, the School District had received a total of \$9.1 million under this program.

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 17 - CONTINGENCIES - (Continued)

Since the Supreme Court ruling, numerous pieces of legislation have been passed by the State General Assembly in an attempt to address the issues identified by the Court. The Court of Common Pleas in Perry County reviewed the new laws and, in a decision issued on February 26, 1999, determined they are not sufficiently responsive to the constitutional issues raised under the "thorough and efficient" clause of the Ohio Constitution. The State appealed the decision made by the Court of Common Pleas to the Ohio Supreme Court. On May 11, 2000, the Ohio Supreme Court rendered an opinion on this issue. The Court concluded, "...the mandate of the (Ohio) Constitution has not been fulfilled." The Court's majority recognized efforts by the Ohio General Assembly taken in response to the Court's March 24, 1997, decision, however, it found seven "...major areas warrant[ing] further attention, study, and development by the General Assembly...," including the State's reliance on local property tax funding, the state's basic aid formula, the school foundation program, as discussed above, the mechanism for, and adequacy of, funding for school facilities, and the existence of the State's School Solvency Assistance Fund, which the Court found took the place of the unconstitutional emergency school loan assistance program.

The Court decided to maintain jurisdiction over these issues and continued the case at least until June 15, 2001.

As of the date of these financial statements, the District is unable to determine what effect, if any, this ongoing litigation will have on its future State funding under these programs and on its financial operations.

D. Contractual Commitments

As of June 30, 2000, the District had contractual commitments for the following projects:

	Contractual		Balance
<u>Project</u>	Commitments	Expended	06/30/00
New High School, Middle School and Elementary			
Building	\$21,381,539	\$2,319,478	\$19,062,061

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 18 - STATUTORY RESERVES

The District is required by State law to set-aside certain general fund revenue amounts, as defined by Statute, into various reserves. These reserves are calculated and presented on a cash basis. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, the reserve activity was as follows:

	<u>Textbooks</u>	Capital Acquisition	Budget Stabilization
Set-aside cash balance as of June 30, 1999	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 83,598
Current year set-aside requirement	146,524	146,524	48,841
Current year offsets		(30,401)	
Qualifying disbursements	(155,643)	(101,649)	
Set-aside balance carried forward to future fiscal years	<u>\$ (9,119)</u>	<u>\$ 14,474</u>	<u>\$132,439</u>
Set-aside reserve balance as of June 30, 2000	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 14,474</u>	<u>\$132,439</u>

The District had qualifying disbursements during the fiscal year that reduced the textbook set-aside amount below zero. This extra amount may be used to reduce the set-aside requirement in future fiscal years.

A schedule of the restricted assets at June 30, 2000 follows:

Amount restricted for budget stabilization	\$132,439
Amount restricted for capital acquisition	14,474
Total restricted assets	<u>\$146,913</u>

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SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor Program Title U.S. Department of Agriculture (Passed through the Ohio Department of Education)	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Non-Cash Receipts	Expenditures	Non-Cash Expenditures
Child Nutrition Cluster:						
Food Distribution Program	Not Available	10.550		\$21,880		\$21,880
National School Lunch Program	03-PU 0000 1999 03-PU 0000 2000 04-PU 0000 1999 04-PU 0000 2000	10.555	\$3,332 8,696 13,224 28,887		\$3,332 8,696 13,224 28,887	
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			54,139		54,139	
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			54,139	21,880	54,139	21,880
U.S. Department of Education (Passed through the Ohio Department of Education)						
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	C1-S1 1999 C1-S1 2000	84.010	19,887 <u>132,567</u> 152,454		21,307 109,076 130,383	
Special Education Grants to States	6B-SF 1999P 6B-SF 2000P	84.027	0 69,641		6,376 65,778	
Total Special Education Grants to States	02 0. 2000.		69,641		72,154	
Drug Free Schools	DR-S1 1999 DR-S1 2000	84.186	1,140 4,454		2,419 3,758	
Total Drug Free Schools			5,594		6,177	
Goals 2000 - State and Local Education Systemic Improvements Grants	G2-S1 1999	84.276	0		15,114	
Total Goals 2000 - State and Local Education System	G2-S1 2000		31,388		11,712	
Improvements Grants	iic		31,388		26,826	
Innovative Educaton Program Strategies	C2-S1 1999 C2-S1 1999C	84.298	0 776		346 0	
Total Innovative Education Program Strategies	C2-S1 2000		5,892 6,668		4,010 4,356	
Class Size Reduction Subsidy	CR-S1 2000	84.340	21,223		18,488	
Total U.S. Department of Education			286,968		258,384	
Total Federal Assistance			\$341,107	\$21,880	\$312,523	\$21,880

The notes to the Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures of Federal Awards are an integral part of this statement.

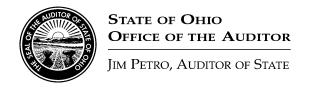
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS JUNE 30. 2000

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) is a summary of the activity of the District's federal award programs. The Schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

NOTE B - FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Non-monetary assistance is reported in the Schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed. Monies are commingled with state grants. It is assumed federal monies are expended first. At June 30, 2000 the District had no significant food commodities in inventory.



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

New London Local School District Huron County 100 East Main Street New London, Ohio 44851

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of New London Local School District, Huron County, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated November 22, 2000. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated November 22, 2000.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated November 22, 2000.

New London Local School District Huron County Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

This report is intended for the information and use of management and the Board of Education, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

November 22, 2000



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

New London Local School District Huron County 100 East Main Street New London, Ohio 44851

To the Board of Education:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of New London Local School District, Huron County, (the District) with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2000. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2000.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on the internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

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Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information and use of management and the Board of Education, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

November 22, 2000

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505 JUNE 30, 2000

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

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(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other reportable control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any material reported non- compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under § .510?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Title 1Grants to Local Education Agencies, CFDA #84.010 Special Education Grants to States, CFDA #84.027
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	No
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2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JANUARY 02, 2001