AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002



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Board of Education Minerva Local School District

We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Minerva Local School District, Stark County, prepared by Rea & Associates, Inc. for the audit period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Minerva Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

BETTY MONTGOMERY Auditor of State

Betty Montgomeny

February 19, 2003



MINERVA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STARK COUNTY

JUNE 30, 2002

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Rea & Associates, Inc.

ACCOUNTANTS AND BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

December 20, 2002

To the Board of Education Minerva Local School District Minerva, OH 44657

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Minerva Local School District (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free 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 Minerva Local School District as of June 30, 2002, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we also have issued our report dated December 20, 2002, 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.

Lea & Cassociates, Inc.

Combined Balance Sheet

All Fund Types and Account Groups

June 30, 2002

June 30, 2002	Governmental Fund Types					
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects		
Assets						
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 57,941	\$ 186,320	\$ 416,511	\$ 8,556		
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	186,110	0	0	0		
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	0	1,557	0	0		
Investments	0	0	0	27,908,054		
Receivables:						
Taxes	5,224,574	0	0	0		
Accounts	5,438	1,236	0	0		
Interfund	94,654	0	0	0		
Accrued Interest	0	0	0	76,024		
Intergovernmental	16,464	146,218	0	0		
Inventory	34,853	0	0	0		
Advances to Other Funds	5,450	0	0	0		
Fixed Assets (Net)	0	0	0	0		
Other Debits						
Amount Available in Debt Service Fund	0	0	0	0		
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of						
General Long-Term Obligations	0	0	0	0		
Total Assets and Other Debits	\$ 5,625,484	\$ 335,331	\$ 416,511	\$ 27,992,634		
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	\$ 47,572	\$ 11,199	\$ 0	\$ 284		
Contracts Payable	0	0	0	56,315		
Accrued Wages and Benefits	1,257,652	38,796	0	0		
Compensated Absences Payable	91,904	0	0	0		
Interfund Payable	0	58,596	0	0		
Intergovernmental Payable	301,541	7,571	0	0		
Deferred Revenue	5,011,837	0	0	0		
Due to Students	0	0	0	0		
Claims Payable	0	0	0	0		
Accured Interest Payable	0	0	0	248,056		
Notes Payable	0	0	0	14,025,000		
Early Retirement Incentive Payable	38,670	0	0	0		
Advances from Other Funds	0	5,450	0	0		
General Obligation Bonds Payable	0	0	0	0		
Total Liabilities	6,749,176	121,612	0	14,329,655		
Fund Equity and Other Credits						
Investment in General Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0		
Retained Earnings: Unreserved	0	0	0	0		
Fund Balance:						
Reserved for Inventory	34,853	0	0	0		
Reserved for Encumbrances	201,288	121,406	0	255,853		
Reserved for BWC Refund	70,106	0	0	0		
Reserved for Capital Acquisition	116,004	0	0	0		
Reserved for Advances	5,450	0	0	0		
Reserved for Property Taxes	212,737	0	0	0		
Unreserved: Undesignated	(1,764,130)	92,313	416,511	13,407,126		
Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	(1,123,692)	213,719	416,511	13,662,979		
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits	\$ 5,625,484	\$ 335,331	\$ 416,511	\$ 27,992,634		

	Proprietar	v Fun	d Types		iduciary und Type	Accou	nt Gr	oups		
-	Internal				Agency	General Fixed Assets		General Long-Term Obligations	(M	Totals (emorandum Only)
	anter prise		Service		Agency	 Assets		Obligations		Omy)
\$	17,245	\$	313,309	\$	68,162	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	1,068,044
	0		0		0	0		0		186,110
	0		0		0	0		0		1,557
	0		0		0	0		0		27,908,054
	0		0		0	0		0		5,224,574
	137		0		175	0		0		6,986
	0		0		0	0		0		94,654
	0		0		0	0		0		76,024
	23,102		0		0	0		0		185,784
	29,296		0		0	0		0		64,149
	0		0		0	0		0		5,450
	20,411		0		0	8,257,150		0		8,277,561
	0		0		0	0		416,511		416,511
	0		0		0	 0		15,239,602		15,239,602
\$	90,191	\$	313,309	\$	68,337	\$ 8,257,150	\$	15,656,113	\$	58,755,060
\$	7	\$	0	\$	756	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	59,818
	0		0		0	0		0		56,315
	37,589		0		0	0		0		1,334,037
	14,554		0		0	0		1,331,353		1,437,811
	36,058		0		0	0		0		94,654
	23,619		0		0	0		109,571		442,302
	23,249		0		0	0		0		5,035,086
	0		0		67,581	0		0		67,581
	0		291,644		0	0		0		291,644
	0		0		0	0		0		248,056
	0		0		0	0		190,189		14,215,189
	6,430		0		0	0		0		45,100
	0		0		0	0		0		5,450
	0		0		0	 0		14,025,000		14,025,000
	141,506		291,644		68,337	0		15,656,113		37,358,043
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	(51.215)		0		0	8,257,150		0		8,257,150
	(51,315)		21,665		0	0		0		(29,650)
	0		0		0	0		0		34,853
	0		0		0	0		0		578,547
	0		0		0	0		0		70,106
	0		0		0	0		0		116,004
	0		0		0	0		0		5,450
	0		0		0	0		0		212,737
	0		0		0	 0		0		12,151,820
	(51,315)		21,665		0	 8,257,150		0		21,397,017
\$	90,191	\$	313,309	\$	68,337	\$ 8,257,150	\$	15,656,113	\$	58,755,060

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

All Governmental Fund Types

For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

		Totals				
		Special	Debt	Capital	(Memorandum	
	General	Revenue	Service	Projects	Only)	
Revenues						
Taxes	\$ 5,250,419	\$ 0	\$ 359,912	\$ 0	\$ 5,610,331	
Intergovernmental	8,477,054	706,306	45,330	75,701	9,304,391	
Investment Income	36,224	0	0	199,297	235,521	
Tuition and Fees	119,232	0	0	0	119,232	
Extracurricular Activities	0	260,022	0	0	260,022	
Miscellaneous	31,672	15,588	0	0	47,260	
Total Revenues	13,914,601	981,916	405,242	274,998	15,576,757	
Expenditures						
Instruction:						
Regular	7,210,983	156,214	0	64,088	7,431,285	
Special	1,259,220	397,831	0	0	1,657,051	
Vocational	55,324	0	0	0	55,324	
Adult Continuing	4,062	0	0	0	4,062	
Support Services:						
Pupils	930,420	39,191	0	0	969,611	
Instructional Staff	460,180	70,455	0	0	530,635	
Board of Education	54,247	0	0	0	54,247	
Administration	1,196,557	24,895	0	0	1,221,452	
Fiscal	360,050	7,573	265	0	367,888	
Business	64,930	224	0	0	65,154	
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	963,625	2,676	0	0	966,301	
Pupil Transportation	767,766	2,425	0	0	770,191	
Central	35,465	3,941	0	0	39,406	
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	8,889	0	0	0	8,889	
Extracurricular Activities	291,163	198,395	0	0	489,558	
Capital Outlay	12,465	0	0	324,870	337,335	
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement	32,837	0	41,561	0	74,398	
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,763	0	12,340	285,156	300,259	
Total Expenditures	13,710,946	903,820	54,166	674,114	15,343,046	
Excess of Revenues Over						
(Under) Expenditures	203,655	78,096	351,076	(399,116)	233,711	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Proceeds from Sales of Fixed Assets	1,145	0	0	0	1,145	
Proceeds of Bonds	0	0	0	14,025,000	14,025,000	
Bond Premium	0	0	11,336	29,100	40,436	
Transfers In	163,392	11,727	54,099	3,623	232,841	
Transfers Out	(303,276)	0	0	(935)	(304,211)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(138,739)	11,727	65,435	14,056,788	13,995,211	
Excess of Revenue and Other Financing						
Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and						
Other Financing Uses	64,916	89,823	416,511	13,657,672	14,228,922	
Fund Balances (Deficit)						
at Beginning Of Year	(1,188,608)	123,896	0	5,307	(1,059,405)	
Fund Balances (Deficit) at End of Year	\$ (1,123,692)	\$ 213,719	\$ 416,511	\$ 13,662,979	\$ 13,169,517	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the general purpose financial statements.



Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and

Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual - (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)

All Governmental Fund Types

For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

		General Fund		
			Variance	
	Revised Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)	
Revenues	Buuget	Actual	(Chiavorabic)	
Taxes	\$ 5,105,971	\$ 5,170,139	\$ 64,168	
Intergovernmental	8,475,018	8,478,468	3,450	
Investment Income	32,171	36,224	4,053	
Tuition and Fees	116,911	117,877	966	
Extracurricular Activities	0	0	0	
Miscellaneous	28,055	28,555	500	
Total Revenues	13,758,126	13,831,263	73,137	
Expenditures				
Instruction				
Regular	7,080,305	7,187,011	(106,706)	
Special	1,287,100	1,291,207	(4,107)	
Vocational	55,103	55,103	0	
Adult Continuing	4,526	4,526	0	
Support Services				
Pupils	956,842	956,673	169	
Instructional Staff	459,145	458,488	657	
Board of Education	52,301	52,301	0	
Administration	1,178,144	1,183,664	(5,520)	
Fiscal	360,137	361,334	(1,197)	
Business	73,011	73,011	0	
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,025,040	1,005,746	19,294	
Pupil Transportation	769,524	768,954	570	
Central	28,924	28,924	0	
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	8,889	8,889	0	
Extracurricular Activities	289,895	289,739	156	
Capital Outlay	119,367	119,367	0	
Debt Service				
Principal Retirement	32,837	32,837	0	
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,763	2,763	0	
Total Expenditures	13,783,853	13,880,537	(96,684)	
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(25,727)	(49,274)	(23,547)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	1,145	1,145	0	
Proceeds of Bonds	0	0	0	
Proceeds of Notes	0	0	0	
Bond Premium	0	0	0	
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	(2,191)	(2,191)	0	
Advances In	42,359	42,359	0	
Advances Out	(94,662)	(94,654)	8	
Operating Transfers In	163,392	163,392	0	
Operating Transfers Out	(287,926)	(287,926)	0	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(177,883)	(177,875)	8	
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(203,610)	(227,149)	(23,539)	
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	132,686	132,686	0	
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	95,748	95,748	0	
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$ 24,824	\$ 1,285	\$ (23,539)	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the general purpose financial statements

	Specia	al Revenue Fund	ls		Debt Service Fund	
Revised Budget		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$	0 \$	0	\$ 0	\$ 358,471	\$ 359,912	\$ 1,441
569,02	8	566,668	(2,360)	45,330	45,330	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
274,41	6	259,253	(15,163)	0	0	0
15,22	1	15,221	0	0	0	0
858,66	5	841,142	(17,523)	403,801	405,242	1,441
155,02		155,568	(545)	0	0	0
424,36		424,365	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
36,65	9	39,191	(2,532)	0	0	0
106,97	9	109,138	(2,159)	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
24,97		24,961	15	0	0	0
	0	7,573	(7,573)	147	265	(118)
45		458	0	0	0	0
2,79		2,676	120	0	0	0
2,42 4,00		2,425 4,000	0	0	0	0
	0	4,000	0	0	0	0
224,54		208,323	16,222	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	41,561	41,561	0
	0	0	0	12,340	12,340	0
982,22	6	978,678	3,548	54,048	54,166	(118)
(123,56	1)	(137,536)	(13,975)	349,753	351,076	1,323
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	11,336	11,336
	0	0	0	0	0	0
58,60		58,596	(8)	0	0	0
(4,68	0	(22,303)	(17,616) 0	0 54,099	0 54,099	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
53,91		36,293	(17,624)	54,099	65,435	11,336
(69,64		(101,243)	(31,599)	403,852	416,511	12,659
180,70	9	180,709	0	0	0	0
54,52	8	54,528	0	0	0	- 0
\$ 165,59	3 \$	133,994	\$ (31,599)	\$ 403,852	\$ 416,511	\$ 12,659

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Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and

Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual - (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)

All Governmental Fund Types

For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

	Capital Project Fund				
	Revised Budget		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)		
Revenues	Buuget	Actual	(Ciliavorable)		
Taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		
Intergovernmental	75,701	75,701	0		
Investment Income	134,609	123,273	(11,336)		
Tuition and Fees	0	0	0		
Extracurricular Activities	0	0	0		
Miscellaneous	0	0	0		
Total Revenues	210,310	198,974	(11,336)		
Expenditures					
Instruction					
Regular	66,304	66,544	(240)		
Special	0	0	0		
Vocational	0	0	0		
Adult Continuing	0	0	0		
Support Services					
Pupils	0	0	0		
Instructional Staff	0	0	0		
Board of Education	0	0	0		
Administration	0	0	0		
Fiscal	0	0	0		
Business	0	0	0		
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	0	0	0		
Pupil Transportation	0	0	0		
Central	0	0	0		
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	0	0	0		
Extracurricular Activities	0	0	0		
Capital Outlay	578,268	578,267	1		
Debt Service					
Principal Retirement	0	0	0		
Interest and Fiscal Charges	37,100	37,100	0		
Total Expenditures	681,672	681,911	(239)		
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(471,362)	(482,937)	(11,575)		
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	0	0	0		
Proceeds of Bonds	14,025,000	14,025,000	0		
Proceeds of Notes	14,025,000	14,025,000	0		
Bond Premium	29,100	29,100	0		
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	0	0	0		
Advances In	0	0	0		
Advances Out	(20,056)	(20,056)	0		
Operating Transfers In	0	0	0		
Operating Transfers Out	(935)	(935)	0		
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	28,058,109	28,058,109	0		
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing	0.5.5.5.5.5	25.5			
Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	27,586,747	27,575,172	(11,575)		
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	18,323	18,323	0		
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	10,663	10,663	0		
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$ 27,615,733	\$ 27,604,158	\$ (11,575)		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the general purpose financial statements

Totals	Memorand	lum	Onl	v)

		` -	emorandum On	Variance
	Revised			Favorable
	Budget		Actual	(Unfavorable)
,	5 464 442	ď	5 520 051	\$ 65,600
6	5,464,442	\$	5,530,051	\$ 65,609
	9,165,077		9,166,167	1,090
	166,780		159,497	(7,283)
	116,911		117,877	966
	274,416		259,253	(15,163)
	43,276 15,230,902		43,776 15,276,621	500 45,719
	13,430,904	_	13,270,021	43,/19
	7,301,632		7,409,123	(107,491)
	1,711,465		1,715,572	(4,107)
	55,103		55,103	0
	4,526		4,526	0
	993,501		995,864	(2,363)
	566,124		567,626	(1,502)
	52,301		52,301	0
	1,203,120		1,208,625	(5,505)
	360,284		369,172	(8,888)
	73,469		73,469	0
	1,027,836		1,008,422	19,414
	771,949		771,379	570
	32,924		32,924	0
	8,889		8,889	0
	514,440		498,062	16,378
	697,635		697,634	1
	74,398		74,398	0
	52,203		52,203	0
	15,501,799		15,595,292	(93,493)
		_		
	(270,897)	_	(318,671)	(47,774)
	1,145		1,145	0
	14,025,000		14,025,000	0
	14,025,000		14,025,000	0
	29,100		40,436	11,336
	(2,191)		(2,191)	0
	100,963		100,955	(8)
	(119,405)		(137,013)	(17,608)
	217,491		217,491	0
	(288,861)		(288,861)	0
	27,988,242		27,981,962	(6,280)
	27,717,345		27,663,291	(54,054)
	331,718		331,718	0
	160,939		160,939	0

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Equity

All Proprietary Fund Types

For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

	Proprietary Fund Types					
	Enterprise		Internal Service		(Me	Totals morandum Only)
Operating Revenues						
Sales	\$	309,075	\$	0	\$	309,075
Charges for Services		0		1,572,704		1,572,704
Total Operating Revenues		309,075		1,572,704		1,881,779
Operating Expenses						
Salaries		264,748		0		264,748
Fringe Benefits		109,653		0		109,653
Purchased Services		2,422		226,408		228,830
Materials and Supplies		284,935		0		284,935
Depreciation		2,631		0		2,631
Claims Expenses		0		1,080,501		1,080,501
Other Operating Expenses		710		0		710
Total Operating Expenses		665,099		1,306,909		1,972,008
Operating Income (Loss)		(356,024)		265,795		(90,229)
Non-Operating Revenues						
Operating Grants		180,453		0		180,453
Donated Commodities		101,733		0		101,733
Investment Income		0		3,476		3,476
Total Non-Operating Revenues		282,186		3,476		285,662
Net Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers		(73,838)		269,271		195,433
Transfers In		71,370		0		71,370
Net Income (Loss)		(2,468)		269,271		266,803
Retained Earnings/(Deficit) at Beginning of Year		(48,847)		(247,606)		(296,453)
Retained Earnings/(Deficit) at End of Year	\$	(51,315)	\$	21,665	\$	(29,650)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the general purpose financial statements.

MINERVA LOCAL SCHOOLS

Combined Statement of Cash Flows

All Proprietary Fund Types

For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

	Proprieta	_	
	Enterprise	Internal Service	Totals (Memorandum Only)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:			_
Cash Flows From Operating Activities			
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 308,997	\$ 1,572,704	\$ 1,881,701
Cash Paid for Goods and Services	(187,779)	(226,408	(414,187)
Cash Paid to Employees	(387,125)	0	(387,125)
Cash Paid for Claims	0	(1,147,237	(1,147,237)
Net Cash (Used For) Provided By Operating Activities	(265,907)	199,059	(66,848)
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities			
Grants	157,351	0	157,351
Transfers In	71,370	0	71,370
Advances In	36,058	0	36,058
Net Cash Provided by Non-Capital Financing Activities	264,779	0	264,779
Cash From Investing Activities			
Interest	0	3,476	3,476
Net Cash Provided By Investing Activities	0	3,476	3,476
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(1,128)	202,535	201,407
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	18,373	110,774	129,147
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 17,245	\$ 313,309	\$ 330,554
Reconciliation of Operating (Loss) Income to Net Cash Used For Operating Activities			
Operating (Loss) Income	\$ (356,024)	\$ 265,795	\$ (90,229)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating (Loss) Income			
to Net Cash (Used For) Provided By Operating Activities:			
Depreciation	2,631	0	2,631
Non-cash Donated Commodities	101,733	0	101,733
(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	(78)	0	(78)
Decrease in Inventory	2,237	0	2,237
(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(62)	0	(62)
(Decrease) in Accrued Wages and Benefits	(3,543)	0	(3,543)
(Decrease) in Compensated Absences Payable	(5,346)	0	(5,346)
(Decrease) in Intergovernmental Payable	(10,265)	0	(10,265)
(Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	(3,620)	0	(3,620)
Increase in Early Retirement Payable	6,430	0	6,430
(Decrease) in Claims Payable	0	(66,736	(66,736)
Total Adjustments	90,117	(66,736	23,381
Net Cash (Used For) Provided By Operating Activities	\$ (265,907)	\$ 199,059	\$ (66,848)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the general purpose financial statements.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 1: NATURE OF BASIC OPERATIONS AND DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

The Minerva Local School District (District) was established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is a school district as defined by Section 3311.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District operates under an elected Board of Education, consisting of five members, and is responsible for providing public education to residents of the District. Average daily membership on, or as of October 1, 2001, was 2,182. The District employs 154 certificated and 94 non-certificated employees.

The reporting entity is required to be comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the general purpose financial statements of the District are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the District, this includes general operations, food service and student related activities of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to, or can otherwise access, the organization's resources; the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provides financial support to, the organization; or the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. The District does not have any component units.

The District is involved with Stark Portage Area Computer Consortium (SPARCC) and Stark County Joint Vocational School, which are defined as jointly governed organizations. Additional information concerning the jointly governed organizations is presented in Note 21.

Management believes the general purpose financial statements included in the report represent all of the funds of the District over which the District has the ability to exercise direct operating control.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the District are organized and operated on the basis of funds and account groups to report on its' financial position and the results of operations. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds are maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements. Account groups are a reporting device to account for certain assets and liabilities of the governmental funds not recorded directly in those funds. The District has the following fund types and account groups:

Governmental Fund Types

Governmental fund types are used to account for the District's general government activities. Governmental fund types and the expendable trust funds use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used the pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of the fiscal year end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which taxes are levied. (See Note 6.) Revenue from grants is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year end: property taxes available as an advance, interest, tuition, grants, student fees and rentals.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2002, but which are levied to finance fiscal year 2003 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have also been reported as deferred revenue.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due or when amounts have been accumulated in the debt service funds for payment to be made early in the following year. Compensated absences are reported as a fund liability when payment will require use of current available financial resources. Allocations of costs, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds. Governmental funds include the following fund types:

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

<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 expenditure for specified purposes.

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> - The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for the payment of general long-term obligation 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 or nonexpendable trust funds.

Proprietary Fund Types

The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes by the proprietary fund types and the nonexpendable trust fund. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period which they are earned, and expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The fair value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the operating statement as an expense with a like amount reported as donated commodities revenue. Unused donated commodities are reported as deferred revenue. Allocations of costs, such as depreciation, are recognized in the proprietary funds. As permitted, the District has elected to apply only applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations issued before November 30, 1989 in its accounting and reporting practices for its proprietary operations unless they contradict/conflict with Governmental Accounting Standards Board pronouncements. Proprietary fund types include the following fund types:

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

<u>Internal Service Fund</u> - The internal service fund is used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other governmental units, on a cost-reimbursement basis.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary fund types account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent on behalf of others. Fiduciary fund types are as follows:

 $\underline{Agency\ Funds}$ – The agency funds are custodial in nature and do not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. These funds are used to account for assets that the District holds for others in an agency capacity.

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 a general nature, the following account groups are used:

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

<u>General Long-term Obligations Account Group</u> - This account group is established to account for all long-term obligations of the District except those accounted for in the proprietary or nonexpendable trust funds.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Budgetary Process

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the Tax Budget, the Certificate of Estimated Resources and the Appropriation Resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The Certificate of Estimated Resources and the Appropriations Resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources as certified by the County Auditor.

All funds, other than the agency funds, are required to be budgeted and appropriated. The primary level of budgetary control is at the fund function level for the general fund and at the fund level for all other funds. Budgetary modifications may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education. Budgetary statements are not presented for proprietary and nonexpendable trust funds.

C. Cash, Cash Equivalents, 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 2002, investments were limited to money market, U.S. Treasury notes, FHLMC Mortgage Corp., and STAROhio. Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earning. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2002 amounted to \$36,224, which includes \$25,322 assigned from other District funds.

Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices. Nonparticipating investment contracts such as repurchase agreements and nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are reported at cost.

The District has invested funds in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAROhio) during fiscal year 2002. STAROhio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAROhio 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 STAROhio are valued at STAROhio's share price which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2002.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

For purposes of the combined statement of cash flows and for presentation of the combined balance sheet, investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are considered to be cash and cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

D. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets in the general fund represent cash and cash equivalents, whose use is limited by legal requirements, set aside to establish a BWC refund reserve and capital maintenance reserve. The BWC refund reserve can be used only for purposes specified by the statute. The capital maintenance reserve can only be used for capital outlay expenditures. See Note 16 for additional information regarding the District's set-aside requirements.

E. Receivables

Receivables are reflected at their gross value reduced by the estimated amount that is expected to be uncollectible.

F. Estimates

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

G. Interfund Assets and Liabilities

Short-term interfund loans (advances) are classified as "interfund receivables" and "interfund payables". Long-term interfund loans (advances) are classified as "advances from other funds" and "advances to other funds".

H. Inventory

Inventories of governmental funds are stated at cost while inventories of proprietary funds are stated at the lower of cost or market. For all funds, cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventory in governmental funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost of inventory items is recorded as an expenditure in the governmental fund types when purchased. Inventories of proprietary funds consist of donated food, purchased food, and school supplies held for resale and are expensed when used.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

I. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets used in governmental fund types of the District are recorded in the general fixed assets account group at cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Assets in the general fixed assets account group are not depreciated. The District does not possess any infrastructure.

Fixed assets which are used in proprietary fund type activities are capitalized in the respective funds. Fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at estimated fair market value when received, based on historical information available. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method based on the estimated life of assets. Estimated useful lives of the various classes of depreciable assets consist of: equipment - 10 years. The capitalization threshold is \$500. The District does not possess any infrastructure.

J. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities are reported as obligations of the funds regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences, contractually required pension contributions, and special termination benefits that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the general long-term obligations account group to the extent that they will not be paid with current available expendable financial resources. Capital leases and long-term loans are reported as a liability of the general long-term obligations account group until due.

Long-term debt and other obligations financed by proprietary funds are reported as liabilities in the appropriate proprietary funds.

Under Ohio law, a debt service fund may be created and used for the payment of tax and revenue anticipation notes. Generally accepted accounting principles requires the reporting of the liability in the funds that received the proceeds. To comply with GAAP reporting requirements, the District's debt service fund has been split among the appropriate funds. Debt service fund resources used to pay both principal and interest have also been allocated accordingly.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

K. Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues and expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed. Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

L. Bond Premiums and Discounts

For governmental fund types, bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are recognized during the current period. Bond proceeds are reported as an other financing source net of the applicable premium or discount. Issuance costs, even if withheld from the actual net proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

M. Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employee's rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability is based on an estimate of the amount of accumulated sick leave that will be paid as a termination benefit.

The entire estimated amount of unpaid compensated absences, including sick pay and vacation pay, of proprietary type funds is reflected as a liability in the respective funds. The current portion of unpaid compensated absences for sick leave related to governmental fund type operations is reflected in the respective funds. For governmental funds, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The remainder is reported in the general long-term obligations account group.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

N. Fund Balance Reserves

The District records reservations for portions of fund equity which are legally segregated for specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and therefore are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balances indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund equity reserves are established for encumbrances, inventory, long-term interfund advances, capital improvements, and BWC refund. The reserve for property taxes represents taxes recognized as revenue under generally accepted accounting principles but not available for appropriations under State statute.

O. Intergovernmental Revenues

For governmental funds, intergovernmental revenues, such as entitlements and grants awarded on a non-reimbursement basis, are recorded as receivables and revenues when measurable and available. Reimbursement type grants are recorded as receivables and revenues when the related expenditures are incurred. Other than commodities, grants and entitlements for proprietary fund operations are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable.

The District currently participates in several state and federal programs, categorized as follows:

Entitlements

General Fund:

State Foundation Program
State Property Tax Relief
School Bus Purchase Allowance

Non-Reimbursable Grants

Special Revenue Funds:

Education Management Information Systems

Safe School Help

Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration

Ohio Reads Classroom Grant

School Improvement Incentive Award

Eisenhower Grant

Extended Learning Opportunity Fund

Title I

Title II

Title VI-R

Title VI-B

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Non-Reimbursable Grants (Continued)

Special Revenue Fund (Continued):

Drug-Free Schools

Teacher Development Block Grant

School Improvement Incentive Award

Capital Projects Fund:

Schoolnet

Ohio School Net Plus

Ohio School Facilities Commission Grant

Reimbursable Grants

Enterprise Funds:

National School Lunch Program

Government Donated Commodities

Grants and entitlements amounted to approximately 53% of the District's operating revenue during the 2002 fiscal year.

P. Total Columns on General Purpose Financial Statements

Total columns on the general purpose financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" because they do not represent consolidated financial information and are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. The columns do not present information that reflects financial position, results of operations or cash flows in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 3: ACCOUNTABILITY

At June 30, 2002, the General Fund had a deficit fund balance of \$(1,123,692) and Food Service Enterprise Fund had a deficit retained earnings of \$(67,955), which was created by the application of generally accepted accounting principles. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur. The District will review the operations to determine if steps need to be taken to ensure that the funds are self-sustaining.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 4: BUDGETARY PROCESS

Tax Budget

Prior to January 15, the Superintendent and Treasurer submit a proposed operating budget to the Board of Education. A budget of estimated revenue and expenditures is submitted to the Stark County Auditor, as Secretary of the County Budget Commission, by January 20 of each year for the ensuing July 1 to June 30 fiscal year.

Estimated Resources

The County Budget Commission determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy all or part of previously authorized taxes and reviews estimated revenue. The Commission certifies its actions to the District by March 1. As part of the certification, the District receives the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources which states projected revenue of each fund. Prior to June 30, the District must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount available as stated in the Certificate of Estimated Resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the Certificate of Estimated Resources is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year. The Certificate may be further amended during the year if a new source of revenue is identified or actual receipts exceed current estimates. Budget receipts, as shown in the accompanying "Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (NonGAAP Basis) and Actual - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds" do not include July 1, 2001 unencumbered fund balances. However, those fund balances are available for appropriations.

Appropriations

A temporary appropriation measure to control expenditures may be passed on or about July 1 of each year for the period July 1 to September 30. An annual Appropriation Resolution must be passed by October 1 of each year for the period July 1 to June 30. The Appropriation Resolution fixes spending authority at the fund and function level and may be amended during the year as new information becomes available provided that total fund appropriations do not exceed current estimated resources, as certified.

The allocation of appropriations among functions within a fund may be modified during the year by a resolution of the Board of Education. A supplemental appropriation resolution was legally enacted by the Board of Education during the year. The budget figures, as shown in the accompanying "Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (NonGAAP Basis) and Actual - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds" represent the final appropriation amounts including all amendments and modifications.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 4: BUDGETARY PROCESS (Continued)

Lapsing of Appropriations

At the close of each year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective funds from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated.

Encumbrances

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded as the equivalent of expenditures on the budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. The Ohio Revised Code prohibits expenditures plus encumbrances from exceeding appropriations. On the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis, encumbrances outstanding at year-end for governmental funds are reported as reservations of fund balance for subsequent year expenditures.

Budgetary Basis of Accounting

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balances on the GAAP basis, the budgetary basis, as provided by law, is based upon accounting for transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. Accordingly, the "Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (NonGAAP Basis) and Actual - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds" is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget and to demonstrate compliance with state statute. The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are that:

- 1) Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
- 2) Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) rather than when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
- 3) Encumbrances are treated as expenditures for all funds (budget basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance for governmental fund types.
- 4) Proceeds from and principal payments on bond and revenue anticipation notes are reported on the operating statement (budget basis) rather than as balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis).
- 5) The District repays debt from the debt service fund (budget non-GAAP basis) as opposed to the fund that received the proceeds (GAAP basis). Debt service fund resources used to pay both principal and interest have been allocated accordingly.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 4: BUDGETARY PROCESS (Continued)

The adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations for the year from the budget basis to the GAAP basis for the governmental fund types follow:

	General		Special Revenue		Debt Service	Capital Projects	
	 Fund		Fund		Fund	Fund	
Budgetary Basis	\$ (227,149)	\$	(101,243)	\$	416,511	\$ 27,575,172	
Encumbrances	235,593		52,326		0	312,452	
Revenue accruals	43,170		93,905		0	(13,945,353)	
Expenditure accruals	13,302		44,835		0	(284,599)	
GAAP Basis	\$ 64,916	\$	89,823	\$	416,511	\$ 13,657,672	

NOTE 5: <u>DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS</u>

State statues classify monies held by the District into three categories.

Active monies are public deposits necessary to meet the 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 or withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits 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 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 or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Interim monies may be deposited or invested 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;

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 5: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

- 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 any other obligations of the State of Ohio;
- 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; and
- 6) The State Treasurer's Investment Pool (STAROhio).

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.

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

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 District or, if the securities are not represented by certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

Deposits

At year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$1,182,508 and the bank balance was \$1,537,668. Of the bank balance:

1. \$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 5: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

2. \$1,437,668 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the District's name.

Investments

GASB Statement No. 3 entitled "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investors (including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements" requires the District to categorize investments to give an indication of the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the District at year-end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the District or its agent in the District's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments which 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 or agent but not in the District's name. The carrying value of deposits and investments are presented in the combined balance sheet as equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents. STAROhio is an unclassified investment since it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

	Category 2	Carrying Value	Fair Value	
Money Market	\$ 17,521,175	\$ 17,521,175	\$ 17,521,175	
U.S. Treasury Notes	9,661,531	9,661,531	9,693,416	
FHLMC Mortgage Corp.	725,348	725,348	728,441	
STAROhio	0	73,203	73,203	
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Total	\$ 27,908,054	\$ 27,981,257	\$ 28,016,235	

The classification of cash and cash equivalents on the combined financial statements is based on criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 9. A reconciliation between the classification of cash and investments on the combined financial statements and the classification per GASB Statement No. 3 is as follows:

	Cash and Cash					
	<u>Equivalents</u>	Investments				
GASB Statement No. 9	\$ 1,255,711	\$ 27,908,054				
Investments which are part of cash						
management pool:						
STAROhio	(73,203)	73,203				
GASB Statement No. 3	<u>\$ 1,182,508</u>	\$ 27,981,257				

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 6: PROPERTY TAXES

Real property tax is levied each January 1 on the assessed value listed on the prior September 1 for all real property located in the District. Assessed values are established by the County Auditor at 35% of current market value. Reappraisal of all property is required every six years with triennial updates. The last update was completed for the tax year 2001 for Stark County, and 1998 for Carroll and Columbiana Counties.

Real property taxes become a lien on all non-exempt real property located in the county on January 1. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20 of the following year. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

The full tax rate applied to real property for tax year 2001 was \$46.00 for Carroll, and \$46.50 for Columbiana and Stark Counties per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. After adjustment of the rate for inflationary increases in property values, the effective tax rate was \$33.80 for Carroll, and \$34.30 for Columbiana and Stark Counties per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for both real property classified as residential/agricultural and all other real property. Real property owners' tax bills are further reduced by homestead and rollback deductions, when applicable. The amount of these homestead and rollback reductions is reimbursed to the District by the State of Ohio.

Owners of tangible personal property are required to file a list of such property, including costs, by April 30 of each year. The property is assessed for tax purposes at varying statutory percentages of cost. The tax rate applied to tangible personal property for tax year 2001 was \$46.00 for Carroll, and \$46.50 for Columbiana and Stark Counties per \$1,000 of assessed value.

STARK COUNTY

Real Property – 2001 Valuation	
Residential/Agricultural	\$ 62,610,980
Commercial/Industrial	12,774,630
Public Utilities	2,690
Minerals	184,160
<u>Tangible Personal Property – 2002 Valuation</u>	
General	13,430,244
Public Utilities	 3,422,620
Total Valuation	\$ 92,425,324

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 6:	PROPERTY TAXES	(Continued)

CARROLL COUNTY

Real Property – 2001 Valuation		
Residential/Agricultural	\$	25,253,420
Commercial/Industrial		7,725,365
Minerals		4,810
Public Utilities		62,280
Tangible Personal Property – 2002 Valuation		
General		13,412,660
Public Utilities		2,419,340
Total Valuation	<u>\$</u>	48,877,875
COLUMBIANA COUNTY		
Real Property – 2001 Valuation		
Residential/Agricultural	\$	32,001,590
Commercial/Industrial		1,198,470
Public Utilities		0
Minerals		251,290
Tangible Personal Property – 2002 Valuation		
General		1,372,050
Public Utilities		3,968,110
Total Valuation	<u>\$</u>	38,791,510

The respective County Treasurers collect property tax on behalf of all taxing districts within the county. The respective County Auditors periodically remit to the taxing districts their portions of the taxes collected.

Accrued property taxes receivable represent delinquent taxes outstanding and real property, personal property and public utility taxes, which became measurable as of June 30, 2002. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount available as an advance at June 30 is intended to finance current year operations. The receivable is therefore offset by a credit to deferred revenue for that portion not intended to finance current year operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30 of \$212,737 is recognized as revenue.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 7: <u>RECEIVABLES</u>

Receivables at June 30, 2002 consisted of taxes, accounts (customer services and student fees), accrued interest and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

General Fund:	
Rollback	\$ 1,839
CAFS	14,625
Total General Fund	16,464
Special Revenue Fund:	
Family Council	1,578
Schoolnet	3,450
Title I	67,110
Title VI-R	14,564
Drug Free Schools	846
Retarded/Disabled Program	50,170
Comp. School Reform Demo Grant	8,500
Total Special Revenue Fund	146,218
Enterprise:	
Food Service	23,102
Total – All Funds	\$ 185,784

NOTE 8: FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

A. General Fixed Assets Account Group

The changes in general fixed assets during the year consisted of:

	Balance			Balance	
	July 1, 2001	Additions Disposals		June 30, 2002	
Land and Buildings	\$ 5,136,805	\$ 12,465	\$ 0	\$ 5,149,270	
Furniture and equipment	1,880,282	146,615	0	2,026,897	
Vehicles	1,045,108	66,401	(30,526)	1,080,983	
Totals	\$ 8,062,195	\$ 225,481	\$ (30,526)	\$ 8,257,150	

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 8: <u>FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION</u> (Continued)

B. Proprietary Fund Type Fixed Assets

Proprietary fund type fixed assets and accumulated depreciation at year-end consisted of:

Enterprise	June 30, 2002		
Equipment	\$	87,717	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(67,306)	
Net Fixed Assets	\$	20,411	

NOTE 9: NOTE DEBT

The District's note activity, including amounts outstanding, interest rates and the purpose for which the note was issued is as follows:

	Outstand	ding				Outstanding
	June 30,	2001	 Additions	Reduc	tions	June 30, 2002
Capital Projects Fund, Classroom	1					
Facilities Bond Anticipation						
Notes:						
2.94% interest rate	\$	0	\$ 10,000,000	\$	0	\$ 10,000,000
1.99% interest rate		0	 4,025,000		0	4,025,000
Totals	\$	0	\$ 14,025,000	\$	0	\$ 14,025,000

The District issued bond anticipation note debt on December 18, 2001 and January 22, 2002, respectively, for the purpose of issuing bonds. The anticipation notes were paid off on August 22, 2002.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 10: <u>LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS</u>

The changes in the District's long-term obligations during the fiscal year 2002 were as follows:

	Bal	ance					Е	Salance
	July	1, 2001	Addi	tions	D	isposals	June	30, 2002
Energy Notes:							<u> </u>	
1992 - 6.1% interest rate,								
maturing November 2002	\$	13,500	\$	0	\$	(9,000)	\$	4,500
1994 - 6.10% interest rate,								
maturing January 2004		13,750		0		(5,000)		8,750
1997 - 6.00% interest rate,								
maturing August 2007	1	13,125		0		(18,100)		95,025
1999 - 5.25% interest rate,								
maturing June 2009		91,375		0		(9,461)		81,914
Total energy notes	2	31,750		0		(41,561)		190,189
General Obligation Bonds:								
2.0% interest rate,								
maturing December 2002		0	15	50,000		0		150,000
2.2% interest rate,								
maturing December 2003		0	17	75,000		0		175,000
2.7% interest rate,								
maturing December 2004		0	20	00,000		0		200,000
3.1% interest rate,								
maturing December 2005		0	22	25,000		0		225,000
3.35% interest rate,								
maturing December 2006		0	25	50,000		0		250,000
3.6% interest rate,								
maturing December 2007		0	27	75,000		0		275,000
3.85% interest rate,								
maturing December 2008		0	30	00,000		0		300,000
4.05% interest rate,								
maturing December 2009		0	32	25,000		0		325,000
Total General Obligation								
Bonds, carried forward	\$	0	\$ 1,90	00,000	\$	0	\$ 1	,900,000

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 10: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Continued)

	Balance			Balance
	July 1, 2001	Additions	Disposals	June 30, 2002
Total General Obligation				
Bonds, brought forward	\$ 0	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,900,000
General Obligation Bonds (con't):				
4.25% interest rate,				
maturing December 2010	0	350,000	0	350,000
4.65% interest rate,				
maturing December 2011	0	155,576	0	155,576
4.75% interest rate,				
maturing December 2012	0	139,424	0	139,424
5.15% interest rate,				
maturing December 2020	0	4,200,000		4,200,000
5.33% interest rate,				
maturing December 2029	0	7,280,000	0	7,280,000
Total General Obligation				
Bonds	0	14,025,000	0	14,025,000
Early retirement incentive payable	20,000	0	(20,000)	0
Intergovernmental payable	92,561	17,010	0	109,571
Compensated absences	1,214,911	116,442	0	1,331,353
Capital lease payable	32,837	0	(32,837)	0
Total general long-term				
obligations	\$ 1,592,059	\$ 14,158,452	\$ (94,398)	\$ 15,656,113
		<u> </u>		

Energy conservation notes were issued to provide energy improvements to various buildings.

General obligation bonds were issued on June 7, 2002 in anticipation of paying off Classroom Facilities Bond Anticipation notes, which mature in August 2002.

The annual requirements to retire bond and note debt, including interest of \$13,541,716 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30		Notes
2003	\$	537,564
2004		892,414
2005		907,202
2006		925,221
2007		942,060
2008-2029		23,552,444
Total	<u>\$</u>	27,756,905

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 11: NONCANCELLABLE OPERATING LEASES

The District leases the following equipment under noncancellable operating leases: copier machines – 36 and 60 month leases.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments required under the above operating leases as of June 30, 2002:

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2003	\$ 54,897
2004	54,897
2005	29,080
2006	15,769
Total	<u>\$ 154,643</u>

Rental expense amounted to \$39,530 for the year ended June 30, 2002.

NOTE 12: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. State Teachers Retirement System

The District participates in 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 basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly available 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.

Plan members are required to contribute 9.3% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14%; 9.5% was the portion to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by STRS, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10% for members and 14% for employers. The District's contributions for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000 were \$1,022,352, \$709,227 and \$420,979, respectively; 83% has been contributed for fiscal year 2002 and 100% for fiscal years 2001 and 2000. \$170,392, representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2002, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 12: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

B. 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. 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 State statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 45 North Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or by calling (614) 222-5853.

Plan members are required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS Retirement Board. The District's contributions to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000 were \$283,032, \$266,166 and \$261,959, respectively; 50% has been contributed for fiscal year 2002 and 100% for fiscal years 2001 and 2000. \$141,516, representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2002, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds and the general long-term obligations account group.

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, 2002, all but one members of the Board of Education have elected social security. The Board's liability is 6.2% of wages paid.

NOTE 13: 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 obligation 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.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 13: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

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% of covered payroll. Through June 30, 2002, the Board allocated employer contributions equal to 4.5% of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund. For the District, this amount equaled \$325,430 during fiscal 2002.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. The balance in the Fund was \$3.256 billion at June 30, 2001 (the most current information available). For the year ended June 30, 2001, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$300,772,000 and STRS had 102,132 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% of the premium.

After the allocation for basic benefits, the remainder of the employer's 14% contribution is allocated to providing health care benefits. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 9.80% of covered payroll, an increase from 8.45% for fiscal year 2002. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14% of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2002, the minimum pay was established at \$12,400. For the District, the amount contributed to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge, during the 2002 fiscal year equaled \$231,335.

The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate, provides for the maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund. The target level for the health care reserve is 150% of the annual health care expenses. Expenses for health care for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001 (the latest information available), were \$161,439,934 and the target level was \$242.2 million. At June 30, 2002 (the latest information possible), SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$315.7 million. SERS has approximately 50,000 participants currently receiving health care benefits.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 14: NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS

The District receives food commodities for its food service obligations. The revenue recognized in grant income from the non-cash commodities was \$101,733.

NOTE 15: <u>INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS</u>

As of June 30, 2002, receivables and payables that resulted from various interfund transactions (advances) were as follows:

	Ir	Interfund Interfund		Adv	vances to	Advances from Other Funds		
	Re	eceivable	Payable		Other Funds			
General Fund	\$	94,654	\$	0	\$	5,450	\$	0
Special Revenue Funds:								
Title VI-B		0		3,071		0		0
Title I		0		39,422		0		5,450
Title VI-R		0		4,317		0		0
Ohio Reads		0		11,786		0		0
Enterprise:								
Food Service		0		36,058		0		0
Totals	\$	94,654	\$	94,654	\$	5,450	\$	5,450

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 16: 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, 2002, the reserve activity was as follows:

	Textbook Reserve		Capital Acquisition		BWC Refund		Totals	
Set-aside balance as of June 30, 2002	\$	(19,016)	\$	23,858	\$	70,106	\$	74,948
Current year set-aside requirement		257,069		257,069		0		514,138
Current year qualifying disbursements		(271,960)		(164,923)		0		(436,883)
Total	\$	(33,907)	\$	116,004	\$	70,106	\$	152,203
Set-aside balance carried forward to FY 2003	\$	(33,907)	\$	116,004	\$	70,106		
Cash balance carried forward to FY 2003	\$	0	\$	116,004	\$	70,106		

Effective April 10, 2002, the Ohio legislature passed Am. Sub. Senate Bill 345, that addressed H.B. 412 set-aside requirements. The requirement for establishment of a budget reserve set-aside has been deleted from the law. A district may still establish a reserve, if it so chooses; however, the requirement is no longer mandatory. Monies in the budget reserve set-aside as of April 10, 2002 are classified in two categories: (1) Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) refunds and (2) the balance of the reserve which does not represent BWC refunds. The statute includes specific purposes for which the monies representing BWC refunds can be used.

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

A schedule of the restricted assets at June 30, 2002 follows:

Amount restricted for BWC refund	\$ 70,106
Amount restricted for capital acquisition	 116,004
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Total Restricted Assets	\$ 186,110

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 17: <u>CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS</u>

As of June 30, 2002, the District had contractual commitments at the stadium for an all-weather track and construction of a new middle school and the renovation of the high school.

	Contractual					Balance
	Co	mmitment	E	Expended		ne 30, 2002
Hammond Construction	\$	706,626	\$	(127,188)	\$	579,438
Lawrence Dykes, Goodenreger,						
Vandegrift & Clancy		758,445		(116,486)		641,959
All American Tracks Corp.		37,500		0		37,500
Murphy Trucking		60,552		0		60,552
Southway Fence		8,850		0		8,850
Total	\$	1,571,973	\$	(243,674)	\$	1,328,299

NOTE 18: <u>SEGMENT INFORMATION</u>

The District maintains enterprise funds to account for the operation of food service and uniform school supplies. The table below reflects the more significant financial data relating to the enterprise funds of the District as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002:

			Uniform		Total	
		Food	S	chool	Enterprise	
		Service	Sι	applies		Funds
Operating revenues	\$	299,863	\$	9,212	\$	309,075
Operating expenses,						
less depreciation		653,334		9,134		662,468
Depreciation expense		2,631		0		2,631
Operating income (loss)		(356,102)		78		(356,024)
Donated commodities		101,733		0		101,733
Nonoperating grants		180,453		0		180,453
Operating transfers in		71,370		0		71,370
Net income (loss)		(2,546)		78		(2,468)
Net working capital		(73,812)		16,640		(57,172)
Total assets		73,551		16,640		90,191
Total equity (deficit)		(67,955)		16,640		(51,315)

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 19: RISK MANAGEMENT

A. General 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 a deductible of \$5,000 per incident on property and equipment. The District's comprehensive property and casualty policy aggregate limit is approximately \$25,584,300. The District's vehicle insurance policy limit is \$1,000,000 with a \$250 collision deductible. All board members, administrators, and employees are covered under a school district liability policy. Additionally, the District carries a \$5,000,000 blanket umbrella policy. The limits of this coverage are \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 in aggregate. Settlements have not exceeded coverage in any of the last three fiscal years. There has not been a significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

B. Fidelity Bond

The Board President and Superintendent are covered under surety bonds in the amount of \$25,000. The Treasurer is covered under a surety bond in the amount of \$50,000. In addition, the people collecting money are covered under bonds of \$2,000 each.

C. Workers' Compensation

The District participates in the Stark County Schools Council of Government Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. 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 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 performances are compared to the overall savings percent of the GRP. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund." This "Equity Pooling Fund" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the GRP. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Comp Management, Inc. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 19: RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

D. Employee Health Insurance

The District is self insured for its medical and dental insurance programs. Premiums are paid into the self-insurance fund and are available to pay claims and administrative costs. A stop-loss insurance contract with a private insurance carrier covers specific liability claims in excess of \$40,000 per covered individual. The claims liability of \$291,644 reported in the Internal Service Fund at June 30, 2002 is based on an estimate provided by the third party administrator and the requirements of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 10, which requires that a liability for unpaid claim costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred, but not reported claims, to be reported.

Changes in the fund's claims liability for the fiscal years 2002 and 2001 are as follows:

	Balance at Beginning of Year	Claims	<u>Payments</u>	Balance at End of Year
2002	\$ 358,380	<u>\$ 1,080,501</u>	<u>\$ 1,147,237</u>	<u>\$ 291,644</u>
2001	<u>\$ 124,905</u>	<u>\$ 1,462,418</u>	<u>\$ 1,228,943</u>	\$ 358,380

NOTE 20: PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL

The Stark County Schools Council of Governments Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan has created a group insurance pool for the purpose of creating a group rating plan for workers' compensation. The group is comprised of the treasurers of the members who have been appointed by the respective governing body of each member.

The intent of the pool is to achieve a reduced rate for the District by the group with other members of the group. The injury claim history of all participating members are used to calculate a common rate for the group. An annual fee is paid to Comp Management, Inc. to administer the group and to manage any injury claims. Premium savings created by the group are prorated to each member annually based on its payroll percent of the group.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 21: JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A. Stark Portage Area Computer Consortium

Stark Portage Area Computer Consortium (SPARCC) is a jointly governed organization among 31 school districts, the Stark County Educational Service Center and the Portage County Educational Service Center and the Portage County Education Service Center. The purpose of the organization is to apply modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member districts. The legislative and advisory body is the assembly which is comprised of the superintendents of the participating schools. The degree of control exercised by any participating district is limited to its representation on the assembly, which appoints the fivemember executive board. The executive board exercises total control over the operation of SPARCC including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designating management. The executive board consists of five superintendents. All revenues are generated from State funding and an annual fee charged to participating districts. The District paid \$28,469 to SPARCC during the fiscal year 2002. The Stark County Educational Service Center is the fiscal agent of SPARCC. Financial information can be obtained by writing to the Stark County Educational Service Center, 2100 38th Street NW, Canton, OH 44709-2300.

B. Stark County Joint Vocational School

The Stark County Joint Vocational School is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a seven member board, consisting of one representative from each of the six participating school district's elected boards and on e board member that rotates from each participating school district. The Stark County Joint Vocational School possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information write to the Stark County Joint Vocational School, 6805 Richville Drive, S.W., Massillon, Ohio 44646.

NOTE 22: CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The District received financial assistance from federal and state 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 the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2002.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 22: <u>CONTINGENCIES</u> (Continued)

B. Litigation

The District is not party to any claims α lawsuits that would have a material effect on the general purpose financial statements.

NOTE 23: STATE SCHOOL FUNDING DECISION

On December 11, 2002, The Ohio Supreme Court issued its latest opinion regarding the State's school funding plan. The decision reaffirmed earlier decisions that Ohio's current school-funding plan is unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court relinquished jurisdiction over the case and directed "...the Ohio General Assembly to enact a school-funding scheme that is thorough and efficient...".

The School District is currently unable to determine what effect, if any, this decision will have on its future State funding and on its financial operations.

Rea & Associates, Inc.

ACCOUNTANTS AND BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

December 20, 2002

To the Board of Education Minerva Local School District Minerva, OH 44657

> Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance and Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the financial statements of Minerva Local School District (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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*. We did note certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated December 20, 2002.

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. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the City's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A reportable condition is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2002 - 1.

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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. Our consideration of the internal control structure over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. However, we believe the reportable condition described above is not a material weakness. We also noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting, which we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated December 20, 2002.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Education, management 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.

Lea & Associates, Inc.

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ACCOUNTANTS AND BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

December 20, 2002

To the Board of Education Minerva Local School District Minerva, OH 44657

> Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Minerva Local School District (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, 2002. The District's major federal programs are identified in the "summary of auditor's results" section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal programs are the responsibility of the School 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 State, Local Governments, and Not-for-Profit Organizations Receiving Federal Awards. 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 on the District's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Minerva Local School 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, 2002.

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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 internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

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.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Minerva Local School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 2002. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 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.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Education, management 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.

Lea & Associates, Inc.

MINERVA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STARK COUNTY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA Number	Grant Number	Federal Receipts	Non-Cash Receipts	Federal Disbursements	Non-Cash Disbursements
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Passed through Ohio Department of Education)						
Title 1, Part A, ESEA Elementary and Secondary Education Act	84.010	C1-S1 2001 C1-S1 2002	\$ 0		\$ 36,897	
Total Title 1, Part A, ESEA		C1-31 2002	192,444 192,444		277,557 314,454	
Special Education Grants to States, Title VI-B	84.027	6B-SF 2001 6B-SF 2002	5,129 139,961		23,679 134,267	
Total Special Education Grants to States, Title VI-B			145,090		157,946	
Title VI, of IESA Innovative Education Program Strategies Total Title VI	84.298	C2-S1 2002	11,128 11,128		11,128 11,128	
Title VI R Class Reduction	84.340	CR-S1 2001 CR-S1 2002	4,737 49,851		6,250 54,169	
Total Title VI R			54,588		60,419	
Eisenhower Professional Development Grant	84.281	MS-S1 2001 MS-S1 2002	961 10,997		6,581 2,150	
Total Eisenhower Professional Development Grant			11,958		8,731	
Safe, Drug-Free Schools & Communities Act Grant	84.186	DR-S1 2001 DR-S1 2002	1,558 7,599		4,212 7,599	
Total Safe, Drug-Free Schools & Communities Act Grant			9,157		11,811	
Comprehensive School Reform Grant	84.332	RF-S1 2000 RF-S1 2001	8,500 41,500 50,000		15,012 27,331 42,343	
Total U. S. Department of Education			474,365		606,832	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVIC (Passed through Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and D		Disabilities)				
Medical Assistance Program (CAFS)	93.778	FY 2002	41,727		41,727	
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			41,727		41,727	
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Passed through Ohio Department of Education) Nutrition Cluster:						
Food Distribution Program	10.550	FY02		\$ 101,733		\$ 101,733
National School Lunch Program	10.555	LL-P4 2001 LL-P4 2002	20,072 129,517		20,072 129,517	
Total National School Lunch Program			149,589		149,589	
Total US Department of Agriculture - Nutrition Cluster			149,589	101,733	149,589	101,733
Total Federal Financial Assistance			\$ 665,681	\$ 101,733	\$ 798,148	\$ 101,733

MINERVA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STARK COUNTY

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is a summary of the activity of the School District's federal award programs. The schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

NOTE B: NUTRITION CLUSTER

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed. At June 30, 2002, the School District had no significant food commodities inventory. Reimbursement moneys are commingled with local receipts and state grants. It is assumed federal moneys are expended first.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS JUNE 30, 2002

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

A-133 Ref. .505(d)

(d) (1) (i)	Type of Financial Statement	Unqualified
	Opinion	
(d) (1) (ii)	Were there any material control weakness	No
	conditions reported at the financial statement	
	level (GAGAS)?	
(d) (1) (ii)	Were there any other reportable control	Yes
	weakness conditions reported at the	
	financial statement level (GAGAS)?	
(d) (1) (iii)	Was there any reported material non-	No
	compliance at the financial statement	
	level (GAGAS)?	
(d) (1) (iv)	Were there any material internal control	No
	weakness conditions reported for major	
	federal programs?	
(d) (1) (iv)	Were there any reportable conditions reported	No
	for major programs which were not considered	
	to be material?	
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs'	Unqualified
	Compliance Opinion	
(d) (1) (vi)	Are there any reportable findings under	No
	Section .510(a) of Circular A-133?	
(d) (1) (vii)	Major Programs (list): Title I, Part A, ESEA, Special	CFDA # 84.010, CFDA
	Education-Grants to States, Title VI-B	#84.027
(d) (1) (viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B	Type A: >\$300,000
	Programs	Type B: All others
(d) (1) (ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	No

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued) JUNE 30, 2002

2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

REPORTABLE CONDITIONS

2002 – 1	Student Activities – Fund Raisers
2002 - 1	Student Activities - Fund Naisers

During our testing of the extracurricular activity fund raisers, we noted Sales Project Potential Forms were not always completed and/or were only partially completed. The Sales Project Potential Form is designed to account for income (actual and projected) from student activity projects. The purpose is to provide information to project sponsors and administrators to help them determine whether projects are functioning in accordance with adopted board policies. Thus, they help to determine whether projects have been properly approved and whether sales monies have been properly accounted for.

In general, activity advisors are only completing the top portion of the form, reflecting the fund raiser's projected revenues. The bottom portion of the form, which would indicate the amount of goods sold, the selling price, total costs and total revenues, was not completed. A Sales Project Potential Form was only partially completed for the following activities:

School/Club	<u>Activity</u>
Hazen Middle School Cheerleading	Candle Sales
SADD	Valentine's Day Flower Sale
Class of 2002	Jewelry and Christmas Sale
FFA	Citrus Fruit Sales
FHA Club	Blanket Raffle

Sales Project Potential Forms should be submitted for proper approval prior to commencing the project activity. Forms should be properly completed and advisors should maintain appropriate source documentation. A fund raiser reconciliation should be prepared at the end of project activity. The reconciliation should provide documentation of total project receipts and disbursements, as well as any unusual circumstances occurring during the sale, such as loss of merchandise or disposition of unsold merchandise. Subsequently, all fund raising activity records should be submitted to the appropriate level of management.

Adequate control over student activity projects will help ensure that revenue is properly recorded, and that errors are detected in a timely manner.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued) JUNE 30, 2002

	3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS					
NONE						

4. SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer
			Valid; Explain:
2000-	Student Activities – Fund Raiser	No	Partially Corrected; Some
11276-	Sales Project Potential Forms were not		improvement was made over a
003	always prepared, submitted and approved,		few activities but not all.
2001-2	and monitored.		
2001-1	Advances and transfers were not approved	Yes	
in a formal resolution by the Board. In			
addition, transfers were misclassified as			
advances. A transfer was made with no			
	formal documentation of the amount.		



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MINERVA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STARK COUNTY

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 MARCH 4, 2003