

***AUBURN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO***

***AUDIT REPORT***

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008***

***Charles E. Harris and Associates, Inc.***  
**Certified Public Accountants and Government Consultants**





Mary Taylor, CPA  
Auditor of State

Board of Education  
Auburn Vocational School District  
8140 Auburn Road  
Concord Township, Ohio 44077

We have reviewed the *Report of Independent Accountants* of the Auburn Vocational School District, Lake County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. 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 Auburn Vocational School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

*Mary Taylor*

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April 16, 2009

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS**

Auburn Vocational School District  
Lake County  
8140 Auburn Road  
Concord Township, OH 44077

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Auburn Vocational School District, Lake County, Ohio, (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic 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 basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Auburn Vocational School District, Lake County, Ohio as of June 30, 2008 and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund and Adult Education Fund 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 have also issued our report dated February 27, 2009 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, grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 11 is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by accounting principles accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally on inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

We conducted our audit to opine on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures is presented for the purposes of additional analysis as required by *U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Charles Harris*

**Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.**

February 27, 2009

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The management discussion and analysis of Auburn Vocational School District's (the "District") financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The intent of this management discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should review the basic financial statements and notes to those respective statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

**Financial Highlights**

Key Financial Highlights for 2008 are as follows:

In total, net assets decreased by \$893,273.

Revenues for governmental activities totaled \$12,619,477 in 2008. Of this total, 81.9 percent consisted of general revenues while program revenues accounted for the remaining balance of 18.1 percent.

Program expenses totaled \$13,512,750. Instructional expenses made up 45.9 percent of this total while support services accounted for 52.5 percent. Other expenses rounded out the remaining 1.6 percent.

**Using the Basic Financial Statements**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes pertaining to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Auburn Vocational School District as a financial whole, or complete operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The *Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate and long-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements explain how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the District's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in one column. In the case of Auburn Vocational School District, the general fund is the most significant.

**Reporting the District as a Whole**

Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains all the funds used by the District to provide programs and activities, the view of the District as a whole considers all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2008?" *The Statement of Net Assets* and the *Statement of Activities* answers this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies.



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Accrual accounting takes into account all the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the District's net assets and changes in those net assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader that, for the District as a whole, the financial position of the District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the District's performance, demographic and socioeconomic factors and willingness of the community to support the District. On the other hand, financial factors may include the District's financial position, liquidity and solvency, fiscal capacity and risk and exposure.

In the *Statement of Net Assets* and the *Statement of Activities*, the District is classified into governmental activities. All of the District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services and operation of non-instructional services.

### **Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds**

*Fund Financial Statements* – The analysis of the District's major fund begins on page 14. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's major funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's major governmental funds are the general fund and adult education.

*Governmental Funds* – Most of the District's activities are reported as governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of these funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the *Statement of Net Assets* and the *Statement of Activities*) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

*Proprietary Funds* – Proprietary funds focus on the determination of changes in net assets, financial position and cash flows and are classified as internal service funds.

### **The District as a Whole**

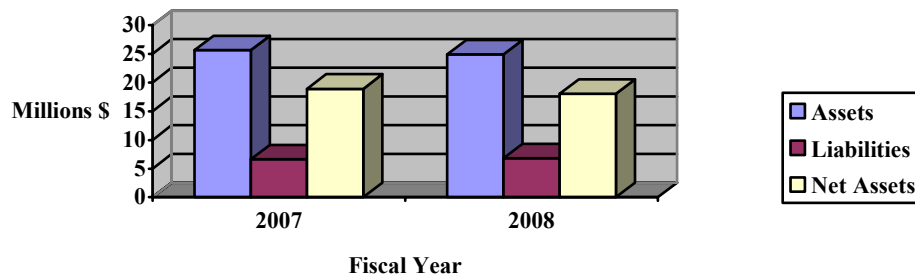
The *Statement of Net Assets* provides the perspective of the District as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the District's net assets for 2008 compared to 2007:

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**Table 1  
Net Assets  
Governmental Activities**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Current and other assets	\$ 11,874,115	\$ 11,871,212	\$ 2,903
Capital assets, net	<u>13,035,436</u>	<u>13,753,393</u>	<u>(717,957)</u>
Total assets	<u>24,909,551</u>	<u>25,624,605</u>	<u>(715,054)</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	6,317,627	6,306,568	11,059
Long term liabilities			
Due within one year	140,682	19,350	121,332
Due in more than one year	<u>381,973</u>	<u>336,145</u>	<u>45,828</u>
Total liabilities	<u>6,840,282</u>	<u>6,662,063</u>	<u>178,219</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Invested in capital assets	13,035,436	13,753,393	(717,957)
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	3,977	3,977	-
Other purposes	-	653,657	(653,657)
Unrestricted	<u>5,029,856</u>	<u>4,551,515</u>	<u>478,341</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 18,069,269</u>	<u>\$ 18,962,542</u>	<u>\$ (893,273)</u>

**Net Assets Governmental Activities**



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**Governmental Activities**

Total assets decreased by \$715,054. The decrease is the result of a decrease in capital assets for current year depreciation expense. Total liabilities increased by \$178,219. The majority of the increase can be attributed primarily to the increase in claims payable, deferred revenue and an increase in long term liabilities.

The vast majority of revenue supporting all governmental activities is general revenues. General revenue totaled \$10,332,309 or 81.9 percent of the total revenue. Two significant portions of the general revenue are local property taxes and grants and entitlements, this constitutes 77 percent of total revenue. The remaining amount of revenue was in the form of program revenues that equated to \$2,287,168 or 18.1 percent of total revenue.

Table 2 summarizes the revenue, expenses and the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2008 with comparative totals for fiscal year 2007.

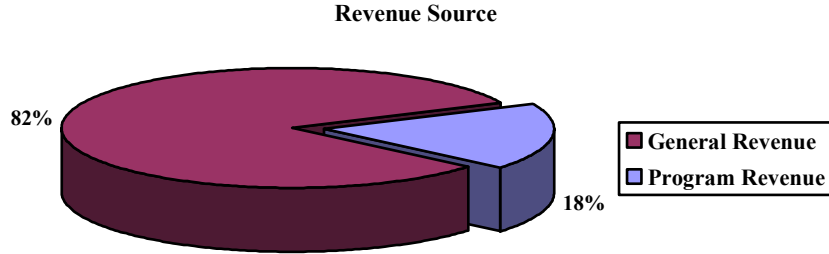
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**Table 2  
Governmental Activities**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Revenues</b>		
<i>Program revenues:</i>		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 1,613,834	\$ 1,081,947
Operating grants, and contributions	673,334	434,357
Capital grants	-	3,000
<b>Total program revenues</b>	<u>2,287,168</u>	<u>1,519,304</u>
<i>General revenue:</i>		
Property taxes	6,604,825	6,067,874
Grants and entitlements	3,114,539	3,320,835
Investment earnings	265,970	294,190
Miscellaneous	346,975	527,746
<b>Total general revenues</b>	<u>10,332,309</u>	<u>10,210,645</u>
<b>Total program and general revenues</b>	<u>12,619,477</u>	<u>11,729,949</u>
<b>Program expenses</b>		
<i>Instruction:</i>		
Regular	234,035	\$ 259,081
Special	383,779	384,018
Vocational	4,215,169	3,924,736
Adult continuing	1,374,967	1,307,100
<i>Support services:</i>		
Pupil	1,047,799	1,180,183
Instructional staff	619,192	233,428
Board of education	98,652	70,470
Administration	1,670,971	1,501,734
Fiscal	708,308	519,903
Business	212	394
Operation and maintenance of plant	2,286,844	2,663,527
Pupil transportation	30,298	34,961
Central	639,998	373,389
Operation of non-instructional services	202,177	202,641
Extracurricular activities	349	-
<b>Total program expenses</b>	<u>13,512,750</u>	<u>12,655,565</u>
<b>Decrease in net assets</b>	<u>\$ (893,273)</u>	<u>\$ (925,616)</u>

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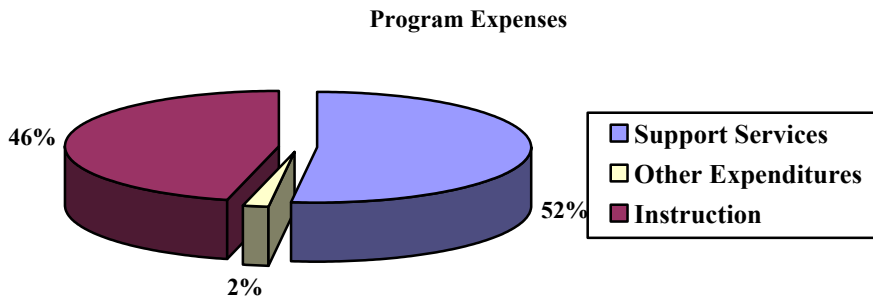
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**GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

The District has carefully planned its financial future by forecasting its revenues and expenditures over the next five years. In October of 2006, the District submitted its yearly five-year forecast to the Ohio Department of Education. Based upon the current five-year financial forecast, the District has adequate operating funds for the next three (2006 – 2008) years. Although the District relies heavily upon local property taxes to support its operations, the District does actively solicit and receive additional grant and entitlement funds to help offset some operating costs.

Approximately 45.9 percent of the District's budget is used to fund instructional expenses. Additional supporting services for pupils, staff and business operations encompass an additional 52.5 percent. The remaining program expenses of 1.6 percent are budgeted to facilitate other obligations of the District, such as the food service program, numerous extracurricular activities and uniform school supplies.



The Statement of Activities shows the total net cost of program services. Table 3 shows the total cost of services for governmental activities and the net cost of those services. It identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

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**Table 3  
Governmental Activities**

	<i>Total Cost of Services <u>2008</u></i>	<i>Total Cost of Services <u>2007</u></i>	<i>Net Cost of Services <u>2008</u></i>	<i>Net Cost of Services <u>2007</u></i>
<i>Instruction:</i>				
<i>Regular</i>	\$ 234,035	\$ 259,081	\$ (234,035)	\$ (259,081)
<i>Special</i>	383,779	384,018	(383,779)	(384,018)
<i>Vocational</i>	4,215,169	3,924,736	(3,878,458)	(2,856,784)
<i>Adult continuing</i>	1,374,967	1,307,100	(143,799)	(1,235,178)
<i>Support services:</i>				
<i>Pupil</i>	1,047,799	1,180,183	(612,629)	(924,230)
<i>Instructional staff</i>	619,192	233,428	(562,659)	(228,734)
<i>Board of education</i>	98,652	70,470	(98,652)	(70,470)
<i>Administration</i>	1,670,971	1,501,734	(1,670,971)	(1,501,734)
<i>Fiscal</i>	708,308	519,903	(708,308)	(519,903)
<i>Business</i>	212	394	(212)	(394)
<i>Operations and maintenance of plant</i>	2,286,844	2,663,527	(2,176,126)	(2,663,527)
<i>Pupil transportation</i>	30,298	34,961	(30,298)	(34,961)
<i>Central</i>	639,998	373,389	(634,673)	(366,089)
<i>Operation of non-instructional</i>	202,177	202,641	(90,634)	(91,158)
<i>Extracurricular</i>	349	-	(349)	-
<i>Total program expenses</i>	<u>\$ 13,512,750</u>	<u>\$ 12,655,565</u>	<u>\$ (11,225,582)</u>	<u>\$ (11,136,261)</u>

As one can see, the reliance upon local tax revenues for governmental activities is crucial. Local property taxes directly support 48.8 percent of expenses. Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs support 23 percent, while investments and other miscellaneous type revenues support the remaining activity costs. Program revenues fund only 16.9 percent of all governmental expenses.

**District funds**

Information regarding the District's major fund can be found on pages 14-17. This fund is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues of \$12,418,309 and expenditures of \$12,736,594. The net change in fund balances for the year was as follows: general fund (\$586,528), other governmental funds \$106,780, and adult education \$161,463.

**General fund budgeting highlights**

The District's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant fund to be budgeted is the main operating fund of the District, the general fund.

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During the course of the fiscal year 2008, the District did not amend the general fund's budgeted expenditures. Fluctuations among the budget base expenditure categories are due to the District's site-based style of budgeting that is designed to tightly control expenses but provide flexibility for managers to redirect funds as conditions develop during the year.

Overall revenue received by the general fund was greater than revised budgetary projections by \$181,803 or 1.8 percent. The increase was due primarily to intergovernmental and interest revenue exceeding the budget. Actual expenditures for the year were \$10,802,917 or 3.5 percent under general fund budget projections. The decrease was due to lower than anticipated expenditures and management controls to reduce the expenditures.

**Capital Assets**

All capital assets, except land, are reported net of depreciation. At the end of fiscal 2008, the District had \$13,035,436 invested in land, buildings, equipment and vehicles. Table 4 shows fiscal 2008 values compared to 2007.

**Table 4  
Capital Assets**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<i>Governmental Activities</i>		
<i>Land</i>	\$ 2,089,087	\$ 2,196,390
<i>Land improvements</i>	285,628	319,520
<i>Building and improvements</i>	9,331,973	9,704,485
<i>Furniture and equipment</i>	1,296,730	1,515,888
<i>Vehicles</i>	<u>32,018</u>	<u>17,110</u>
<i>Total capital assets</i>	<u>\$ 13,035,436</u>	<u>\$ 13,753,393</u>

During fiscal 2008 the District purchased \$107,746 of capital assets. The most notable change was the addition of a new vehicle. See notes to the basic financial statements for detail on the District's capital assets.

**District Outlook**

The District has a strong financial position. The Board of Education and the administration closely monitor the District's revenues and expenditures in accordance with its financial forecast and the District's Continuous Improvement Plan.

The District's financial future is not without challenges, though. The nature of school funding in Ohio severely restricts the growth in the District's operating revenues and requires the District to periodically seek additional funds from the taxpayers to offset rising operating costs.

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In addition, the problem of limited growth in revenue, school districts are faced with the challenge of losing traditional sources of tax revenue through the Ohio General Assembly legislative actions. In 2003, the Ohio General Assembly passed Amended Substitute House Bill 95 that will phase-out, the taxation on business inventories.

Financial aid from the State of Ohio through the State Foundation Program has not been as a major source of operating revenue for the Auburn Vocational School District. Because the District is considered a wealthy district in terms of property values, it receives a relatively small amount of revenue from the State to fund operating expenses.

As a result of the challenges mentioned above, the District's administration and the District Finance Committee continue to carefully plan its expenditures to provide adequate resources to meet student needs over the next several years. The administration and the District's Task Force is currently reviewing all programs and services provided to students with the goal of reducing operating costs.

**Contacting the District's Financial Management**

This report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Carolyn Bennett, Treasurer, at Auburn Vocational School District, 8140 Auburn Road, Concord Township, Ohio 44077.



***Auburn Vocational School District***

**Statement of Net Assets**

**June 30, 2008**

	Governmental Activities
<u>Assets:</u>	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,523,511
Cash and cash equivalents:	
With fiscal agents	243,559
Receivables:	
Taxes	6,473,124
Accounts	16,786
Intergovernmental	3,463
Accrued interest	22,850
Prepaid items	5,784
Inventory held for resale	614
Materials and supplies inventory	42,632
Land held for resale	541,792
Capital assets:	
Land	2,089,087
Depreciable capital assets, net	10,946,349
Total capital assets	<u>13,035,436</u>
Total assets	<u>24,909,551</u>
 <u>Liabilities:</u>	
Accounts payable	74,779
Accrued wages	409,357
Intergovernmental payable	106,751
Compensated absences payable	3,937
Deferred revenue	5,603,894
Claims payable	118,909
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	140,682
Due in more than one year	381,973
Total liabilities	<u>6,840,282</u>
 <u>Net assets:</u>	
Invested in capital assets	13,035,436
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	3,977
Unrestricted	5,029,856
Total net assets	<u>\$ 18,069,269</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
<b><u>Governmental Activities:</u></b>				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 234,035	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (234,035)
Special	383,779	-	-	(383,779)
Vocational	4,215,169	101,470	235,241	(3,878,458)
Adult/continuing	1,374,967	1,154,816	76,352	(143,799)
Support services:				
Pupils	1,047,799	152,951	282,219	(612,629)
Instructional staff	619,192	-	56,533	(562,659)
Board of education	98,652	-	-	(98,652)
Administration	1,670,971	-	-	(1,670,971)
Fiscal	708,308	-	-	(708,308)
Business	212	-	-	(212)
Operation and maintenance of plant	2,286,844	107,718	3,000	(2,176,126)
Pupil transportation	30,298	-	-	(30,298)
Central	639,998	325	5,000	(634,673)
Operation of non-instructional services	202,177	96,554	14,989	(90,634)
Extracurricular activities	349	-	-	(349)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 13,512,750</u>	<u>\$ 1,613,834</u>	<u>\$ 673,334</u>	<u>(11,225,582)</u>

**General Revenues:**

Property taxes levied for:

General purposes	6,604,825
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs	3,114,539
Investment earnings	265,970
Miscellaneous	346,975
Total general revenues	<u>10,332,309</u>
Change in net assets	(893,273)
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>18,962,542</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 18,069,269</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**Auburn Vocational School District**

**Balance Sheet**

**Governmental Funds**

**June 30, 2008**

	General	Adult Education	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets:</u>				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,259,427	\$ 121,985	\$ 142,099	\$ 4,523,511
Receivables:				
Taxes	6,473,124	-	-	6,473,124
Accounts	16,423	-	363	16,786
Intergovernmental	-	-	3,463	3,463
Interfund	200,000	-	-	200,000
Accrued interest	22,850	-	-	22,850
Prepaid items	5,784	-	-	5,784
Inventory held for resale	-	-	614	614
Materials and supplies inventory	42,632	-	-	42,632
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,020,240</u>	<u>\$ 121,985</u>	<u>\$ 146,539</u>	<u>\$ 11,288,764</u>
<u>Liabilities and fund balances:</u>				
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Accounts payable	\$ 71,089	\$ 3,690	\$ -	\$ 74,779
Accrued wages	380,307	29,050	-	409,357
Interfund payable	-	200,000	-	200,000
Compensated absences payable	3,937	-	-	3,937
Intergovernmental payable	91,571	12,412	2,768	106,751
Deferred revenue	5,875,363	-	3,561	5,878,924
Total liabilities	<u>6,422,267</u>	<u>245,152</u>	<u>6,329</u>	<u>6,673,748</u>
<u>Fund balances:</u>				
Reserved for:				
Encumbrances	44,992	3,831	148	48,971
Property taxes	597,771	-	-	597,771
Unreserved, undesignated, reported in:				
General fund	3,955,210	-	-	3,955,210
Special revenue funds	-	(126,998)	136,085	9,087
Capital projects funds	-	-	3,977	3,977
Total fund balances	<u>4,597,973</u>	<u>(123,167)</u>	<u>140,210</u>	<u>4,615,016</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 11,020,240</u>	<u>\$ 121,985</u>	<u>\$ 146,539</u>	<u>\$ 11,288,764</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

***Auburn Vocational School District***  
**Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to**  
**Net Assets of Governmental Activities**  
**June 30, 2008**

Total governmental funds balances		\$ 4,615,016
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:		
Capital assets and land held for resale used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		13,577,228
Other long-term assets that are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds:		
Property taxes	\$ 271,459	
Tuition and fees	10	
Intergovernmental	3,463	
Miscellaneous	98	
Total	275,030	275,030
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net assets.		124,650
Long-term liabilities that are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Compensated absences		(522,655)
Net assets of governmental activities		\$ 18,069,269

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

***Auburn Vocational School District***  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	General	Adult Education	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	\$ 6,405,228	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,405,228
Intergovernmental	3,114,539	-	671,678	3,786,217
Interest	265,970	-	194	266,164
Tuition and fees	46,244	1,320,369	-	1,366,613
Extracurricular activities	-	-	325	325
Charges for services	55,216	-	96,456	151,672
Rent	95,116	-	-	95,116
Miscellaneous	40,929	301,271	4,774	346,974
Total revenues	<u>10,023,242</u>	<u>1,621,640</u>	<u>773,427</u>	<u>12,418,309</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Special	389,296	-	-	389,296
Vocational	3,803,098	-	201,085	4,004,183
Adult/continuing	93,069	1,176,060	76,926	1,346,055
Support services:				
Pupils	650,923	180,375	216,813	1,048,111
Instructional staff	459,838	-	45,811	505,649
Board of education	97,862	-	-	97,862
Administration	1,454,101	85,226	-	1,539,327
Fiscal	647,861	-	-	647,861
Business	212	-	-	212
Operation and maintenance of plant	2,089,760	18,516	3,000	2,111,276
Pupil transportation	23,796	-	-	23,796
Central	604,753	-	28,325	633,078
Operation of non-instructional services	68,006	-	119,687	187,693
Extracurricular activities	349	-	-	349
Capital outlay	201,846	-	-	201,846
Total expenditures	<u>10,584,770</u>	<u>1,460,177</u>	<u>691,647</u>	<u>12,736,594</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(561,528)</u>	<u>161,463</u>	<u>81,780</u>	<u>(318,285)</u>
<u>Other financing sources (uses):</u>				
Transfers in	-	-	25,000	25,000
Transfers out	(25,000)	-	-	(25,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	(586,528)	161,463	106,780	(318,285)
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>5,184,501</u>	<u>(284,630)</u>	<u>33,430</u>	<u>4,933,301</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 4,597,973</u>	<u>\$ (123,167)</u>	<u>\$ 140,210</u>	<u>\$ 4,615,016</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

***Auburn Vocational School District***

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ (318,285)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the  
statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities,  
the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

In the current period, these amounts are:

Capital asset and land held for resale additions	\$ 201,846	
Depreciation expense	<u>(718,400)</u>	
Excess of depreciation expense over capital asset additions		(516,554)

Governmental funds only report the disposal of capital assets to the extent proceeds are  
received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for  
each disposal. (107,303)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are  
not reported as revenues in the funds. These activities consist of:

Property taxes	\$ 199,597	
Intergovernmental	1,463	
Tuition and fees	10	
Miscellaneous	<u>98</u>	
Net change in deferred revenues during the year		201,168

Some items reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial  
resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. These  
activities consist of:

Increase in compensated absences	\$ <u>(167,160)</u>	
Total reduced expenditures		(167,160)

The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of medical, prescription  
drug, dental and vision claims to individual funds are not reported in the statement of  
activities. Governmental fund expenditures and related internal service fund revenues  
are eliminated. 14,861

Change in net assets of governmental activities \$ (893,273)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**Auburn Vocational School District**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-**  
**Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual**  
**General Fund**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	\$ 6,584,285	\$ 6,584,285	\$ 6,475,484	\$ (108,801)
Intergovernmental	2,764,156	2,764,156	3,114,539	350,383
Interest	218,400	218,400	236,402	18,002
Tuition and fees	36,000	36,000	46,244	10,244
Charges for services	62,000	40,000	55,216	15,216
Rent	100,000	100,000	95,116	(4,884)
Miscellaneous	128,559	127,859	29,502	(98,357)
Total revenues	9,893,400	9,870,700	10,052,503	181,803
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Special	420,495	420,495	401,923	18,572
Vocational	3,702,722	3,702,722	3,578,085	124,637
Adult/continuing	111,140	111,140	106,309	4,831
Support services:				
Pupils	726,016	726,016	694,458	31,558
Instructional staff	481,000	481,000	474,048	6,952
Board of education	108,240	108,240	103,581	4,659
Administration	1,518,350	1,518,350	1,454,429	63,921
Fiscal	667,321	667,321	638,634	28,687
Business	222	222	212	10
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,974,408	1,974,408	1,915,671	58,737
Pupil transportation	24,877	24,877	23,796	1,081
Central	632,020	632,020	605,903	26,117
Operation of non-instructional services	70,182	70,182	67,199	2,983
Extracurricular activities	365	365	349	16
Capital outlay	764,515	764,515	738,320	26,195
Total expenditures	11,201,873	11,201,873	10,802,917	398,956
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,308,473)	(1,331,173)	(750,414)	580,759
<u>Other financing sources (uses):</u>				
Refund of prior year expenditures	400,000	400,000	25,368	(374,632)
Refund of prior year receipts	(523)	(523)	(500)	23
Advances in	300,000	300,000	295,775	(4,225)
Advances out	(134,000)	(134,000)	(128,500)	5,500
Transfers out	(26,000)	(26,000)	(25,000)	1,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	539,477	539,477	167,143	(372,334)
Net change in fund balance	(768,996)	(791,696)	(583,271)	208,425
Fund balances at beginning of year	4,583,388	4,583,388	4,583,388	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	176,207	176,207	176,207	-
Fund balances at end of year	\$ 3,990,599	\$ 3,967,899	\$ 4,176,324	\$ 208,425

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

***Auburn Vocational School District***  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-**  
**Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual**  
**Adult Education Fund**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Tuition and fees	\$ 1,335,000	\$ 1,530,586	\$ 1,320,369	\$ (210,217)
Miscellaneous	296,857	301,271	301,271	-
Total revenues	<u>1,631,857</u>	<u>1,831,857</u>	<u>1,621,640</u>	<u>(210,217)</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Adult/continuing	1,260,063	1,260,063	1,193,825	66,238
Support services:				
Pupils	187,445	187,445	177,588	9,857
Administration	84,547	87,547	82,961	4,586
Operation and maintenance of plant	18,282	18,282	17,287	995
Total expenditures	<u>1,550,337</u>	<u>1,553,337</u>	<u>1,471,661</u>	<u>81,676</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>81,520</u>	<u>278,520</u>	<u>149,979</u>	<u>(128,541)</u>
<u>Other financing sources (uses):</u>				
Refund of prior year expenditures	3,143	3,143	3,143	-
Advances in	65,000	65,000	65,000	-
Advances out	(112,617)	(112,617)	(115,000)	(2,383)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(44,474)</u>	<u>(44,474)</u>	<u>(46,857)</u>	<u>(2,383)</u>
Net change in fund balance	37,046	234,046	103,122	(130,924)
Fund balances at beginning of year	10,043	10,043	10,043	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	3,337	3,337	3,337	-
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 50,426</u>	<u>\$ 247,426</u>	<u>\$ 116,502</u>	<u>\$ (130,924)</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.



***Auburn Vocational School District***  
**Statement of Fund Net Assets**  
**Internal Service Fund**  
**June 30, 2008**

	<u>Self Insurance</u>
<u>Assets:</u>	
Current:	
Cash with fiscal agent	<u>\$ 243,559</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Current:	
Claims payable	<u>\$ 118,909</u>
Total liabilities	<u>118,909</u>
<u>Net assets:</u>	
Unrestricted	<u>124,650</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 243,559</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

***Auburn Vocational School District***  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets**  
**Internal Service Fund**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	Self Insurance
<u>Operating revenues:</u>	
Charges for services	<u>\$ 784,000</u>
<u>Operating expenses:</u>	
Claims	<u>769,139</u>
Change in net assets	14,861
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>109,789</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u><u>\$ 124,650</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

***Auburn Vocational School District***  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Internal Service Fund**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	Self Insurance
<u>Cash flows from operating activities:</u>	
Cash received for charges for services	\$ 784,000
Cash payments for claims	<u>(767,592)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>16,408</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	16,408
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>227,151</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>\$ 243,559</u></u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net <u>cash provided by operating activities:</u>	
Operating income	<u>\$ 14,861</u>
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:	
Claims payable	1,547
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 16,408</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

***Auburn Vocational School District***  
**Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets**  
**Agency Fund**  
**June 30, 2008**

	<u>Agency</u>
<u>Assets:</u>	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 67,652
Total assets	<u>\$ 67,652</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Accounts payable	\$ 400
Due to students	<u>67,252</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 67,652</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**Note 1 – Description of the District and Reporting Entity**

The Auburn Vocational School District (the “District”) is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. Auburn Vocational School District is a joint vocational school district as defined by Section 3311.18 of the Ohio Revised Code. This District operates under an elected Board of Education (11 members) and is responsible for the provision of public education to residents of the District.

Average daily membership (ADM) as of June 30, 2008 was 670. The District employed 70 certificated employees and 133 non-certificated employees.

***Reporting Entity***

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the basic financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the District consists of only the funds of those organizational entities for which its elected governing body is financially accountable. For the District, this includes education, pupil transportation, food service and maintenance of the District facilities.

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 provide 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 has no component units.

The District participates in two jointly governed organizations, a claims servicing pool and an insurance purchasing pool. These organizations are, the Ohio Schools Council, the Ohio School Boards Association Workers’ Compensation Group Rating Program, the Lake-Geauga Computer Association and Lake County Council of Governments Health Care Benefits Program. These organizations are discussed in Notes 13, 14 and 15 to the basic financial statements.

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**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the Auburn Vocational School District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The District also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its governmental activities and internal service fund unless those pronouncements conflict or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

***A. Basis of Presentation***

The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net assets and a statement of activities and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

***Government-wide Financial Statements*** – The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The activity of the internal service fund is eliminated to avoid “doubling up” revenues and expenses.

The statement of net assets presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and, therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues, which are not classified as program revenues, are presented as general revenues of the District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business activity or governmental activity is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

***Fund Financial Statements*** – During the year, the District segregates transactions related to certain District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental and proprietary fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. The internal service fund is presented on the face of the proprietary fund statements. The fiduciary fund is reported by type.

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***B. Fund Accounting***

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary.

***Governmental Funds*** – Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the District's major governmental funds:

***General Fund*** – The general fund is the operating fund of the District and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

***Adult Education Fund*** – The adult education special revenue fund is used to account for grants and tuition associated with providing education to adults.

The other governmental funds of the District account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

***Proprietary Funds*** – Proprietary funds focus on the determination of changes in net assets, financial position and cash flows and are classified as internal service funds.

***Internal Service Fund*** – The internal service fund accounts for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the District on a cost reimbursement basis. The District's only internal service fund accounts for the self-insurance.

***Fiduciary Fund*** – Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net assets. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations or other governments and are, therefore, not available to support the District's own programs. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The District's fiduciary fund includes an agency fund which accounts for student activities.

***C. Measurement Focus***

***Government-wide Financial Statements*** – The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the District are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of activities present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net assets.

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***Fund Financial Statements*** – All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements, therefore, include reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Like the government-wide statements, the internal service fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its internal service fund activity.

***D. Basis of Accounting***

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary and fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

***Revenues – Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions*** – 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 to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 6). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the fiscal 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 non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.



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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, fees and rentals.

**Deferred Revenue** – 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, 2008, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2009 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as deferred revenue.

On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have also been reported as deferred revenue.

**Expenses/Expenditures** – On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

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. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

***E. Cash and Investments***

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled. Monies for all funds, including the internal service fund, are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents".

During fiscal year 2008, investments were limited to STAROhio, certificates of deposit, corporate cash and Federal Securities. Except for non-participating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices. Non-participating investment contracts are reported at cost.

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, 2008.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during the fiscal year 2008 amounted to \$265,970 in the general fund and \$194 in other governmental funds.

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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 presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months, not purchased from the pool, are reported as investments.

***F. Restricted Assets***

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change in nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, laws or other governments or imposed by enabling legislation. There are no restricted assets in 2008. See Note 18 for additional information.

***G. Prepaid Items***

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2008 are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

***H. Inventory***

Inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis and are expended/expensed when used.

Inventories consist of donated foods, purchased foods and school supplies held for resale and material and supplies for consumption.

***I. Capital Assets***

All capital assets are classified as general capital assets. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. They are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the fiscal year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$ 5,000. The District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

All reported capital assets except land are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

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<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Estimated Lives</u>
<i>Building and improvements</i>	<i>10 - 50 years</i>
<i>Furniture and equipment</i>	<i>5 - 10 years</i>
<i>Vehicles</i>	<i>10 years</i>
<i>Text books</i>	<i>6 years</i>

***J. Compensated Absences***

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the District 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 includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the District has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at year end, taking into consideration any limits in the District's termination policy. The District records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave for classified, certified and administrative employees after fifteen years of service with the District.

***K. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations***

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements, and all payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations payable from proprietary funds are reported on the proprietary funds financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year.

***L. Net Assets***

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

The District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

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***M. Fund Balance Reserves***

The District reserves those 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 appropriations for expenditures. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund equity, which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund balance reserves are established for encumbrances and property taxes.

The reserve for property taxes represents taxes recognized as revenue under generally accepted accounting principles, but not available for appropriations under State statute.

***N. Operating Revenues and Expenses***

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the District, these revenues are self-insurance programs. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or services that are the primary activity of the funds. All revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as non-operating.

***O. Interfund Activity***

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues/expenses in internal service funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

***P. Extraordinary and Special Items***

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. This District had no extraordinary or special items.

***Q. Estimates***

The preparation of 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 may differ from those estimates.

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***R. Budgetary Data***

All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the appropriation resolution and the certificate of estimated resources, which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount that the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriation resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at a level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board of Education at the fund level for all funds. The Treasurer has been given the authority to allocate Board appropriations to the function and object levels.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the fiscal year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the certificate when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the final amended certificate that was in effect at the time the final appropriations were passed by the Board of Education.

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment by the Board throughout the fiscal year with the restriction that appropriations may not exceed estimated revenues by fund. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation for that fund that covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried over from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the fiscal year, including all supplemental appropriations.

**Note 3 – Compliance and Accountability**

***Fund Deficits***

The following funds had a deficit fund balance as of June 30, 2008:

	<u>Amount</u>
<i>Special revenue funds:</i>	
<i>Lunchroom</i>	\$ 1,658
<i>Adult education</i>	123,167

The general fund is responsible to cover deficit fund balances by means of a transfer or advance. However, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

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**Note 4 – Budgetary Basis of Accounting**

While the District is reporting financial position, results of operations and changes in fund balance/retained earnings on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual presented for the general fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are as follows:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (GAAP).
4. Investments are reported at fair value (GAAP basis) rather than cost (budget basis).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements to the budgetary basis statements for the general fund.

	<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>
<i>GAAP basis</i>	\$ (586,528)
<i>Net adjustment for revenue accruals</i>	54,629
<i>Advance in</i>	295,775
<i>Net adjustment for expenditure accruals</i>	(130,230)
<i>Advance out</i>	(128,500)
<i>Adjustment for encumbrances</i>	<u>(88,417)</u>
<i>Budget basis</i>	<u>\$ (583,271)</u>

**Note 5 – Deposits and Investments**

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

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

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

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings 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 and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio);
7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred and eighty days in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interest rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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

At June 30, 2008, the District's self-insurance internal service fund had a balance of \$243,559 with Lake County Council of Governments Health Care Benefits Program, a claims servicing pool was determined based on the percentage of the District's participants to total pool participants (See Note 15). The money is held by the claims servicer in a pooled account which is representative of numerous entities and therefore cannot be classified by risk under GASB No. 40. The classification of cash and cash equivalents and investments for the Lake County Council of Governments Health Care Benefits Program Self Insurance Plan as a whole may be obtained from the Plan's fiscal agent. To obtain financial information, write to the Treasurer, 30 South Park Place, Suite 320, Painesville, Ohio 44077.

***Cash on Hand*** – At fiscal year end, the District had \$1,395 in undeposited cash on hand, which is included in the balance sheet of the District as part of equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents.

***Deposits***

At June 30, 2008, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$2,551,865. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2008, \$2,709,481 of the District's bank balance of \$2,909,481 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$200,000 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in the amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or a specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the District.

***Investments***

Investments are reported at fair value. As of June 30, 2008, the District had the following investments:



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	<i>Fair</i>			
	<u>Value</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Rating</u>	
<i>Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation</i>	\$ 253,623	11/18/09	AAA	<sup>(1)</sup>
<i>Federal Home Loan Bank</i>	502,126	12/18/09	AAA	<sup>(1)</sup>
<i>Federal Farm Credit Bank</i>	130,675	01/11/10	AAA	<sup>(1)</sup>
<i>Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation</i>	249,849	02/12/10	AAA	<sup>(1)</sup>
<i>Federal National Mortgage Association</i>	247,571	04/09/10	AAA	<sup>(1)</sup>
<i>Federal Home Loan Bank</i>	129,479	06/11/10	AAA	<sup>(1)</sup>
<i>Federal Home Loan Bank</i>	246,661	12/10/10	AAA	<sup>(1)</sup>
<i>Federal National Mortgage Association</i>	495,284	02/11/11	AAA	<sup>(1)</sup>
<i>STAROhio</i>	26,194	N/A	AAA	<sup>(1)</sup>
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$ 2,281,462</u>			

<sup>(1)</sup> Standard and Poor's rating

**Custodial credit risk** for an investment is the risk that in the event of failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The investments in Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC), Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB), Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) and Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent and not in the District's name. The District's policy is to invest money with financial institutions that are able to abide by the laws governing insurance and collateral of public funds.

**Interest Rate Risk** – As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses caused by rising interest rates, the District's investment policy requires that operating funds be invested primarily in investments so that the securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and long-term debt payments. The stated intent of the policy is to avoid the need to sell securities prior to maturity. To date, no investments have been purchased with a life greater than four years.

**Credit Risk** – The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Bonds, the Federal Home Loan Bank Notes, the Federal Farm Credit Bank and the Federal National Mortgage Association all carry a rating of AAA by Standard & Poor's. STAROhio also carries a rating of AAA by Standard & Poor's. Ohio law requires that STAROhio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service.

**Concentration of Credit Risk** – The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. The following is the District's allocation as of June 30, 2008:

	<i>Percentage of</i>
	<u>Investments</u>
<i>Federal Home Loan Bank</i>	38.49%
<i>Federal National Mortgage Association</i>	32.56%
<i>Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation</i>	22.07%
<i>Federal Farm Credit Bank</i>	5.73%
<i>STAROhio</i>	1.15%

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**Note 6 – Property Taxes**

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis while the District's fiscal year runs from July through June. First half tax collections are received by the District in the second half of the fiscal year. Second half distributions occur in the first half of the following year.

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible personal property (used in business) located in the District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar 2008 represents collections of calendar 2007 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2008 were levied after April 1, 2007, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2007, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar 2008 represents collections of calendar year 2007 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2007 became a lien December 31, 2006, were levied after April 1, 2007 and are collected in 2008 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at thirty-five percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

Tangible personal property tax revenue received during calendar year 2008 (other than public utility property) represents the collection of 2008 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2008 were levied after April 1, 2007 on the value as of December 31, 2007. In prior years, tangible personal property was assessed at twenty-five percent of true value for capital assets and twenty-three percent of true value for inventory. The tangible personal property tax is being phased out- the assessment percentage for all property including inventory for 2007 is eighteen and three quarters percent. This will be reduced to six and one quarter percent for 2008 and zero percent for 2009.

Payments by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20. Tangible personal property taxes paid by April 30 are usually received by the District prior to June 30.

The District receives property taxes from Lake County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2008, are available to finance fiscal year 2008 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and tangible personal property taxes, which are measurable as of June 30, 2008 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is reported as revenue at fiscal year end.

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The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred revenue.

The amount available to the District as an advance at June 30, 2008 was \$579,771 in the general fund. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2007, was \$687,014 in the general fund.

On a full accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue, while on a modified accrual basis, the revenue has been deferred.

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2008 taxes were collected are:

	<i>2007 Second Half Collections <u>Lake County</u></i>		<i>2007 Second Half Collections <u>Geauga County</u></i>	
<i>Real property - 2007 valuations</i>				
<i>Residential/agricultural</i>	\$ 1,961,503,030	75.18%	\$ 1,711,677,160	82.33%
<i>Commercial/industrial</i>	357,471,610	13.70%	262,716,670	12.64%
<i>Tangible personal property</i>				
<i>General</i>	75,249,771	2.88%	56,877,835	2.74%
<i>Public utilities</i>	<u>214,777,800</u>	<u>8.23%</u>	<u>47,799,130</u>	<u>2.30%</u>
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$ 2,609,002,211</u>	100%	<u>\$ 2,079,070,795</u>	100%
<i>Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation</i>	\$ 1.50		\$ 1.50	
	<i>2008 First Half Collections <u>Lake County</u></i>		<i>2008 First Half Collections <u>Geauga County</u></i>	
<i>Real property - 2008 valuations</i>				
<i>Residential/agricultural</i>	\$ 2,007,090,000	76.81%	\$ 1,748,972,330	83.22%
<i>Commercial/industrial</i>	356,623,500	13.65%	275,062,910	13.09%
<i>Tangible personal property</i>				
<i>General</i>	58,274,178	2.23%	41,941,655	2.00%
<i>Public utilities</i>	<u>190,961,060</u>	<u>7.31%</u>	<u>35,616,370</u>	<u>1.69%</u>
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$ 2,612,948,738</u>	100%	<u>\$ 2,101,593,265</u>	100%
<i>Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation</i>	\$ 1.50		\$ 1.50	

**Note 7 – Receivables**

Receivables at June 30, 2008 consisted of taxes, accounts, accrued interest, interfund 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 fiscal year guarantee of Federal funds. All receivables are expected to be collected within one year. The following is a summary of the intergovernmental receivables.

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	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Governmental activities:</i>	
<i>Adult basic education</i>	<u>\$ 3,463</u>
<i>Total intergovernmental receivables</i>	<u><u>\$ 3,463</u></u>

**Note 8 – Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows:

	<i>Balance June 30, 2007</i>	<i>Additions</i>	<i>Deductions</i>	<i>Balance June 30, 2008</i>
<i>Governmental Activities</i>				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated</i>				
<i>Land</i>	\$ 2,196,390	\$ -	\$ (107,303)	\$ 2,089,087
<i>Total capital assets, not being depreciated</i>	<u>2,196,390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(107,303)</u>	<u>2,089,087</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated</i>				
<i>Land improvements</i>	743,107	-	-	743,107
<i>Building and building improvements</i>	14,525,137	-	-	14,525,137
<i>Furniture and equipment</i>	4,647,503	84,567	(43,357)	4,688,713
<i>Vehicle</i>	157,720	23,179	-	180,899
<i>Library and text books</i>	<u>84,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,008</u>
<i>Total capital assets being depreciated</i>	<u>20,157,475</u>	<u>107,746</u>	<u>(43,357)</u>	<u>20,221,864</u>
<i>Less accumulated depreciation</i>				
<i>Land improvements</i>	(423,587)	(33,892)	-	(457,479)
<i>Building and building improvements</i>	(4,820,652)	(372,512)	-	(5,193,164)
<i>Furniture and equipment</i>	(3,131,615)	(303,725)	43,357	(3,391,983)
<i>Vehicle</i>	(140,610)	(8,271)	-	(148,881)
<i>Library and text books</i>	<u>(84,008)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(84,008)</u>
<i>Total accumulated depreciation</i>	<u>(8,600,472)</u>	<u>(718,400)</u>	<u>43,357</u>	<u>(9,275,515)</u>
<i>Total capital assets being depreciated, net</i>	<u>11,557,003</u>	<u>(610,654)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,946,349</u>
<i>Governmental activities capital assets, net</i>	<u>\$ 13,753,393</u>	<u>\$ (610,654)</u>	<u>\$ (107,303)</u>	<u>\$ 13,035,436</u>
<i>Land held for resale</i>	\$ 447,692	\$ 94,100	\$ -	\$ 541,792

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Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

<i>Instruction:</i>	
<i>Regular</i>	\$ 234,035
<i>Vocational</i>	229,677
<i>Adult education</i>	1,973
<i>Support services:</i>	
<i>Pupil</i>	2,163
<i>Instructional staff</i>	98,120
<i>Board of education</i>	790
<i>Administration</i>	9,651
<i>Operation and maintenance of plant</i>	125,525
<i>Pupil transportation</i>	6,823
<i>Operation of non-instructional services</i>	<u>9,643</u>
<i>Total depreciation expense</i>	<u>\$ 718,400</u>

Land held for resale of \$541,792 was purchased by the District for housing projects built by the District students. Land purchased on or before June 30, 2007 in the amount of \$447,692 has not yet been sold. The house will subsequently be sold and proceeds will be used for subsequent projects. The sale date of the property cannot be estimated therefore is included as a long-term asset.

**Note 9 – Risk Management**

***A. Property and Liability***

The District has contracted with Indiana Insurance for their Property and Casualty Insurance Program. The program includes Property Insurance (which includes Inland Marine, Crime and Boiler and Machinery), General Liability Insurance with limits of \$ 1,000,000 each occurrence and \$ 2,000,000 aggregate (which includes Sexual Misconduct and Molestation Insurance and School Leaders E&O Insurance). The Auto Liability Insurance coverage has limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limit each accident. The District's property and casualty insurance program also has an Umbrella Liability Insurance policy with limits of \$3,000,000 each occurrence and \$3,000,000 aggregate.

The Liability Policy insures the District, the Board, the board members, administrators, employees, and volunteers with respect to their duties in connection with the District.

Settled claims have not exceeded the Property and Casualty Coverage in any of the last three years. There has not been a reduction in coverage from the prior year.

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***B. Workers' Compensation***

The District participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 14). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school district in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the GRP.

A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund". This "equity pooling" 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 Gates McDonald & Co. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

***C. Employee Medical Benefits***

The District has elected to provide medical coverage through a self-insured program. The District uses the general fund on the Budgetary Basis and the Self Insurance internal service fund on a GAAP Basis to account for and finance its uninsured risks of loss in this program. The claims are serviced through the Lake County Council of Governments Health Care Benefits Program. The Lake County Council of Governments Health Care Benefits Program has stop loss coverage of 110 percent of expected claims. The claims liability as reported in the Self Insurance internal service fund was provided by the third party administrator and is based on the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 30, which requires that a liability for unpaid claims costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. The estimate was not affected by incremental claim adjustment expenses and does not include other allocated or unallocated claim adjustment expenses.

The June 30, 2008 claims liability was determined based on the percentage of the District's participants to total pool participants. For the year ended June 30, 2008, the pool's cash reserves and claims liability were \$6,224,711 and \$3,039,000, respectively. The District's allocated pool percentage for the year ended June 30, 2008 was 3.9 percent, which represents \$243,559 and \$118,909 of pool cash reserves and claims liabilities, respectively.

	<i>Balance at Beginning of Year</i>	<i>Current Year Claims</i>	<i>Current Year Payments</i>	<i>Balance at End of Year</i>
2008	\$ 117,362	769,139	767,592	118,909
2007	\$ 89,370	699,902	671,910	117,362

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**Note 10 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

***A. School Employee Retirement System***

Plan Description - The District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer 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 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, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current District rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits; for fiscal year 2008, 9.16 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to a statutory maximum amount of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$141,326, \$169,999 and \$145,446 respectively; 50 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

***B. State Teachers Retirement System***

Plan Description - The District participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement plan. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan.

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The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The District was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2007, the portion used to fund pension obligations was also 13 percent. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$635,143, \$645,241, and \$610,261 respectively; 83 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2008 were \$7,830 made by the District and \$22,740 made by the plan members.

**Note 11 – Postemployment Benefits**

***A. School Employee Retirement System***

Plan Description – The District participates in two cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit OPEB plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a Health Care Plan and a Medicare Part B Plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's and traditional indemnity plans as well as a prescription drug program. The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries up to a statutory limit. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the System based on authority granted by State statute. The financial reports of both Plans are included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which is available by contacting SERS at 300 East Broad St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746.



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Funding Policy – State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 401h. For 2008, 4.18 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined amount; for 2008, this amount was \$35,800.

Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, the number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$82,032, \$78,647, and \$67,820 respectively; 46 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For 2008, this actuarially required allocation was 0.66 percent of covered payroll. The District's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$10,183, \$9,546, and \$8,946 respectively; 50 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

***B. State Teachers Retirement System***

Plan Description – The District contributes to the cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2008, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$48,857, \$46,088, and \$43,590 respectively; 83 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

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**Note 12 – Employee Benefits**

***Compensated Absences***

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Accumulated unused vacation time is paid to classified employees upon termination of employment. Teachers and administrators do not earn vacation time. Teachers, administrators and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Upon retirement, an employee is paid for the accumulated sick days over 30 days annually up to a maximum of 318 accumulated sick days.

**Note 13 – Jointly Governed Organizations**

***A. Ohio Schools Council***

The Ohio Schools Council Association (Council) is a jointly governed organization among ninety-one school districts. The jointly governed organization was formed to purchase quality products and services at the lowest possible cost to the member districts. Each district supports the Council by paying an annual participation fee. The Council's Board consists of nine superintendents of the participating districts whose term rotates every year. The degree of control exercised by any school district is limited to its representation on the Board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting David Cottrell, the Executive Director of the Ohio Schools Council at 6133 Rockside Road, Suite 10, Independence, OH 44131.

The District participates in the Council's electric purchase program, which was implemented during fiscal year 1998. This program allows school districts to purchase electricity at reduced rates, if the school districts will commit to participating for an eight-year period. The participants make monthly payments based on estimated usage. Each June these estimated payments are compared to their actual usage for the year and any necessary adjustments are made.

Energy Acquisition Corp., a non-profit corporation with a self-appointing board, issued \$119,140,000 in debt to purchase eight years of electricity from Cleveland Electric Illuminating (CEI) for the participants. The participating school districts are not obligated in any manner for this debt. If a participating school district terminates its agreement, the district is required to repay the savings to CEI and CEI will refund the remaining prepayment related to that participant to Energy Acquisition Corp.

The District also participates in the Council's prepaid natural gas program, which was implemented during fiscal year 1999. This program allows school districts to purchase natural gas at reduced rates, if the school districts will commit to participating for a twelve-year period. The participants make monthly payments based on estimated usage. Each September these estimated payments are compared to their actual usage for the year and any necessary adjustments are made.

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The City of Hamilton, a municipal corporation and political subdivision duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio, issued \$89,450,000 in debt to purchase twelve years of natural gas from CMS Energy Corporation for the participants. The participating school districts are not obligated in any manner for this debt. If a participating school district terminates its agreement, the district is entitled to recover that amount, if any, of its contributions to the operating fund, which are not encumbered for its share of program administrative costs.

***B. Lake-Geauga Computer Association***

The Lake-Geauga Computer Association (LGCA) is a jointly governed organization among two county consortiums of Ohio school districts. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member districts. Each of the governments of these schools supports LGCA based on a per pupil charge. LGCA is governed by an Assembly consisting of two representatives from each participating school district. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Assembly. Continued existence of the LGCA Computer Center is not dependent on the District's continued participation. During fiscal year 2008, the District contributed \$20,816 to LGCA. Financial information can be obtained from LGCA, 8221 Auburn Road, Painesville, OH 44077.

**Note 14 – Insurance Purchasing Pool**

The District participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), and insurance purchasing pool. The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by a three member Board of Directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect and the Immediate Past President of the OSBA. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the program. Each year the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

**Note 15 – Claims Servicing Pool**

The District participates in the Lake County Council of Governments Health Care Benefits (HCBP) Self Insurance Program, a claims servicing pool comprised of eleven Lake County school districts. Each school district has a representative on the assembly (usually the superintendent or designee). Each member pays an administrative fee to the pool. The plan's business and affairs are conducted by a five-member Board of Directors elected by the HCBP's assembly. The assembly elects officers for one-year terms to serve on the Board of Directors. All participating members retain their risk and are completely responsible for paying their own claims. The HCBP acts solely as the claims servicing agent.

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**Note 16 – Contingencies**

***A. Grants***

The District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure 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 adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2008.

***B. Litigation***

The District is a party to legal proceedings. The District is of the opinion that ultimate disposition of claims will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the District.

**Note 17 – Interfund Transactions**

Interfund balances at June 30, 2008 consisted of the following:

<i>Due to general fund from:</i>	
<i>Adult education fund</i>	\$ 200,000

All balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, or (3) payments between funds are made. As of June 30, 2008, all interfund loans outstanding are anticipated to be repaid in fiscal year 2009.

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the fund collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2008, consisted of the following:

<i>Transfers to nonmajor governmental funds from:</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	\$ 25,000

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**Note 18 – Set-Asides**

The District is required by State statute to annually set aside in the general fund an amount based on a statutory formula for the purchase of textbooks and other instructional materials and an equal amount for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by year end or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at year end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future years. In prior years, the District was also required to set aside money for budget stabilization.

The following cash basis information describes the change in the fiscal year end set aside amounts for textbooks and capital acquisition. Disclosure of this information is required by State statute.

	<i>Textbooks Instructional Materials Reserve</i>	<i>Capital Improvements Reserve</i>
<i>Set-aside reserve balance as of June 30, 2007</i>	\$ (627,355)	\$ -
<i>Current year set-aside requirement</i>	57,834	57,834
<i>Qualifying disbursements</i>	<u>(314,748)</u>	<u>(987,079)</u>
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$ (884,269)</u>	<u>\$ (929,245)</u>
 <i>Set-aside balance as of June 30, 2008 and carried forward to future fiscal years</i>	 <u>\$ (884,269)</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>

Although the District had qualifying disbursements during the fiscal year that reduced the set-aside amount to below zero, only the excess expenditures for the textbook reserve can be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

**Note 19 – Long-Term Obligations**

Changes in long-term obligations of the District during fiscal year 2008 were as follows:

	<i>Outstanding June 30, 2007</i>	<i>Additions</i>	<i>Deductions</i>	<i>Outstanding June 30, 2008</i>	<i>Amounts Due in One Year</i>
<i>Compensated absences</i>	\$ 355,495	\$ 297,083	\$ (129,923)	\$ 522,655	\$ 140,682
<i>Total long-term obligations</i>	<u>\$ 355,495</u>	<u>\$ 297,083</u>	<u>\$ (129,923)</u>	<u>\$ 522,655</u>	<u>\$ 140,682</u>

Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' are paid.

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**Note 20 – New Accounting and Reporting Standards**

In September 2006, the GASB issued Statement No. 48, Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets and Future Revenues. The District has considered the implications of this statement and has determined that it has no impact on the financial statements or note disclosures for the current period

In May 2007, the GASB issued Statement No. 50, Pension Disclosures. The District has determined that the adoption of this statement did not have an impact on the District's financial statements; however, note disclosures related to pension benefits have been modified.

**AUBURN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

<u>Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Pass-Through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>				
Pass through Ohio Department of Education				
Food Distribution - Commodities - See Note 2	10.550	n/a	\$ 3,052	\$ 3,052
Nutrition Cluster				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	51169-05PU-07/08	4,720	4,720
National School Lunch Program	10.555	51169-LLP4-07/08	10,926	10,926
Public School Lunch Special Milk	10.556	51169-LLP4-07/08	89	89
Total Nutrition Cluster			<u>15,735</u>	<u>15,735</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			<b>18,787</b>	<b>18,787</b>
<b>U.S. Department of Education</b>				
Pass through Ohio Department of Education				
Adult Basic Education				
Adult Basic Education - carryover	84.002	51169-ABS1-2007	20,327	6,400
Adult Basic Education - Basic	84.002	51169-ABS1-2008	30,506	33,970
Adult Basic Education - Literacy	84.002	51169-ABSL-2008	17,916	17,916
Total Adult Basic Education			<u>68,749</u>	<u>58,286</u>
Vocational Education Programs				
Vocational Education Program-Secondary	84.048	20A0-2007	90,253	-
Vocational Education Program-Secondary	84.048	51169-20C1-2008	348,121	348,121
Vocational Education Program-Adult	84.048	51169-20C1-2008	58,177	58,177
Vocational Education Program-Adult	84.048	51169-20C2-2007	11,913	-
Total Vocational Education Programs			<u>508,464</u>	<u>406,298</u>
Safe and Drug Free School - Title IV	84.186	51169-DRS1-2008	1,276	1,276
Innovative Education Program Strategies - Title V	84.298	51169-C2S1-2008	1,531	1,531
Reducing Class Size - Title II-A	84.367	51169-TRS1-2008	2,880	2,880
<b>Direct Program:</b>				
Rural School Achievement Program	84.358A	n/a	<u>39,483</u>	<u>39,483</u>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			<b><u>622,383</u></b>	<b><u>509,754</u></b>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES</b>			<b><u>\$ 641,170</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 528,541</u></b>

See Notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures

**AUBURN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

**1. Significant Accounting Policies**

The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures is a summary of the activity of the District's federal award programs. The schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting. Consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned and certain expenditures are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.

**2. Food Distribution**

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule at fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed. Monies are commingled with State grants. It is assumed federal monies are expended first. At June 30, 2008, the District had immaterial food commodities in inventory recorded in the Food Service Fund.

**3. CFDA – Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance**

**4. N/A – Not Applicable**



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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON  
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Auburn Vocational School District  
Lake County  
8140 Auburn Road  
Concord Township, OH 44077

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Auburn Vocational School District, Lake County (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 27, 2009. 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.

Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with accounting practices generally accepted in the United States of America such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the District's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

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, grant agreements and other matters, 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 noted certain matters that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated February 27, 2009.

This report is intended for the information and use of management, the Board of Education, the audit committee, 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.



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February 27, 2009

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

Auburn Vocational School District  
Lake County  
8140 Auburn Road  
Concord Township, OH 44077

To The Board of Education:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Auburn Vocational School District, Lake County (District) with the types of compliance requirements described in *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2008. The summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the District's major federal program. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with 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 States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major 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, the Auburn Vocational School District, Lake County, Ohio complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that apply to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2008.

**Internal Control Over Compliance**

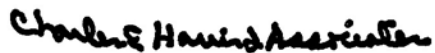
The management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over 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, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the District's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the District's internal control will not prevent or detect more-than-inconsequential noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that the District's internal control will not prevent or detect material noncompliance with a federal program's compliance requirements.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended for the information and use of management, the Board of Education, the audit committee, 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.



**Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.**

February 27, 2009

**AUBURN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Lake County**

**June 30, 2008**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

**OMB CIRCULAR A-133 SECTION .505**

<b>1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS</b>
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(d)(1)(i)	<i>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</i>	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	<i>Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
(d)(1)(ii)	<i>Were there any other significant deficiencies reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
(d)(1)(iii)	<i>Was there any reported material non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
(d)(1)(iv)	<i>Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
(d)(1)(iv)	<i>Were there any other significant deficiencies reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
(d)(1)(v)	<i>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</i>	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	<i>Are there any reportable findings under Section .510</i>	No
(d)(1)(vii)	<i>Major Programs:</i>	Vocational Education (CFDA # 84.048)
(d)(1)(viii)	<i>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</i>	Type A: > \$300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	<i>Low Risk Auditee?</i>	Yes

<b>2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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None

<b>3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS</b>
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None

**AUBURN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LAKE COUNTY**

**Schedule of Prior Audit Findings  
June 30, 2008**

The prior audit report, for the year ending June 30, 2007, reported no material citations or recommendations.



**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

**AUBURN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**LAKE 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.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

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MAY 7, 2009**