FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Governing Board Northwest Ohio Educational Council Self-Insurance Pool Program 716 Askin Street Maumee, Ohio 43537

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of the Northwest Ohio Educational Council Self-Insurance Pool Program, Lucas County, prepared by Weber O'Brien Ltd., 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 Northwest Ohio Educational Council Self-Insurance Pool Program is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

May 20, 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Governing Board Northwest Ohio Educational Council Self-Insurance Pool Program 2345 Detroit Avenue Maumee, Ohio 43537

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, and statement of cash flows of Northwest Ohio Educational Council Self-Insurance Pool Program ("the SIPP"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the SIPP's basic financial statements. These financial statements are the responsibility of the SIPP'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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the SIPP's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, 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 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Northwest Ohio Educational Council Self-Insurance Pool Program as of June 30, 2008, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 9, 2009, on our consideration of Northwest Ohio Educational Council Self-Insurance Pool Program's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information on pages 3 through 5 and page 13, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of 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.

Weber OBrin Ltd

April 9, 2009

Management Discussion and Analysis For the year ended June 30, 2008

Unaudited

The discussion and analysis of Northwest Ohio Educational SIPP Self-Insurance Pool Program (the SIPP) financial performance provides an overall view of the SIPP's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the SIPP's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the SIPP's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

The SIPP was established under the authority of the Ohio Revised Code §2744.081, which authorizes certain entities to join together in establishing and maintaining a joint self-insurance pool. The SIPP is a separate legal entity pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §2744.081.

The parties have concluded that it is financially and administratively beneficial to form and maintain a joint selfinsurance program and hereby organize this SIPP as an unincorporated non-profit association of members and an instrument solely to enable members of the SIPP to provide for a jointly administered program of self insurance. The intent of the SIPP is to establish similar or uniform insurance coverage and to utilize the SIPP to achieve reduced costs of administration by providing similar services to all of the members, who are various school districts in Northwest Ohio.

The SIPP maintains a self-insurance fund and obtains automobile, casualty, property, employer liability, general liability, risk management, professional liability, group coverage and any protections for the members, as decided by the "Governing Board", pursuant to an agreement. The SIPP administers, investigates, adjusts, and processes casualty, liability and other claims against members but not of itself offer, provide or guarantee coverage. This SIPP also carries out such claim, accident or premium reduction and educational programs as may be authorized by its Governing Board as defined in Article V, Section 5.1, or mandated by its risk manager, as provided in the Ohio Revised Code §2744.081(E)(2).

Total Assets were \$838,734 Total Liabilities were \$654,522. Total Net Assets were \$184,212. Total Change in Net Assets was \$68,192. Total Revenue was \$1,262,500. Total Expenses were \$1,194,308.

Using this Annual Financial Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the SIPP as a financial whole, an entire operating entity.

The *Statement of Net Assets* and *Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets* provide information about the activities of the whole SIPP, presenting an aggregate view of the SIPP's finances. In case of the SIPP, there is only one fund presented.

Reporting the SIPP as a Whole

Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets

The view of the SIPP as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2008?" The *Statement of Net Assets* and *Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets* answer 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. This basis of accounting considers all of the

Management Discussion and Analysis For the year ended June 30, 2008

Unaudited

current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the SIPP's *net assets* and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader that, for the SIPP as a whole, the *financial position* of the SIPP has improved or diminished. The causes of this may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not.

The SIPP as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Assets provides the perspective of the SIPP as a whole.

Table 1 provides a summary of the SIPP's net assets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. A comparison is made to the eleven month period ending June 30, 2007, as the SIPP changed its fiscal year end in 2007 from July to June.

Table 1			
Statement of Net A	Asset	S	
Assets:		2008	2007
Current Assets	\$	838,734	\$ 656,828
Total Assets		838,734	656,828
Liabilities:			
Current Liabilities		654,522	540,808
Total Liabilities		654,522	 540,808
Net Assets:	•		
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$	184,212	\$ 116,020

The SIPP's net assets increased by \$68,192. This is an increase from the \$5,827 increase in net assets experienced in the eleven month period ended June 30, 2007, and is attributed to lower premium costs offset by increased losses and loss adjustments expense and lower contributions from members revenue.

Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, compared to the eleven month period ended June 30, 2007.

Table 2								
Statement of Revenue,	Expenses,	and Changes i	n Net Assets					

	2008	2007			
Revenue:					
Contributions from Members	\$ 1,236,531	\$ 1,261,618			
Interest Income	25,969	39,028			
Total Revenue	1,262,500	1,300,646			
Expenses:					
Premiums	655,604	828,872			
Losses and Loss Adjustments	421,063	370,048			
Professional Fees	80,379	68,126			
Administrative Charges	37,262	27,773			
Total Expenses	1,194,308	1,294,819			
Change in Net Assets	\$ 68,192	\$ 5,827			

NORTHWEST OHIO EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL SELF-INSURANCE POOL PROGRAM Management Discussion and Analysis

For the year ended June 30, 2008

Unaudited

The dependence upon school district contributions for operating activities is apparent. SIPP's contributions are presently 97.9 percent of total revenue.

Contacting the SIPP's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizen's, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the SIPP's finances and to show the SIPP's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information contact Paul Brotzki, Treasurer of Maumee City Schools, 716 Askin St., Maumee, Ohio 43537 or e-mail at ma peb@nwoca.org.

Northwest Ohio Educational Council Self Insurance Pool Program

Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2008

Assets:

Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash Held in Escrow Total Current Assets	\$	813,734 25,000 838,734
Total Assets		838,734
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable		15,600
Losses and Loss Adjustments Reserve		638,922
Total Current Liabilities	£	654,522
Total Liabilities		654,522
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted Net Assets		184,212
Total Net Assets	\$	184,212

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Northwest Ohio Educational Council Self-Insurance Pool Program

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

Operating Revenues:

Contributions from Members	\$ 1,236,531
Total Operating Revenues	1,236,531
Operating Expenses:	
Premiums	655,604
Professional Fees	80,379
Losses and Loss Adjustments	421,063
Administrative Fees	37,262
Total Operating Expenses	1,194,308
Operating Income	42,223
Non-Operating Revenue:	
Interest Income	25,969
Total Non-Operating Revenue	25,969
Change in Net Assets	68,192
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	116,020
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 184,212

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Northwest Ohio Educational Council Self-Insurance Pool Program

Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Cash Received from Contributions from Members	\$	1,236,531
Cash Paid for Premiums		(655,604)
Cash Paid for Professional Fees		(80,379)
Cash Paid for Claims		(311,159)
Cash Paid for Administrative Fees		(33,452)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	1	155,937
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Cash Received from Interest on Cash Equivalents		25,969
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		25,969
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		181,906
Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year		656,828
Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year	\$	838,734
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
Operating Income	\$	42,223
Adjustments:		
Increase in Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable		3,810
Losses and Loss Adjustment Reserve		109,904
Total Adjustments		113,714
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$	155,937

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTE 1 -- DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION AND REPORTING ENTITY

The following descriptions provide only general information. Reference should be made to the Pool agreement for a more complete description.

The Northwest Ohio Educational Council (Council) is a regional council of governments established pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code, consisting of various school districts in Northwest Ohio. The Council primary purpose is to formulate, develop, and administer, on behalf of member school districts, programs to obtain lower costs.

The Northwest Ohio Educational Council Self-Insurance Program (the SIPP) was established on January 1, 2004 and is an unincorporated nonprofit corporation established to provided property and casualty risk management services and risk sharing to its members. The SIPP was established as a local government risk pool pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2744.08 and is not subject to federal tax filing requirements. It is a shared risk pool as defined by Government Accounting Standards Board No. 10 and 30.

The SIPP's intent is to establish similar or uniform insurance coverage and to utilize this program to achieve reduced costs of administration by providing similar services to all of the members. The SIPP is to obtain casualty, property, employer liability, general liability, risk management, professional liability, group coverage and any other protections for the members.

The SIPP operates under the direction of a five to nine member Governing Board. The Governing Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of contracts on behalf of the SIPP, including but not limited to a contract with an Administrator as authorized by the Ohio Revised Code 2744.081 (A) 2. The Governing Board may establish and publish rules to be followed by the Administrator, marketing agent, other agents or committees in the conduct of its affairs. The Governing Board serves without compensation.

School districts joining the SIPP must agree to participate for a period of one fiscal year and sign an annual agreement not to withdraw until the beginning of the next fiscal year. A member, after that date, may terminate its participation in the program through its representative and a certified resolution of the representative's governing authority. The resolution must be presented before June 15 in the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year in which the member will withdraw.

The SIPP consists of the following member school districts:

Ayersville Local School District Evergreen Local School District Genoa Local School District Holgate Local School District Lake Local School District Lucas County Educational Service Center Maumee City School District Millcreek-West Unity Local School District Oregon City School District Paulding Exempted Village School District Pike-Delta-York Local Board of Education Springfield Local School District Sylvania City School District Vanlue Local School District

The SIPP has an agreement with Marsh USA, Inc. to provide overall administration services for the program. The SIPP agreement states the Treasurer shall serve as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the SIPP and the fiscal year is July 1^{st} to June 30^{th} .

The SIPP provides insurance coverage for the member school districts on a claims-made basis. The SIPP maintains annual insurance coverage through various carriers that limits aggregate claims. In the event the insurance carrier would be unable to pay their portion of losses, the participants of the SIPP would be liable. The pool reflects no unearned premium reserves as the coverage period are the same as the reported period. The following relate to specific insurance coverage provided for the member school districts:

Coverage	Limit	Deductible
Property	\$151,000,000 (subject to schedule limits)	\$1,000
Boiler and Machinery	\$50,000,000	\$2,500
Auto Liability/Physical Damage	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence	\$1,000 (Physical)
Per Person Medical	\$5,000	
Uninsured and Underinsured	\$1,000,000	
General Liability	\$1,000,000/\$3,000,000	Nil
Educator's Legal Liability	\$1,000,000 Aggregate/Each Occurrence	\$5,000
Umbrella Coverage	\$10,000,000 Aggregate/Each Occurrence	Nil
Sexual Abuse	\$1,000,000 Aggregate/Each Occurrence	Nil
Employment Practices Liability	\$5,000,000 Aggregate/Each Occurrence	Nil

Contributions to the SIPP are made by the member districts and are determined by the administrator based on general and specific allocations of costs incurred. All contributions rates are subject to the governing board approval.

The SIPP uses excess insurance agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses on all types of insured events. Excess insurance permits recovery of a portion of losses of insured events. Excess insurance permits recovery of a portion of losses from reinsurers, although it does not discharge primary liability of the SIPP as direct insurer of the risks reinsured. The SIPP does not report reinsured risks as liabilities unless it is probable that those risks will not be covered by excess insurance. The SIPP has a per occurrence retention of \$250,000 for all events incurred July 1, 2007 and subsequent; the SIPP has a per occurrence retention of \$100,000 for insured events prior to July 1, 2007.

Reporting Entity A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, and other organizations that are included to insure that the financials are not misleading. The primary government of the SIPP consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the SIPP. For the SIPP, this includes business, administration, and fiscal services.

NOTE 2 -- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the SIPP have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to a governmental nonprofit organization. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The SIPP uses GASB statements 10, 29, 30, 34, 40 and GASB Interpretation No. 4. The SIPP also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its proprietary fund provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The SIPP has elected not to apply FASB statements and interpretations issued after November 30, 1989. GASB pronouncements are applied after this date.

B. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

C. Member and Supplemental Contributions

Member contributions are calculated annually to produce a sum of money within the self-insurance pool adequate to fund administrative expenses and to establish adequate reserves for claims and unallocated loss adjustment expenses.

Under the terms of membership, should annual member contributions not be sufficient to fund ultimate losses, establish adequate reserves and cover administrative expenses, the Governing Board can require supplementary contributions. Supplementary contributions can be assessed during the entire life of the SIPP and any later period when claims or expenses need to be paid which are attributable to any membership year during the event or claim occurred.

D. Cash and Investments

All monies received by the SIPP are accounted for by the SIPP's treasurer. All cash received by the treasurer is maintained in separate accounts in the SIPP's name. Monies for the SIPP are maintained in these accounts or temporarily used to purchase short-term investments.

All investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the SIPP are considered to be cash equivalents for the Statement of Cash Flows. The SIPP has no investments at this time.

E. Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets primarily consist of costs associated with the processing of claims payments and the purchase of loss control services.

F. Loss and Loss Adjustments Reserve

The liabilities for losses and loss adjustment expenses are based on information reported by members and are calculated by the SIPP's actuary. These amounts represent an estimate of reported claims, plus a provision for claims incurred and not reported. The liability is based on the estimated ultimate cost of settling the claims, including the effects of inflation and other factors. The SIPP's management believes that the liability is reasonable in the circumstances; however, actual incurred losses may not conform to the assumptions inherent in the determination of the liability. Accordingly, the ultimate settlement of losses may vary materially from the estimated amounts disclosed. Should the provision for liability not be sufficient, supplemental contributions, as discussed above, will be assessed.

G. Net Assets Surplus (Deficiency)

A net asset deficiency is an estimate of the additional funds needed to meet the indicated reserves requirement for claims pending, claims incurred but not reported, and claims adjustment expenses. Conversely, a net asset surplus is the amount the cash reserve exceeds the reserve requirement. The estimated reserve determined by an actuarial study performed as of June 30, 2008 was \$638,922. The SIPP's cash reserve for claims was \$838,734 at June 30, 2008 making for a Loss Reserve Surplus which is shown as Net Assets. Management believes that the cash reserve for unpaid losses is adequate for current needs, and will study their subsequent actuary reports to determine if supplementary payments to increase the cash reserves are necessary.

H. 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.

NOTE 3 -- DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2008, the carrying amount of the SIPP's deposits was \$838,734. The SIPP maintains its deposits in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limits. Such excess uninsured amounts, which aggregated \$713,734 at June 30, 2008, are uncollateralized and in the event of bank failure may not be returned.

The investments of the SIPP are not regulated by the Ohio Revised Code due to its status as a nonprofit organization. The Governing Board has not formally adopted deposit and investment policies that limit the SIPP's allowable deposits or investments and or to address the specific types of risks related to investments. Presently, the SIPP has no investments.

NOTE 4 - FISCAL AGENT

The SIPP agreement states the Board shall elect a Fiscal Agent/Treasurer. The Fiscal Agent/Treasurer does not have to be a Board Member and shall serve a term of three (3) years and the number of terms may be unlimited.

The Treasurer shall perform all of the following functions while serving as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the SIPP:

- Carry out the fiscal and financial business of the SIPP as directed by the Board to perform all duties incident to the title of Treasurer as the Board designates;
- Assist the Board and the Administrator in preparing a proposed annual administrative budget;
- Shall provide regular reports as to the fiscal condition of the SIPP;
- Shall have custody of and be responsible for the SIPP fund and shall give and receive all receipts of money due and payable to the SIPP from any source whatsoever, deposit all money in the name of the SIPP, and invest and disburse funds as directed by the Board.

NOTE 5 – LOSSES AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSES RESERVE

The SIPP obtained an actuarial report that reflects an estimate of loss and allocated loss adjustment expense reserves which include a liability for Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) claims of this plan. The report is based upon an analysis of historic claims data and generally accepted actuarial principles.

		Year Ended June 30, 2008	Period Ending June 30, 2007		
Unpaid claims, beginning of fiscal period		\$ 529,018	\$ 576,151		
Current year estimated liability and change to prior years estimates		421,063	370,049		
Claims paid in the current year for current and prior periods: Current Fiscal Period Prior Fiscal Periods	io	(92,556) (218,603)	(53,779) _(363,403)		
Total unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses at end of fiscal period		\$ <u>638,922</u>	\$529,018		

NORTHWEST OHIO EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL SELF-INSURANCE POOL PROGRAM REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Loss Development Information

	Fiscal and Accident Year											
	Per	riod 1/1/04				Period 8/1/06						
	Т	o 7/31/04		,	7/31/2005		1	7/31/2006	То	6/30/07	(5/30/2008
Premiums and Investment Revenue			-			-					-	
Earned	\$	784,553		\$	1,588,483		\$	1,534,635	\$	1,300,646	\$	1,262,500
Ceded		-			-			-		-		-
Net Earned		784,553			1,588,483			1,534,635		1,300,646		1,262,500
Urallocated Expenses	\$	571,535		\$	1,172,794		\$	1,030,342	\$	924,771	\$	773,245
Estimated Losses and Expenses, end of												
accident year												
Incurred	\$	195,129		\$	390,456		\$	441,796	\$	391,652	\$	461,173
Ceded		-			-			-		-		-
Net Incurred		195,129			390,456			441,796		391,652		461,173
Net paid cumulative as of:												
End of Accident Year:	\$	110,906		\$	54,961		\$	173,405	\$	57,101	\$	92,556
One year later	\$	166,751		\$	208,150		\$	434,182	\$	193,030		
Two years later	\$	194,322		\$	307,454		\$	362,672				
Three years later	\$	194,322		\$	322,946							
Four years later	\$	193,421										
Reestimated ceded losses and expenses	\$	-		\$	646,000		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Reestimated net incurred losses and expenses:												
End of Accident Year:	\$	183,299	*	\$	130,287	*	\$	441,796	\$	391,652	\$	461,173
One year later	\$	189,892	*	\$	390,456		\$	441,796	\$	353,841		
Two years later	\$	195,129	*	\$	390,456		\$	441,796				
Three years later	\$	195,129		\$	351,608							
Four years later	\$	195,129										
Increase (decrease) in estimated net												
incurred losses and expenses from end of												é
accident year	\$	11,830		\$	221,321		\$	-	\$	(37,811)	\$	-

*No incurred claims and not reported (IBNR) because first actuarially report was as July 31, 2006



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Governing Board Northwest Ohio Educational Council Self-Insurance Pool Program 2345 Detroit Avenue Maumee, Ohio 43537

We have audited the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents, of the Northwest Ohio Educational Council Self-Insurance Pool Program ("the SIPP"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the SIPP's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 9, 2009. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the SIPP's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the SIPP's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the SIPP's internal control over financial 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 SIPP's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the SIPP's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the SIPP'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 SIPP's internal control.

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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 SIPP's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the SIPP's Governing Board, management, and member governments and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Weber OBin Ltd

April 9, 2009





LUCAS 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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

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