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Harrison County, Ohio

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Conotton Valley Union Local School District, Harrison County, prepared by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, 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 Conotton Valley Union Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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March 16, 2010

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Independent Auditor's Report

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

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

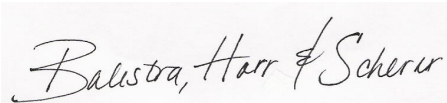
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the School District, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General 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 December 23, 2009 on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and 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 the 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.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

As described in Note 3, the School District has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 50, *Pension Disclosures – an amendment of GASB statement No. 25 and No. 27*, GASB Statement No. 48, *Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets and Future revenues* and GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*.



Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.

December 23, 2009

**CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HARRISON COUNTY, OHIO**

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008
(UNAUDITED)

The discussion and analysis of the Conotton Valley Union Local 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 discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial 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 of governmental activities increased \$16,360, which represents a 0.80% increase from 2007.
- General revenues accounted for \$4,868,075 in revenue or 81.15% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$1,131,136 or 18.85% of total revenues of \$5,999,211.
- The District had \$5,982,851 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$1,131,136 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$4,868,075 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's only major governmental fund is the general fund. The general fund had \$5,277,794 in revenues and \$5,217,154 in expenditures and other financing uses. During fiscal year 2008, the general fund's fund balance increased \$60,640 from \$1,336,044 to \$1,396,684.

Using these Basic Financial Statements

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 District as a financial whole, an entire 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 view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell 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 nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the District, the general fund is by far the most significant fund, and the only governmental fund reported as a major fund.

Reporting the District as a Whole

Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the District to provide programs and activities, the view of the District 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 the statement of activities answer this question. These statements include *all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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These two statements report the District's *net assets* and changes in those 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 property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs and other factors.

In the statement of net assets and the statement of activities, the governmental activities include the District's programs and services, including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, extracurricular activities, and food service operations.

The District's statement of net assets and statement of activities can be found on pages 13-14 of this report.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the District's major governmental fund begins on page 9. 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 only major governmental fund is the general fund.

Governmental Funds

Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end 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* than can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund financial 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 basic financial statements. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 15-19 of this report.

Reporting the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its scholarship programs. This activity is presented as a private-purpose trust fund. The District also acts in a trustee capacity as an agent for individuals or other entities. These activities are reported in agency funds. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in separate statements of fiduciary net assets and changes in fiduciary net assets on pages 20 and 21. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the District to finance its operations.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 22-45 of this report.

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The District as a Whole

Recall that the statement of net assets provides the perspective of the District as a whole.

The table below provides a summary of the District's net assets for 2008 and 2007.

	Net Assets	
	Governmental Activities 2008	Governmental Activities 2007
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 4,160,364	\$ 4,216,283
Capital assets, net	514,081	627,278
Total assets	4,674,445	4,843,561
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities	2,308,692	2,514,524
Long-term liabilities	292,574	272,218
Total liabilities	2,601,266	2,786,742
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	469,563	570,135
Restricted	528,002	435,055
Unrestricted	1,075,614	1,051,629
Total net assets	\$ 2,073,179	\$ 2,056,819

Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2008, the District's assets exceeded liabilities by \$2,073,179. Of this total, \$1,075,614 is unrestricted in use.

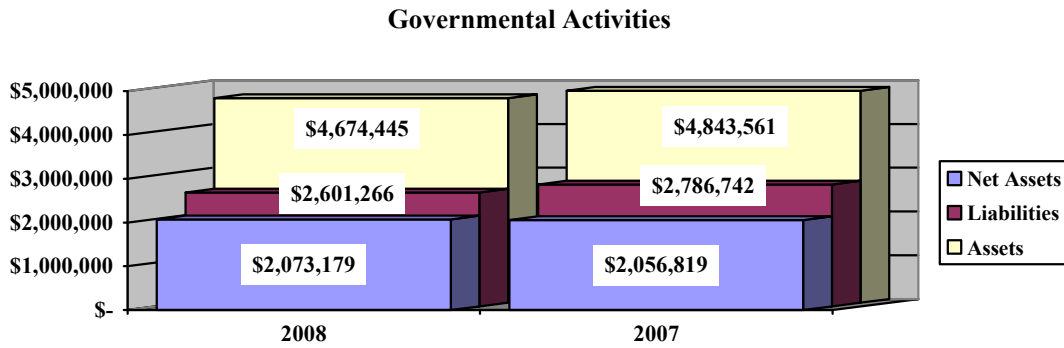
At year-end, capital assets represented 11.00% of total assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. Capital assets, net of related debt to acquire the assets at June 30, 2008, were \$469,563. These capital assets are used to provide services to the students and are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A portion of the District's net assets, \$528,002, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets of \$1,075,614 may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to the students and creditors.

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The graph below illustrates the governmental activities assets, liabilities and net assets at June 30, 2008 and 2007:



The table below shows the change in net assets for fiscal year 2008 and 2007.

	<u>Change in Net Assets</u>	
	<u>Governmental Activities 2008</u>	<u>Governmental Activities 2007</u>
<u>Revenues</u>		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 385,703	\$ 281,816
Operating grants and contributions	741,794	733,234
Capital grants and contributions	3,639	5,495
General revenues:		
Property taxes	2,247,145	1,963,404
Grants and entitlements	2,508,732	2,477,093
Investment earnings	85,107	109,898
Other	<u>27,091</u>	<u>3,748</u>
Total revenues	<u>5,999,211</u>	<u>5,574,688</u>

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Change in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities <u>2008</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2007</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program expenses:		
Instruction:		
Regular	\$ 2,505,252	\$ 2,451,215
Special	595,559	546,607
Vocational	71,420	60,278
Other	45,263	30,335
Support services:		
Pupil	243,472	223,357
Instructional staff	311,464	256,637
Board of education	12,816	26,685
Administration	546,692	471,732
Fiscal	228,900	159,189
Operations and maintenance	490,526	439,220
Pupil transportation	493,040	451,674
Central	26,607	26,086
Operation of non-instructional services:		
Food service operations	269,112	249,759
Extracurricular activities	138,613	135,094
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>4,115</u>	<u>5,083</u>
Total expenses	<u>5,982,851</u>	<u>5,532,951</u>
Change in net assets	16,360	41,737
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>2,056,819</u>	<u>2,015,082</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 2,073,179</u>	<u>\$ 2,056,819</u>

Governmental Activities

Net assets of the District's governmental activities increased \$16,360. Total governmental expenses of \$5,982,851 were offset by program revenues of \$1,131,136 and general revenues of \$4,868,075. Program revenues supported 18.91% of the total governmental expenses.

The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from property taxes, and grants and entitlements. These revenue sources represent 79.28% of total governmental revenue.

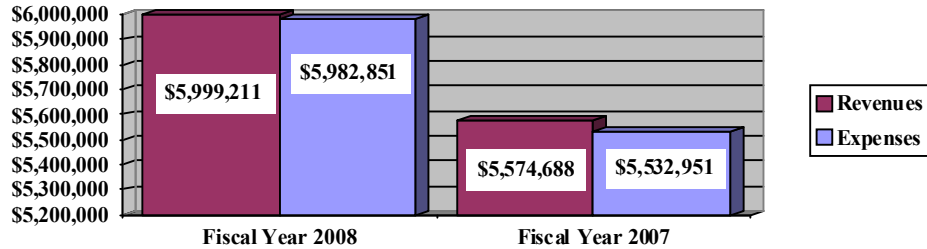
The largest expense of the District is for instructional programs. Instruction expenses totaled \$3,217,494 or 53.78% of total governmental expenses for fiscal year 2008.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue and expenses for fiscal year 2008 and 2007.

Governmental Activities - Revenues and Expenses



The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State grants and entitlements.

Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services <u>2008</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2008</u>	Total Cost of Services <u>2007</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2007</u>
Program expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 2,505,252	\$ 2,143,681	\$ 2,451,215	\$ 2,206,437
Special	595,559	167,921	546,607	116,721
Vocational	71,420	70,299	60,278	59,166
Other	45,263	45,263	30,335	22,098
Support services:				
Pupil	243,472	239,271	223,357	223,357
Instructional staff	311,464	284,029	256,637	222,982
Board of education	12,816	12,816	26,685	26,685
Administration	546,692	524,599	471,732	451,994
Fiscal	228,900	223,900	159,189	154,189
Operations and maintenance	490,526	490,526	439,220	439,220
Pupil transportation	493,040	489,401	451,674	446,179
Central	26,607	17,607	26,086	17,086
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	269,112	57,676	249,759	45,638
Extracurricular activities	138,613	80,611	135,094	75,571
Interest and fiscal charges	4,115	4,115	5,083	5,083
Total expenses	<u>\$ 5,982,851</u>	<u>\$ 4,851,715</u>	<u>\$ 5,532,951</u>	<u>\$ 4,512,406</u>

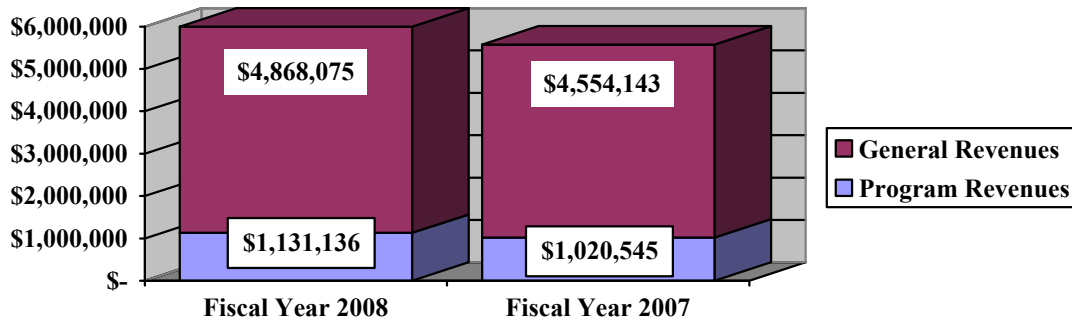
The dependence upon tax and other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, 75.44% of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 81.09%. The District's taxpayers and grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs, as a whole, are by far the primary support for District's students.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue for fiscal year 2008 and 2007.

Governmental Activities - General and Program Revenues



The District's Funds

The District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$1,733,761, which is higher than last year's total of \$1,585,986. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2008 and 2007.

	<u>Fund Balance June 30, 2008</u>	<u>Fund Balance June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
General	\$ 1,396,684	\$ 1,336,044	\$ 60,640	4.54 %
Other Governmental	<u>337,077</u>	<u>249,942</u>	<u>87,135</u>	34.86 %
Total	<u>\$ 1,733,761</u>	<u>\$ 1,585,986</u>	<u>\$ 147,775</u>	9.32 %

An analysis of the general fund revenues and expenditures is provided in the section below. The increase in the fund balances of the other governmental funds is primarily due to an \$87,000 increase in the fund balance of the capital projects fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The increase in the capital projects fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) is the result of a transfer in of \$87,000.

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General Fund

The District's general fund balance increased \$60,640.

The table that follows assists in illustrating the financial activities and fund balance of the general fund.

	<u>2008</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2007</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Taxes	\$ 2,203,329	\$ 1,885,035	\$ 318,294	16.89 %
Earnings on investments	85,107	109,898	(24,791)	(22.56) %
Intergovernmental	2,661,851	2,653,269	8,582	0.32 %
Tuition	306,843	194,850	111,993	57.48 %
Other revenues	<u>20,664</u>	<u>3,748</u>	<u>16,916</u>	451.33 %
Total	<u>\$ 5,277,794</u>	<u>\$ 4,846,800</u>	<u>\$ 430,994</u>	8.89 %
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Instruction	\$ 2,857,645	\$ 2,776,214	\$ 81,431	2.93 %
Support services	2,117,619	1,877,696	239,923	12.78 %
Extracurricular activities	83,150	80,320	2,830	3.52 %
Debt service	<u>16,740</u>	<u>16,740</u>	<u>-</u>	- %
Total	<u>\$ 5,075,154</u>	<u>\$ 4,750,970</u>	<u>\$ 324,184</u>	6.82 %

Revenues of the general fund increased \$430,994 or 8.89%. Tax revenue increased \$318,294. This increase is due mainly to more taxes being available for advance by the County at year end. The decrease of \$24,791 in earnings on investments is the result of decreased interest rates earned on investments. Tuition increased \$111,993 due to an increase in open enrollment from prior years.

Expenditures of the general fund increased \$324,184 or 6.82%. Support services increased \$239,923 or 12.78%. This increase is due to an increase in administration and fiscal expenditures during fiscal year 2008.

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 budgeted fund is the general fund.

During the course of fiscal year 2008, the District did not amend its general fund budget. For the general fund, original budgeted revenues were \$4,791,000, which stayed the same for final budgeted revenues. Actual revenues and other financing sources for fiscal year 2008 was \$5,018,501. This represents a \$227,501 increase over original budgeted revenues.

General fund original appropriations (appropriated expenditures plus other financing uses) of \$5,598,948 stayed the same in the final budget. The actual budget basis expenditures and other financing uses for fiscal year 2008 totaled \$5,206,290, which was \$392,658 less than the original budget appropriations.

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Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2008, the District had \$514,081 invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. This entire amount is reported in governmental activities.

The following table shows fiscal year 2008 balances compared to 2007:

**Capital Assets at June 30
(Net of Depreciation)**

	Governmental Activities	
	2008	2007
Land	\$ 75,820	\$ 75,820
Land improvements	14,664	12,136
Building and improvements	145,630	151,311
Furniture and equipment	100,098	118,008
Vehicles	177,869	270,003
 Total	 \$ 514,081	 \$ 627,278

The overall decrease in capital assets of \$113,197 is due to depreciation expense of \$128,829 exceeding capital outlays of \$15,632.

See Note 8 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's capital assets.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2008, the District had a capital lease obligation in the amount of \$44,518. Of this amount \$13,673 was due within one year and \$30,845 was due in more than one year.

At June 30, 2008, the District's overall legal debt margin was \$5,914,175, and an unvoted debt margin of \$65,713.

See Note 10 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's debt administration.

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Current Financial Related Activities

Overall, the District is fiscally sound. The District relies heavily upon grants, property taxes and the state foundation program. Our property tax revenue collection is expected to be stagnant in fiscal year 2008 due to the poor economy and flat historical collections. This tax revenue, along with the District's cash balance, will provide the District with the necessary funds to meet its operating expenses in fiscal year 2008. However, the future financial stability of the District is not without challenges.

The first challenge is the unknown nature of state foundation revenues due to the increase in local assessed valuation. The District has a sufficient cash balance to meet current operating expenses. The District has lowered planned purchased services and capital outlay expenditures.

The last challenge facing the District is the future of state funding. The State of Ohio was found by the Ohio Supreme Court in March 1997 to be operating an unconstitutional educational system, one that was neither "adequate" nor "equitable." On May 16, 2003, the Ohio Supreme Court emphatically clarified that jurisdiction of the DeRolph case had ended.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors 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 questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Ms. Debra Henry, Treasurer, Conotton Valley Union Local School District, 21 Mound Street, P.O. Box 187, Sherrodsville, Ohio 44675.

BASIC
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2008

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents.	\$ 1,971,211
Receivables:	
Taxes	2,115,639
Intergovernmental	52,134
Prepayments	18,866
Materials and supplies inventory	2,514
Capital assets:	
Land	75,820
Depreciable capital assets, net	438,261
Capital assets, net	514,081
 Total assets.	 4,674,445
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable.	1,573
Accrued wages and benefits	459,768
Pension obligation payable.	98,806
Intergovernmental payable	25,352
Unearned revenue	1,723,193
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year.	33,682
Due in more than one year	258,892
 Total liabilities	 2,601,266
Net Assets:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt.	469,563
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	345,954
State funded programs.	1,152
Federally funded programs	16,484
Student activities	12,713
Other purposes	151,699
Unrestricted.	1,075,614
 Total net assets	 \$ 2,073,179

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
					Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$ 2,505,252	\$ 305,910	\$ 55,661	\$ -	\$ (2,143,681)
Special	595,559	933	426,705	-	(167,921)
Vocational	71,420	-	1,121	-	(70,299)
Other	45,263	-	-	-	(45,263)
Support services:					
Pupil	243,472	-	4,201	-	(239,271)
Instructional staff	311,464	-	27,435	-	(284,029)
Board of education	12,816	-	-	-	(12,816)
Administration	546,692	-	22,093	-	(524,599)
Fiscal	228,900	-	5,000	-	(223,900)
Operations and maintenance	490,526	-	-	-	(490,526)
Pupil transportation	493,040	-	-	3,639	(489,401)
Central	26,607	-	9,000	-	(17,607)
Operation of non-instructional services:					
Food service operations	269,112	78,860	132,576	-	(57,676)
Extracurricular activities	138,613	-	58,002	-	(80,611)
Interest and fiscal charges	4,115	-	-	-	(4,115)
Total governmental activities	\$ 5,982,851	\$ 385,703	\$ 741,794	\$ 3,639	(4,851,715)

General Revenues:

Property taxes levied for:	
General purposes	2,186,372
Capital projects	60,773
Grants and entitlements not restricted	
to specific programs	2,508,732
Investment earnings	85,107
Miscellaneous	27,091
Total general revenues	4,868,075
Change in net assets	16,360
Net assets at beginning of year	2,056,819
Net assets at end of year	\$ 2,073,179

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HARRISON COUNTY, OHIO**

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,443,668	\$ 375,844	\$ 1,819,512
Receivables:			
Taxes.	2,055,541	60,098	2,115,639
Intergovernmental	21,011	31,123	52,134
Interfund loans.	7,095	-	7,095
Prepayments.	18,866	-	18,866
Materials and supplies inventory	-	2,514	2,514
Restricted assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	151,699	-	151,699
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,697,880</u>	<u>\$ 469,579</u>	<u>\$ 4,167,459</u>
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,413	\$ 160	\$ 1,573
Accrued wages and benefits	412,306	47,462	459,768
Compensated absences payable	9,782	-	9,782
Pension obligation payable.	91,632	7,174	98,806
Intergovernmental payable.	22,637	2,715	25,352
Interfund loans.	-	7,095	7,095
Deferred revenue.	89,547	18,582	108,129
Unearned revenue	1,673,879	49,314	1,723,193
Total liabilities	<u>2,301,196</u>	<u>132,502</u>	<u>2,433,698</u>
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for encumbrances	41,975	73,688	115,663
Reserved for materials and supplies inventory.	-	2,514	2,514
Reserved for prepayments	18,866	-	18,866
Reserved for property tax unavailable for appropriation	304,121	8,686	312,807
Reserved for capital acquisition	11,829	-	11,829
Reserved for textbooks	139,870	-	139,870
Unreserved, undesignated (deficit) reported in:			
General fund	880,023	-	880,023
Special revenue funds.	-	(9,377)	(9,377)
Capital projects funds.	-	261,566	261,566
Total fund balances	<u>1,396,684</u>	<u>337,077</u>	<u>1,733,761</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,697,880</u>	<u>\$ 469,579</u>	<u>\$ 4,167,459</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HARRISON COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2008

Total governmental fund balances		\$ 1,733,761
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities on the statement of net assets are different because:</i>		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		514,081
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.		
Taxes	\$ 79,639	
Intergovernmental revenue	28,490	
Total		108,129
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Compensated absences	(238,274)	
Capital lease obligation	(44,518)	
Total		(282,792)
Net assets of governmental activities		<u>\$ 2,073,179</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HARRISON COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:			
From local sources:			
Taxes	\$ 2,203,329	\$ 61,709	\$ 2,265,038
Tuition	306,843	-	306,843
Charges for services	-	78,860	78,860
Earnings on investments	85,107	-	85,107
Extracurricular	-	60,014	60,014
Other local revenues	20,664	19,827	40,491
Intergovernmental - State	2,661,851	46,956	2,708,807
Intergovernmental - Federal	-	461,695	461,695
Total revenues	<u>5,277,794</u>	<u>729,061</u>	<u>6,006,855</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	2,421,303	59,211	2,480,514
Special	326,371	269,188	595,559
Vocational	67,166	-	67,166
Other	42,805	2,458	45,263
Support services:			
Pupil	238,079	4,558	242,637
Instructional staff	277,965	28,974	306,939
Board of education	12,378	-	12,378
Administration	517,707	24,692	542,399
Fiscal	223,296	7,243	230,539
Operations and maintenance	447,907	50,031	497,938
Pupil transportation	396,994	-	396,994
Central	3,293	9,000	12,293
Operation of non-instructional services:			
Food service operations	-	266,004	266,004
Other non-instructional services	-	2,700	2,700
Extracurricular activities	83,150	59,867	143,017
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	12,625	-	12,625
Interest and fiscal charges	4,115	-	4,115
Total expenditures	<u>5,075,154</u>	<u>783,926</u>	<u>5,859,080</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>202,640</u>	<u>(54,865)</u>	<u>147,775</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	-	142,000	142,000
Transfers (out)	<u>(142,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(142,000)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(142,000)</u>	<u>142,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	60,640	87,135	147,775
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>1,336,044</u>	<u>249,942</u>	<u>1,585,986</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 1,396,684</u>	<u>\$ 337,077</u>	<u>\$ 1,733,761</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HARRISON COUNTY, OHIO**

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 \$ 147,775

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 those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeds capital outlays in the current period.

Capital asset additions	\$	15,632	
Current year depreciation		(128,829)	
Total			(113,197)

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

Taxes		(17,893)	
Intergovernmental revenue		10,249	
Total			(7,644)

Repayment of capital lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.

12,625

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

(23,199)

Change in net assets of governmental activities \$ 16,360

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HARRISON COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Taxes	\$ 1,864,505	\$ 1,864,505	\$ 1,953,041	\$ 88,536
Tuition	292,933	292,933	306,843	13,910
Earnings on investments	81,249	81,249	85,107	3,858
Other local revenues	19,727	19,727	20,664	937
Intergovernmental - State	2,532,586	2,532,586	2,652,846	120,260
Total revenues.	<u>4,791,000</u>	<u>4,791,000</u>	<u>5,018,501</u>	<u>227,501</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	2,554,495	2,554,495	2,413,136	141,359
Special	383,175	383,175	319,009	64,166
Vocational	75,530	75,530	66,567	8,963
Other.	47,100	47,100	42,774	4,326
Support services:				
Pupil	249,502	249,502	237,153	12,349
Instructional staff.	277,095	277,095	268,539	8,556
Board of education.	17,900	17,900	12,378	5,522
Administration	552,014	552,014	505,789	46,225
Fiscal.	231,914	231,914	222,627	9,287
Operations and maintenance.	501,473	501,473	441,165	60,308
Pupil transportation	444,950	444,950	430,511	14,439
Central	34,500	34,500	20,138	14,362
Extracurricular activities.	87,300	87,300	84,504	2,796
Total expenditures	<u>5,456,948</u>	<u>5,456,948</u>	<u>5,064,290</u>	<u>392,658</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures.	<u>(665,948)</u>	<u>(665,948)</u>	<u>(45,789)</u>	<u>620,159</u>
Other financing sources uses:				
Transfers out	(142,000)	(142,000)	(142,000)	-
Total other financing uses	<u>(142,000)</u>	<u>(142,000)</u>	<u>(142,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance.	(807,948)	(807,948)	(187,789)	620,159
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,734,413	1,734,413	1,734,413	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	5,355	5,355	5,355	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 931,820</u>	<u>\$ 931,820</u>	<u>\$ 1,551,979</u>	<u>\$ 620,159</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HARRISON COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Private-Purpose Trust</u>	
	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 211,953	\$ 30,064
Total assets	<u>211,953</u>	<u>\$ 30,064</u>
Liabilities:		
Due to students	-	\$ 30,064
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 30,064</u>
Net Assets:		
Held in trust for scholarships	<u>211,953</u>	
Total net assets	<u>\$ 211,953</u>	

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HARRISON COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Private-Purpose Trust
	Scholarship
Additions:	
Interest	\$ 5,807
Total additions	5,807
Deductions:	
Scholarships awarded	9,000
Change in net assets	(3,193)
Net assets at beginning of year	215,146
Net assets at end of year	\$ 211,953

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HARRISON COUNTY, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Conotton Valley Union Local 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.

The District is the 611th largest in the State of Ohio (among 896 public and community schools) in terms of total enrollment. The District operates under a locally-elected five-member Board form of government and provides educational services as authorized by its charter and further mandated by State and/or federal agencies. This Board controls the District's 3 instructional/support facilities staffed by 31 classified and 48 certificated full-time teaching personnel, who provide services to 552 students and other community members.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (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 provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The District's significant accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units". The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the basic financial statements of the District are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the District, this includes general operations, foods service, preschool and student related activities of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources or (3) the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) 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. Based upon the application of these criteria, the District has no component units. The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include only those of the District (the primary government).

**CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HARRISON COUNTY, OHIO**

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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

The following organizations are described due to their relationship to the District:

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency (OME-RESA)

OME-RESA is a computer service organization whose primary function is to provide information technology services to its member districts with the major emphasis being placed on accounting, payroll and inventory control services. Other areas of service provided by OME-RESA include pupil scheduling, attendance and grade reporting, career guidance services, special education records, and test scoring.

OME-RESA is one of 23 regional service organizations serving over 600 public districts in the State of Ohio that make up the Ohio Educational Computer network (OECN). These service organizations are known as Data Acquisition Sites. The OECN is a collective group of Data Acquisition Sites, authorized pursuant to Section 3301.075 of the Ohio Revised Code and their member districts. Such sites, in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), comprise a statewide delivery system to provide comprehensive, cost-efficient accounting and other administrative and instructional computer services for participating Ohio districts.

Major funding for this network is derived from the State of Ohio. In addition, a majority of the software utilized by the OME-RESA is developed by the ODE.

OME-RESA is owned and operated by 49 member districts in 10 different Ohio counties. The member districts are comprised of public districts and county Boards of Education. Each member district pays an annual fee for services provided by OME-RESA. OME-RESA is governed by a Board of Directors, which is selected by the member districts. Each member district has one vote in all matters and each member district's control over budgeting and financing of OME-RESA is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the Board of Directors.

OME-RESA is located at 2023 Sunset Blvd., Steubenville, Ohio 43952. The Jefferson County Educational Service Center is one of OME-RESA's member districts and acts in the capacity of fiscal agent for OME-RESA.

Tuscarawas-Harrison County School Benefit Trust Health Consortium

The Tuscarawas-Harrison County School Benefit Trust Health Consortium (the "Trust") is a public entity shared risk pool consisting of the District and two County Educational Service Centers. The Trust is organized as a Voluntary Employee Benefit Association under Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code and provides sick and in some cases, dental, vision and prescription drug benefits to the employees of the participating entities. Each participating entity's Superintendent is appointed to an Administrative Committee which advises the Third-Party Administrator, Benefit Services, concerning aspects of the administration of the Trust.

Each entity decides which plans offered by the Trust will be extended to its employees. Participation in the Trust is by written application subject to acceptance by the Administrative Committee and payment of the monthly premiums. Financial information can be obtained from Benefit Services, 3636 Copley Rd. Suite 201, Akron, OH 44321.

**CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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

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. The District does not have proprietary funds.

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 is the District's major governmental fund:

General Fund - The general fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Other governmental funds of the District are used to account for (a) the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs; (b) financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities other than those financed by trust funds; (c) for food service operations; and (d) for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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. The District's only trust funds are private-purpose trusts which account for scholarship programs for students. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The District's agency fund accounts for student activities.

C. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Focus

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.

**CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the governmental activities of the District. 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 amounts paid by the recipient of goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District.

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.

Fund Financial Statements - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column, and all nonmajor funds are aggregated into one column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

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 a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The private-purpose trust funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. Agency funds do not report a measurement focus as they do not report operations.

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. Fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting.

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.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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

Nonexchange 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 year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

Unearned Revenue and Deferred Revenue - Unearned revenue and deferred revenue arise 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 and other revenues received in advance of the fiscal year for which they are intended to finance, have been recorded as unearned revenue. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met and delinquent property taxes due at June 30, 2008 are recorded as deferred revenue.

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

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The entitlement value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances as an expenditure with a like amount reported as intergovernmental revenue.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

E. Budgets

The District is required by State statute to adopt an annual appropriated cash basis budget for all funds. The specific timetable for fiscal year 2008 is as follows:

1. Prior to January 15, the Superintendent and Treasurer submit to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing for all funds. Public hearings are publicized and conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. The expressed purpose of this budget document is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.

**CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

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

2. By no later than January 20, the board-adopted budget is filed with the Harrison County Budget Commission for tax rate determination. The Harrison County Budget Commission waived this requirement for fiscal year 2008.
3. Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission and receives the Commission's certificate of estimated resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to June 30, the District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as a basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year as reported by the District Treasurer. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The budget figures, as shown in the accompanying budgetary statement, reflect the amounts set forth in the original and final certificate of estimated resources issued for fiscal year 2008.
4. By July 1, the annual appropriation resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund and function level of expenditures for the general fund and the fund level for all other funds, which is the legal level of budgetary control. State statute permits a temporary appropriation to be effective until no later than October 1 of each year. Resolution appropriations by fund must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission and the total of expenditures and encumbrances may not exceed the appropriation totals.
5. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriation must be approved by the Board of Education.
6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds consistent with statutory provisions. All funds completed the year within the amount of their legally authorized cash basis appropriation.
7. Appropriation amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Education through the year by supplemental appropriations, which either reallocated or increased the original appropriated amounts. All supplemental appropriations were legally enacted by the Board prior to June 30, 2008; however, none of these amendments were significant.
8. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated. Expenditures plus encumbrances may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund level.

F. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled in a central bank account. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" on the basic financial statements.

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

During fiscal year 2008, investments were limited to investments in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio) and repurchase agreements. Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices. Nonparticipating investment contracts, such as repurchase agreements, are reported at cost.

STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's shares price which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2008.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. By policy of the Board of Education, investment earnings are assigned to the general fund and the private-purpose trust funds. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2008 amounted to \$85,107, which includes \$21,459 assigned from other funds.

For presentation on the basic financial statements, investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

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

G. Inventory

On government-wide and fund financial statements, purchased inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market and donated commodities are presented at their entitlement value. Inventories are recorded on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used. Inventories are accounted for using the consumption method.

Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption, donated food and purchased food.

H. Capital Assets

General capital assets are those assets specifically related to governmental activities. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets, but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and deductions during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$1,500. 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. The District does not possess infrastructure.

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

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:

<u>Description</u>	Governmental Activities <u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land improvements	5 - 20 years
Buildings and improvements	20 - 50 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	6 - 10 years

I. Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as “interfund loans receivables/payables.” These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column on the statement of net assets.

J. Compensated Absences

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

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, “Accounting for Compensated Absences”, a liability for vacation leave is accrued if a) the employees’ rights to payment are attributable to services already rendered; and b) it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or other means, such as cash payment at termination or retirement. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent that it is probable that the benefits will result in termination (severance) payments. A liability for sick leave is accrued using the vesting method; i.e., the liability is based on the sick leave accumulated at June 30, 2008, by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination (severance) payments, as well as those employees expected to become eligible in the future. For purposes of establishing a liability for sick leave on employees expected to become eligible to retire in the future, all employees age fifty or greater with at least ten years of service were considered expected to become eligible to retire in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16.

The total liability for vacation and sick leave payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at June 30, 2008, and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus any applicable additional salary related payments.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

For governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures as payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements.

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

K. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide 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, 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. Capital leases are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

L. Fund Balance Reserves

The District reserves those portions of fund equity which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and therefore are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund equity reserves have been established for encumbrances, materials and supplies inventory, prepayments, property tax revenue unavailable for appropriation, textbooks/instructional materials and capital acquisition. The reserve for property taxes unavailable for appropriation represents taxes recognized as revenue under GAAP, but not available for appropriation under State statute.

M. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The amount restricted for other purposes includes amounts restricted by State statute for textbooks/instructional materials and capital acquisition.

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

N. Prepayments

Certain payments to vendors reflect the costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the balance sheet using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of the purchase and the expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

O. Estimates

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

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

P. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets in the general fund represent cash and cash equivalents set-aside to establish textbooks/instructional materials and capital acquisition reserves. These reserves are required by State statute. A schedule of statutory reserves is presented in Note 16.

Q. 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. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the basic financial statements.

R. 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. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal year 2008.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2008, the District has implemented GASB Statement No. 45, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions", GASB Statement No. 48, "Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets and Future Revenues" and GASB Statement No. 50, "Pension Disclosures".

GASB Statement No. 45 establishes uniform standards of financial reporting for other postemployment benefits and increases the usefulness and improves the faithfulness of representations in the financial reports. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 45 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District; however, certain disclosures related to postemployment benefits (see Note 13) have been modified to conform to the new reporting requirements.

GASB Statement No. 48 establishes criteria to ascertain whether certain transactions should be regarded as sales or as collateralized borrowings, as well as disclosure requirements for future revenues that are pledged and sold. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 48 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 50 establishes standards that more closely align the financial reporting requirements for pensions with those of other postemployment benefits. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 50 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

B. Deficit Fund Balances

Fund balances at June 30, 2008 included the following individual fund deficits:

<u>Nonmajor funds</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
Food service	\$ 17,806
Special enterprises	154
Management information systems	67
Title VI-B	5,598
Title I	805
Drug free school	7
Class reduction	1,780

The general fund is liable for any deficits in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balances result from adjustments for accrued liabilities.

NOTE 4 - 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.

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;

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

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 items (1) and (2) above 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 (STAR Ohio);
7. Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the purchase date 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 interests rated in either of the two highest classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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

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.

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2008, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$189,409, exclusive of the \$1,697,145 repurchase agreement included in investments below. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2008, \$116,310 of the District's bank balance of \$216,310 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$100,000 was covered by the 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 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 as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the District.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

The District has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions' trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

B. Investments

As of June 30, 2008, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities 6 months or less</u>
Repurchase agreement	\$ 1,697,145	\$ 1,697,145
STAR Ohio	<u>326,674</u>	<u>326,674</u>
	<u>\$ 2,023,819</u>	<u>\$ 2,023,819</u>

Interest Rate Risk: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the District's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: The federal agency securities that underlie the District's repurchase agreement were rated AAA and Aaa by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. Standard & Poor's has assigned STAR Ohio an AAAM money market rating.

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the 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. Of the District's \$1,697,145 investment in repurchase agreements, the entire balance is collateralized by underlying securities that are held by the investment's counterparty, not in the name of the District. Ohio law requires the market value of the securities subject to repurchase agreements must exceed the principal value of securities subject to a repurchase agreement by 2%. The District has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The District places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the District at June 30, 2008:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Repurchase agreement	\$ 1,697,145	83.86
STAR Ohio	<u>326,674</u>	<u>16.14</u>
	<u>\$ 2,023,819</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

C. Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to the Statement of Net Assets

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net assets as of June 30, 2008:

<u>Cash and investments per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 189,409
Investments	<u>2,023,819</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,213,228</u>
 <u>Cash and investments per statement of net assets</u>	
Governmental activities	\$ 1,971,211
Private-purpose trust fund	211,953
Agency funds	<u>30,064</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,213,228</u>

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

- A.** Interfund balances at June 30, 2008 as reported on the fund statements, consist of the following individual interfund loans receivable and payable:

<u>Receivable fund</u>	<u>Payable fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Nonmajor governmental funds	\$ 7,095

The primary purpose of the interfund balances is to cover costs in specific funds where revenues were not received by June 30. These interfund balances will be repaid once the anticipated revenues are received. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

Interfund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

- B.** Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2008, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund financial statements:

Transfers to nonmajor governmental funds from:	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	\$ 142,000

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Interfund transfers between governmental funds are eliminated for reporting in the statement of activities.

All transfers were made in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis while the District 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 tax distributions occur in the first half of the following fiscal 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 year 2008 represents collections of calendar year 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 year 2008 represents collections of calendar year 2007 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2008 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. Tangible personal property tax is being phased out. For 2007, tangible personal property was assessed at 12.50% for property, including inventory. This percentage was reduced to 6.25% for 2008 and will be reduced to zero 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.

House Bill No. 66 was signed into law on June 30, 2005. House Bill No. 66 phases out the tax on tangible personal property of general businesses, telephone and telecommunications companies, and railroads. The tax on general business and railroad property will be eliminated by calendar year 2009, and the tax on telephone and telecommunications property will be eliminated by calendar year 2011. The tax is phased out by reducing the assessment rate on the property each year. The bill replaces the revenue lost by the District due to the phasing out of the tax. In calendar years 2008-2010, the District will be fully reimbursed for the lost revenue. In calendar years 2011-2017, the reimbursements will be phased out.

The District receives property taxes from Harrison and Carroll Counties. 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 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. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to unearned revenue.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2008 was \$304,121 in the general fund and \$8,686 in the permanent improvement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). This amount has been recorded as revenue. The amount that was available as an advance at June 30, 2007 was \$53,833 in the general fund and \$2,754 in the permanent improvement fund (a nonmajor governmental 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:

	2007 Second Half Collections		2008 First Half Collections	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/residential and other real estate	\$ 55,614,160	85.26	\$ 59,820,060	87.10
Public utility personal	6,490,180	9.95	6,363,740	9.27
Tangible personal property	<u>3,124,462</u>	<u>4.79</u>	<u>2,497,870</u>	<u>3.63</u>
Total	<u>\$ 65,228,802</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 68,681,670</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$41.95		\$41.95	

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2008 consisted of taxes and intergovernmental grants and entitlements. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs and the current year guarantee of federal funds. A summary of the principal items of receivables reported on the statement of net assets follows:

Governmental activities:

Taxes	\$ 2,115,639
Intergovernmental	<u>52,134</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,167,773</u>

Receivables have been disaggregated on the face of the basic financial statements. All receivables are expected to be collected in the subsequent year.

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NOTE 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/07</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/08</u>
Governmental activities				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 75,820	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,820
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>75,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,820</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	104,658	3,451	-	108,109
Buildings and improvements	1,070,109	4,321	-	1,074,430
Furniture and equipment	573,204	7,860	-	581,064
Vehicles	<u>737,068</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>737,068</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>2,485,039</u>	<u>15,632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500,671</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation</i>				
Land improvements	(92,522)	(923)	-	(93,445)
Buildings and improvements	(918,798)	(10,002)	-	(928,800)
Furniture and equipment	(455,196)	(25,770)	-	(480,966)
Vehicles	<u>(467,065)</u>	<u>(92,134)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(559,199)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,933,581)</u>	<u>(128,829)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,062,410)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 627,278</u>	<u>\$ (113,197)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 514,081</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

<u>Instruction:</u>	
Regular	\$ 9,970
Vocational	599
<u>Support Services:</u>	
Instructional staff	109
Board of education	438
Administration	2,050
Fiscal	716
Operations and maintenance	2,610
Pupil transportation	95,876
Central	14,314
Extracurricular activities	742
Food service operations	<u>1,405</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 128,829</u>

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NOTE 9 - CAPITALIZED LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

In a prior fiscal year, the District entered into capitalized leases for copiers. These lease agreements meet the criteria of a capital lease as defined by FASB Statement No. 13, "Accounting for Leases", which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. Capital lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the financial statements for the governmental funds. These expenditures are reported as central function expenditures on the budgetary statements.

Capital assets consisting of equipment have been capitalized in the amount of \$71,572. Accumulated depreciation is \$21,471 resulting in a carrying value of \$50,101. This amount represents the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. A corresponding liability is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. Principal payments in fiscal year 2008 totaled \$12,625 paid by the general fund.

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2008:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>		
2009		\$ 16,740
2010		16,740
2011		<u>16,740</u>
Total minimum lease payments		50,220
Less: Amount representing interest		<u>(5,702)</u>
Total		<u>\$ 44,518</u>

NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

A. During the fiscal year 2008, the following activity occurred in governmental activities long-term obligations:

	Balance Outstanding <u>06/30/07</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance Outstanding <u>06/30/08</u>	Amounts Due in <u>One Year</u>
Governmental activities:					
Capital lease	\$ 57,143	\$ -	\$ (12,625)	\$ 44,518	\$ 13,673
Compensated absences	<u>215,075</u>	<u>53,820</u>	<u>(20,839)</u>	<u>248,056</u>	<u>20,009</u>
Total long-term obligations, governmental activities	<u>\$ 272,218</u>	<u>\$ 53,820</u>	<u>\$ (33,464)</u>	<u>\$ 292,574</u>	<u>\$ 33,682</u>

Compensated absences: Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees salaries are paid which, for the District, is primarily the general fund and the food service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

Capital Lease Obligation: The capital lease obligation is paid from the general fund. See Note 9 for more details.

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

B. Legal Debt Margin

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the District shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the District. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The code additionally states that unvoted indebtedness related to energy conservation debt shall not exceed 9/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The assessed valuation used in determining the District's legal debt margin has been modified by House Bill 530 which became effective March 30, 2006. In accordance with House Bill 530, the assessed valuation used in the District's legal debt margin calculation excluded tangible personal property used in business, telephone or telegraph property, interexchange telecommunications company property, and personal property owned or leased by a railroad company and used in railroad operations. The effects of these debt limitations at June 30, 2008, are a voted debt margin of \$5,914,175 and an unvoted debt margin of \$65,713.

NOTE 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Comprehensive

The District maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for liability, real property, building contents, boiler/machinery and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. In addition, real property contents are 90% coinsured. The following is a description of the District's insurance coverage:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Insurer</u>	<u>Limits of Coverage</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
General liability:	Nationwide/Wausau		
Each occurrence		\$ 1,000,000	\$1,000
Aggregate		3,000,000	1,000
Building and contents	Indiana Insurance Co.	13,657,245	1,000
Fleet:	Indiana Insurance Co.		
Liability		2,000,000	0
Collision		Actual Cash Basis Value	500
Uninsured motorist		1,000,000	500
Auto medical		5,000	0
Physical Damage:			
Comprehensive		Actual Cash Basis Value	100

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NOTE 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

C. Group Health Insurance

The District has elected to provide health care benefits to employees and administrators through the Tuscarawas-Harrison County School Benefit Trust Health Consortium. The Board pays the entire premium. The risk of loss transfers to the Consortium upon payment of the premium.

NOTE 12 - PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by 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. It is also posted on the SERS' Ohio website, www.ohsers.org, under *Forms and Publications*.

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 \$51,365, \$51,282 and \$47,185, respectively; 46.13 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

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.

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NOTE 12 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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. 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 fiscal year 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. 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 \$261,355, \$250,057 and \$244,799, respectively; 83.16 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 made by the District and \$2,925 made by plan members.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by SERS/STRS Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or SERS/STRS Ohio. As of June 30, 2008, three members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The District's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

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NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The District participates in two cost-sharing, multiple employer postemployment benefit plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System (SERS) 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.

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 \$34,453, \$24,736 and \$26,825, respectively; 46.13 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 fiscal year 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 \$3,701, \$3,487 and \$3,756, respectively; 46.13 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - The District contributes to the cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan (the "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 or by calling (888) 227-7877.

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NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

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 \$20,104, \$19,235 and \$18,831, respectively; 83.16 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

NOTE 14 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

The statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balance - budget and actual (non-GAAP budgetary basis) 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 the GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Revenues and other financing sources are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis);
- (b) Expenditures and other financing uses are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis);
- (c) In order to determine compliance with Ohio law, and to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, total outstanding encumbrances (budget basis) are recorded as the equivalent of an expenditure, as opposed to a reservation of fund balance for that portion of outstanding encumbrances not already recognized as an account payable (GAAP basis).

The adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations for the year on the budget basis to the GAAP basis for the general fund is as follows:

Net Change in Fund Balance	
	<u>General fund</u>
Budget basis	\$ (187,789)
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	259,293
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(54,252)
Adjustment for encumbrances	<u>43,388</u>
GAAP basis	<u>\$ 60,640</u>

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NOTE 15 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The District receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, State and local agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the District. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the District.

B. Litigation

The District is involved in no material litigation as either plaintiff or defendant.

NOTE 16 - STATUTORY RESERVES

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 the end of the fiscal year or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the fiscal year must be held in cash at fiscal year-end. These amounts must be carried forward and used for the same purposes in future years. For fiscal year 2008, the District was required to set-aside monies for textbooks/instructional materials and capital acquisition at fiscal year-end. These reserves are calculated and presented on a cash basis. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, the reserve activity was as follows:

	<u>Textbooks/ Instructional Materials</u>	<u>Capital Acquisition</u>
Set-aside balance as of June 30, 2007	\$ 134,468	\$ -
Current year set-aside requirement	80,778	80,778
Current year offsets	-	(55,777)
Qualifying disbursements	<u>(75,376)</u>	<u>(13,172)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 139,870</u>	<u>\$ 11,829</u>
Balance carried forward to FY 2009	<u>\$ 139,870</u>	<u>\$ 11,829</u>
A schedule of the restricted assets at June 30, 2008 follows:		
Amount restricted for textbooks/instructional materials	\$ 139,870	
Amount restricted for capital acquisition	<u>11,829</u>	
Total restricted assets	<u>\$ 151,699</u>	

The District did not have enough offsets and qualifying disbursements to reduce the set-aside amount below zero for the textbooks/instructional materials or the capital acquisition.



**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance
and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

Conotton Valley Union Local School District
21 Mound Street
Sherrodsville, OH 44675

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, Each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Conotton Valley Union Local School District, (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 23, 2009 in which we indicated that the School District implemented GASB Statement No. 45, 48, and 50. 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*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the School 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 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 School District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the School District's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the School District's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

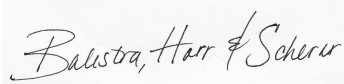
Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note certain noncompliance or other matters that we reported to the to the School District's management in a separate letter dated December 23, 2009.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the management, and Board of Education. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.

December 23, 2009



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HARRISON 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

CERTIFIED
MARCH 30, 2010