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Pike County

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We have reviewed the independent auditor's report of the Western Local School District, Pike County, prepared by Michael A. Balestra, CPA, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. 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 Western Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

JIM PETRO
Auditor of State

November 28, 2000

WESTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PIKE COUNTY

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Independent Auditors' Report

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We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Western Local School District, Pike County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Western Local School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

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

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Western Local School District, Pike County, taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures is presented for purpose of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Michael A. Balestra, CPA, Inc.

Michael A. Balestra, CPA, Inc.

November 22, 2000

WESTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Combined Balance Sheet
 All Fund Types and Account Groups
 June 30, 2000

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects
<u>Assets and Other Debits:</u>				
<u>Assets:</u>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$5,295,082	\$118,450	\$101,993	\$393,039
Receivables:				
Taxes	691,804	19,692	139,207	0
Intergovernmental	3,325	70,094	0	0
Prepaid Items	31,332	0	0	0
Inventory Held for Resale	0	0	0	0
Materials and Supplies Inventory	17,766	0	0	0
Restricted Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	201,317	0	0	0
Fixed Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	0	0	0	0
<u>Other Debits:</u>				
Amount Available in Debt Service Fund for Retirement of General Obligations	0	0	0	0
Amount to be Provided from General Government Resources	0	0	0	0
Total Assets and Other Debits	\$6,240,626	\$208,236	\$241,200	\$393,039

<i>PRORIETARY FUND TYPES</i>		<i>FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE</i>	<i>ACCOUNT GROUPS</i>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Internal Service</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>General Fixed Assets</u>	<u>General Long-Term Obligations</u>	
\$30,565	\$33,780	\$23,728	\$0	\$0	\$5,996,637
0	0	0	0	0	850,703
0	0	0	0	0	73,419
0	0	0	0	0	31,332
3,211	0	0	0	0	3,211
635	0	0	0	0	18,401
0	0	0	0	0	201,317
138,983	0	0	11,015,449	0	11,154,432
0	0	0	0	109,784	109,784
0	0	0	0	1,083,069	1,083,069
<u>\$173,394</u>	<u>\$33,780</u>	<u>\$23,728</u>	<u>\$11,015,449</u>	<u>\$1,192,853</u>	<u>\$19,522,305</u>

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WESTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Groups
June 30, 2000

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects
<i>Liabilities,</i>				
<i>Fund Equity and Other Credits:</i>				
<i>Liabilities:</i>				
Accounts Payable	\$18,157	\$1,496	\$0	\$5,663
Accrued Wages and Benefits	325,376	82,676	0	0
Compensated Absences Payable	14,845	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Payable	75,266	14,962	0	0
Deferred Revenue	653,559	18,511	131,416	0
Undistributed Monies	0	0	0	0
Claims Payable	0	0	0	0
General Obligation Bonds Payable	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	1,087,203	117,645	131,416	5,663
<i>Fund Equity and Other Credits:</i>				
Investment in General Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Contributed Capital	0	0	0	0
Retained Earnings:				
Unreserved (deficit)	0	0	0	0
Fund Balance:				
Reserved for Encumbrances	247,297	9,451	0	72
Reserved for Inventory	17,766	0	0	0
Reserved for Property Taxes	38,245	1,181	7,791	0
Reserved for Budget Stabilization	86,541	0	0	0
Reserved for School Bus Purchases	114,776	0	0	0
Unreserved:				
Undesignated	4,648,798	79,959	101,993	387,304
<i>Total Fund Equity and Other Credits</i>	5,153,423	90,591	109,784	387,376
<i>Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits</i>	\$6,240,626	\$208,236	\$241,200	\$393,039

See accompanying notes to the general purpose financial statements

<i>PRORIETARY FUND TYPES</i>		<i>FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE</i>	<i>ACCOUNT GROUPS</i>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
Enterprise	Internal Service	Agency	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Obligations	
\$684	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,000
18,100	0	0	0	0	426,152
7,609	0	0	0	274,284	296,738
10,731	0	0	0	43,569	144,528
6,575	0	0	0	0	810,061
0	0	23,728	0	0	23,728
0	6,434	0	0	0	6,434
0	0	0	0	875,000	875,000
43,699	6,434	23,728	0	1,192,853	2,608,641
0	0	0	11,015,449	0	11,015,449
148,333	0	0	0	0	148,333
(18,638)	27,346	0	0	0	8,708
0	0	0	0	0	256,820
0	0	0	0	0	17,766
0	0	0	0	0	47,217
0	0	0	0	0	86,541
0	0	0	0	0	114,776
0	0	0	0	0	5,218,054
129,695	27,346	0	11,015,449	0	16,913,664
\$173,394	\$33,780	\$23,728	\$11,015,449	\$1,192,853	\$19,522,305

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WESTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
 and Changes in Fund Balances
 All Governmental Fund Types
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	
<u>Revenues:</u>					
Property Taxes	\$492,766	\$11,989	\$87,277	\$0	\$592,032
Intergovernmental	4,606,955	918,661	11,386	11,325	5,548,327
Interest	322,639	0	0	8,069	330,708
Tuition and Fees	0	4,182	0	0	4,182
Rent	6,418	0	0	0	6,418
Extracurricular Activities	0	31,696	0	0	31,696
Gifts and Donations	297	2,025	0	0	2,322
Miscellaneous	8,186	2,393	0	0	10,579
Total Revenues	5,437,261	970,946	98,663	19,394	6,526,264
<u>Expenditures:</u>					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular	1,806,664	329,341	0	22,466	2,158,471
Special	334,613	323,569	0	0	658,182
Vocational	49,443	0	0	0	49,443
Other	310	0	0	0	310
Support Services:					
Pupils	230,573	27,757	0	0	258,330
Instructional Staff	193,845	101,619	0	0	295,464
Board of Education	9,619	0	0	0	9,619
Administration	478,526	33,954	448	3,880	516,808
Fiscal	153,555	1,590	3,047	0	158,192
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	464,958	32,155	0	173	497,286
Pupil Transportation	383,100	78	0	0	383,178
Central	55,449	5,400	0	0	60,849
Operation of Non-Instructional Services					
Extracurricular Activities	124	8,052	0	0	8,176
Capital Outlay	99,037	21,780	0	0	120,817
Debt Service:	59,690	22,934	0	14,694	97,318
Principal Retirement	0	0	15,000	0	15,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	0	52,091	0	52,091
Intergovernmental	0	60,192	0	0	60,192
Total Expenditures	4,319,506	968,421	70,586	41,213	5,399,726
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,117,755	2,525	28,077	(21,819)	1,126,538
<u>Other Financing Sources:</u>					
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	706	0	0	0	706
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	1,118,461	2,525	28,077	(21,819)	1,127,244
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year as Restated - (See Note 19)	4,032,335	88,066	81,707	409,195	4,611,303
Increase in Reserve for Inventory	2,627	0	0	0	2,627
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$5,153,423	\$90,591	\$109,784	\$387,376	\$5,741,174

See accompanying notes to the general purpose financial statements

WESTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
 Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
 All Governmental Fund Types
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

	GENERAL FUND			SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>						
Property Taxes	\$481,532	\$481,532	\$0	\$11,642	\$11,642	\$0
Intergovernmental	4,606,205	4,606,205	0	869,369	869,369	0
Interest	322,639	322,639	0	0	0	0
Tuition and Fees	0	0	0	4,182	4,182	0
Rent	3,943	3,943	0	0	0	0
Extracurricular Activities	0	0	0	31,807	31,807	0
Gifts and Donations	297	297	0	2,025	2,025	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	2,393	2,393	0
Total Revenues	5,414,616	5,414,616	0	921,418	921,418	0
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
Current:						
Instruction:						
Regular	1,882,218	1,882,218	0	309,355	309,355	0
Special	332,182	332,182	0	326,236	326,236	0
Vocational	49,412	49,412	0	0	0	0
Other	310	310	0	0	0	0
Support Services:						
Pupils	227,153	227,153	0	27,796	27,796	0
Instructional Staff	234,093	234,093	0	95,877	95,877	0
Board of Education	10,026	10,026	0	0	0	0
Administration	484,202	484,202	0	7,870	7,870	0
Fiscal	152,276	152,276	0	417	417	0
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	507,002	507,002	0	30,169	30,169	0
Pupil Transportation	496,864	496,864	0	78	78	0
Central	55,390	55,390	0	5,400	5,400	0
Operation of Non-Instructional Services						
Extracurricular Activities	84,483	84,483	0	22,748	22,748	0
Capital Outlay	59,690	59,690	0	22,934	22,934	0
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	0	0	0	60,192	60,192	0
Total Expenditures	4,575,425	4,575,425	0	909,072	909,072	0
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	839,191	839,191	0	12,346	12,346	0
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>						
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	706	706	0	0	0	0
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	2,149	2,149	0	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	5,224	5,224	0	0	0	0
Advances - In	812	812	0	0	0	0
Advances - Out	(19,009)	(19,009)	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers - In	31,233	31,233	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers - Out	(31,233)	(31,233)	0	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(10,118)	(10,118)	0	0	0	0
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	829,073	829,073	0	12,346	12,346	0
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	4,191,025	4,191,025	0	88,632	88,632	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	210,973	210,973	0	6,207	6,207	0
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$5,231,071	\$5,231,071	\$0	\$107,185	\$107,185	\$0

See accompanying notes to the general purpose financial statements

<i>DEBT SERVICE FUND</i>			<i>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS</i>		
Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$84,988	\$84,988	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11,386	11,386	0	49,616	49,616	0
0	0	0	8,069	8,069	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
96,374	96,374	0	57,685	57,685	0
0	0	0	22,934	22,934	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1,800	1,800	0
0	0	0	200	200	0
449	449	0	0	0	0
3,047	3,047	0	29,996	29,996	0
0	0	0	1,167	1,167	0
0	0	0	812	812	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	8,052	8,052	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	21,501	21,501	0
15,000	15,000	0	0	0	0
52,090	52,090	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
70,586	70,586	0	86,462	86,462	0
25,788	25,788	0	(28,777)	(28,777)	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
25,788	25,788	0	(28,777)	(28,777)	0
76,205	76,205	0	409,345	409,345	0
0	0	0	7,053	7,053	0
<u>\$101,993</u>	<u>\$101,993</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$387,621</u>	<u>\$387,621</u>	<u>\$0</u>

WESTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and
Changes in Fund Equity
All Proprietary Fund Types
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Enterprise	Internal Service	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>			
Sales	\$75,986	\$0	\$75,986
Charges for Services	0	39,673	39,673
<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	<u>75,986</u>	<u>39,673</u>	<u>115,659</u>
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>			
Salaries	132,302	0	132,302
Fringe Benefits	53,569	0	53,569
Purchased Services	4,284	4,306	8,590
Materials and Supplies	13,028	0	13,028
Cost of Sales	129,704	0	129,704
Depreciation	9,939	0	9,939
Claims	0	45,212	45,212
Other Operating Expenses	199	0	199
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<u>343,025</u>	<u>49,518</u>	<u>392,543</u>
Operating Loss	<u>(267,039)</u>	<u>(9,845)</u>	<u>(276,884)</u>
<u>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):</u>			
Federal Donated Commodities	31,059	0	31,059
Interest Income	1,091	0	1,091
Federal and State Subsidies	210,640	0	210,640
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	(599)	0	(599)
<i>Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</i>	<u>242,191</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>242,191</u>
Net Loss	(24,848)	(9,845)	(34,693)
Retained Earnings at Beginning of Year as Restated - (See Note 19)	<u>6,210</u>	<u>37,191</u>	<u>43,401</u>
Retained Earnings (deficit) at End of Year	(18,638)	27,346	8,708
Contributed Capital at Beginning and End of Year	<u>148,333</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>148,333</u>
Total Fund Equity at End of Year	<u>\$129,695</u>	<u>\$27,346</u>	<u>\$157,041</u>

See accompanying notes to the general purpose financial statements

WESTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in
Fund Equity - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
All Proprietary Fund Types
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

	ENTERPRISE FUND			INTERNAL SERVICE FUND		
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>						
Sales	\$76,554	\$76,554	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services	0	0	0	39,673	39,673	0
Interest	1,091	1,091	0	0	0	0
Federal and State Subsidies	210,640	210,640	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>288,285</u>	<u>288,285</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39,673</u>	<u>39,673</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>						
Salaries	129,962	129,962	0	0	0	0
Fringe Benefits	50,277	50,277	0	0	0	0
Purchased Services	5,462	5,462	0	48,347	48,347	0
Materials and Supplies	118,999	118,999	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	4,741	4,741	0	0	0	0
Other	199	199	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>309,640</u>	<u>309,640</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>48,347</u>	<u>48,347</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Revenues Under Expenses	(21,355)	(21,355)	0	(8,674)	(8,674)	0
Fund Equity at Beginning of Year	38,793	38,793	0	42,454	42,454	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	3,184	3,184	0	0	0	0
Fund Equity at End of Year	<u>\$20,622</u>	<u>\$20,622</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$33,780</u>	<u>\$33,780</u>	<u>\$0</u>

See accompanying notes to the general purpose financial statements

WESTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Cash Flows

All Proprietary Fund Types

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Enterprise	Internal Service	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<i>Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents:</i>			
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</u>			
Cash Received from Customers	\$76,554	\$0	\$76,554
Cash Received from Quasi-External Transactions with Other Funds	0	39,673	39,673
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(115,232)	(4,306)	(119,538)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(129,962)	0	(129,962)
Cash Payments for Employee Benefits	(50,277)	0	(50,277)
Cash Payments for Claims	0	(44,041)	(44,041)
Cash Payments for Other Operating Expenses	(199)	0	(199)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(219,116)	(8,674)	(227,790)
<u>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:</u>			
Operating Grants Received	210,640	0	210,640
<u>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:</u>			
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(4,027)	0	(4,027)
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</u>			
Interest	1,091	0	1,091
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(11,412)	(8,674)	(20,086)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	41,977	42,454	84,431
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$30,565	\$33,780	\$64,345
<u>Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:</u>			
Operating Loss	(\$267,039)	(\$9,845)	(\$276,884)
<u>Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:</u>			
Depreciation	9,939	0	9,939
Donated Commodities Used During Year	31,059	0	31,059
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:			
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	568	0	568
Decrease in Inventory Held for Resale	341	0	341
Decrease in Materials and Supplies Inventory	112	0	112
Increase in Accounts Payable	272	0	272
Increase in Accrued Wages and Benefits	4,183	0	4,183
Decrease in Compensated Absences Payable	(468)	0	(468)
Increase in Intergovernmental Payable	1,917	0	1,917
Increase in Claims Payable	0	1,171	1,171
Total Adjustments	47,923	1,171	49,094
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(\$219,116)	(\$8,674)	(\$227,790)

See accompanying notes to the general purpose financial statements

Western Local School District
Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements
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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

Western Local School District (the "School District") is organized under Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The School District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four year terms. The School District provides educational services as authorized by State statute and/or federal guidelines.

The School District was established in 1934 through the consolidation of existing land areas and school districts. The School District serves an area of approximately 87 square miles. It is located in Pike County and includes Benton, Mifflin, Pebble, Perry, and Sunfish Townships. The School District is the 521st largest in the State of Ohio (among 611 school districts). It is staffed by 41 non-certificated employees and 66 certificated full-time teaching personnel and 5 administrative employees who provide services to 916 students and other community members.

Reporting Entity:

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

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the School District is financially accountable. The School District is financially accountable for an organization if the School District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the School District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the School District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the School District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the School District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the School District in that the School District approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes. The School District has no component units.

The following entities which perform activities within the School District's boundaries for the benefit of its residents are excluded from the accompanying financial statements because the School District is not financially accountable for these entities nor are they fiscally dependent on the School District.

- < Village of Latham
- < Parent Teacher Organization
- < Ross - Pike County Educational Service Center

The School District is associated with four organizations, three of which are defined as jointly governed organizations, and one as an insurance purchasing pool. These organizations are the South Central Ohio Computer Association, Pike County Joint Vocational School, the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools, and the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan. These organizations are presented in Notes 14 and 15 to the general purpose financial statements.

Western Local School District
Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Western Local School District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The School District also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its proprietary activities provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant of the School District's accounting policies are described below.

A. Basis Of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The School District uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain School District functions or activities.

A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and changes therein, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special restrictions or limitations. An account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net available expendable resources.

For financial statement presentation purposes, the various funds of the School District are grouped into the following generic fund types under the broad fund categories governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

Governmental Fund Types:

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

The following are the School District's governmental fund types:

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

Special Revenue Funds - Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditure for specified purposes.

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

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

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Proprietary Fund Types:

Proprietary funds are used to account for the School District's ongoing activities which are similar to those found in the private sector. The following are the School District's proprietary fund types:

Enterprise Fund - The enterprise fund is used to account for School District activities that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where it has been decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Internal Service Fund - The internal service fund accounts for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the School District on a cost reimbursement basis.

Fiduciary Fund Type:

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the School District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. The School District's only fiduciary funds are agency funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Account Groups:

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

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

General Long-Term Obligations Account Group - This account group is established to account for all long-term obligations of the School District except those accounted for in the proprietary funds.

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. 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 are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Fund equity (i.e., net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Proprietary fund operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed for the governmental and agency funds. Under this basis, revenues are recognized in the accounting period when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current fiscal year or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. The available period for the School District is sixty days after fiscal year end.

In applying the susceptible to accrual concept under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are deemed both measurable and available: property taxes available as an advance, tuition and grants.

The School District reports deferred revenues on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the measurable and available criteria for recognition in the current period. In the subsequent period, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized. Property taxes measurable as of June 30, 2000, and delinquent property taxes, whose availability is indeterminable and which are intended to finance fiscal year 2001 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue.

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

The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes by the proprietary fund types. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned, and expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The fair value of donated commodities used during the year is reported on the operating statement as an expense with a like amount reported as donated commodities revenue. Unused donated commodities are reported as deferred revenue.

C. Budgetary Process

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriation resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified.

All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The primary level of budgetary control is at the object level within each fund and function. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education. Because the activity of agency funds is not budgeted, advances-in and advances-out do not equal on a budgetary basis due to an advance of \$19,009 from the General Fund to the Spanish Club Fund, and due to the repayment of an advance of \$812 from the Pep Club Fund to the General Fund.

Tax Budget:

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 express purpose of this budget document is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.

By no later than January 20, the Board-adopted budget is filed with the Pike County Budget Commission for rate determination.

Western Local School District
Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Estimated Resources:

Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the County Budget Commission and receives the Commission's certificate of estimated resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to June 30, the School 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 the basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate is amended to include any unencumbered cash balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the School District Treasurer. The amounts reported in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the final amended certificate issued during fiscal year 2000. Before year-end, the School District requested and received an amended certificate of estimated resources that reflected actual revenue for the fiscal year.

Appropriations:

Upon receipt from the County Auditor of an amended certificate of estimated resources based on final assessed values and tax rates or a certificate saying no new certificate is necessary, the annual appropriation resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund level of expenditures, which is the legal level of budgetary control. Prior to the passage of the annual appropriation measure, the Board may pass a temporary appropriation measure to meet the ordinary expenses of the School District. The appropriation resolution, 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 at any level of control.

The Board may pass supplemental fund appropriations so long as the total appropriations by fund do not exceed the amounts set forth in the most recent certificate of estimated resources. During the year, one supplemental appropriation was legally enacted.

The budget figures which appear in the statements of budgetary comparisons represent the final appropriation amounts, including all supplemental appropriations. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds other than agency funds, consistent with statutory provisions. Prior to year-end, the School District passed a supplemental appropriation that reflected actual expenditures and encumbrances for the fiscal year.

Encumbrances:

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded as the equivalent of expenditures on the non-GAAP budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. On the GAAP basis, encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year end are reported as a reservation of fund balance for subsequent-year expenditures for governmental funds and reported in the notes to the financial statements for proprietary funds.

Lapsing of Appropriations:

At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriation. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and are not reappropriated.

Western Local School District
Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

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

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2000 amounted to \$322,639, which includes \$36,103 assigned from other School District funds. The capital projects funds and enterprise funds also received interest revenue of \$8,069 and \$1,091, respectively.

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

E. Inventory

Inventories of governmental funds are stated at cost while inventories of proprietary funds are stated at the lower of cost or market. For all funds, cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventory in governmental funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost of inventory items is recorded as an expenditure in the governmental fund types when purchased. Reported material and supplies inventory is equally offset by a fund balance reserve in the governmental funds which indicates that it does not constitute available expendable resources even though it is a component of net current assets. Inventories of proprietary funds consist of donated food and purchased food held for resale and are expensed when used.

F. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2000, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

G. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction costs are reflected as expenditures in governmental funds, and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. Fixed assets utilized in the proprietary fund are capitalized in the fund. All fixed assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The School District maintains a capitalization threshold of five hundred dollars.

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 capitalized. Improvements are capitalized. Improvements to fund fixed assets are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets.

Western Local School District
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Assets in the general fixed assets account group are depreciated using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of 50 years for buildings, 5 years for land improvements, 20 years for building improvements, 6 to 15 years for furniture, equipment, and fixtures, 5 to 10 years for vehicles, and 50 years for infrastructure, consisting of a sewer plant and sewer lines. Depreciation of furniture and equipment in the enterprise funds is computed using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of 15 years.

H. Intergovernmental Revenues

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

The School District currently participates in several State and Federal programs, categorized as follows:

Entitlements

General Fund

- State Foundation Program
- State Property Tax Relief
- School Bus Program

Non-Reimbursable Grants

Special Revenue Funds

- Public School Preschool
- Title I
- Innovative Education Program Strategy
- Title VI-B
- Goals 2000
- Drug-Free Schools
- Education Management Information Systems
- Local Professional Development Block Grant
- School Net Professional Development
- Safe School Helpline
- Family Stability Incentive
- Eisenhower Grant
- Venture Capital Grant

Capital Projects Funds

- Technology Equity
- School Net
- School Net Plus

Reimbursable Grants

General Fund

- Driver Education

Special Revenue Fund

- E-Rate

Proprietary Funds

- National School Lunch Program
- Government Donated Commodities

Grants and entitlements received in governmental funds amounted to approximately 85 percent of governmental fund revenue during the 2000 fiscal year.

Western Local School District
Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

I. Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the School District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the School District has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at fiscal year end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the School District's termination policy.

For governmental funds, the School District records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time when earned for all employees with more than one year of service. The School District records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave for all employees after 15 years of current service with the School District. The current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using available expendable resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The remainder is reported in the general long-term obligations account group. In the proprietary fund, the entire amount of compensated absences is reported as a fund liability.

J. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities are reported as obligations of the funds regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, compensated absences and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the general long-term obligations account group to the extent that they will not be paid with current available expendable financial resources. Payments made more than sixty days after year-end are considered not to have used current available financial resources. Bonds are reported as a liability of the general long-term obligations account group until due.

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

K. Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues and expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

Nonrecurring or non routine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

L. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets in the general fund represent cash and cash equivalents whose use is limited by legal requirements. Restricted assets represent unexpended revenues restricted for the purchase of buses, and amounts required by statute to be set aside by the School District to create a reserve for budget stabilization. See Note 17 for the calculation of the year-end restricted asset balance and the corresponding fund balance reserves.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

M. Fund Balance Reserves

The School 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, inventories of supplies and materials, property taxes, budget stabilization, and school bus purchases.

The reserve for property taxes represents taxes recognized as revenue under generally accepted accounting principles but not available for appropriations under State statute. The reserve for budget stabilization represents money required to be set-aside by statute to protect against cyclical changes in revenues and expenditures.

N. Contributed Capital

Contribute capital represents resources from other funds, other governments, and private sources provided to proprietary funds that is not subject to repayment. These assets are recorded at their fair market value on the date donated.

O. Estimates

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

P. Total Columns on General Purpose Financial Statements

Total columns on the general purpose financial statements are captioned "Totals - (Memorandum Only)" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or cash flows in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY

At June 30, 2000, the Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Special Revenue Funds had a deficit fund balance of \$19,099, which was created by the application of generally accepted accounting principles. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

NOTE 4 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While the School District is reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balances/retained earnings on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Combined Statement of Revenues, expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis) - All Governmental Fund Types and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Equity - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis) - All Proprietary Fund Types are presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are that:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Expenditures/expenses are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).

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NOTE 4 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (continued)

3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures/expenses for all funds (budget basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance for governmental fund types and as note disclosure in the proprietary fund type (GAAP basis).
4. For proprietary funds, the acquisition and construction of capital assets are reported on the operating statement (budget basis) rather than as balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis).
5. Advances-In and Advances-Out are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis).

The following tables summarize the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP and budgetary basis statements by fund type.

Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources
Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
All Governmental Fund Types

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects
GAAP Basis	\$1,118,461	\$2,525	\$28,077	(\$21,819)
Revenue Accruals	(15,272)	(49,528)	(2,289)	38,291
Expenditure Accruals	9,416	70,298	0	(39,514)
Advances	(18,197)	0	0	0
Encumbrances	(265,335)	(10,949)	0	(5,735)
Budget Basis	\$829,073	\$12,346	\$25,788	(\$28,777)

Net Loss / Excess of Revenues Under Expenses
All Proprietary Fund Types

	Enterprise	Internal Service
GAAP Basis	(\$24,848)	(\$9,845)
Revenue Accruals	(30,491)	0
Expense Accruals	29,362	1,171
Capital Outlay	4,027	0
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	599	0
Depreciation Expense	9,939	0
Encumbrances	(9,943)	0
Budget Basis	(\$21,355)	(\$8,674)

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NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the School 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 School 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 two year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

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

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

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

1. United States treasury notes, bills, bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the federal national mortgage association, federal home loan bank, federal farm credit bank, federal home loan mortgage corporation, government national mortgage association, and student loan marketing association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) 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 bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the date of purchase 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, debt interests rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

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 School District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

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

Deposits: At fiscal year end, the carrying amount of the School District's deposits was \$153,078 and the bank balance was \$269,210. Of the bank balance, \$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$169,210 was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although the securities serving as collateral were held by the pledging financial institution's trust department in the School District's name, and all State statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, non-compliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the School District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

Investments: The School District's investments are required to be categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the School District at fiscal year end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the School District or its agent in the School District's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments which are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the School District's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but not in the School District's name. The School District's investments in STAR Ohio, an investment pool operated by the Ohio State Treasurer, are unclassified investments since they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

	Fair Value
	<u> </u>
STAR Ohio	<u><u>\$6,044,876</u></u>

The classification of cash and cash equivalents and investments on the combined financial statements is based on criteria set forth in *GASB Statement No. 9, "Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting."*

A reconciliation between the classifications of cash and cash equivalents and investments on the combined financial statements and the classification of deposits and investments presented above per *GASB Statement No. 3* is as follows:

	Cash and Cash Equivalents/Deposits	Investments
<i>GASB Statement No. 9</i>	\$6,197,954	\$0
Investment:		
STAR Ohio	(6,044,876)	6,044,876
<i>GASB Statement No. 3</i>	<u><u>\$153,078</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,044,876</u></u>

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis while the School District fiscal year runs from July through June. First half tax collections are received by the School 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 located in the School District. Property tax revenue received during calendar 2000 for real and public utility property taxes represents collections of calendar 1999 taxes. Property tax payments received during calendar 2000 for tangible personal property (other than public utility property) is for calendar 2000 taxes.

2000 real property taxes are levied after April 1, 2000, on the assessed value as of January 1, 2000, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. First half 2000 real property taxes are collected in and intended to finance fiscal year 2001.

Public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at thirty-five percent of true value. 2000 public utility property taxes became a lien December 31, 1999, are levied after April 1, 2000 and are collected in 2001 with real property taxes.

2000 tangible personal property taxes are levied after April 1, 1999, on the value as of December 31, 1999. Collections are made in 2000. Tangible personal property assessments are twenty-five percent of true value.

Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Tangible personal property taxes paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20.

The assessed values upon which fiscal year 2000 taxes were collected are:

	1999 Second- Half Collections		2000 First- Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agricultural/Residential and Other Real Estate	\$19,908,360	81.15%	\$23,752,470	84.61%
Public Utility	3,360,710	13.70%	3,057,250	10.89%
Tangible Personal Property	<u>1,264,590</u>	<u>5.15%</u>	<u>1,263,487</u>	<u>4.50%</u>
Total Assessed Value	<u><u>\$24,533,660</u></u>	<u><u>100.00%</u></u>	<u><u>\$28,073,207</u></u>	<u><u>100.00%</u></u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$33.15		\$33.15	

The School District receives property taxes from Pike County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2000, are available to finance fiscal year 2000 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES (continued)

Accrued property taxes receivable represents delinquent taxes outstanding and real property, tangible personal property, and public utility taxes which became measurable as of June 30, 2000. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount available as an advance at June 30 is intended to finance current fiscal year operations. The receivable is therefore offset by a credit to deferred revenue for that portion not intended to finance current year operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2000, was \$38,245 in the General Fund, \$1,181 in the Classroom Maintenance Special Revenue Fund, and \$7,791 in the Debt Service Fund.

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2000, consisted of property taxes, classroom rentals and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current fiscal year guarantee of federal funds. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund:	
Classroom rental	\$2,475
Driver's Education reimbursement	<u>850</u>
Total General Fund	3,325
Title I Special Revenue Fund	<u>70,094</u>
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u><u>\$73,419</u></u>

NOTE 8 - FIXED ASSETS

A summary of the enterprise fund's fixed assets at June 30, 2000, follows:

Furniture and Equipment	\$269,450
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(130,467)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u><u>\$138,983</u></u>

A summary of the changes in general fixed assets during fiscal year 2000 follows:

Asset Category	Balance at 6/30/99	Additions	Deletions	Balance at 6/30/00
Land and Improvements	\$1,158,022	\$0	\$13,214	\$1,144,808
Buildings and Improvements	10,872,108	0	1,776	10,870,332
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	2,289,403	39,338	10,444	2,318,297
Vehicles	826,141	0	0	826,141
Books	465,568	0	0	465,568
Infrastructure	<u>102,376</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>102,376</u>
Totals	<u><u>\$15,713,618</u></u>	<u><u>\$39,338</u></u>	<u><u>\$25,434</u></u>	15,727,522
Less Accumulated Depreciation				<u>(4,712,073)</u>
Total General Fixed Assets				<u><u>\$11,015,449</u></u>

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NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2000, the School District contracted with Nationwide Insurance for property and fleet insurance, liability insurance, and inland marine coverage. Lorbach Insurance Agency provides public official bonds. Coverages provided at June 30, 2000 are as follows:

Building and Contents-replacement cost (\$1,000 deductible)	\$25,778,600
Inland Marine Coverage (\$100 deductible)	24,532
Boiler and Machinery (\$1,000 deductible)	10,905,900
Automobile Liability (\$100 deductible)	1,000,000
Uninsured Motorists (\$250 deductible)	1,000,000
General Liability	
Per occurrence	1,000,000
Total per year	5,000,000
Public Official Bonds	
Treasurer	20,000
Superintendent/Board President (each)	20,000
Blanket (all others)	5,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has been no significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

For fiscal year 2000, the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 15). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the GRP. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund". This "equity pooling" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the GRP. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Gates McDonald & Co. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

Dental insurance is offered to employees through a self-insurance internal service fund. Coresource is the School District's third party administrator who informs the District of claim payments needed each week. Dominguez Consulting provides an actuarial study each year and advises the District as to any change needed in premium payments to the internal service fund. The claims liability of \$6,434 reported in the internal service fund at June 30, 2000 is based on an estimate provided by Coresource and the requirements of *GASB Statement No. 10 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues"*, which requires that a liability for unpaid claim costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. The estimate was not affected by incremental claims adjustments expenses and does not include other allocated or unallocated claim adjustment expenses.

Changes in claims activity for the past two fiscal years are as follows:

	Balance at Beginning of Year	Current Year Claims	Claims Payments	Balance at End of Year
1999	\$9,110	\$33,409	\$37,256	\$5,263
2000	5,263	45,212	44,041	6,434

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

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

Plan members are required to contribute 9 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the School District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits; for fiscal year 2000, 5.5 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, up to a statutory maximum amount, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000, 1999, and 1998 were \$43,918, \$45,948 and \$73,523, respectively; 45.82 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2000 and 100 percent for fiscal years 1999 and 1998. \$23,793 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2000, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds and the general long-term obligations account group.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

The School District contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death and survivor benefits to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for STRS. That report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3371.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, plan members were required to contribute 9.3 percent of their annual covered salaries. The School District was required to contribute 14 percent; 6 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by STRS, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000, 1999, and 1998 were \$155,352, \$129,834 and \$234,123, respectively; 84.29 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2000 and 100 percent for fiscal years 1999 and 1998. \$24,402 represents the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2000 and is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

NOTE 11 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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

All STRS benefit recipients and sponsored dependents are eligible for health care coverage. The STRS Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Most benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS funds is included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, the STRS Board allocated employer contributions equal to 8 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund. For the School District, this amount equaled \$207,135 for fiscal year 2000.

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NOTE 11 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. At June 30, 1999, (the latest information available) the balance in the Fund was \$2,783 million. For the year ended June 30, 1999, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$249,929,000 and STRS had 95,796 eligible benefit recipients.

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

After the allocation for basic benefits, the remainder of the employer's 14 percent contribution is allocated to providing health care benefits. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 8.50 percent of covered payroll, an increase from 6.30 percent for fiscal year 1999. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2000, the minimum pay was established at \$12,400. For the School District, the amount contributed to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge, during the 2000 fiscal year equaled \$74,717.

The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund. The target level for the health care reserve is 150 percent of the annual health care expenses. Expenses for health care for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999 (the latest information available), were \$126,380,984 and the target level was \$189.6 million. At June 30, 1999, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$188.0 million. SERS has approximately 51,000 participants currently receiving health care benefits.

NOTE 12 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave components are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn ten to twenty days of vacation per fiscal year, depending upon length of service. Vacation days are credited to these employees on the anniversary of their employment and should be used within the next twelve months. Vacation may be accumulated up to a maximum of 59 days (60 days for the superintendent and treasurer). Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 225 days for all personnel. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of accrued, but unused sick leave credit to a maximum of 45 days.

B. Insurance Benefits

The School District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The School District has elected to provide employee medical/surgical benefits, vision and prescription drug benefits through United Health Care of Ohio. The employees share the cost of the monthly premium with the Board. The premium varies with employee depending on the terms of the union contract.

C. Deferred Compensation

School District employees may participate in the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan. This plan was created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. Participation is on a voluntary payroll deduction basis. The plan permits deferral of compensation until future years. According to the plan, the deferred compensation is not available until termination, retirement, death or an unforeseeable emergency.

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NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The changes in the School District's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2000 were as follows:

	Principal Outstanding 6/30/99	Addition s	Deduction s	Principal Outstanding 6/30/00
1995 School Improvement General Obligation Bonds - 4.05% to 6.35%	\$890,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$875,000
Pension Obligation	28,038	43,569	28,038	43,569
Compensated Absences	279,231	0	4,947	274,284
Total General Long-Term Obligations	\$1,197,269	\$43,569	\$47,985	\$1,192,853

The 1995 School Improvement bonds were issued in the amount of \$920,000 in November, 1995 as a result of the School District being approved for a \$6,847,433 school facilities loan through the State Department of Education for the construction of a junior/senior high school building. The School District issued the general obligation bonds to provide a partial cash match for the school facilities loans. As a requirement of the loans, the School District was required to pass a 4.15 mill levy. The 4.15 mill levy, of which .5 mill was to be used for the retirement of the loan, with the balance of 3.65 mills to be used for the retirement of the 1995 bond issue, will be in effect for twenty-three years.

On October 7, 1997, Western Local School District was notified by the Ohio School Facilities Commission that they would not be responsible for repaying the remainder of the \$6,847,433 classroom facilities loan to the State because the School District's adjusted valuation per pupil (currently 608 out of 611 schools) was less than the state-wide median adjusted valuation per pupil. In lieu of the repayment, the School District must set aside the funds that would have been used for repayment for facilities maintenance. As part of this process, the School District must submit a maintenance plan to the Ohio School Facilities Commission every five years until the twenty-three year period expires. If the School District's adjusted valuation per pupil increases above the state-wide median adjusted valuation during the twenty-three year period, the School District may become responsible for repayment of a portion of the State's contribution.

Compensated absences and the pension obligation will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid.

The School District's overall legal debt margin was \$1,761,373 with an unvoted debt margin of \$28,073 at June 30, 2000.

Principal and interest requirements to retire general obligation debt at June 30, 2000, are as follows:

Fiscal year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2001	\$15,000	\$51,423	\$66,423
2002	20,000	50,620	70,620
2003	20,000	49,680	69,680
2004	25,000	48,599	73,599
2005	30,000	47,250	77,250
2005-2009	190,000	208,792	398,792
2010-2014	310,000	137,278	447,278
2015-2018	265,000	26,194	291,194
Total	\$875,000	\$619,836	\$1,494,836

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NOTE 14 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

South Central Ohio Computer Association - The School District is a participant in the South Central Ohio Computer Association (SCOCA) which is a computer consortium. SCOCA is an association of public school districts within the boundaries of Highland, Adams, Pike, Scioto, Brown, Ross, Jackson, Vinton and Lawrence Counties. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. The governing board of SCOCA consists of two representatives from each of the participating counties, two representatives of the school treasurers plus the fiscal agent. The School District paid SCOCA \$3,988 for services provided during the year. Financial information can be obtained from their fiscal agent, the Pike County Joint Vocational School District, Tonya Cooper, who serves as Treasurer, at P. O. Box 577, 175 Beaver Creek Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

The Pike County Joint Vocational School - The Pike County Joint Vocational School is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of the Pike County Board of Education and two representatives from the Waverly City Schools Board of Education, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information write to the Pike County Joint Vocational School, Tonya Cooper, who serves as Treasurer, at P. O. Box 577, 175 Beaver Creek Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools - The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools is a jointly governed organization of over one hundred school districts in southeastern Ohio. The Coalition is operated by a board which is composed of fourteen members. The board members are composed of one superintendent from each county elected by the school districts within that county. The Council provides various services for school district administrative personnel; gathers data regarding conditions of education in the region; cooperates with other professional groups to assess and develop programs designed to meet the needs of member districts; and provides staff development programs for school district personnel. The Council is not dependent upon the continued participation of the School District and the School District does not maintain an equity interest in or a financial responsibility for the Council. The School District paid \$300 to the Coalition for services provided during the year.

NOTE 15 - INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

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

NOTE 16 - SCHOOL FUNDING COURT DECISION

On March 24, 1997, the Ohio Supreme Court rendered a decision declaring certain portions of the Ohio school funding plan unconstitutional. The Court stayed the effect of its ruling for one year to allow the State's legislature to design a plan to remedy the perceived defects in that system. Declared unconstitutional was the State's "school foundation program", which provides significant amounts of monetary support to the School District. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, the School District received \$4,384,042 of school foundation support for its general fund.

In addition, the Court declared the classroom facilities program unconstitutional, because, in the Court's opinion, the program had not been sufficiently funded by the State. The classroom facilities program provided money to build schools and furnish classrooms. As of June 30, 2000, the School District had received a total grant of \$6,847,433 under this program.

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NOTE 16 - SCHOOL FUNDING COURT DECISION (continued)

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

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

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

NOTE 17 - SET-ASIDE CALCULATIONS AND FUND RESERVES

The School 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 or construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by year-end or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at year-end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future years. The School District is also required to set aside money for budget stabilization. The School District also receives monies for school bus purchases. This amount is shown as a reserve for bus purchases.

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

	Textbooks	Capital Acquisitio n	Budget Stabilization	Totals
Set-aside Cash Balance as of June 30, 1999	\$0	\$0	\$55,308	\$55,308
Current year set-aside requirement	93,698	93,698	31,233	218,629
Current year offsets	0	0	0	0
Qualifying disbursements	(137,882)	(93,698)	0	(340,696)
Amount Carried Forward to FY 2001	(\$44,184)	(\$109,116)	\$86,541	(66,759)
Set-aside Cash Balance as of June 30, 2000	\$0	\$0	\$86,541	86,541
Amount restricted for bus purchases				114,776
Total Restricted Assets				\$201,317

The School District had offsets and qualifying disbursements during the year that reduced the set-aside amounts below zero in the Textbooks and Capital Acquisition Reserves, these extra amounts may be carried forward and used to reduce the set-aside requirements of future years.

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NOTE 18 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2000.

B. Litigation

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

NOTE 19 - RESTATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE/RETAINED EARNINGS

Correction of accounting errors in the prior year required that certain adjustments be recorded to the July 1, 1999 fund balances/retained earnings as previously reported. The restatements to the opening fund balances/retained earnings are as follows:

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Previously Stated Balances at 06/30/99</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Restated Balance at 07/01/99</u>
General Fund	\$4,032,664	\$(329)	\$4,032,335
Enterprise Fund	11,222	(5,012)	6,210

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Pike County

Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures
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Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/ Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Non-Cash Receipts	Disbursements	Non-Cash Disbursements
United States Department of Agriculture						
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Education</i>						
<i>Nutrition Cluster:</i>						
Food Distribution Program	NA	10.550	\$0	\$29,437	\$0	\$31,041
National School Breakfast Program	05-PU	10.553	50,264	0	50,264	0
National School Lunch Program	04-PU	10.555	143,111	0	143,111	0
Total United States Department of Agriculture - Nutrition Cluster			193,375	29,437	193,375	31,041
United States Department of Education						
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Education</i>						
<i>Special Education Cluster:</i>						
Title VI-B	6B-SI	84.027	68,728	0	58,602	0
Total Special Education Cluster			68,728	0	58,602	0
Title 1	C1-S1	84.010	316,273	0	324,669	0
Drug Free Education	DR-S1	84.186	4,200	0	8,446	0
Goals 2000	G2-SU	84.276	31,502	0	28,146	0
Eisenhower Professional Development	MS-S1	84.281	5,891	0	7,761	0
Inovative Education Program Strategy	C2-S1	84.298	5,363	0	5,833	0
Total United States Department of Education			431,957	0	433,457	0
Total Federal Financial Assistance			\$625,332	\$29,437	\$626,832	\$31,041

N/A = Pass through entity number could not be located.
See Notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures.

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PIKE COUNTY
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES

NOTE A - - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

NOTE B - - FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

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

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Report on compliance and on internal control over financial reporting based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

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

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Western Local School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing and opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

This report is intended for the information of the audit committee, management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by any one other than these specified parties.

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November 22, 2000

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Report on compliance with requirements applicable to each major program and internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB circular A-133

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Compliance

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

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

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

Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Members of the Board

Western Local School District

Report on compliance with requirements applicable to each major program and internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB circular A-133

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

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

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November 22, 2000

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 SECTION .505

WESTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PIKE COUNTY
JUNE 30, 2000

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other reportable control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under section .510?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Nutrition Cluster: Food Distribution, #10.550 School Breakfast Program, #10.553 National School Lunch Program, #10.555
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

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WESTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PIKE COUNTY
JUNE 30, 2000

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

Finding Number	None
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3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

Finding Number	None
CFDA Title and Number	
Federal Award Number/Year	
Federal Agency	
Pass-Through Agency	



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WESTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PIKE 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
DECEMBER 12, 2000**