



**SOUTHINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000



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AUDITOR OF STATE

STATE OF OHIO

**SOUTHINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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Trumbull County
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To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Southington Local School District, Trumbull County, (the District) 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 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 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 Southington Local School District, Trumbull County, as of June 30, 2000, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types and non-expendable trust funds 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 January 12, 2001 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

January 12, 2001

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**Southington Local School District
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Groups
June 30, 2000**

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum)	
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Project	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Fixed Assets	General Long Term	(Only)
Assets and Other Debits:									
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 93,424	14,864	0	46,521	80,002	60,378	0	0	\$ 295,189
Restricted Assets	55,317	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55,317
Taxes Receivable	949,158	422,782	5,000	57,022	0	0	0	0	1,433,962
Interfund Receivables	31,210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31,210
Due from Other Funds	0	0	0	0	0	89,019	0	0	89,019
Intergovernmental Receivable	150	18,409	0	0	60	0	0	0	18,619
Accounts Receivable	9,593	173	0	0	113	328	0	0	10,207
Supplies Inventory	511	0	0	0	516	0	0	0	1,027
Inventory for Resale	0	0	0	0	1,894	0	0	0	1,894
Property, Plant & Equipment	0	0	0	0	53,690	0	3,033,707	0	3,087,397
Accumulated Depreciation, where applicable	0	0	0	0	(39,340)	0	0	0	(39,340)
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long Term Debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	537,439	537,439
Total Assets and Other Debits	\$ 1,139,363	456,228	5,000	103,543	96,935	149,725	3,033,707	537,439	\$ 5,521,940

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Southington Local School District
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Groups, Continued
June 30, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types				Proprietary	Fiduciary	Account Groups		Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Project	Fund Types	Fund Types	General Fixed Assets	General Long Term Debt	2000 (Memorandum) (Only)
					Enterprise	Trust and Agency			
Liabilities:									
Interfund Payable	\$ 0	1,231	0	27,928	0	2,051	0	0	\$ 31,210
Due to Other Funds	57,813	86	0	0	0	0	0	31,120	89,019
Intergovernmental Payable	1,386	.	0	0	29	111,444	0	0	112,859
Accounts Payable	2,283	7,646	0	0	87	39	0	0	10,055
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	298,759	8,696	0	0	0	0	0	0	307,455
Deferred Revenue	945,547	420,935	5,000	56,775	1,340	0	0	0	1,429,597
Due to Others	0	0	0	0	0	8,135	0	0	8,135
Asbestos Loan Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,845	15,845
Compensated Absences Payable	23,808	0	0	0	0	0	0	490,474	514,282
Total Liabilities	1,329,596	438,594	5,000	84,703	1,456	121,669	0	537,439	2,518,457
Fund Equity and Other Credits:									
Investment in General Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,033,707	0	3,033,707
Contributed Capital	0	0	0	0	15,884	0	0	0	15,884
Retained Earnings	0	0	0	0	79,595	0	0	0	79,595
Retained Earnings-Reserved	0	0	0	0	0	22,497	0	0	22,497
Fund Balances:									
Reserved For Inventory	511	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	511
Reserved For Budget Stabilization	19,406	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,406
Reserved For Textbook Expenditure	24,530	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,530
Reserved For Capital Expenditures	11,381	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,381
Reserved for Future Appropriation	3,611	1,847	0	247	0	0	0	0	5,705
Unreserved Fund Balance	(249,672)	15,787	0	18,593	0	5,559	0	0	(209,733)
Total Fund Equity	(190,233)	17,634	0	18,840	0	5,559	0	0	(148,200)
Total Fund Balances/Retained Earnings and Other Credits	(190,233)	17,634	0	18,840	95,479	28,056	3,033,707	0	3,003,483
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity, and Other Credits	\$ 1,139,363	456,228	5,000	103,543	96,935	149,725	3,033,707	537,439	\$ 5,521,940

See Accompanying Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

Southington Local School District
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
All Governmental Fund Types and Similar Fiduciary Fund Types
Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Project	Expendable Trust	(Memorandum) (Only)
REVENUES:						
Taxes	\$ 812,818	411,416	4,941	56,618	0	\$ 1,285,793
Tuition	6,914	0	0	0	0	6,914
Transportation Fees	11,374	0	0	0	0	11,374
Earnings on Investments	13,393	0	0	0	0	13,393
Extracurricular Activities	0	105,100	0	0	0	105,100
Classroom Materials & Fees	1,058	0	0	0	0	1,058
Miscellaneous	9,706	0	0	0	250	9,956
Revenue from State Sources						
Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	2,328,664	51,503	0	6,773	0	2,386,940
Restricted Grants-in-Aid	19,281	15,923	0	86,147	0	121,351
Revenue from Federal Sources						
Restricted Grants-in-Aid	0	89,910	0	0	0	89,910
Total Revenue	3,203,208	673,852	4,941	149,538	250	4,031,789
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
Instruction						
Regular	1,585,122	306,917	0	39,788	0	1,931,827
Special	120,448	65,671	0	0	0	186,119
Vocational	446	0	0	0	0	446
Adult/Continuing	25	0	0	0	0	25
Other Instruction	5,507	0	0	0	0	5,507
Supporting Services						
Pupils	372,132	0	0	0	0	372,132
Instructional Staff	55,879	0	0	0	0	55,879
Board of Education	19,907	0	0	0	0	19,907
Administration	334,410	3,445	0	0	0	337,855
Fiscal Services	134,891	7,242	0	990	0	143,123
Business	25,087	0	0	0	0	25,087
Operation & Maintenance-Plant	254,747	97,500	0	141,142	37	493,426
Pupil Transportation	229,152	85,381	0	0	0	314,533
Central	6	7,664	0	12,900	0	20,570
Food Service	75,189	0	0	0	0	75,189
Community Services	0	736	0	0	0	736
Extracurricular Activities						
Academic & Subject Oriented	6,376	3,246	0	0	0	9,622
Sports Oriented	74,228	72,946	0	0	0	147,174
Co-Curricular Activities	334	28,754	0	0	0	29,088
Debt Service						
Repayment of Debt	0	0	5,000	0	0	5,000
Total Expenditures	3,293,886	679,502	5,000	194,820	37	4,173,245
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues						
Over (Under) Expenditures	(90,678)	(5,650)	(59)	(45,282)	213	(141,456)
Other Financing Sources and Uses:						
Sale & Loss of Assets	16,514	0	0	0	0	16,514
Transfers-In	50,000	0	0	0	0	50,000
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	30,516	0	0	0	0	30,516
Transfers-Out	(2,311)	0	0	0	0	(2,311)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	94,719	0	0	0	0	94,719
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditure						
Disbursement and Other Uses	4,041	(5,650)	(59)	(45,282)	213	(46,737)
Increase in Inventory	120	0	0	0	0	120
Beginning Fund Balance	(194,394)	23,284	59	64,122	45	(106,884)
Ending Fund Balance	\$ (190,233)	17,634	0	18,840	258	\$ (153,501)

See Accompanying Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

Southington Local School District
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types and Similar Fiduciary Fund Types
Year Ended June 30, 2000

	General Fund			Special Revenue Funds		
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ 921,937	824,433	(97,504)	471,652	420,149	\$ (51,503)
Tuition	6,000	5,964	(36)	0	0	0
Transportation Fees	11,500	11,374	(126)	0	0	0
Earnings on Investment	15,000	12,103	(2,897)	0	0	0
Extracurricular Activities	0	0	0	85,849	108,083	22,234
Classroom Materials and Fees	1,100	1,058	(42)	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	8,650	9,725	1,075	600	0	(600)
State Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	2,378,996	2,328,664	(50,332)	51,808	51,503	(305)
State Restricted Grants-in-Aid	20,000	19,331	(669)	40,000	44,070	4,070
Revenue for/on Behalf of District	3,200	0	(3,200)	0	0	0
Federal Restricted Grants-in-Aid	0	0	0	74,556	71,501	(3,055)
Total Revenue	3,366,383	3,212,652	(153,731)	724,465	695,306	(29,159)
Expenditures:						
Regular Instruction	1,835,204	1,589,522	245,682	284,109	306,919	(22,810)
Special Instruction	114,734	118,632	(3,898)	68,908	65,271	3,637
Vocational Instruction	10,000	10,534	(534)	0	0	0
Adult/Continuing Education	0	25	(25)	0	0	0
Other Instruction	0	5,507	(5,507)	0	0	0
Support Services-Pupils	288,985	372,081	(83,096)	0	0	0
Support Services-Instructional Staff	52,984	55,667	(2,683)	0	0	0
Support Services-Board of Education	9,864	19,507	(9,643)	0	0	0
Support Services-Administration	298,144	327,598	(29,454)	2,000	3,445	(1,445)
Fiscal Services	123,490	135,990	(12,500)	7,700	7,242	458
Support Services-Business	13,000	25,087	(12,087)	0	0	0
Operation & Maintenance-Plant	225,006	257,916	(32,910)	181,775	178,406	3,369
Support Services-Transportation	211,524	233,582	(22,058)	99,998	79,571	20,427
Support Services-Central	0	0	0	8,041	7,905	136
Food Services Operations	67,686	63,797	3,889	0	0	0
Community Services	0	0	0	763	736	27
Academic & Subject Oriented	6,404	6,276	128	3,250	3,246	4
Sports Oriented	70,760	72,865	(2,105)	74,358	73,647	711
Co-Curricular Activities	700	334	366	28,800	28,754	46
Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	3,328,485	3,294,920	33,565	759,702	755,142	4,560
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	37,898	(82,268)	(120,166)	(35,237)	(59,836)	(24,599)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Sale and Loss of Assets	1,350	16,514	15,164	0	0	0
Advances-In	50,000	50,000	0	0	29,159	29,159
Transfers-In	0	50,000	50,000	0	0	0
Refund of Prior Years Expenditures	0	38,568	38,568	0	0	0
Advances-Out	0	(31,210)	(31,210)	0	0	0
Transfer-Out	0	(2,311)	(2,311)	0	0	0
Total Other Sources (Uses)	51,350	121,561	70,211	0	29,159	29,159
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	89,248	39,293	(49,955)	(35,237)	(30,677)	4,560
Beginning Fund Balance	109,451	109,451	--	45,540	45,540	--
Prior Year Carry Over Encumbrances	0	0	--	0	0	--
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 198,699	148,744	(49,955)	10,303	14,863	\$ 4,560

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Southington Local School District
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types and Similar Fiduciary Fund Types - Continued
Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Debt Service Funds			Capital Project Funds		
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ 4,941	4,941	0	63,144	56,371	\$ (6,773)
Tuition	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Earnings on Investment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extracurricular Activities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Classroom Materials and Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	0	0	0	0	6,773	6,773
State Restricted Grants-in-Aid	0	0	0	58,000	58,000	0
Revenue for/on Behalf of District	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Restricted Grants-in-Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	4,941	4,941	0	121,144	121,144	0
Expenditures:						
Regular Instruction	0	0	0	46,058	39,788	6,270
Special Instruction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vocational Instruction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult/Continuing Instruction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Instruction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Support Services-Pupils	0	0	0	0	0	0
Support Services-Instructional Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0
Support Services-Board of Education	0	0	0	0	0	0
Support Services-Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiscal Services	0	0	0	2,000	990	1,010
Support Services-Business	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operation & Maintenance-Plant	0	0	0	61,260	62,267	(1,007)
Support Services-Transportation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Support Services-Central	0	0	0	12,900	12,900	0
Food Services Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Academic & Subject Oriented	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sports Oriented	0	0	0	0	0	0
Co-Curricular Activities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Repayment of Debt	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	5,000	5,000	0	122,218	115,945	6,273
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	(59)	(59)	0	(1,074)	5,199	6,273
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Sale and Loss of Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Advances-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refund of Prior Years Expenditures/Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Advances-Out	0	0	0	(50,000)	(50,000)	0
Transfer-Out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	(50,000)	(50,000)	0
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(59)	(59)	0	(51,074)	(44,801)	6,273
Beginning Fund Balance	59	59	--	91,322	91,322	--
Prior Year Carry Over Encumbrances	0	0	--	0	0	--
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 0	0	0	40,248	46,521	\$ 6,273

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Southington Local School District
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types and Similar Fiduciary Fund Types- Continued
Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Expendable Trust Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)		
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ 0	0	0	1,461,674	1,305,894	\$ (155,780)
Tuition	0	0	0	6,000	5,964	(36)
Transportation Fees	0	0	0	11,500	11,374	(126)
Earnings on Investment	0	0	0	15,000	12,103	(2,897)
Extracurricular Activities	0	0	0	85,849	108,083	22,234
Classroom Materials and Fees	0	0	0	1,100	1,058	(42)
Miscellaneous	250	250	0	9,500	9,975	475
State Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	0	0	0	2,430,804	2,386,940	(43,864)
State Restricted Grants-in-Aid	0	0	0	118,000	121,401	3,401
Revenue for/on Behalf of District	0	0	0	3,200	0	(3,200)
Federal Restricted Grants-in-Aid	0	0	0	74,556	71,501	(3,055)
Total Revenue	250	250	0	4,217,183	4,034,293	(182,890)
Expenditures:						
Regular Instruction	0	0	0	2,165,371	1,936,229	229,142
Special Instruction	0	0	0	183,642	183,903	(261)
Vocational Instruction	0	0	0	10,000	10,534	(534)
Adult/Continuing Instruction	0	0	0	0	25	(25)
Other Instruction	0	0	0	0	5,507	(5,507)
Support Services-Pupils	0	0	0	288,985	372,081	(83,096)
Support Services-Instructional Staff	0	0	0	52,984	55,667	(2,683)
Support Services-Board of Education	0	0	0	9,864	19,507	(9,643)
Support Services-Administration	0	0	0	300,144	331,043	(30,899)
Fiscal Services	750	500	250	133,940	144,722	(10,782)
Support Services-Business	0	0	0	13,000	25,087	(12,087)
Operation & Maintenance-Plant	37	37	0	468,078	498,626	(30,548)
Support Services-Transportation	0	0	0	311,522	313,153	(1,631)
Support Services-Central	0	0	0	20,941	20,805	136
Food Services Operations	0	0	0	67,686	63,797	3,889
Community Services	0	0	0	763	736	27
Academic & Subject Oriented	0	0	0	9,654	9,522	132
Sports Oriented	0	0	0	145,118	146,512	(1,394)
Co-Curricular Activities	0	0	0	29,500	29,088	412
Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0
Total Expenditures	787	537	250	4,216,192	4,171,544	44,648
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	(537)	(287)	250	991	(137,251)	(138,242)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Sale and Loss of Assets	0	0	0	1,350	16,514	15,164
Advance-In	0	0	0	50,000	79,159	29,159
Transfer-In	0	0	0	0	50,000	50,000
Refund of Prior Years Expenditures	0	0	0	0	38,568	38,568
Advances-Out	0	0	0	(50,000)	(81,210)	(31,210)
Transfer-Out	0	0	0	0	(2,311)	(2,311)
Total Other Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	1,350	100,720	99,370
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(537)	(287)	250	2,341	(36,531)	(38,872)
Beginning Fund Balance	545	545	--	246,917	246,917	--
Prior Year Carry Over Encumbrances	0	0	--	0	0	--
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 8	258	250	249,258	210,386	\$ (38,872)

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Southington Local School District
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Retained Earnings
All Proprietary Fund Types and Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Proprietary Fund Types	Fiduciary Fund Types	Totals (Memorandum) (Only)
	Enterprise Funds	Non-Expendable Trust Funds	
Operating Revenues:			
Food Service	\$ 108,743	0	\$ 108,743
Classroom Materials & Fees	15,001	0	15,001
Total Operating Revenue	<u>123,744</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>123,744</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Personal Services - Salary	(5,104)	0	(5,104)
Employee Benefits	(6,334)	0	(6,334)
Purchased Services	3,109	0	3,109
Supplies and Materials	84,705	0	84,705
Other Expenses	0	2,465	2,465
Depreciation	1,195	0	1,195
Total Operating Expenses	<u>77,571</u>	<u>2,465</u>	<u>80,036</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	46,173	(2,465)	43,708
Non-Operating Revenues:			
Miscellaneous	0	1,776	1,776
Earnings on Investment	424	1,658	2,082
State Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid	1,096	0	1,096
Federal Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid	22,291	0	22,291
Federal Restricted Grants-In-Aid	5,809	0	5,809
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>29,620</u>	<u>3,434</u>	<u>33,054</u>
Net Income (Loss)	75,793	969	76,762
Beginning Retained Earnings	3,802	26,830	30,632
Retained Earnings at End of Year	<u>\$ 79,595</u>	<u>27,799</u>	<u>\$ 107,394</u>

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Southington Local School District
Combined Statement of Cash Flow
All Proprietary Fund Types and Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Proprietary Fund Types	Fiduciary Fund Types	Totals (Memorandum) (Only)
	Enterprise Funds	Non-Expendable Trust Funds	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Operating Loss	\$ 46,173	(2,465)	\$ 43,708
Adjustment to Reconcile Operating Loss To Net Cash used in Operating Activities:			
Depreciation	1,195	0	1,195
Net (Increase) Decrease in Assets:			
Intergovernmental Receivable	37	0	37
Accounts Receivable	(45)	221	176
Inventory	298	0	298
Net Increases (Decreases) in Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	87	0	87
Intergovernmental Payable	(4,792)	0	(4,792)
Due to Other Funds	0	0	0
Deferred Revenue	(201)	0	(201)
Accrued Wages and Benefits	(10,929)	0	(10,929)
Compensated Absences	(7,443)	0	(7,443)
Total Adjustments	<u>(21,793)</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>(21,572)</u>
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	24,380	(2,244)	22,136
Cash Flows from Noncapital Activities:			
Earnings on Investments	424	1,658	2,082
Grants from State Sources	1,096	0	1,096
Grants from Federal Sources	22,291	0	22,291
Federal Commodities	5,809	0	5,809
Miscellaneous	0	1,776	1,776
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Sources	<u>29,620</u>	<u>3,434</u>	<u>33,054</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	54,000	1,190	55,190
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	<u>26,002</u>	<u>26,609</u>	<u>52,611</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$ 80,002</u>	<u>27,799</u>	<u>\$ 107,801</u>

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**SOUTHINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2000**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Southington Local School District (the District) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The District is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is a local District as defined by Section 3311.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District operates under an elected Board of Education (5 members) and is responsible for the provision of public education to residents of the District.

Average daily membership (ADM) as of October 1, 1999, was 604.45. The District employed 7 administrative and supervisory personnel, 39 certified employees and 20 non-certificated employees. The District is supervised by the Trumbull County Educational Service Center, a separate entity.

The District provides regular, vocational and special instruction. The District also provides support services for the pupils, instructional staff, general and school administration, business and fiscal services, facilities acquisition and construction services, operation and maintenance of plant, student transportation, food services, extracurricular activities and non-programmed services.

The accompanying general purpose financial statements comply with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, in that the financial statements include all organizations, activities and functions for which the district is financially accountable. This report includes all activities considered by management to be part of the District by virtue of Section 2100 of the Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards.

Section 2100 indicates that the reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The definition of the reporting entity is based primarily on the notion of financial accountability. A primary government is financially accountable for the organizations that make up its legal entity.

It is also financially accountable for legally separate organizations if its officials appoint a voting majority of an organization's governing body and either it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on the primary government. A primary government may also be financially accountable for governmental organizations that are fiscally dependent on it.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A primary government has the ability to impose its will on an organization if it can significantly influence the programs, projects, or activities of, or the level of services performed or provided by, the organization. A financial benefit or burden relationship exists if the primary government (a) is entitled to the organization's resources; (b) is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the obligation to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (c) is obligated in some manner for the debt of the organization.

Management believes the financial statements included in this report represent all of the funds of the District over which the District is financially accountable.

B. Fund Accounting

The 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 government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types."

Governmental Fund Types

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental Fund Types are accounted for on a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. Only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources (revenues and other financing sources) and uses (expenditures and other financing uses) of "available spendable resources" during the period.

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

Special Revenue Funds - These funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than amounts relating to expendable trusts or for major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

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

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

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Proprietary Fund Types

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

Enterprise Funds - These funds are used to account for the operations 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 revenue earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, or other funds. The following are the fiduciary fund types:

Expendable Trust Funds - These funds account for resources, including both principal and earnings, which must be expended according to the provision of a trust agreement. Expendable trust funds are accounted for in essentially the same manner as governmental funds.

Nonexpendable Trust Funds - These funds account for trust principal which may not be expended. Only interest earned on the principal may be used for trust operations. Nonexpendable trust funds are accounted for in essentially the same manner as proprietary funds.

Agency Funds - These funds are purely custodial and thus do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Account Groups

Account Groups are financial reporting devices to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not affect expendable available financial resources. The following are the account groups:

General Fixed Assets Account Group - This account group is used to account for all of the District's fixed assets other than those accounted for in the Proprietary funds.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - This account group is used to account for all of the District's long-term obligations other than those accounted for in the Proprietary Funds.

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(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed for Governmental and Expendable Trust Funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income determination. Under the basis of accounting:

- 1) Only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets.
- 2) Operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.
- 3) Revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures for the current period which, for the District, is 60 days after year end.
 - a) Revenue accrued at the end of the year may include book fines, fees, interest and tuition.
 - b) Property taxes measurable as of June 30, 2000 and delinquent property taxes, whose availability is indeterminate, and are not intended to finance fiscal year 2000 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenues.
- 4) Expenditures are recognized in the period in which the fund liability is incurred with the following exceptions: general long term obligation principal and interest are reported only when due; the current costs of accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave are reported in the period in which they will be liquidated with available financial resources rather than in the period earned by employees.

The Proprietary Funds are accounted for on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the period earned and expenses are recognized in the period incurred. Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 20, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities that Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*, the District follows GASB guidance as applicable to proprietary funds and FASB Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins issued on or before November 30, 1989 that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

Agency fund assets and liabilities are recognized on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

D. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

All governmental and proprietary fund types are subject to annual expenditure budgets. The Board follows the procedures outlined below in establishing the expenditure budget data reported in the general purpose financial statements:

- 1) A Tax Budget of estimated cash receipts and disbursements is submitted to the County Auditor, as secretary of the County Budget Commission, by January 20 of each year, for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1st. The Board of Education normally adopts the Tax Budget at a board meeting in January.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- 2) The County Budget Commission certifies its actions to the District by March 1st. As part of this certification, the District receives the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources which states the projected receipts of each fund. During the month of July, this certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding fiscal year.
- 3) An annual appropriation measure must be passed by the Board of Education by October 1st of each year for the period July 1st to June 30th. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end and the encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated. The Board of Education usually adopts temporary appropriations at its regular board meeting in June. The Annual Appropriation Resolution is usually adopted at the July regular board meeting. The appropriation measure may be amended or supplemented during the year as new information becomes available. Appropriations may not exceed estimated resources and expenditures may not exceed appropriations at the fund level.
- 4) The District prepares its budget on a basis of accounting that differs from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The actual results of operations are presented in the "Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances--Budget and Actual--All Governmental Fund Types" in accordance with the budget basis of accounting.

The major differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and GAAP are that:

- a) Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis);
- b) Expenditures are recorded when encumbered (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis);
- c) Encumbrances are recorded as the equivalent of expenditures (budget basis) as opposed to a reservation of fund balance for governmental fund types and as note disclosures in the proprietary fund types (GAAP basis); and
- d) 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).

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

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled. Monies for all funds, including proprietary funds, are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" on the combined balance sheet. During fiscal year 2000, investments were limited to a money market account. For the District, all investment earnings accrue to the General Fund, Food Service Fund and Trust Funds. Interest income earned in fiscal year 2000 totaled \$15,475.

F. Taxes Receivable

The financial statements reflect taxes receivable as of June 30, 2000. GAAP permits the recognition of revenue from any property tax assessment in the fiscal period levied, provided the funds are "available." "Available" means then due, or past due and receivable within the current period or expected to be collected soon thereafter. While these taxes have been assessed, the majority are not due at June 30, 2000 and accordingly have been recorded as deferred revenue in the accompanying financial statements. Taxes that become delinquent remain recorded in deferred revenue until they are determined to be uncollectible.

G. Inventories

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. Inventories are determined by physical count. Inventory in governmental funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost of the governmental fund type inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased (purchase method) rather than when consumed. Reported inventories in these funds are equally offset by a fund balance reserve which indicates they are unavailable for appropriation. Inventories of proprietary funds consist of donated food, purchased food, and general supplies, and are expended when used.

H. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2000, are recognized under the nonallocation method. The nonallocation method of prepayments and deferrals is consistent with the basic governmental concept that only expendable financial resources are reported by a specific governmental fund. Payments for the prepaid items or deferrals are fully recognized as an expenditure in the year of payment. Under the nonallocation method no asset for the prepayment or deferral is created, and no expenditure allocation to future accounting periods is required.

I. Fixed Assets

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction 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 funds are capitalized in the respective fund. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received. Fixed assets below a threshold of \$500 are not capitalized.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs, that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives, are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets, as applicable.

Assets in the general fixed assets account group are not depreciated. Depreciation of buildings, equipment and vehicles in the proprietary fund types is computed using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of the assets of eight to twenty years.

J. Intergovernmental Revenues

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

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

Entitlements:

General Fund

State Foundation Program
School Bus Funding

Special Revenue Funds

Educational Management Information Systems

Non-Reimbursable Grants:

Special Revenue Funds

DPIA
Title I
Title VI
Title VI B
Title VI-R
Professional Block Grant
SchoolNet Professional Development
Telecommunications Act Grant

Capital Project Fund

School Net Plus
Technology Equity
Emergency School Building Repair Grant

Reimbursable Grants:

General Fund

Driver Education Reimbursement
Tutor Reimbursement

Proprietary Funds

National School Lunch Program
Government Donated Commodities

Grants and entitlements amounted to approximately 64% of the District's operating revenue during the 2000 fiscal year.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

K. Short-Term Interfund Receivables/Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds." Short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." At June 30, 2000, the District had \$89,019 in Due to Other Funds and \$31,210 in "interfund receivables/payables."

L. Advances to Other Funds

Non-current portions of long-term interfund loan receivables are reported as advances and are offset equally by a fund balance reserve account which indicated that they do not constitute expendable available financial resources and therefore are not available for appropriation. At June 30, 2000 the District had no long-term interfund loans.

M. Compensated Absences

The District accounts for compensated absences in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16. Sick leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics are accrued as a liability based on the sick leave accumulated at the balance sheet date by those employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments, as well as other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments. To calculate the liability, these accumulations are reduced to the maximum amount allowed as a termination payment. Accruals for those employees who are expected to become eligible in the future are based on assumptions concerning the probability that individual employees or class or group of employees will become eligible to receive termination payments. All employees with ten or more years of service were included in the calculation of the long-term compensated absences accrual amount.

Vacation leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned by the employees if both of the following conditions are met: 1.) The employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and that are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee; and 2.) It is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement.

For governmental funds, the District records a liability for accumulated unused vacation and sick leave when earned. The current portion of these unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The remainder is reported in the general long-term debt account group. In proprietary funds, compensated absences are expensed when earned with the amount reported as a fund liability.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

N. Contributed Capital

Contributed capital is recorded in proprietary funds that have received capital grants or contributions from developers, customers or other funds. The assets are recorded at their fair market value on the date contributed. Depreciation on those assets acquired or constructed with contributed resources is expended and closed to unreserved retained earnings at year end. Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use. Designated fund balances represent tentative plans for future use of financial resources.

O. Long-Term Obligations

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due, or when resources have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payment early in the following year. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the general long-term debt account group. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from proprietary fund operations are accounted for in those funds.

P. Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, 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.

All other interfund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. Non-recurring or non-routine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

Q. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets in the general fund represent cash and cash equivalents (an intergovernmental receivable) set aside to establish a budget stabilization reserve, textbook reserve and capital improvement reserve. These reserves are required by State statute. The budget stabilization reserve can be used only after receiving approval from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Fund balance reserves have also been established.

R. Fund Balance Reserves

Reserved Fund Balances indicate that portion of fund equity which is not available for current appropriation or is legally segregated for a specific use. Fund Balances are reserved for supplies inventory, budget stabilization, textbook expenditures, capital expenditures and future appropriation. The reserve for future appropriation represents the amount of the property taxes available for advance and recognized as revenue. The District is prohibited by law from appropriating the advance, since it was not received, for the current fiscal year. The unreserved portions of fund equity reflected for the Governmental Funds are available for use within the specific purposes of those funds.

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**NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

S. 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.

T. Memorandum Only - Total Columns

Total columns on the general purpose financial statements are captioned "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.

2. BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The following table summarizes 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 Governmental Fund Types and Similar Fiduciary Fund Type				
	Governmental Fund Types				
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Project	Expendable Trust Funds
GAAP Basis	\$ 4,041	(5,650)	(59)	(45,282)	\$ 213
Increase (Decrease):					
Due to Revenues:					
Net Adjustments to Revenue Accruals	9,444	21,454	0	(28,394)	0
Due to Expenditures:					
Net Adjustments to Expenditure Accruals	(1,034)	(75,640)	0	78,875	(500)
Due to Other Sources/Uses	26,842	29,159	0	(50,000)	0
Budget Basis	<u>\$ 39,293</u>	<u>(30,677)</u>	<u>(59)</u>	<u>(44,801)</u>	<u>\$ (287)</u>

3. ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Section 117.11(A) of the Revised Code, the Auditor of State performed tests of compliance with various provisions of local, state and/or federal laws, as appropriate.

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4. FUND DEFICITS

Fund balances and retained earnings at June 30, 2000, included the following individual deficits:

General Fund	\$ (190,233)
Emergency Levy Fund	\$ (3,943)
Title I	\$ (6,950)
Power Up Grant Fund	\$ (27,928)

The fund deficits resulted from adjustments for accrued liabilities and interfund payables. The general fund is liable for any deficits and provides operating transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur.

5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

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

Inactive deposits are public deposits the Board of Education has identified as not required for use within the current 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 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 money 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;

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5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Continued)

3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bond 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 and eighty days from the date of purchase in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim moneys available for investment at any one time; and,

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or 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 year end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$350,506 and the bank balance was \$351,760. Of the bank balance:

1. \$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance; and
2. \$251,760 was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although all state statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, non-compliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

6. PROPERTY TAX

Property taxes are levied, assessed and collected on a calendar year basis. They include amounts levied against all real, public utility, and tangible personal property located in the District. Taxes collected on real property (other than public utility) in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values as of January 1 of that preceding year, the lien date. Assessed values are established by the Trumbull County Auditor at 35% of appraised market value. All property is required to be revalued every six years. The last revaluation for the District was completed in 1999, an update is scheduled for 2002. The next revaluation is scheduled for 2005. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31. If paid semi-annually, the first payment is usually due February 14, with the remainder payable June 20.

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6. PROPERTY TAX (Continued)

Taxes collected from tangible personal property (other than public utility) in one calendar year are levied in the prior calendar year on assessed values during and at the close of the most recent fiscal year of the taxpayer that ended on or before December 31 of that calendar year. Tangible personal property used in business (except for public utilities) is currently assessed for taxation purposes at 25% of its true value. Amounts paid by multi-county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 28.

Public utility real and public utility personal property taxes collected in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values determined as of December 31 of the second year preceding the tax collection year, the lien date. Real property is assessed at 35% of market value and personal property is assessed at 100% of market value. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property taxes described previously.

The Trumbull County Treasurer collects property tax on behalf of the District. The Trumbull County Auditor remits the collected taxes to the District. Tax settlements are made each March and August for real property taxes and each June and October for personal property

Taxes available for advance and recognized as revenue, but not received by the District prior to June 30, are reflected as a reservation of fund balance. The District is prohibited by law from appropriating the property taxes recognized as revenue in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.35 since an advance of tax revenue was not received by the end of the fiscal year.

The full tax rate at the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000 for operations was \$49.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and \$2.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for permanent improvements. The assessed values of real and tangible personal property on which the fiscal year 2000 taxes were collected were as follows:

Real Property-Commercial/Industrial	\$ 1,509,110
Real Property-Residential/Agricultural	40,951,080
Personal Property-General	1,107,014
Personal Property-Public Utilities	<u>2,426,480</u>
Total Assessed Value	<u><u>\$ 45,993,684</u></u>

7. RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2000 consisted of taxes, accounts (miscellaneous), and intergovernmental grants and entitlements. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current guarantee of Federal funds.

A summary of the principal items of Intergovernmental Receivables follows:

General Fund:	
Drivers Education	\$ 150
Special Revenue Funds:	
Title VI-B	18,409
Proprietary Funds:	
State Reimbursements	<u>60</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 18,619</u></u>

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8. FIXED ASSETS

The following is a summary of the proprietary funds property, plant and equipment at June 30, 2000:

Furniture and Equipment	\$ 53,690
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(39,340)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u><u>\$ 14,350</u></u>

The following is a summary of changes in the General Fixed Assets Account Group during the fiscal year 2000:

	General Fixed Assets June 30, 1999	Additions	Deletions	General Fixed Assets June 30, 2000
Land and Improvements	\$ 22,380	0	0	\$ 22,380
Buildings	1,157,871	0	0	1,157,871
Improvements	23,949	0	0	23,949
Furniture and Equipment	1,417,638	41,214	61,566	1,397,286
Vehicles	432,221	0	0	432,221
Total General Fixed Assets	<u><u>\$ 3,054,059</u></u>	<u><u>41,214</u></u>	<u><u>61,566</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,033,707</u></u>

There was no significant construction in progress at June 30, 2000.

9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

The District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system administered by the School Employees Retirement Board. SERS provides basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for SERS. The report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 45 North Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3634.

Plan members are required to contribute 9 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current District rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. 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 District's contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000, 1999, and 1998 were \$67,236, \$68,850, and \$64,890, respectively; 44.3 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2000 and 100 percent for fiscal years 1999 and 1998. \$42,325 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2000, including the surcharge, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds and the general long-term obligations account group.

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9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System

The District contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system administered by the State Teachers Retirement Board. STRS provides basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for STRS. The report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771.

Plan members are required to contribute 9.3 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent. Contribution rates are established by STRS, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. The District's contributions for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000, 1999, and 1998 were \$261,408, \$240,096 and \$231,768, respectively; 83.3 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2000 and 100 percent for fiscal years 1999 and 1998. \$43,568 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2000, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

C. Social Security

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System have an option to choose Social Security or the School Employees Retirement System /State Teachers Retirement System. As of June 30, 2000, no members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

10. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The District provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), and to retired classified 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 funded 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, 1999, the STRS Board allocated employer contributions equal to 8 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund. For the District, this amount equaled \$149,376 for fiscal year 2000. STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. The balance in the Health Care Reserve Fund was \$2.783 million at June 30, 1999 (the latest information available). 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.

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10. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more fiscal years of qualifying service credit, 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.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 8.5 percent of covered payroll, an increase of 2.2 percent from fiscal year 1998. 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 has been established at \$12,400. The surcharge rate 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. For the District, this amount equaled \$49,530 during the 2000 fiscal year.

The target level for the health care reserve is 150% of annual health care expenses. Expenses for health care at June 30, 1999, (the latest information available) were \$126,380,984 and the target level was \$189.6 million. At June 30, 1999, the Retirement System's net assets available for payment of health care benefits was \$188.0 million. The number of participants currently receiving health care benefits is approximately 51,000.

11. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The criteria for determining vested vacation and sick leave components are derived from the negotiated agreements and State laws. Only personnel who are under a full year contract (260 days) are eligible for vacation time. The Superintendent is granted twenty days of vacation per year.

Classified employees earn ten to twenty days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. Employees may accrue a maximum of thirty (30) days for carry-over to successive years. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment.

The classified personnel accumulate vacation based on the following schedule:

Years Service	Vacation Days
1-6	10
7-14	15
15-beyond	20

Each employee earns sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave shall accumulate during active employment on a continuous year-to-year basis. Maximum sick leave accumulation for classified employees and for certified employees is 305 days.

Retirement severance is paid to each employee retiring from the District at a per diem rate of the annual salary at the time of retirement if the employee has been employed by the District for a minimum of five years and has ten years of service with the State Retirement System at the time of retirement.

Any employee receiving retirement severance pay shall be entitled to a dollar amount equivalent to one-fourth of all accumulated sick leave credited to that employee up to seventy-six and one-fourth days. The Superintendent is entitled to severance on all accumulated and unused sick leave without limit per contract.

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12. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. General Risk

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The District has addressed these various types of risk by purchasing a comprehensive insurance policy through commercial carriers.

General liability insurance is maintained in the amount of \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate. The District also maintains \$100,000 employee benefit liability coverage.

The District maintains fleet insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 for any one accident or loss.

The District maintains replacement cost insurance on buildings and contents in the amount of \$9,493,257.

B. Workers' Compensation-Public Entity Risk Pool

The District participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (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 Ohio School Boards Association (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.

The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school 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.

C. Shared Risk Pool

The District participates in the Trumbull County Insurance Consortium. This is a shared risk pool comprised of sixteen Trumbull County School Districts. The Consortium is governed by an assembly which consists of one representative from each participating school district. The assembly elects officers for one year terms to serve as the Board of Directors. The assembly exercises control over the operation of the Consortium. Consortium revenues are generated from charges for services.

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13. NOTES AND LONG-TERM DEBT

A summary of changes in long-term obligations for the year ended June 30, 2000, are as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	July 1, 1999	Additions	Deletions	June 30,2000
Intergovernmental Payable	\$ 26,154	0	26,154	\$ 0
Due to Other Funds	0	31,120	0	31,120
Capital Leases Payable	19,853	0	19,853	0
Asbestos Loan Payable	20,845	0	5,000	15,845
Compensated Absences Payable	452,310	490,474	452,310	490,474
	<u>\$ 519,162</u>	<u>521,594</u>	<u>503,317</u>	<u>\$ 537,439</u>

Capital Leases Payable:

The District had a capital lease for a copier. This equipment has been capitalized in the general fixed assets account group. This lease was terminated in April, 2000.

Operating Lease:

The District entered into an operating lease contract for three copiers at a base rate of \$1,205.10 per month. The contract length is 72 months, effective April, 2000.

Asbestos Loan Payable:

The District received an interest free grant and loan for asbestos assistance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Under the Asbestos Schools Hazard Abatement Act of 1984, the District received a grant of \$16,979 and a loan of \$68,345 to assist in an asbestos removal project. The repayment schedule for the loan portion is \$2,500 every six months, with the first payment made in 1988 and the final amount due in 2,004.

The repayment schedule for the Asbestos Loan as of June 30, 2000, is as follows:

	Payment
FY2001	\$ 5,000
FY2002	5,000
FY2003	5,000
FY2004	845
	<u>\$ 15,845</u>

Debt Limitation:

The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides that the net debt of a school district, whether or not approved by the people, shall not exceed 9.0% of the total value of all property in the District as listed and assessed for taxation. In addition, the unvoted net debt of a school district cannot exceed .1% of the total assessed value of property. The District has no unvoted debt, the District 's unvoted debt margin is \$45,994. The voted debt margin at June 30, 2000 is \$4,139,432.

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14. SEGMENTS OF ENTERPRISE ACTIVITIES

Key financial data for the District's Enterprise Funds for the year ended June 30, 2000, are as follows:

	Lunchroom Fund	Uniform School Supply Fund	Total
Operating Revenues	\$ 108,743	15,001	\$ 123,744
Operating Expenses:			
Depreciation	(1,195)	0	(1,195)
Other Expenses	(62,896)	(13,480)	(76,376)
Total Operating Expenses	<u>(64,091)</u>	<u>(13,480)</u>	<u>(77,571)</u>
Operating Gain (Loss)	44,652	1,521	46,173
Non Operating Revenues			
Grants	29,196	0	29,196
Earnings on Investments	424	0	424
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 74,272</u>	<u>1,521</u>	<u>\$ 75,793</u>
Net Working Capital	<u>\$ 55,370</u>	<u>25,761</u>	<u>\$ 81,131</u>
Contributed Capital	<u>\$ 15,884</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$ 15,884</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 71,175</u>	<u>25,760</u>	<u>\$ 96,935</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>\$ 53,835</u>	<u>25,760</u>	<u>\$ 79,595</u>

15. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

At June 30, 2000, the District had short-term interfund loans which are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." Receivables and payables resulting from goods provided or services rendered are classified as "due from/to other funds." An analysis of interfund balances is as follows:

Interfund Receivable/Payable:

	Receivables	Payables
General Fund	\$ 31,210	\$ 0
Special Revenue Funds	0	1,231
Capital Project Funds	0	27,928
Agency Funds	0	2,051
	<u>\$ 31,210</u>	<u>\$ 31,210</u>

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16. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

NORTH EAST OHIO MANAGEMENT INFORMATION NETWORK- (NEOMIN) is a jointly governed organization among thirty school districts in Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member districts. Each of the districts support NEOMIN based upon a per pupil charge. The District contributed \$7,884 to NEOMIN for fiscal year 2000.

Superintendents of the participating school districts are eligible to be voting members of the Governing Board which consists of ten members: the Trumbull and Ashtabula County superintendents (permanent members), three superintendents from Ashtabula County school districts, three superintendents from Trumbull County districts, and two treasurers.

The District was not represented on the Governing Board during fiscal year 2000. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Governing Board. A complete set of separate financial statements may be obtained from the Trumbull County Educational Service Center, 347 North Park Avenue, Warren, Ohio, 44481.

North East Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center (NEOSERRC)

NEOSERRC provides special education services at a regional level, as determined by each of the participating local school districts.

The District is a member of NEOSERRC and has a representative on the Governing Board. The District has no ongoing financial interest or financial responsibility to NEOSERRC.

North East Ohio Instructional Media Center (NEOIMC)

The North East Ohio Instructional Media Center (NEOIMC) is a jointly governed organization among forty-five school districts. This jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of providing quality films and/or other media to support the educational curricula of the member districts. Each member pays a monthly premium based on use of the media materials.

NEOIMC is governed by an advisory committee made up of a member from a parochial school, a joint vocational school, one county superintendent from each participating county, one city superintendent and two local superintendents rotating every two years. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. In fiscal year 2000, Southington Local District contributed \$923. Financial information may be obtained by contacting the Treasurer of the Trumbull Educational Service Center, 347 North Park Avenue, Warren, Ohio 44481.

Trumbull County Joint Vocational School

The Trumbull County Joint Vocational School is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the fifteen participating school districts' elected boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. Financial information may be obtained by contacting the Treasurer of the Trumbull County Joint Vocational School, 528 Educational Highway, Warren, Ohio 44483.

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17. CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

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

B. Litigation

The District is not a party to any legal proceedings seeking damages or injunctive relief generally incidental to its operations and pending at June 30, 2000.

18. STATE SCHOOL FUNDING 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 the system. Declared unconstitutional was the State's "school foundation program," which provides significant amounts of monetary support to the District. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, the District received \$2,231,160 of school foundation support for its general fund.

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 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 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 District is unable to determine what effect, if any, this ongoing litigation will have on its future State funding under this program and on its financial operations.

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19. STATUTORY RESERVES

The District is required by state law to set aside certain general fund revenue amounts, as defined, into various reserves. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, the reserve activity was as follows:

	Textbook Reserve	Capital Maintenance Reserve	Budget Stabilization Reserve	Total
Balance 7/1/1999	\$ 9,929	\$ 877	\$ 18,681	\$ 29,487
Required Set-Aside	71,871	71,871	725	144,467
Offset Credits	(11,333)	(58,329)	0	(69,662)
Qualifying Expenditures	(45,937)	(3,038)	0	(48,975)
Balance 6/30/2000	<u>\$ 24,530</u>	<u>\$ 11,381</u>	<u>\$ 19,406</u>	<u>\$ 55,317</u>
Cash Balance Carried Forward to FY2001	<u>\$ 24,530</u>	<u>\$ 11,381</u>	<u>\$ 19,406</u>	<u>\$ 55,317</u>
Amount Restricted	<u>\$ 24,530</u>	<u>\$ 11,381</u>	<u>\$ 19,406</u>	<u>\$ 55,317</u>



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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Southington Local School District
Trumbull County
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To the Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of Southington Local School District, Trumbull County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated January 12, 2001. 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 Southington 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 an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2000-11178-001. We also noted a certain immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of Southington Local School District in a separate letter dated January 12, 2001.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Southington 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. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of Southington Local School District in a separate letter dated January 12, 2001.

This report is intended for the information and use of management and the Board of Education, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

January 12, 2001

**SOUTHINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
JUNE 30, 2000**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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Finding Number	2000-11178-001
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Finding for Recovery - Repaid While Under Audit

GPD Associates improperly submitted Certificates For Payment to Southington Local School District for work performed by Valley Electrical Consolidated Incorporated. An overpayment of \$1,356.80 was made by the District.

In accordance with the forgoing facts, and pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.28, a Finding for Recovery for public money illegally expended is hereby issued against Valley Electrical Consolidated Incorporated, and in favor of the Southington Local School District, in the amount of one thousand three hundred fifty six dollars and eighty cents.

Valley Electrical Consolidated Incorporated repaid the overpayment of \$1,356.80 to Southington Local School District on August 17, 2000.



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SOUTHINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MARCH 27, 2001**