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**U.S. GRANT JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CLERMONT COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
Clermont County
3046 State Route 125
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To the Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District, Clermont County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *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 opinions.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District, Clermont County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2003, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund and Adult Education Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 9, 2004 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.

Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires. We applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

March 9, 2004

U. S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003
Unaudited

The discussion and analysis of U. S. Grant Joint Vocational School District's (the "School District") financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Government issued June 1999.

Financial Highlights

- In total, net assets decreased \$175,821, a 3.7 percent decrease from the previous year.
- General revenues accounted for \$4,239,195 in revenue or 74.9 percent of all governmental revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, grants and contributions accounted for \$1,420,921 or 25.1 percent of total revenues of \$5,660,116.
- Total assets of governmental activities increased by \$12,999. Net capital assets decreased by \$116,276, while other assets increased by \$129,275. The increase in other assets includes an increase in Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents by \$128,337.
- The School District had \$5,835,937 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$1,420,921 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues (primarily grants, entitlements and property taxes) of \$4,239,195 were not adequate to provide for these programs, in fiscal year 2003

Using this Annual Financial Report Prepared in Accordance With Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)

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

The *Statement of Net Assets* and *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole School District, presenting both an aggregate view of the School District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the School District's major funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in one column. In the U. S. Grant Joint Vocational School District, the General and Adult Education Funds are the most significant.

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Reporting the School District as a Whole

One of the most important questions asked about the School District is “How did we do financially during 2003?” The *Statement of Net Assets* and the *Statements of Activities*, which appear first in the School District’s financial statements, report information on the School District as a whole and its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include *all assets* and *liabilities* using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year’s revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School District’s net assets and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader that, for the School District as a whole, the financial position of the School District has improved or diminished. However, the School District’s goal is to provide services to our students, not to generate profits as commercial entities do. One must consider many other non-financial factors, such as the School District’s property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, required educational programs and other factors.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statements of Activities, the School District reports governmental activities. All of the School District’s educational programs and services are reported here including, but not limited to, instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, and extracurricular activities.

Reporting the School District’s Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the School District’s major funds begins on page 7. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District’s major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the School District’s most significant funds.

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

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The School District as a Whole

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

Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net assets for 2003 and 2002:

Table 1 Net Assets		
	2003	2002
Assets		
Current and Other Assets	\$5,016,812	\$4,887,537
Capital Assets, Net	<u>2,574,097</u>	<u>2,690,373</u>
Total Assets	<u>7,590,909</u>	<u>7,577,910</u>
 Liabilities		
Long-Term Liabilities	(855,816)	(889,332)
Other Liabilities	<u>(2,177,414)</u>	<u>(1,955,078)</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>(3,033,230)</u>	<u>(2,844,410)</u>
 Net Assets		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Debt	2,164,908	2,222,729
Restricted	312,211	384,848
Unrestricted	<u>2,080,560</u>	<u>2,125,923</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$4,557,679</u>	<u>\$4,733,500</u>

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Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2003.

Table 2
Changes in Net Assets

Revenues	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$366,594	\$359,581
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,054,327	999,390
Capital Grants and Contributions	0	1,200
Total Program Revenues	<u>1,420,921</u>	<u>1,360,171</u>
General Revenues		
Property Taxes	1,716,272	1,762,291
Grants and Entitlements	2,447,741	2,042,096
Other	75,182	117,094
Total General Revenues	<u>4,239,195</u>	<u>3,921,481</u>
Total Revenues	<u>5,660,116</u>	<u>5,281,652</u>
 Program Expenses		
Regular Instruction	209,691	165,433
Special Instruction	162,382	153,564
Vocational Instruction	2,812,711	2,802,445
Adult/Continuing	297,341	326,301
Support Services:		
Pupil	534,417	482,757
Instructional Staff	149,581	178,544
Board of Education	32,446	43,941
Administration	367,469	358,246
Fiscal	360,515	338,362
Business	48,889	66,654
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	585,492	545,437
Pupil Transportation	12,638	19,850
Central	68,477	72,983
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	168,237	152,163
Extracurricular Activities	25,651	15,412
Total Expenses	<u>5,835,937</u>	<u>5,722,092</u>
Decrease in Net Assets	<u>(\$175,821)</u>	<u>(\$440,440)</u>

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Governmental Activities

The School District has been able to benefit greatly due to the increase in state funding. Grants and Entitlements made up 61.9 percent of revenues for governmental activities of the U. S. Grant Joint Vocational School District for fiscal year 2003.

Instruction comprises 59.7 percent of governmental program expenses. Support services expenses make up 37.0 percent of governmental expenses.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table 3 shows, for government activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

Table 3

	<u>Total Cost of Services 2003</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services 2002</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services 2003</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services 2002</u>
Regular Instruction	\$209,691	\$165,433	\$209,691	\$139,500
Special Instruction	162,382	153,564	56,672	70,117
Vocational Instruction	2,812,711	2,802,445	1,901,602	1,942,834
Adult/Continuing	297,341	326,301	161,439	166,671
Support Services:				
Pupil	534,417	482,757	410,697	378,442
Instructional Staff	149,581	178,544	125,415	152,796
Board of Education	32,446	43,941	32,446	43,941
Administration	367,469	358,246	363,702	354,478
Fiscal	360,515	338,362	355,515	338,362
Business	48,889	66,654	48,889	66,654
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	585,492	545,437	585,492	535,176
Pupil Transportation	12,638	19,850	12,638	19,850
Central	68,477	72,983	68,477	72,983
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	168,237	152,163	56,690	65,490
Extracurricular Activities	25,651	15,412	25,651	14,627
Total Expenses	<u>\$5,835,937</u>	<u>\$5,722,092</u>	<u>\$4,415,016</u>	<u>\$4,361,921</u>

Program revenues increased by \$60,750, due to the net effect of an increase in restricted grants received from other governments of \$54,937 and charges for services of \$7,013, and a decrease of \$1,200 in restricted grants relating to capital assets, resulting from timing differences in the receipt of monies. Grants and entitlements not restricted for specific purposes increased by \$405,645, while other revenues of the School District decreased by \$41,912.

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The School District's Funds

Information about the School District's major funds starts on page 14. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues of \$5,789,584 and expenditures of \$5,753,093. The fund balances in the General Fund increased by \$149,949 and the Adult Education Fund decreased by \$26,044.

General Fund - Budget Highlights

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

During the course of fiscal 2003 the School District revised its budget as it attempted to deal with unexpected changes in revenues and expenditures. A summary of the general fund original and final budgeted amounts is listed on page 18, as well as the actual amounts. A variance comparison is presented between the final budgeted amount and the actual amounts.

For the general fund, actual revenue was \$5,205,256 with final budget estimates of \$5,201,285. The School District's ending unobligated cash balance was \$219,517 above the final budgeted amount.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2003 the School District had \$2,574,097 invested in land, buildings, furniture and equipment, vehicles and software and site licenses. Table 4 shows fiscal year 2003 balances compared to 2002:

Table 4
Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation) at June 30,

	2003	2002
Land	\$100,000	\$100,000
Land Improvements	1,627	1,717
Buildings and Improvements	1,834,972	1,946,366
Furniture and Equipment	594,183	605,555
Vehicles	23,792	29,575
Software and Site Licenses	19,523	7,160
Total Capital Assets	\$2,574,097	\$2,690,373

For additional information regarding capital assets, see Note 7 to the Basic Financial Statements.

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Debt

At June 30, 2003 the School District had \$409,189 in outstanding School Facilities Loans, \$58,456 due within one year. Table 5 summarizes outstanding loans:

Table 5
 Outstanding Debt at June 30,

	2003	2002
1995 School Facilities Loan/HB808/7233	\$409,189	\$467,644

At June 30, 2003, the School District's overall legal debt margin was \$63,202,084 with an unvoted debt margin of \$706,055 at June 30, 2003.

For additional information regarding debt, see Note 13 to the Basic Financial Statements.

District Successes and the Future

Throughout its twenty-six-year history, U. S. Grant Joint Vocational School District has had tremendous student success and has been blessed with a stable financial condition and outstanding community support.

From the inception of the U. S. Grant Board of Education to the present, our Boards have been positive forces both forward thinking and creative in their management style.

With support and participation from businesses and the community, the Grant Career Center is positioning itself for the future as a continued leader among vocational centers throughout the State of Ohio. Apprenticeship programs, job shadowing experiences, summer cooperative programs, and college articulation agreements are integral parts of Grant's instructional models and performance. Grant Career Center, with the success of the past, will build upon these successes to secure additional financial support as the need occurs.

Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information contact Patricia Patten, Treasurer, U. S. Grant Joint Vocational School District, 718 West Plane Street, Bethel, Ohio 45106.

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2003

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,061,656
Cash and Cash Equivalents:	
With Fiscal Agents	27,819
Accounts Receivable	13,133
Intergovernmental Receivable	25,100
Accrued Interest Receivable	14,649
Prepaid Items	23,123
Materials and Supplies Inventory	5,903
Taxes Receivable	1,845,429
Capital Assets:	
Land	100,000
Depreciable Capital Assets, net	2,474,097
Total Assets	7,590,909
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	30,083
Accrued Wages and Benefits	400,198
Intergovernmental Payable	58,020
Deferred Revenue	1,661,294
Matured Bonds Payable	25,000
Matured Interest Payable	2,819
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	109,524
Due In More Than One Year	746,292
Total Liabilities	3,033,230
Net Assets	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	2,164,908
Restricted for:	
Capital Outlay	85,689
Debt Service	66,295
Other Purposes	160,227
Unrestricted	2,080,560
Total Net Assets	\$4,557,679

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Operating Grants and Contributions	Total Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities			
Instruction:			
Regular	\$209,691	\$0	\$0
Special	162,382	0	105,710
Vocational	2,812,711	170,705	740,404
Adult/Continuing	297,341	96,201	39,701
Support Services:			
Pupil	534,417	0	123,720
Instructional Staff	149,581	15,801	8,365
Board of Education	32,446	0	0
Administration	367,469	0	3,767
Fiscal	360,515	0	5,000
Business	48,889	0	0
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	585,492	0	0
Pupil Transportation	12,638	0	0
Central	68,477	0	0
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	168,237	83,887	27,660
Extracurricular Activities	25,651	0	0
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$5,835,937</u>	<u>\$366,594</u>	<u>\$1,054,327</u>
General Revenues			
Property Taxes Levied for:			
			1,657,817
			58,455
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs			
			2,447,741
			3,444
			(3,544)
			58,012
			17,270
<i>Total General Revenues</i>			<u>4,239,195</u>
			(175,821)
<i>Net Assets Beginning of Year</i>			<u>4,733,500</u>
<i>Net Assets End of Year</i>			<u>\$4,557,679</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District

Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

June 30, 2003

	<u>General</u>	<u>Adult Education</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,709,848	\$37,093	\$290,659	\$3,037,600
Cash and Cash Equivalents:				
With Fiscal Agents	0	0	27,819	27,819
Restricted Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	24,056	0	0	24,056
Receivables:				
Taxes	1,786,974	0	58,455	1,845,429
Accounts	473	12,063	597	13,133
Intergovernmental	0	80	25,020	25,100
Accrued Interest	14,649	0	0	14,649
Interfund Receivable	23,242	0	0	23,242
Prepaid Items	23,123	0	0	23,123
Materials and Supplies Inventory	0	0	5,903	5,903
	<u>\$4,582,365</u>	<u>\$49,236</u>	<u>\$408,453</u>	<u>\$5,040,054</u>
Total Assets				
	<u>\$4,582,365</u>	<u>\$49,236</u>	<u>\$408,453</u>	<u>\$5,040,054</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$28,683	\$1,238	\$162	30,083
Accrued Wages and Benefits	368,496	18,239	13,463	400,198
Interfund Payable	0	0	23,242	23,242
Intergovernmental Payable	53,269	2,707	1,837	57,813
Deferred Revenue	1,681,829	0	81,696	1,763,525
Matured Bonds Payable	0	0	25,000	25,000
Matured Interest Payable	0	0	2,819	2,819
	<u>2,132,277</u>	<u>22,184</u>	<u>148,219</u>	<u>2,302,680</u>
Total Liabilities				
	<u>2,132,277</u>	<u>22,184</u>	<u>148,219</u>	<u>2,302,680</u>
Fund Balances				
Reserved for Encumbrances	39,159	64	5,788	45,011
Reserved for Property Taxes	113,200	0	0	113,200
Reserved for Budget Stabilization	24,056	0	0	24,056
Unreserved:				
Undesignated, Reported in:				
General Fund	2,273,673	0	0	2,273,673
Special Revenue Funds	0	26,988	103,662	130,650
Debt Service Fund	0	0	66,295	66,295
Capital Projects Funds	0	0	84,489	84,489
	<u>2,450,088</u>	<u>27,052</u>	<u>260,234</u>	<u>2,737,374</u>
Total Fund Balances				
	<u>2,450,088</u>	<u>27,052</u>	<u>260,234</u>	<u>2,737,374</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$4,582,365</u>	<u>\$49,236</u>	<u>\$408,453</u>	<u>\$5,040,054</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to
 Net Assets of Governmental Activities
 June 30, 2003*

Total Governmental Fund Balances \$2,737,374

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. These assets consist of:

Land	100,000	
Capital assets	6,995,229	
Accumulated depreciation	(4,521,132)	
Total capital assets	2,574,097	2,574,097

Some of the School District's revenues will be collected after fiscal year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.

Intergovernmental	23,241	
Interest	8,055	
Taxes	70,935	
	102,231	102,231

Intergovernmental payable includes contractually required pension contributions not expected to be paid with expendable available financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. (207)

Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. Those liabilities consist of:

Loans payable	(409,189)	
Compensated absences	(446,627)	
	(855,816)	(855,816)

Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$4,557,679

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	General	Adult Education	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$1,804,172	\$0	\$58,455	\$1,862,627
Intergovernmental	3,203,198	46,222	232,887	3,482,307
Interest	60,886	0	0	60,886
Tuition and Fees	60,376	112,002	0	172,378
Customer Services	0	0	194,216	194,216
Net Decrease in Fair Value of Investments	(3,544)	0	0	(3,544)
Rent	3,444	0	0	3,444
Miscellaneous	17,245	25	0	17,270
Total Revenues	5,145,777	158,249	485,558	5,789,584
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	206,562	0	1,313	207,875
Special	161,181	0	0	161,181
Vocational	2,496,776	0	212,584	2,709,360
Adult/Continuing	0	287,130	0	287,130
Support Services:				
Pupil	414,872	0	127,123	541,995
Instructional Staff	96,268	47,163	2,114	145,545
Board of Education	32,446	0	0	32,446
Administration	354,784	0	3,769	358,553
Fiscal	349,057	0	5,000	354,057
Business	48,703	0	0	48,703
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	576,847	0	0	576,847
Pupil Transportation	12,638	0	0	12,638
Central	67,201	0	0	67,201
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	0	0	165,456	165,456
Extracurricular Activities	25,651	0	0	25,651
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	0	0	58,455	58,455
Total Expenditures	4,842,986	334,293	575,814	5,753,093
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>302,791</u>	<u>(176,044)</u>	<u>(90,256)</u>	<u>36,491</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In	0	150,000	2,842	152,842
Transfers Out	(152,842)	0	0	(152,842)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>(152,842)</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>2,842</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	149,949	(26,044)	(87,414)	36,491
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	<u>2,300,139</u>	<u>53,096</u>	<u>347,648</u>	<u>2,700,883</u>
Fund Balances End of Year	<u><u>\$2,450,088</u></u>	<u><u>\$27,052</u></u>	<u><u>\$260,234</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,737,374</u></u>

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U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
*Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003*

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$36,491

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

Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, these amounts are:

Fixed Asset Additions	187,755	
Current Year Depreciation	<u>(296,937)</u>	
		(109,182)

When capital assets are disposed of, the cost of the capital assets is removed from the capital asset account in the statement of net assets resulting in a loss on sale of fixed assets in the statement of activities.

Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets		(7,094)
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.

Property Taxes	(146,355)	
Grants	19,761	
Interest	<u>(2,874)</u>	
		(129,468)

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

Loan principal retirement		58,455
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Some items reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. These activities consist of:

Increase in Compensated Absences	(24,939)	
Increase in Intergovernmental Payable	<u>(84)</u>	
Total additional expenditures		<u>(25,023)</u>

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities (\$175,821)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Property Taxes	\$1,586,592	\$1,861,172	\$1,861,172	\$0
Intergovernmental	2,776,400	3,203,198	3,203,198	0
Interest	56,597	56,559	60,110	3,551
Tuition and Fees	52,370	60,420	60,240	(180)
Rent	2,985	3,444	3,444	0
Miscellaneous	14,295	16,492	17,092	600
Total Revenues	4,489,239	5,201,285	5,205,256	3,971
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	165,687	210,377	204,553	5,824
Special	174,027	168,577	159,003	9,574
Vocational	2,701,715	2,534,198	2,504,323	29,875
Support Services:				
Pupils	409,764	415,141	413,267	1,874
Instructional Staff	143,297	109,752	96,187	13,565
Board of Education	85,551	35,229	32,438	2,791
Administration	399,107	363,667	355,113	8,554
Fiscal	402,044	372,011	355,296	16,715
Business	100,478	113,105	53,212	59,893
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	807,220	648,533	628,743	19,790
Pupil Transportation	22,806	24,041	16,164	7,877
Central	84,216	97,029	78,508	18,521
Extracurricular Activities	32,764	36,564	28,587	7,977
Total Expenditures	5,528,676	5,128,224	4,925,394	202,830
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,039,437)	73,061	279,862	206,801
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Advances In	0	61,677	61,677	0
Advances Out	42,800	(35,800)	(23,242)	12,558
Operating Transfers Out	321,000	(153,000)	(152,842)	158
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	363,800	(127,123)	(114,407)	12,716
Net Change in Fund Balance	(675,637)	(54,062)	165,455	219,517
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	2,311,624	2,311,624	2,311,624	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	192,171	192,171	192,171	0
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$1,828,158	\$2,449,733	\$2,669,250	\$219,517

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual
Adult Education Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Final Budget Over (Under)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Intergovernmental	\$115,492	\$46,142	\$46,142	\$0
Tuition and Fees	250,146	99,939	99,939	0
Miscellaneous	63	25	25	0
Total Revenues	<u>365,701</u>	<u>146,106</u>	<u>146,106</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Adult/Continuing	353,078	312,310	285,783	26,527
Support Services:				
Instructional Staff	71,218	47,652	47,163	489
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,200	600	0	600
Total Expenditures	<u>425,496</u>	<u>360,562</u>	<u>332,946</u>	<u>27,616</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(59,795)</u>	<u>(214,456)</u>	<u>(186,840)</u>	<u>27,616</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Operating Transfers In	<u>0</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(59,795)	(64,456)	(36,840)	27,616
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	66,075	66,075	66,075	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>6,893</u>	<u>6,893</u>	<u>6,893</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balances at End of Year	<u>\$13,173</u>	<u>\$8,512</u>	<u>\$36,128</u>	<u>\$27,616</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2003

	Private Purpose Trust	
	Special Trust	Agency
Assets		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$10,501	\$13,280
Receivables:		
Intergovernmental	0	11,963
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$10,501</u>	<u>\$25,243</u>
Liabilities		
Undistributed Monies	\$0	<u>\$25,243</u>
Net Assets		
Held in Trust for Scholarships	<u>\$10,501</u>	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
Private Purpose Trust
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	Private Purpose Trust
	Special Trust
Additions	
Contributions	\$4,708
Interest	88
	4,796
<i>Total Additions</i>	<i>4,796</i>
Deductions	
Other	4,278
	518
<i>Change in Net Assets</i>	<i>518</i>
<i>Net Assets Beginning of Year</i>	<i>9,983</i>
<i>Net Assets End of Year</i>	<i>\$10,501</i>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District (the "School District") is organized pursuant to Section 3311.18 of the Ohio Revised Code. The School District is a stand-alone government as they do not have a separately elected governing body and are not a component unit of another government. The School District operates under a five member Board of Education, which is not directly elected. The Board of Education is comprised of appointed members of other elected boards from Bethel-Tate, Felicity Franklin, and Williamsburg local school districts, as well as New Richmond Exempted Village School District. The School District provides educational services as authorized by State statute and/or federal guidelines.

The School District was established in 1973 through the cooperation of all school districts involved. The School District serves an area of approximately 40.43 square miles. It is located in Clermont County, and serves the local school districts of Bethel-Tate, Felicity Franklin, and Williamsburg, as well as New Richmond Exempted Village School District. It is staffed by 14 non-certificated employees, 47 certificated full-time teaching personnel and 3 administrative employees who provide services to 368 students and other community members. The School District currently operates one instructional building.

Reporting Entity:

A reporting entity is comprised of the stand-alone government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading. The stand-alone government consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the School District. For U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District, this includes general operations, food service, adult education, 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 currently has no component units.

The School District is associated with two jointly governed organizations, a risk sharing pool and two insurance purchasing pools. These organizations are the Hamilton Clermont Cooperative Association/Unified Purchasing Association, the Hamilton/Clermont Cooperative Association, the Ohio Schools Risk Sharing Authority, Inc., the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan, and the Clermont County Health Trust. These organizations and the School District's participation are discussed in Notes 16, 17 and 18 to the basic financial statements.

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the 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 governmental activities provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The most significant of the School District's accounting policies are described below.

A. Basis of Presentation

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

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the stand-alone government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the School District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. The School District has no business-type activities.

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

Fund Financial Statements:

During the year, the School District segregates transactions related to certain School District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the School District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Fund Accounting

The School District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid 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. The School District has two categories of funds: governmental and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds:

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

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.

Adult Education – The Adult Education Special Revenue fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures involved in advancing and retraining out-of-school youths and adults for the purpose of improving their skills and knowledge in their occupation or their planned occupation.

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

Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net assets. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the School District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the School District's own programs. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The School District's only fiduciary funds are private purpose trust fund and an agency fund. The private purpose trust fund accounts for college scholarship programs for students. The student managed activities fund accounts for those student activity programs which have student participation in the activity and have students involved in the management of the program. This fund typically includes student activities, which consists of a student body, student president, student treasurer, and faculty advisor. The grant agency fund accounts for Pell Grant money awarded to adult students for the purpose of tuition.

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the School District are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of activities presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) of total net assets.

Fund Financial Statements:

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

The private purpose trust fund is reported using the economic resources measurement focus.

D. Basis of Accounting

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

Revenues - Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions:

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and "available" means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year, or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the School District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year-end.

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Nonexchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 6). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the School District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

Deferred Revenue:

Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2003, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2004 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as deferred revenue.

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

Expenses/Expenditures:

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

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

E. Budgetary Data

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

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

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

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, cash received by the School District is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the School District's records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the basic financial statements. The School District utilizes financial institutions to service bonded debt as principal and interest payments come due. The balance in this account is presented on the financial statements as "Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agents" and represents deposits.

During fiscal year 2003, the School District's investments were limited to repurchase agreements, the State Treasury Assets Reserve of Ohio (STAROhio), money market accounts, Federal Farm Credit Bank Bonds, Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Company Notes, Federal National Mortgage Association Notes, and U.S. Treasury Notes.

Other than STAROhio, investments are reported at fair value which is based on current share prices for mutual funds and quoted market prices for other investments.

The School District has invested funds in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAROhio) during fiscal year 2003. STAROhio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAROhio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAROhio are valued at STAROhio's share price, which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2003.

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 2003 amounted to \$60,886 which includes \$17,051 assigned from other School District funds.

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School District are reported as cash equivalents.

G. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2003, 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.

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. Interfund Balances

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

I. Inventory

Inventories are presented at cost on a first-in, first-out basis and are expended/expensed when used. Inventory consists of food held for resale and consumable supplies.

J. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments or imposed by enabling legislation. Restricted assets represent amounts allowed by statute to be set-aside to create a reserve for budget stabilization. See Note 15 for additional information regarding set asides.

K. Capital Assets

All capital assets of the School District are general capital assets that are associated with governmental activities. General capital assets result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets, but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and 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 School District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset’s life are not capitalized.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land Improvements	35 years
Buildings and Improvements	5-35 years
Furniture and Equipment	5-20 years
Vehicles	10 years
Software and Site Licenses	5 years

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

L. 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. The School District records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time when earned for all employees with more than one year of service.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination payment method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent it is probable that benefits will result in termination payments. The liability is an estimate based on the School District's past experience of making termination payments.

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

M. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the governmental funds. However, compensated absences and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Long term loans are recognized as a liability on the government-wide financial statements when due.

N. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the School District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Net assets restricted for other purposes include activities for food service operations, music and athletic programs, and federal and state grants restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

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

O. Fund Balance Reserves

The School District reserves those portions of fund balance 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, property taxes, and budget stabilization.

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

P. Interfund Transactions

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

Q. Estimates

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

NOTE 3 - CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

For fiscal year 2003, the School District has implemented GASB Statement No. 41, "Budgetary Comparison Schedules - Perspective Differences." GASB Statement No. 41 allows the presentation of budgetary schedules as required supplementary information based on the fund, organization or program structure that the government uses for its legally adopted budget when significant budgetary perspective differences result in the school district not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the general and each major special revenue fund. This Statement was not applicable to the School District for fiscal year 2003.

NOTE 4 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While the School District is reporting financial position, results of operations and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual presented for the general fund and adult education fund 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 as follows:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget) as opposed to when the fund liability is incurred (GAAP).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (GAAP).
4. Advances in and advances out are operating transactions (budget) as opposed to Balance Sheet transactions (GAAP).

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NOTE 4 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (Continued)

5. The change of fair value of investments is not included on the budget basis operating statement. This amount is included on the GAAP basis operating statement.

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements to the budgetary basis statements for the general and adult education funds.

Net Change In Fund Balance		Adult
	<u>General</u>	<u>Education</u>
GAAP Basis	\$149,949	(\$26,044)
Revenue Accruals	56,047	(12,143)
Expenditure Accruals	(14,322)	2,312
Advances	38,435	0
Decrease in Fair Value of Investment	3,432	0
Encumbrances	<u>(68,086)</u>	<u>(965)</u>
Budget Basis	<u><u>\$165,455</u></u>	<u><u>(\$36,840)</u></u>

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 of 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 five-year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

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

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NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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 issuance 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 (STAROhio);
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.

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.

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NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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 (\$65,695) and the bank balance was \$32,811. The entire bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance.

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 that 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 money market mutual funds and STAROhio, 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.

	Category 2	Unclassified	Carrying/Fair Value
Money Market Mutual Funds	\$0	\$445,956	\$445,956
STAR Ohio	0	723,835	723,835
Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB) Bonds	144,988	0	144,988
Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) Bonds	385,135	0	385,135
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Company (FHLMC) Notes	311,542	0	311,542
Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) Notes	980,666	0	980,666
U.S. Treasury Notes	186,829	0	186,829
	\$2,009,160	\$1,169,791	\$3,178,951

The classification of cash and cash equivalents and investments on the basic 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."

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NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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
GASB Statement No. 9	\$3,113,256	\$0
Investments:		
Money Market Mutual Funds	(445,956)	445,956
STAR Ohio	(723,835)	723,835
Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB) Bonds	(144,988)	144,988
Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) Bonds	(385,135)	385,135
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Company (FHLMC) Notes	(311,542)	311,542
Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) Notes	(980,666)	980,666
U.S. Treasury Notes	(186,829)	186,829
GASB Statement No. 3	(\$65,695)	\$3,178,951

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 (used in business) located in the School District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar 2003 represents collections of calendar year 2002 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2003 were levied after April 1, 2002, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2002, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar 2003 represents collections of calendar year 2002 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2003 became a lien December 31, 2001, were levied after April 1, 2002, and are collected in 2003 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at thirty-five percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES (continued)

Tangible personal property tax revenue received during calendar 2003 (other than public utility property) represents the collection of 2003 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2003 were levied after April 1, 2002, on the value as of December 31, 2002. Tangible personal property is currently assessed at twenty-five percent of true value for capital assets and twenty-four percent of true value for inventory. Payments by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20. Tangible personal property taxes paid by April 30 are usually received by the School District prior to June 30.

The School District receives property taxes from Clermont 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, 2003, are available to finance fiscal year 2003 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and tangible personal property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2003, and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations. The receivable is therefore offset by a credit to deferred revenue for that portion not levied to finance current year operations.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2003 was \$113,200 in the General Fund. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2002, was \$170,200 in the General Fund.

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

The assessed values upon which fiscal year 2003 taxes were collected are:

	2002 Second- Half Collections		2003 First- Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agriculture/Residential and Other Real Estate	\$452,458,780	70.66%	\$509,807,120	72.20%
Public Utility	172,726,570	26.97%	184,041,410	26.07%
Tangible Personal Property	15,173,046	2.37%	12,206,784	1.73%
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$640,358,396</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$706,055,314</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation		\$4.10		\$4.10

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NOTE 7 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/02</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/03</u>
Governmental Activities				
<i>Capital Asset, Not Being Depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
<i>Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated</i>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100,000</u>
 <i>Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:</i>				
Land Improvements	1,807	0	0	1,807
Buildings and Improvements	4,540,184	5,560	0	4,545,744
Furniture and Equipment	2,211,949	162,904	(89,759)	2,285,094
Vehicles	164,689	0	(30,420)	134,269
Software & Site Licenses	10,605	19,291	(1,581)	28,315
<i>Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated</i>	<u>6,929,234</u>	<u>187,755</u>	<u>(121,760)</u>	<u>6,995,229</u>
 Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Land Improvements	(90)	(90)	0	(180)
Buildings and Improvements	(2,593,818)	(116,954)	0	(2,710,772)
Furniture and Equipment	(1,606,394)	(168,550)	84,033	(1,690,911)
Vehicles	(135,114)	(5,783)	30,420	(110,477)
Software & Site Licenses	(3,445)	(5,560)	213	(8,792)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,338,861)</u>	<u>(296,937)</u>	<u>114,666</u>	<u>(4,521,132)</u>
 Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	 <u>2,590,373</u>	 <u>(109,182)</u>	 <u>(7,094)</u>	 <u>2,474,097</u>
 Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	 <u>\$2,690,373</u>	 <u>(\$109,182)</u>	 <u>(\$7,094)</u>	 <u>\$2,574,097</u>

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NOTE 7 – CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:	
Special	\$533
Vocational	237,046
Adult/Continuing	7,256
Support Services:	
Pupil	5,443
Instructional Staff	4,436
Administration	1,211
Fiscal	3,635
Business	186
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	33,408
Central	752
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	3,031
Total Depreciation Expense	<u><u>\$296,937</u></u>

NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2003, consisted of property taxes, accounts (billings for user charged services and student fees), grants, accrued interest and interfund. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, stable condition of State programs, and the current fiscal guarantee of federal funds. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	<u>Amount</u>
Governmental Activities:	
Food Service	\$1,779
Adult Education	80
Vocational Education Amendment of 1968	20,399
Career Development	2,842
Total Governmental Activities	<u>25,100</u>
Fiduciary Fund:	
District Agency	11,963
Total	<u><u>\$37,063</u></u>

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NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property and Liability

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. By participating in the Ohio Schools Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (OSRSA), a risk sharing pool (Note 17), for liability, property, auto, and crime insurance, the School District has addressed these various types of risk.

OSRSA, a non-profit corporation, was created to provide affordable liability, property, casualty and crime insurance coverage for its members. The types and amounts of coverage provided by the OSRSA are as follows:

Property Cover:	
Total Insured Values (\$1,000 occurrence deductible)	\$18,376,167
Crime Cover:	
Employee Dishonesty/Faithful (\$1,000 occurrence deductible)	50,000
Forgery or Alteration (\$1,000 occurrence deductible)	50,000
Computer Fraud (\$1,000 occurrence deductible)	50,000
Theft Disappearance and Destruction (inside/outside) (\$1,000 occurrence deductible)	50,000
General Liability:	
Bodily Injury and Property Damage	3,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury Limit - Each Offense	3,000,000
Products - Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	3,000,000
Per Campus Annual Aggregate	3,000,000
General Annual Aggregate	5,000,000
Fire Damage Limit - Any One Event	500,000
Medical Payments Aggregate	5,000
Each Occurrence	1,000
Educators' Legal Liability:	
Errors or Omissions Cover (\$5,000 deductible)	3,000,000
Automobile Liability:	
Owned/Leased Vehicles	3,000,000
Hired and Non-owned Liability	Included
Medical Payments Aggregate	5,000
Each Occurrence	1,000
Uninsured Motorist	50,000
Automobile Physical Damage (\$1,000 deductible)	100,000

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

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NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

B. Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2003, the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 18). 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 & Company provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

The School District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 or by calling (614) 222-5853.

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 School District 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 2003, 8.17 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2002, 5.46 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, 2003, 2002, and 2001 were \$48,937, \$28,431, \$20,089, respectively; 98.11 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2003 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2002 and 2001.

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

The School District participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3371 or by calling (614) 227-4090.

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on member contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds times an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the Defined Benefit Plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan. Existing members with less than five years of service credit as of June 30, 2001, were given the option of making a one time irrevocable decision to transfer their account balances from the existing DB Plan into the DC Plan or the Combined Plan. This option expired on December 31, 2001. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, plan members were required to contribute 9.3 percent of their annual covered salaries. The School District was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2002, the portion used to fund pension obligations was 9.5 percent. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2003, 2002, and 2001 were \$375,437, \$226,083, and \$258,251, respectively; 87.44 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2003 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2002 and 2001. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2003 were \$626 made by the School District and \$6,148 made by the plan members.

NOTE 11 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The School District provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), 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.

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NOTE 11 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

All STRS Ohio benefit recipients and sponsored dependents are eligible for health care coverage. The STRS Ohio Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. 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 Ohio funds is included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, the STRS Ohio Board allocated employer contributions equal to 1.0 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund. For the School District, this amount equaled \$28,880 for fiscal year 2003.

STRS Ohio pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. At June 30, 2002, (the latest information available) the balance in the Fund was \$3.011 billion. For the year ended June 30, 2002, net health care costs paid by STRS Ohio were \$354,697,000 and STRS Ohio had 105,300 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, 2003, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 5.83 percent of covered payroll, a decrease of 2.71 percent from fiscal year 2002. 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 2003, the minimum pay was established at \$14,500. For the School District, the amount contributed to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge, during the 2003 fiscal year equaled \$68,518.

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, 2002 (the latest information available), were \$182,946,777 and the target level was \$274.4 million. At June 30, 2002, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$335.2 million. SERS has approximately 50,000 participants currently receiving health care benefits.

NOTE 12 - OTHER 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. 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. Employees may accumulate unlimited sick leave. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-third of accrued, but unused sick leave credit for the first 120 days of leave plus one day's pay for each ten sick leave days accumulated beyond 120 days.

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NOTE 12 - OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Continued)

B. Life and Accident Insurance

The School District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through Unum.

C. Early Retirement Incentive

The School District has an early retirement incentive program. Participation is open to any employees that were within the retirement range established by SERS or STRS. The School District will buy two years of service credit for those employees if the incentive was taken when the employee became eligible under the program. During fiscal year 2003, two employees elected to take the early retirement incentive. The payment of \$124,795 for STRS service credit was made prior to the fiscal year-end.

D. Employee Benefits

For fiscal year 2003, the School District participated in the Clermont County Health Trust (the Trust), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 18), in order to provide dental, medical, and disability benefits to employees, their dependents and designated beneficiaries and to set aside funds for such purposes. The Trustee provides insurance policies in whole or in part through one or more group insurance policies.

NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The changes in the School District's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2003 were as follows:

	Restated Amount Outstanding 6/30/2002	Additions	Deductions	Amount Outstanding 6/30/2003	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
1995 School Facilities Loan - 0%	\$467,644	\$0	\$58,455	\$409,189	\$58,456
Compensated Absences	421,688	77,561	52,622	446,627	51,068
Total Governmental Activities					
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$889,332</u>	<u>\$77,561</u>	<u>\$111,077</u>	<u>\$855,816</u>	<u>\$109,524</u>

School Facilities Loan - On January 30, 1995, the U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District obtained an interest free loan in the amount of \$876,830 for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, remodeling, and equipping the U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District addition pursuant to House Bill 808 and House Bill 723. The loan was issued for a fifteen-year period with final maturity during fiscal year 2010. The debt will be retired from the debt service fund.

Compensated absences will be paid from the general, food services, and adult education funds.

The School District's overall legal debt margin was \$63,202,084 with an unvoted debt margin of \$706,055 at June 30, 2003.

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NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Continued)

Principal requirements to retire the School Facilities Loan outstanding at June 30, 2003 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Principal
2004	\$58,456
2005	58,456
2006	58,456
2007	58,455
2008	58,456
2009 - 2010	116,910
Total	\$409,189

NOTE 14 - INTERFUND ACTIVITY

A. Interfund Receivables/Payables

At June 30, 2003, receivables and payables that resulted from various interfund transactions were as follows:

Receivables	Payable Nonmajor Governmental Fund
General	\$23,242

The amounts due to the general fund are the result of the School District moving unrestricted balances to support programs and projects accounted for in other funds. The general fund will be reimbursed when funds become available in the nonmajor funds.

B. Transfers

Transfers made during the year ended June 30, 2003, were as follows:

Transfer To	Transfer From General Fund
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	\$2,842
Adult Education	150,000
Total	\$152,842

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NOTE 14 - INTERFUND ACTIVITY (Continued)

Transfers are made to move unrestricted balances to support programs and projects accounted for in other funds.

NOTE 15 - SET-ASIDE CALCULATIONS

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 and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by year-end or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at year-end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future years.

The School District was no longer required to set aside funds in the budget stabilization set-aside, with the exception of refunds received from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation prior to April 10, 2001, which must be retained for budget stabilization or spent for specified purposes.

The following cash basis information describes the change in the year-end set-aside amounts. Disclosure of this information is required by State statute.

	<u>Textbooks</u>	<u>Capital Acquisition</u>	<u>Budget Stabilization</u>
Set-aside Reserve Balance As Of June 30, 2002	(\$132,125)	\$0	\$24,056
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	48,255	48,255	0
Qualifying Disbursements	<u>(204,586)</u>	<u>(217,760)</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	<u>(288,456)</u>	<u>(169,505)</u>	<u>24,056</u>
Total Set-aside Reserve Balances Carried			
Forward To Future Fiscal Years	<u>(\$288,456)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$24,056</u>
Set-aside Reserve Balance As Of June 30, 2003	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$24,056</u>

Although the School District had qualifying disbursements during the fiscal year that reduced the textbook set-aside and capita acquisition set-aside amounts below zero, only the amount for the textbook set-aside may be used to reduce the set-aside requirement of future years. The capital acquisition negative amount is therefore not presented as being carried forward to the next fiscal year.

NOTE 16 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Hamilton Clermont Cooperative Association/Unified Purchasing Association - The Hamilton Clermont Cooperative Association/Unified Purchasing Association is a jointly governed organization among a two county consortium of school districts. The Unified Purchasing Cooperative was organized under the Hamilton Clermont Cooperative Association (H/CCA) to benefit member districts with a more economically sound purchasing mechanism for general school, office and cafeteria supplies. The Unified Purchasing Cooperative organization is governed by representatives from each of the governments that created the organization, but there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. The School District did not make any financial contributions to the Hamilton/Clermont Cooperative Association/Unified Purchasing Association during fiscal year 2003. Complete financial statements for H/CCA Unified Purchasing Association can be obtained from their administrative offices at 7615 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231.

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NOTE 16 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS (Continued)

Hamilton/Clermont Cooperative Association - The School District is a participant in a two county consortium of school districts to operate the Hamilton/Clermont Cooperative Association (H/CCA). H/CCA is an association of public school districts in a geographic area determined by the Ohio Department of Education. 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 other member districts. The Board of H/CCA consists of one representative from each of the participating members. The School District paid \$25,957 for services provided during the fiscal year. Complete financial statements for H/CCA can be obtained from their administrative offices at 7615 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231-3107

NOTE 17 – RISK SHARING POOL

The Ohio Schools Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (OSRSA) is a risk sharing pool serving school districts in Ohio. OSRSA was formed as an Ohio non-profit corporation for the purpose of administering a joint self-insurance pool and assisting members to prevent and reduce losses and injuries to District property and persons and property which might result in claims being made against members of OSRSA. Member school districts agree to jointly participate in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverages provided by OSRSA. These coverages include comprehensive general liability, automobile liability, certain property insurance and educators' errors and omissions liability insurance.

Each member school district has one vote on all matters requiring a vote, to be cast by a designated representative. The affairs of the Corporation are managed by an elected board of not more than nine directors. Only superintendents, treasurers, or business managers of member school districts are eligible to serve on the board. No school district may have more than one representative on the board at any time. Each member school district's control over the budgetary and financing of OSRSA is limited to its voting authority and any representative it may have on the board of directors. Financial information can be obtained from OSRSA at 655 Metro Place South, Suite 900, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

NOTE 18 - INSURANCE PURCHASING POOLS

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.

The Clermont County Health Trust - The Clermont County Health Trust (the "Trust"), an insurance purchasing pool, is a health trust formed to provide affordable and desirable dental, life, medical, and other disability group insurance for members' employees, eligible dependents and designated beneficiaries of such employees. The Board of Directors consists of one representative from each of the participating members and is elected by the vote of a majority of the member school districts. The School District pays premiums to a third party administrator, McElroy Minister, which in turn buys the insurance policies from various insurance companies.

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NOTE 18 - INSURANCE PURCHASING POOLS (Continued)

Upon termination, the School District shall be responsible for prompt payment of all plan liabilities accruing as a result of such termination and maintain no right to any assets of the Trust. The School District may terminate participation in the Trust upon written notice to the Trustee delivered at least sixty days prior to the annual review date of the policy. The School District did not make any financial contributions to the Clermont County Health Trust during fiscal year 2003. Financial information can be obtained from the Clermont County Health Trust at P.O. Box 526 Middletown, Ohio 45042.

NOTE 19 - ACCOUNTABILITY

The Career Development and Vocational Education Vocational Education Amendment of 1968 special revenue funds have deficit fund balances of \$2,842 and \$20,469, respectively, at June 30, 2003. The deficit was the result of the application of generally accepted accounting principles. The general fund provides transfers to cover these deficit balances when cash is required, not when the accruals occur.

NOTE 20 – STATE SCHOOL FUNDING DECISION

On December 11, 2002, the Ohio Supreme Court issued its latest opinion regarding the State’s school funding plan. The decision reaffirmed earlier decisions that Ohio’s current school-funding decision is unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court relinquished jurisdiction over the case and directed “...the Ohio General Assembly to enact a school-funding scheme that is thorough and efficient...”

The School District is currently unable to determine what effect, if any, this decision will have on its future State funding and on its financial operations.

NOTE 21 - 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 are 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, 2003.

B. Litigation

The School District is a 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.

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**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON
INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District
Clermont County
3046 State Route 125
Bethel, Ohio 45106

To the Board:

We have audited the basic financial statements of U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School District, Clermont County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated March 9, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's basic 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 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 the 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.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

March 9, 2004



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CLERMONT COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MARCH 30, 2004**