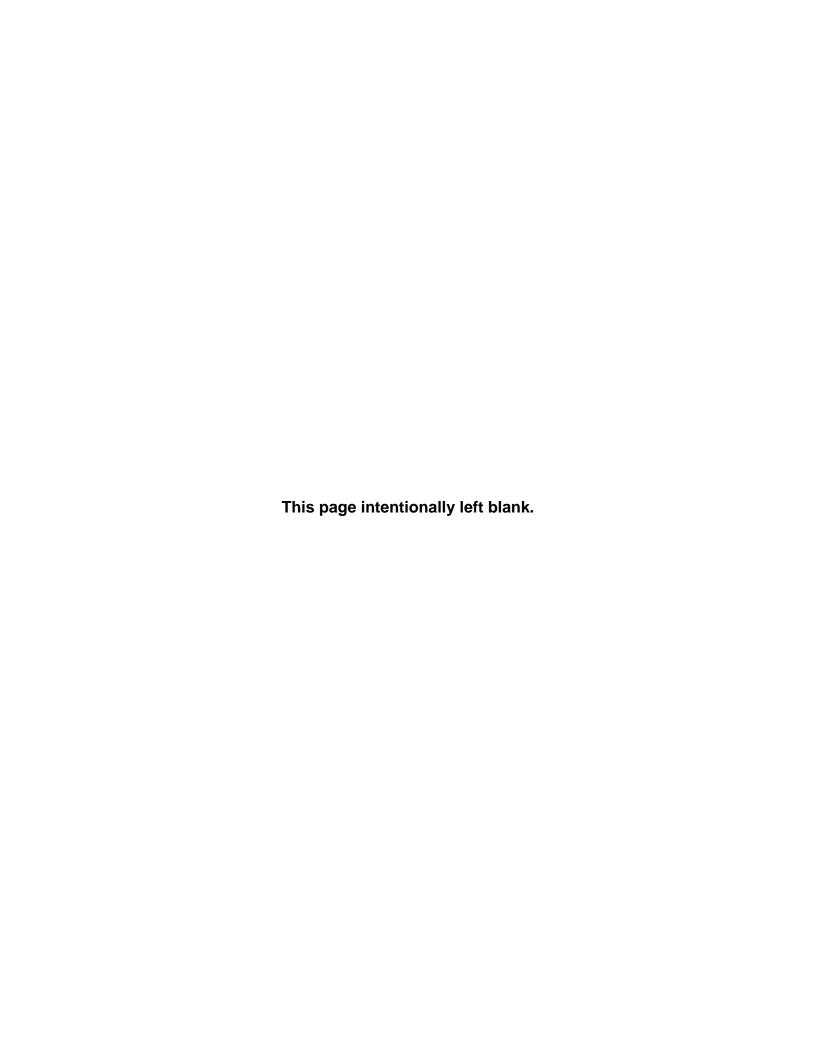




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Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Edgerton Local School District Williams County 111 East River Street Edgerton, Ohio 43517-9623

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Edgerton Local School District, Williams County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03 (B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. However, as discussed in Note 2, the accompanying financial statements and notes follow the cash accounting basis. This is a comprehensive accounting basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. The accompanying financial statements and notes omit assets, liabilities, fund equities, and disclosures that, while material, we cannot determine at this time.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Edgerton Local School District, Williams County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in cash financial position, thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting Note 2 describes.

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As described in Note 3, for the year ended June 30, 2008, the District changed its accounting basis from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to the cash accounting basis.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 13, 2009, 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 grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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 have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

January 13, 2009

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 UNAUDITED

The discussion and analysis of the Edgerton Local School District's (the District) financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2008 are as follows:

- In total, net assets increased \$363,362.
- General revenues accounted for \$5,857,410, or 84 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, operating grants and contributions, accounted for \$1,099,061, or 16 percent of total revenues of \$6,956,471.
- The District's major funds included the General Fund and the Bond Retirement Fund.
- The General Fund had \$5,360,378 in receipts and other financing sources and \$5,172,713 in disbursements and other financing uses. The General Fund's balance increased \$187,665 from the prior fiscal year.
- The Bond Retirement Fund had \$708,676 in receipts and other financing sources and \$645,883 in disbursements. The Bond Retirement Fund's balance increased \$62,793 from the prior fiscal year.
- The revenue generated from the Bond Retirement Fund is used to pay for the current portion of bonded debt.

Using the Basic Financial Statements

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

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the District's most significant funds, with all other non-major funds presented in total in a single column.

For the District, the General Fund is the most significant fund. The General Fund and the Bond Retirement Fund are the District's two major funds.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 UNAUDITED (Continued)

Reporting the District as a Whole

Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities, both reported on the cash basis, reflects how the District did financially during fiscal year 2008. These statements are reported on the cash basis of accounting, which reflects receipts and disbursements when cash is received or paid.

These statements report the District's net assets and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader whether the financial position of the District as a whole has increased or decreased from the prior fiscal year. Over time, these increases and/or decreases are one indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating. Causes for these changes may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the District's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs, and other factors.

In the cash basis statement of net assets and the statement of activities, the District discloses a single type of activity, its governmental activities, which includes all of the District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, non-instructional services, and extracurricular activities. These services are primarily funded by property tax revenues and from intergovernmental revenues, including federal and state grants and other shared revenues.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the District's major funds. While the District uses many funds to account for its multitude of financial transactions, the fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's major governmental funds are the General Fund and the Bond Retirement Fund

Governmental Funds - Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how monies flow into and out of those funds and the balances left at fiscal year end for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the cash basis of accounting. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs.

Fiduciary Funds - Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected on the government-wide financial statements because the resources from these funds are not available to support the District's programs. These funds use the cash basis of accounting.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 UNAUDITED (Continued)

The District as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the District's net assets for fiscal year 2008 compared to fiscal year 2007.

Table 1
Net Assets – Cash Basis
Governmental Activities

Governmental Activities								
	2008	2007						
Assets:								
Current and Other Assets	\$2,433,933	\$2,070,571						
Total Assets	2,433,933	2,070,571						
Net Assets:								
Restricted for Debt Service	332,304	269,511						
Restricted for Capital Outlay	267,565	212,666						
Restricted for Other Purposes	142,639	84,634						
Unrestricted	1,691,425	1,503,760						
Total	\$2,433,933	\$2,070,571						

As mentioned previously, net assets of governmental activities increased \$363,362 or 17% during 2008. The primary reasons attributing to the increases is that (1) the District received additional personal property tax loss reimbursement monies; (2) intergovernmental revenues increased in the General and Special Revenue fund types; and (3) overall receipts per fund type exceeded overall expenditures.

Table 2 reflects the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2008. This is the first year of implementation of the cash basis of accounting. Comparative figures are not available for fiscal year 2007. A comparative analysis will be provided in future years when prior year information is available

Table 2
Change in Net Assets – Cash Basis
Governmental Activities

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	2008
Revenues:	
Program Revenues:	
Charges for Services and Sales	\$422,028
Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	677,033
Total Program Revenues	1,099,061
General Revenues:	
Property Taxes	2,091,636
Income Taxes	734,740
Grants and Entitlements	2,827,543
Investment Earnings	108,743
Miscellaneous	62,908
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	31,840
Total General Revenues	5,857,410
Total Revenues	6,956,471

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 UNAUDITED (Continued)

Expenses:	
Instruction	3,220,910
Support Services:	
Pupils	245,797
Instructional Staff	274,404
Board of Education	39,326
Administration	441,473
Fiscal	294,656
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	609,702
Pupil Transportation	305,440
Central	39,263
Non-Instructional	240,250
Extracurricular Activities	240,905
Capital Outlay	10,600
Principal	275,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	355,383
Total Expenses	6,593,109
Increase in Net Assets	\$363,362

Program receipts account for 16 percent of total receipts and are represented by restricted intergovernmental receipts, extracurricular activities, and food service sales.

The major program disbursements for governmental activities are for instruction, which accounts for 49 percent of all governmental disbursements. Other programs which support the instruction process, including pupil, instructional staff, and pupil transportation account for 13 percent of governmental disbursements. Maintenance of the District's facilities also represents a significant disbursement of 9 percent. The remaining 29 percent of the District's disbursements are related to the primary functions of delivering education and providing facilities. These costs are funded almost entirely from property taxes and grants and entitlements.

Governmental Activities

Table 3 indicates the total cost of services and the net cost of services for governmental activities. The statement of activities reflects the cost of program services and the charges for services and sales, grants, and contributions offsetting those services. The net cost of services identifies the cost of those services supported by tax revenues and unrestricted state entitlements.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 UNAUDITED (Continued)

Table 3
Governmental Activities

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	Total Cost of	Net Cost of
	Services	Services
	2008	2008
Instruction	\$3,220,910	\$2,694,265
Support Services:		
Pupils	245,797	75,069
Instructional Staff	274,404	268,995
Board of Education	39,326	39,326
Administration	441,473	441,473
Fiscal	294,656	294,656
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	609,702	609,702
Pupil Transportation	305,440	294,749
Central	39,263	30,263
Operation of Non-Instructional	240,250	(57,046)
Extracurricular Activities	240,905	161,613
Capital Outlay	10,600	10,600
Principal	275,000	275,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	355,383	355,383
Total Expenses	\$6,593,109	\$5,494,048

The dependence upon tax revenues and unrestricted state entitlements for governmental activities is apparent. Over 83 percent of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, support from general revenues is 84 percent. The remaining 16 percent are derived from charges for services and operating grants and contributions.

The District's Funds

The District's governmental funds are accounted for using the cash basis of accounting. The District's major governmental funds were the General Fund and the Bond Retirement Fund. Total governmental funds had receipts and other financing sources of \$6,989,116 and disbursements and other financing uses of \$6,625,754. The net positive change of \$363,362 in fund balance for the year indicates that the District was able to meet current costs.

The net change in the balance in the General Fund reflects an increase of \$187,665 (12%). This was primarily due to the following: (1) an increase in intergovernmental revenues, tuition, and refund of prior year expenditures greater than the reduction of other revenue line items and (2) overall receipts exceeded overall expenditures. The net change in fund balance in the Bond Retirement Fund reflects an increase of \$62,793 (23%). Overall revenues exceeded the amount of debt service payments.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The District's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund. During the course of fiscal year 2008, the District amended its General Fund budget as needed.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 UNAUDITED (Continued)

Actual revenues and other financing sources exceeded final budget revenues and other financing sources by \$281,429 due to unexpected increases in income taxes, intergovernmental revenues, tuition and fees, and refund of prior year expenditures.

Final expenditures and other financing uses were budgeted at \$6,582,711 while actual expenditures and other financing uses were \$5,312,218. The \$1,270,493 difference is primarily due to a conservative "worst case scenario" approach. The District over-appropriates in case significant, unexpected expenditures arise during the fiscal year.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2008, the District had \$8,725,276 in school improvement general obligation bonds for building improvements. The bonds were issued for a twenty-eight year period, with final maturity on December 1, 2030. The District had \$1,032 in asbestos removal notes. The notes were issued for a seventeen-year period, with final maturity on November 30, 2008. The bonds and notes are being retired through the Bond Retirement fund.

At June 30, 2008, the District's overall legal debt margin was (\$3,586,877), with an un-voted debt margin of \$56,061.

For further information regarding the District's debt, see the notes to the basic financial statements.

Current Issues

The District is looking toward new avenues of funding in the state of a declining economy and uncertainty in State funding. Edgerton is a small rural community of 2,500 people in Northwest Ohio. It has a number of small and medium businesses with agriculture having a contributing influence on the economy.

The District is currently operating in the second year of the state biennium budget. 45 percent of District revenue sources are from local funds, 49 percent is from state funds and the remaining 6 percent is from federal funds. The total expenditure per pupil was calculated at \$8,411.

Future finances are not without challenges as our community changes and state funding is revised. Some of these challenges are in the future of state funding for schools in light of the DeRolph court case and the long term effects of public utility deregulation, as well as the reduction of personal property for business inventory.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to reflect the District's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or request for additional information should be directed to Margie Rinkel, Treasurer, Edgerton Local School District, 111 E. River Street, Edgerton, OH 43517-9623.

Statement of Net Assets For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Governmental Activities			
Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	2,433,933		
Net Assets:				
Restricted for Debt Service		332,304		
Restricted for Capital Outlay		267,565		
Restricted for Other Purposes		142,639		
Unrestricted		1,691,425		
Total Net Assets	\$	2,433,933		

Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

				Program	ı Reve	enues	Re C	et (Expense) evenue and Changes in Net Assets
				arges for		perating		
		Services and Expenses Sales			rants and		overnmental	
Governmental Activities:		Expenses	Sales			ntributions		Activities
Instruction:								
Regular	\$	2,333,835	\$	195,269	\$	87,759	\$	(2,050,807)
Special	*	489,272	Ψ	.00,200	Ψ	237,209	*	(252,063)
Vocational		62,396				6,408		(55,988)
Other		335,407				-,		(335,407)
Support Services:		,						, ,
Pupils		245,797				170,728		(75,069)
Instructional Staff		274,404				5,409		(268,995)
Board of Education		39,326						(39,326)
Administration		441,473						(441,473)
Fiscal		294,656						(294,656)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant		609,702						(609,702)
Pupil Transportation		305,440				10,691		(294,749)
Central		39,263				9,000		(30,263)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services		240,250		147,467		149,829		57,046
Extracurricular Activities		240,905		79,292				(161,613)
Capital Outlay		10,600						(10,600)
Debt Service:								
Principal		275,000						(275,000)
Interest and Fiscal Charges		355,383						(355,383)
Totals	\$	6,593,109	\$	422,028	\$	677,033		(5,494,048)
General Revenu	ies:							
Taxes:	Lov	ind for Conor	al Du	rn 0 0 0 0				1 422 020
Property Taxes				•				1,433,920
Property Taxes		-		-				105,914
Property Taxes, Income Taxes	, Lev	ried for Debt 3	ervic	е				551,802
Grants and Entitl	omo	nte not						734,740
Restricted to Sp								2,827,543
Investment Earni		c Flogranis						108,743
Miscellaneous	nys							62,908
Refund of Prior Y	⁄ear	Expenditures						31,840
Total General Re		· ·						5,857,410
Change in Net A								363,362
Net Assets Begin								2,070,571
Net Assets End o	_						\$	2,433,933
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Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Cash Balances Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Ge	eneral Fund	Re	Bond etirement Fund	Gov	Other ernmental Funds	Go	Total overnmental Funds
Assets:								
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	1,691,425	\$	332,304	\$	410,204	\$	2,433,933
Fund Balances: Reserved for:								
Encumbrances		139,505				10,209		149,714
Unreserved, Undesignated, Reported in:								
General Fund		1,551,920						1,551,920
Special Revenue Funds						136,430		136,430
Debt Service Funds				332,304				332,304
Capital Projects Funds						263,565		263,565
Total Fund Balances	\$	1,691,425	\$	332,304	\$	410,204	\$	2,433,933

Statement of Cash Basis Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

Parameter	General Fund	Bond Retirement Fund	All Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues: Property and Other Local Taxes Income Taxes Intergovernmental Investment Earnings Tuition and Fees Extracurricular Activities Customer Sales and Services Miscellaneous	\$ 1,433,920 734,740 2,826,944 105,284 177,745	\$ 551,802 137,829	\$ 105,914 539,803 3,459 17,524 79,292 147,467 12,878	\$ 2,091,636 734,740 3,504,576 108,743 195,269 79,292 147,467 62,908
Total Revenues	5,328,663	689,631	906,337	6,924,631
Expenditures: Current: Instruction: Regular Special Vocational Other Support Services: Pupils Instructional Staff Board of Education Administration Fiscal Operation and Maintenance of Plant Pupil Transportation Central Operation of Non-Instructional Services Extracurricular Activities Capital Outlay Debt Service:	2,215,550 347,194 62,396 335,407 126,543 267,445 39,326 441,473 275,998 609,673 228,592 30,263 160,208	15,500	118,285 142,078 119,254 6,959 3,158 29 76,848 9,000 240,250 80,697 10,600	2,333,835 489,272 62,396 335,407 245,797 274,404 39,326 441,473 294,656 609,702 305,440 39,263 240,250 240,905 10,600
Principal		275,000		275,000
Interest		355,383		355,383
Total Expenditures	5,140,068	645,883	807,158	6,593,109
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	188,595	43,748	99,179	331,522
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):		40.045	40.000	00.045
Transfers In Refund of Prior Year Expenditures Transfers Out	31,715 (32,645)	19,045	13,600 125	32,645 31,840 (32,645)
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(930)	19,045	13,725	31,840
Net Change in Fund Balances	187,665	62,793	112,904	363,362
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	1,503,760	269,511	297,300	2,070,571
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 1,691,425	\$ 332,304	\$ 410,204	\$ 2,433,933

Statement of Cash Basis Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances - (Budgetary Basis) General Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Original Budget	Fi	inal Budget	Actual	Fi	riance with nal Budget ver/(Under)
Revenues: Property and Other Local Taxes Income Taxes Intergovernmental	\$ 1,439,526 655,800 2,668,925	\$	1,439,526 655,800 2,670,021	\$ 1,433,920 734,740 2,826,944	\$	(5,606) 78,940 156,923
Investment Earnings Tuition and Fees	75,000 132,500		75,000 132,500	105,284 177,745		30,284 45,245
Miscellaneous Total Revenues	 96,102 5,067,853		96,102 5,068,949	 50,030 5,328,663		(46,072) 259,714
Expenditures:	 0,007,000		0,000,010	 0,020,000		200,711
Current: Instruction:						
Regular	2,379,348		2,431,378	2,245,493		185,885
Special Vocational	327,437 151,849		367,837 151,849	348,589 62,706		19,248 89,143
Other	334,975		347,975	335,407		12,568
Support Services:	004,070		047,570	000,407		12,000
Pupils	158,137		163,337	127,503		35,834
Instructional Staff	425,344		429,044	267,545		161,499
Board of Education	65,730		70,730	50,659		20,071
Administration	446,334		449,634	441,924		7,710
Fiscal	247,965		288,765	276,098		12,667
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	661,717 291,497		688,718 328,470	670,766 262,412		17,952 66,058
Pupil Transportation Central	30,000		58,000	30,263		27,737
Extracurricular Activities	248,349		259,749	160,208		99,541
Capital Outlay	1,006		1,006	.00,200		1,006
Total Expenditures	5,769,688		6,036,492	5,279,573		756,919
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(701,835)		(967,543)	49,090		1,016,633
Other Financing Sources and (Uses): Advances In	10,000		10,000			(10,000)
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures Transfers Out Advances Out	(801,926) (10,000)		(536,219) (10,000)	31,715 (32,645)		31,715 503,574 10,000
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	 (801,926)		(536,219)	 (930)		535,289
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,503,761)		(1,503,762)	48,160		1,551,922
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	1,408,903		1,408,903	1,408,903		
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	 94,857		94,857	 94,857		
Fund Balance (Deficit) at End of Year	\$ (1)	\$	(2)	\$ 1,551,920	\$	1,551,922

Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Net Cash Assets Fiduciary Fund June 30, 2008

	Age	Agency Fund			
Assets: Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents		41,441			
Liabilities: Undistributed Monies	\$	41,441			

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

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

Edgerton Local School District (the District) is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. Edgerton Local School District is a local school district as defined by §3311.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District operates under an elected Board of Education (5 members) and is responsible for the provision of public education to residents of the District. The Board oversees the operations of the District's three instructional/support facilities staffed by 27 non-certified and 49 certified full-time teaching personnel who provide services to 653 students and other community members.

A. Primary Government

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

B. Component Units

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes. Component units also include legally separate, tax-exempt entities whose resources are for the direct benefit of the District, are accessible to the District, and are significant in amount to the District. The District does not have any component units.

C. Jointly Governed Organizations and Purchasing Pools

The District is associated with seven organizations, which are defined as jointly governed organizations and group purchasing pools. These organizations include the Northwest Ohio Computer Association, the Northern Buckeye Education Council, the Four County Career Center, the Northwest Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center, the Northwest Ohio Regional Professional Development Center, the Northern Buckeye Education Council's Employee Insurance Benefits Program, and the Northern Buckeye Education Council Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan. These organizations are presented in Notes 15 and 16 to the basic financial statements.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As discussed further in Note 2.C, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. In the government-wide financial statements, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, have been applied, to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case GASB prevails. Following are the more significant of the District's accounting policies.

A. Basis of Presentation

The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial 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.

1. Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The statement of net assets presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the District at fiscal year end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each function or program of the District's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the government is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services, grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and receipts of interest earned on grants that are required to be used to support a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on a basis or draws from the District's general receipts.

2. Fund Financial Statements

During the fiscal year, the District segregates transactions related to certain 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 District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. 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.

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the District or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, receipts or disbursements of that individual governmental fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type, and
- b. Total assets, receipts or disbursements of that individual governmental fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds combined.

B. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the District are divided into two categories, governmental and fiduciary.

1. Governmental Funds:

The District classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g., grants), and other non-exchange transactions as governmental funds. The General Fund and the Bond Retirement Fund are the District's major governmental funds:

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

<u>Bond Retirement Fund</u> - The Bond Retirement Fund is used to account for receipts designated to be used for debt service and related disbursements for bond principal, interest, and related costs.

The other governmental funds of the District account for grants and other resources, and capital projects of the District whose uses are restricted to a particular purpose.

2. Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net assets. The fiduciary funds of the District consist of agency funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The District's Agency funds account for various student managed activities.

C. Basis of Accounting

Although the Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) requires that the District's financial report to follow generally accepted accounting principles, the District chooses to prepare its financial statements and notes in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. This is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

The District's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the District's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

D. Budgetary Process

The budgetary process is prescribed by provision of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within established timetable. All funds, except agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of 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 amount the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of budgetary control selected by the Board is at the fund, function, and object level for all funds. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education.

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

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation resolution for that fund that covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior fiscal years.

The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the fiscal year.

The District is required to use the encumbrance method of accounting by virtue of Ohio law. Under this system, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve the portion of the applicable appropriation. Expenditures plus encumbrances may not legally exceed appropriations. Encumbrances at year end are reported as a reservation of fund balance for subsequent-year expenditures for governmental funds.

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

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

E. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled and invested. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through District records. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" on the financial statements.

Investments of the District's cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

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

As authorized by Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2008 amounted to \$105,284, which includes \$29,439 assigned from other District funds.

F. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The District reports disbursements for inventory and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

G. Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. The financial statements do not report these assets.

H. Compensated Absences

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the cash basis of accounting used by the District.

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

I. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The District recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 11 and 12, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

J. Long-term Obligations

These cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds and other long-term obligations. These statements report proceeds of debt when cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid.

K. Interfund Transactions

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

L. Net Assets

Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net assets restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for food service operations, music and athletic programs, and federal and state grants restricted to cash disbursement for specified purposes. The District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when a cash disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available. There were no amounts restricted by enabling legislation.

M. Fund Balance Reserves

The District reserves any portion of fund balances which is not available for appropriation or which is legally segregated for a specific future use. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund balance which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund balance reserves have been established for encumbrances.

3. CHANGE IN BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND RESTATEMENT OF FUND EQUITY

A. Change in Basis of Accounting

For 2008, the District ceased to report using generally accepted accounting principles and reported on the cash basis as described in Note 2C.

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

3. CHANGE IN BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND RESTATEMENT OF FUND EQUITY – (Continued)

B. Restatement of Fund Equity

The implementation of this change had the following effects on fund equity of the major and nonmajor funds of the District as they were previously reported. The effects on net assets of governmental activities are also presented.

		Bond	Other
		Retirement	Governmental
	General Fund	Fund	Funds
Fund Balance, June 30, 2007	\$1,460,020	\$292,478	\$323,770
Eliminate Asset Accruals	(1,978,005)	(543,304)	(155,956)
Eliminate Liability Accruals	2,021,745	520,337	129,486
Restated Fund Balance, June 30, 2007	\$1,503,760	\$269,511	\$297,300

Governmental Activities Net Assets June 30, 2007 Eliminate Government-Wide Financial Statement Adjustments:	\$3,895,861
Material and Supplies Inventory	(216,893)
Accrued Interest Receivable	(4,424)
Intergovernmental Receivable	(8,407)
Taxes Receivable	(2,141,828)
Income Taxes Receivable	(305,713)
Capital Assets	(10,895,456)
Accounts Payable	12,358
Accrued Wages and Benefits	406,980
Intergovernmental Payable	121,845
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	61,511
Deferred Revenue	1,931,882
Long Term Liabilities	9,212,855
Adjusted Governmental Activities Net Assets June 30, 2007	\$2,070,571

4. COMPLIANCE

Ohio Administrative Code, Section 117-2-03 (B), requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the District prepared its financial statements on a cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, net assets/fund balances, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. The District can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the District.

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

5. BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budgetary Basis presented for the General Fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis is outstanding year end encumbrances which are treated as cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (cash basis).

The encumbrances outstanding at year end (budgetary basis) amounted to \$139,505.

6. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Monies held by the District are classified by State statute into three categories.

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

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

Interim monies held by the District can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

- 1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, 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 obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and to 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 or Ohio local governments;

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

6. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS – (Continued)

- Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts:
- 6. 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 through eligible in institutions;
- 7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio); and
- 8. Commercial paper and bankers acceptances if training requirements have been met.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

At year end, the District had \$100 in undeposited cash on hand which is included as part of "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents."

Deposits

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, \$548,519 of the District's bank balance of \$2,602,827 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the District's name.

The District has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the District or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured.

Investments

As of June 30, 2008, the District's only investment was \$27,386 in STAR Ohio.

Credit Risk – STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAA by Standard and Poor's. The District has no investment policy dealing with investment credit risk beyond the requirements in state statutes. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service and that the money market mutual fund be rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service.

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

7. LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS

Changes in long-term obligations of the District during fiscal year 2008 were as follows:

	Balance at 06/30/07	Increase	Decrease	Balance at 06/30/08	Amounts Due In One Year
General Obligation Bonds	\$8,065,000			\$8,065,000	
General Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds	824,570	\$105,706	\$270,000	660,276	\$242,795
EPA Asbestos Notes	6,032		5,000	1,032	1,032
Total Long-Term Obligations	\$8,895,602	\$105,706	\$275,000	\$8,726,308	\$243,827

Debt outstanding at June 30, 2008, consisted of an Asbestos Abatement Note totaling \$1,032 and School Improvement Bonds totaling \$8,725,276 (the note was free of interest and the interest rates for the school improvement bonds were 2 percent to 4.6 percent). The note was issued in June 1991 and will mature in November 2008. The school improvement bonds were issued in September 2002 and will mature December 2030.

School Improvement Bonds – 2002

The District issued \$9,374,988 in voted general obligation bonds for constructing, improving, and making additions to school buildings and related site development. The bonds were issued on September 18, 2002. The bond issue included current interest, term, and capital appreciation bonds in the amount of \$4,770,000, \$4,075,000, and \$529,988, respectively. The bonds will retire with a voted property tax levy from the Bond Retirement fund.

The serial bonds shall bear interest at the rates per year and will mature in the principal amounts and on the following dates:

Principal Amount	Interest Rate
\$270,000	3.35%
280,000	3.45%
290,000	3.60%
300,000	3.00%
310,000	3.85%
320,000	4.00%
335,000	4.10%
345,000	4.20%
360,000	4.30%
375,000	4.40%
395,000	4.50%
410,000	4.60%
	\$270,000 280,000 290,000 300,000 310,000 320,000 335,000 345,000 360,000 375,000 395,000

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

7. LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS – (Continued)

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2027, have an interest rate of 4.75 percent per year and are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. The mandatory sinking fund redemption is to occur on December 1, 2023, and on each December 1 thereafter at 100 percent of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption according to the following schedule:

Redemption Date	Principal
(December 1)	Amount
	to be Redeemed
2023	\$430,000
2024	450,000
2025	470,000
2026	495,000

Unless otherwise called for redemption, the remaining \$520,000 principal amount of the bonds due December 31, 2027, is to be paid at stated maturity.

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2030, have an interest rate of 4.75 percent per year and are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. The mandatory sinking fund redemption is to occur on December 1, 2028, and on each December 1 thereafter at 100 percent of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption according to the following schedule:

Redemption Date	Principal Amount
(December 1)	to be Redeemed
2028	\$545,000
2029	570,000

Unless otherwise called for redemption, the remaining \$595,000 principal amount of the bonds due December 1, 2030, is to be paid at stated maturity.

The Current Interest Bonds maturing on December 1, 2012, and thereafter are subject to optional redemption, in whole or in part on any date in inverse order of maturity, by lot within the maturity, at the option of the District on or after December 1, 2012, at the redemption price of 100 percent.

If fewer than all of the outstanding Current Interest Bonds of a single maturity are called for redemption, the selection of Current Interest Bonds to be redeemed, or portion thereof in amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, shall be made by lot by the Paying Agent and Registrar in any manner which the Paying Agent or Registrar may determine.

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

7. LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS – (Continued)

The capital appreciation bonds were issued in the aggregate original principal amount of \$529,988 and mature on December 1, in the years, have the original amounts and mature with the accreted values at maturity, as follows:

Maturity Date (December 1)	Original Principal Amount	Accreted Value At Maturity
2008	\$106,769	\$270,000
2009	91,851	270,000
2010	79,015	270,000

The value of the capital appreciation bonds reported at June 30, 2008, was \$660,276. The annual accretion of interest is based on the straight-line method. A total accreted interest of \$382,641 has been included in the value. The bonds are being retired through the Bond Retirement Debt Service fund.

Total expenditures for interest for the above debt for the period ended June 30, 2008, was \$355,383. The scheduled payments of principal and interest on debt outstanding at June 30, 2008, are as follows:

Fiscal year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	\$243,827	\$382,590	\$626,417
2010	219,100	406,282	625,382
2011	198,381	427,001	625,382
2012	270,000	351,883	621,883
2013	280,000	342,837	622,837
2014 - 2018	1,555,000	1,554,158	3,109,158
2019 - 2023	1,885,000	1,210,662	3,095,662
2024 - 2028	2,365,000	736,325	3,101,325
2029 - 2031	1,710,000	154,325	1,864,325
Total	\$8,726,308	\$5,566,063	\$14,292,371

8. PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis while the District fiscal year runs from July through June. First half tax collections are received by the District in the second half of the fiscal year. Second half tax distributions occur in the first half of the following fiscal year.

Property taxes include amounts levied against all property, public utility property, and tangible personal (used in business) property located in the area served by the District. Real property tax revenues received in calendar year 2008 represent the collection calendar year 2007 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2008 were levied after April 1, 2007, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2007, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31: if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statue permits alternate payment dates to be established.

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

8. PROPERTY TAXES – (Continued)

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar 2008 represents collections of calendar year 2007 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2007 became a lien December 31, 2005, were levied after April 1, 2006 and are collected in 2007 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at thirty-five percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

Tangible personal property tax revenue received during calendar 2008 (other than public utility property) represents the collection of 2008 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2008 were levied after April 1, 2008, on the value as of December 31, 2007. 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 District prior to June 30. This year, the June 2008 tangible personal property tax settlement was not received until July 2008.

The District receives property taxes from Williams and Defiance counties. The County Auditors periodically advance to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2008, are available to finance fiscal year 2008 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent. The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2008 taxes are based are as follows:

	2007 Second- Half Collections		2008 First- Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agricultural/Residential	\$51,635,590	70%	\$52,311,650	74%
Industrial/Commercial	9,455,060	13%	9,233,260	13%
Public Utility	4,326,960	6%	3,761,390	5%
Tangible Personal	7,999,185	11%	5,235,720	8%
Total Assessed Value	\$73,416,795	100%	\$70,542,020	100%
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$54.80		\$51.60	

9. INCOME TAX

In 1991, the voters of the District passed a 1 percent school income tax on wages earned by residents of the District. The taxes are collected by the State Department of Taxation in the same manner as the state income tax. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, the District recorded income tax revenue of \$734,740 in the General Fund.

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

10. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Employee Insurance Benefits Program

The District participates in the Northern Buckeye Education Council Employee Insurance Benefits Program (the Program), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of school districts within Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams counties and other eligible governmental entities. The District pays monthly premiums to the Northern Buckeye Education Council for the benefits offered to its employees, which include health, dental, and life insurance plans. Northern Buckeye Education Council is responsible for the management and operations of the program. The agreement for the Program provides for additional assessments to participants if the premiums are insufficient to pay the program costs for the fiscal year. Upon withdrawal from the Program, a participant is responsible for any claims not processed and paid and any related administrative costs.

B. Workers' Compensation Group Program

The District participates in the Northern Buckeye Education Council Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (the Plan), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 16). The Plan is intended to reduce premiums for the participants. 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 Plan. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate.

Participation in the Plan is limited to educational entities that can meet the Plan's selection criteria. Each participant must apply annually. The Plan provides the participants with a centralized program for the processing, analysis and management of workers' compensation claims and a risk management program to assist in developing safer work environments. Each participant must pay its premiums, enrollment or other fees, and perform its obligations in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

11. DEFINED PENSION BENEFIT PLANS

A. School Employee Retirement System

Plan Description - The District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer 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.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current District rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits; for fiscal year 2008, 9.82 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to a statutory maximum amount of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers.

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

11. DEFINED PENSION BENEFIT PLANS – (Continued)

Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006, were \$82,529, \$93,387 and \$96,027 respectively; 86 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description - The District participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement plan. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at www.strsoh.org.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

Funding Policy - For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The District was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2007, the portion used to fund pension obligations was also 13 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 District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006, were \$314,710 \$324,073, and \$366,780 respectively; 84 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

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

11. DEFINED PENSION BENEFIT PLANS – (Continued)

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the School Retirement System. As of June 30, 2008, four members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages.

12. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employee Retirement System

Plan Description – The District participates in two cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit OPEB plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a Health Care Plan and a Medicare Part B Plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's and traditional indemnity plans as well as a prescription drug program. The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries up to a statutory limit. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the System based on authority granted by State statute. The financial reports of both Plans are included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which is available by contacting SERS at 300 East Broad St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746.

Funding Policy – State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 401h. For 2008, 4.18 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined amount; for 2008, this amount was \$14.469.

Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, the number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006, were \$49,598, \$43,042, and \$43,322 respectively; 86 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For 2008, this actuarially required allocation was 0.66 percent of covered payroll. The District's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$5,547 and \$5,946, respectively; 86 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal year 2007.

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

12. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description – The District contributes to the cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2008, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006, were \$24,208, \$24,929, and \$26,199 respectively; 84 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

STRS Ohio pays health care benefits from the Health Care Stabilization Fund. At June 30, 2008, the balance in the Fund was \$3.7 billion. For the year ended June 30, 2008, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$288,878,000 and STRS has 126,506 eligible benefit recipients.

13. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Employees earn vacation at rates specified under State of Ohio law and based on credited service. Clerical, Technical, and Maintenance and Operation employees with one or more years of service are entitled to vacation ranging from 10 to 26 days. Employees with less than one year of service also accrue vacation, according to the Ohio Revised Code, not to exceed 10 days. Employees are permitted to carry over vacation leave into the next year.

All employees are entitled to a sick leave credit equal to one and one-quarter days for each month of service (earned on a pro rata basis for less than full-time employees). This sick leave will either be absorbed by time off due to illness or injury or, within certain limitations, be paid to the employee upon retirement. The amount paid to an employee retiring with five to nineteen years of service to the District is limited to 25 percent of the accumulated sick leave. Employees retiring with twenty or more years of service to the District are paid 30 percent of their accumulated sick leave. The amount of accumulated sick leave for all employees is limited to 220 days with a maximum of 220 days for retirement purposes.

14. STATUTORY RESERVES

The District is required by State statute to annually set aside in the General Fund an amount based on a statutory formula for the purchase of textbooks and other instructional materials and an equal amount for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by 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.

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

14. STATUTORY RESERVES – (Continued)

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

		Capital	
	Textbooks	Acquisition	Totals
Set-aside Cash Balance as of June 30, 2007	(\$408,764)		(\$408,764)
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	87,195	\$87,195	174,390
Current Year Offsets		(117,030)	(117,030)
Qualifying Disbursements	(144,890)		(144,890)
Total	(\$466,459)	(\$29,835)	(\$496,294)
Cash Balance Carried Forward to FY 2009	(\$466,459)		(\$466,459)

Although the District had offsets and qualifying disbursements during the year that reduced the capital acquisition set-aside amounts to below zero, these extra amounts may not be used to reduce the set-aside requirements of future years. Negative amounts for capital acquisition are not presented as being carried forward to the next fiscal year.

The District has qualifying cash disbursements during the fiscal year that reduced the textbooks set-aside amount to below zero. This amount may be used to reduce the set-aside requirement in future fiscal years.

15. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A. Northwest Ohio Computer Association

The District is a participant in the Northwest Ohio Computer Association (NWOCA). NWOCA is an association of public school districts within the boundaries of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams counties. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. NWOCA is governed by the Northern Buckeye Education Council and its participating members. Total disbursements made by the District to NBEC during the fiscal year were \$77,608. Financial information can be obtained from Robin Pfund, who serves as Treasurer, at 22-900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

B. Northern Buckeye Education Council

The Northern Buckeye Education Council (NBEC) was established in 1979 to foster cooperation among various educational entities located in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams counties. NBEC is organized under Ohio laws as a regional council of governments pursuant to a written agreement entered into by its member educational entities and bylaws adopted by the representatives of the member educational entities. NBEC is governed by an elected Board consisting of two representatives from each of the four counties in which the member educational entities are located. The Board is elected from an Assembly consisting of a representative from each participating educational entity. To obtain financial information write to the Northern Buckeye Education Council, Robin Pfund, who serves as Treasurer, at 22-900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

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

15. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS – (Continued)

C. Four County Career Center

The Four County Career Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the educational service centers from the counties of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams; one representative from each of the city school districts; one representative from each of the exempted village school districts; and one additional representative from the Fulton County Educational Service Center. The Four County Career Center possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. The District made no payments to the Four County Career Center. To obtain financial information, write to Jennifer Bonner, Treasurer, at the Four County Career Center, Route 1, Box 245A, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

D. Northwest Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center

The Northwest Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center (SERRC) is a jointly governed organization formed to provide services to families, educators, and agencies regarding educational law and curriculum and instruction for students with disabilities. The SERRC serves a thirteen county area in Northwest Ohio. The Governing Board consists of superintendents from each of the cooperating School Districts, the fiscal agent superintendent, two parents of children with disabilities, one superintendent of a county board of MR/DD, on representative from a chartered non-public school, one representative from the University of Toledo, one representative from Bowling Green State University, one representative from a community school, and any other representatives from other agencies as designated by the Governing Board or the Ohio Department of Education. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. Financial information can be obtained from David Michel, Eastwood Local School District, 4800 Sugar Ridge Road, Pemberville, Ohio 43450.

E. Northwest Ohio Regional Professional Development Center

The Northwest Ohio Regional Professional Development Center (RPDC) is a jointly governed organization among the school districts in Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams, and Wood counties. The RPDC focuses on the implementation of academic content standards and the deployment of State initiatives. All activities reflect definition of high quality professional development, including job-embedded, connected to strategic goals, sustained, intensive skill building, and measurement of impact on student learning. The Center is governed by a fifteen member board made up of representatives from the participating school districts, the business community, and two institutions of higher learning. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. Financial information can be obtained from the Northwest Ohio Regional Professional Development Center, 414 Emerald Street, 2nd Floor, Toledo, Ohio 43602.

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

16. GROUP PURCHASING POOLS

A. Northern Buckeye Education Council's Employee Insurance Benefits Program

The Northern Buckeye Education Council Employee Insurance Benefits Program includes health, dental, life and vision insurance plans. The health and dental plans are risk-sharing pools among approximately 30 members, and the life insurance plan is a group purchasing pool among 29 members. The purpose of the plans is for its members to pool funds or resources to purchase commercial insurance products and enhance the wellness opportunities for employees.

Each member pays a monthly premium amount, which is established annually by the Council, to the Treasurer to comply with the terms of any contract with any third-party claims administrator or insurance company. The insurance group is governed by a council of two representatives from each of the four counties, in which the member school districts are located. The degree of control exercised by any participating member is limited to its representation on the council.

In fiscal year 2008, the District contributed a total of \$533,057 for all four plans. Financial information can be obtained from Robin Pfund, who serves as Treasurer, at 22-900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

B. NBEC Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The District participates in a group-rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Northern Buckeye Education Council Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (WCGRP) was established through the Northern Buckeye Education Council (NBEC) as a group purchasing pool.

The WCGRP's business and affairs are conducted by a three-member board of directors consisting of two Assembly representatives for each of the counties of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams and the representative of the member serving as fiscal agent for NBEC. The Executive Director of the Council shall coordinate the management and administration of the program. Each year, the participating members pay an enrollment fee of \$668 to the WCGRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

17. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

During the year ended June 30, 2008, the General Fund transferred \$19,045 to the Bond Retirement Fund, which is a major fund, \$3,600 to Public School Support Fund, and \$10,000 to Uniform School Supply Fund which are Other Non-Major Governmental funds. These transfers were made to move unrestricted balances to support programs and projects accounted for in other funds.

18. CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies.

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

18. CONTINGENCIES – (Continued)

Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2008.

B. Litigation

There are currently no matters in litigation with the District as defendant.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Edgerton Local School District Williams County 111 East River Street Edgerton, Ohio 43517-9623

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Edgerton Local School District, Williams County, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 13, 2009, wherein, we noted the District changed from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to the cash basis of accounting. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the District's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2008-001.

We also noted a certain noncompliance matter not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated January 13, 2009.

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the District's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

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January 13, 2009

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2008

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

FINDING NUMBER 2008-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 provides that each public office shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the auditor of state has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office. Ohio Administrative Code §117-2-03 further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Revised Code § 117.38.

Ohio Administrative Code §117-2-03(B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). For 2008, the District prepared financial statements that, although formatted similar to financial statements prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, report on the cash basis of accounting. This presentation differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). There would be variances on the financial statements between this accounting practice and GAAP that, while presumably material, cannot be reasonably determined at this time. The District can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the District.

We recommend the District take the necessary steps to ensure the financial report is prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles

Officials' Response:

Management believes reporting on a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) is more cost efficient.



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EDGERTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WILLIAMS 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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JANUARY 29, 2009