

SYCAMORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Single Audit Reports

Year Ended June 30, 2008



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

Board of Education
Sycamore Community School District
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of the Sycamore Community School District, Hamilton County, prepared by Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co., for the audit period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Sycamore Community School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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January 21, 2009

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SYCAMORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2008

<u>Federal Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Pass Through Entity Number</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Federal Revenues</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture:				
<i>(Passed through Ohio Department of Education)</i>				
Food Donation	n/a	10.550	\$ 85,320	85,320
Nutrition Cluster:				
School Breakfast Program	05PU-2008	10.553	45,453	45,453
National School Lunch Program	LLP4-2008	10.555	293,616	293,616
Nutrition Cluster Total			<u>339,069</u>	<u>339,069</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>424,389</u>	<u>424,389</u>
U.S. Department of Education:				
<i>(Passed through Ohio Department of Education)</i>				
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	C1S1-2008	84.010	224,575	230,181
Special Education Cluster:				
Special Education - Grants to States	6BSF-2007	84.027	102,222	134,850
Special Education - Grants to States	6BSF-2008	84.027	1,091,678	1,044,651
Special Education - Preschool Grants	PGS1-2008	84.173	25,959	25,959
Special Education Cluster Total			<u>1,219,859</u>	<u>1,205,460</u>
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - State Grants	DRS1-2007	84.186	-	1,519
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - State Grants	DRS1-2008	84.186	12,955	13,117
			<u>12,955</u>	<u>14,636</u>
State Grants for Innovative Programs	C2S1-2007	84.298	504	-
State Grants for Innovative Programs	C2S1-2008	84.298	7,960	7,578
			<u>8,464</u>	<u>7,578</u>
Education Technology State Grants	TJS1-2008	84.318	2,048	3,378
English Language Acquisition Grants	T3S1/T3S2	84.365	2,005	9,143
English Language Acquisition Grants	T3S1/T3S2	84.365	67,007	64,794
			<u>69,012</u>	<u>73,937</u>
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	TRS1-2007	84.367	21,354	23,059
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	TRS1-2008	84.367	132,992	132,828
			<u>154,346</u>	<u>155,887</u>
<i>(Passed through Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development)</i>				
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	n/a	84.048	12,738	12,738
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>1,703,997</u>	<u>1,703,795</u>
Total Federal Awards			<u>\$ 2,128,386</u>	<u>2,128,184</u>

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS:

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

NOTE B - FOOD DONATION

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed.

NOTE C - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

Cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture are commingled with State grants. It is assumed federal monies are expended first.

**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Board of Education
Sycamore Community School District:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Sycamore Community School District (the "School District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2008. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of 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 entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We consider the deficiency labeled as 2008-1 and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

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 deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe that the significant deficiency described above is not a material weakness.

Compliance And Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, 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*.

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the School District's management, the Board of Education, others within the entity, the Ohio Auditor of State and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Clark, Schaefer, Hachett & Co.

Cincinnati, Ohio
December 19, 2008

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

To the Board of Education
Sycamore Community School District:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Sycamore Community School District (the "School District") with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2008. The School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the School District's compliance based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the School District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School District's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over compliance.

A *control deficiency* in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A *material weakness* is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

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

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2008. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming our opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the School District's management, the Board of Education, others within the entity, the Ohio Auditor of State and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Clark, Schaefer, Hachett & Co.

Cincinnati, Ohio
December 19, 2008

SYCAMORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
 Year Ended June 30, 2008

Section I – Summary of Auditors’ Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors’ report issued:	unqualified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	none
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	yes
Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?	none

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	none
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	none

Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major programs: unqualified

Any audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with 510(a) of Circular A-133? no

Identification of major programs:

Nutrition Cluster:
CFDA 10.553 – School Breakfast Program
CFDA 10.555 – National School Lunch Program

Special Education Cluster:
CFDA 84.027 – Special Education – Grants to States
CFDA 84.173 – Special Education – Preschool Grants

Dollar threshold to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs: \$300,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? yes

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Finding 2008-1 – Restated Financial Statements

As disclosed in Note 17 of the financial statements, the School District restated the June 30, 2007 fund balance of the General Fund and net assets of governmental activities by approximately \$3.1 million due to errors in the accounting of cash held by fiscal agents related to Certificates of Participation (COPS) debt transactions which occurred in 1998 and 2001. The errors were detected when the School District refunded the outstanding 1998 COPS with a new COPS obligation.

Management response: *In June, 2008, the district took advantage of lower interest rates to refund a Certificates of Participation (COP) issue originally issued in 1998 for additions to Sycamore High School. As a result of this transaction, the district has been made aware that funds held in reserve by fiscal agents, Huntington Bank and US Bank, for this COP and for a COP issued for the construction of Blue Ash Elementary, respectively, should have been included in its financial statements. While the transaction that prompted this correction deals only with the High School COP issue, the district has made the same correction for the Blue Ash Elementary transaction issued in 2001. The district had not been advised to include these funds in its financial statements when these transactions originally occurred.*

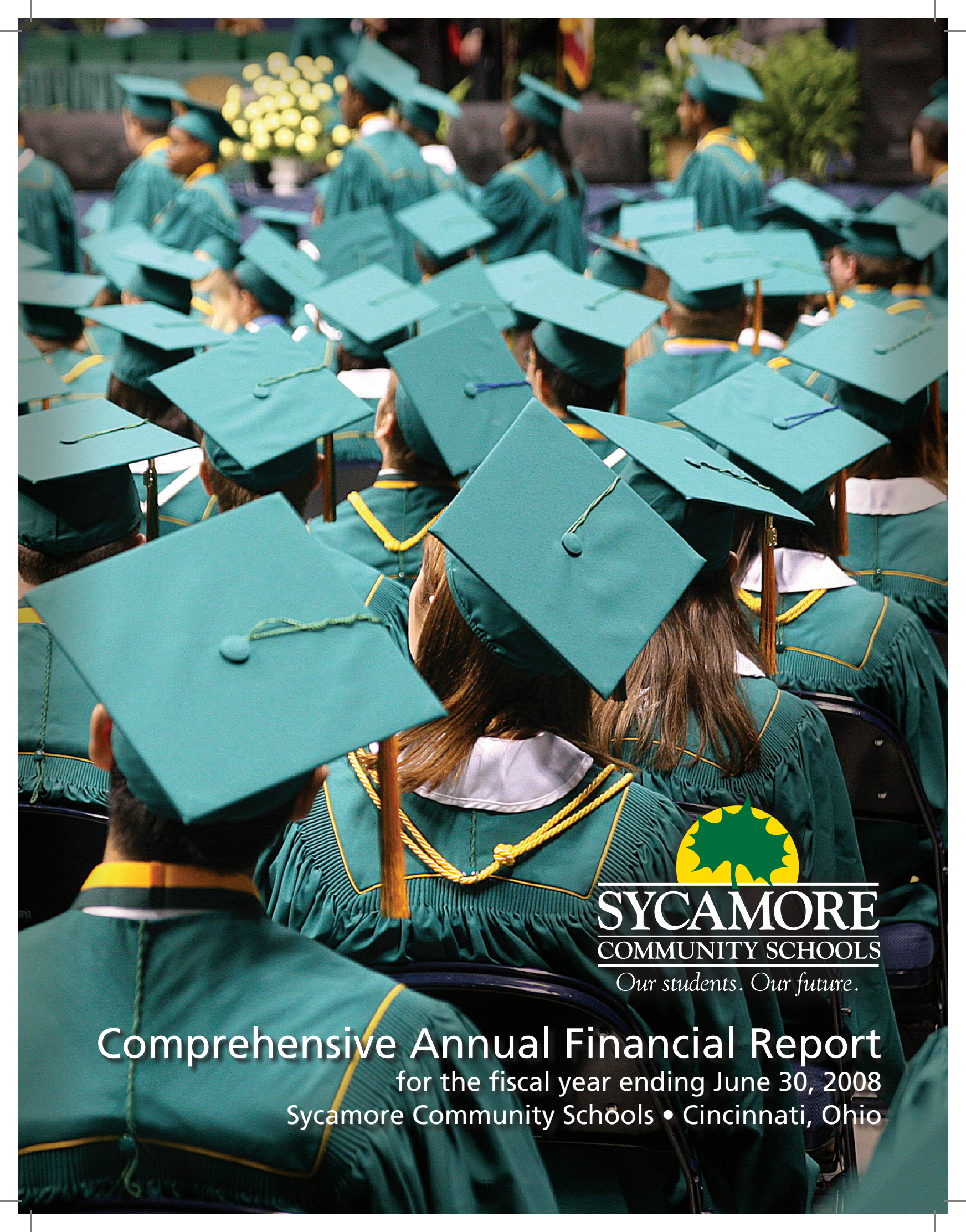
The following is additional information on the use of the funds. A portion of the funds in question were held as a requirement of the COP and will continue to be held and be included in future financial statements. This is due to a requirement to reserve an amount equal to the final payment for each of these issues. These funds will be used to retire these issues. The remaining funds were used as part of the 2008 refunding by reducing the principal owed on the High School COPS. By utilizing these funds for this purpose, the cost of this debt was reduced by approximately \$240,000 per year through 2019 to the taxpayer. It should be noted that the funds held by the fiscal agent have been invested with all earnings used to offset a portion of annual interest costs of the COP's.

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None.

Section IV – Summary of Prior Audit Findings and Questioned Costs

None.



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Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008
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Cincinnati, Ohio

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008



Prepared by:
Office of the Treasurer
Beth A. Weber, Treasurer



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June 30, 2008



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June 30, 2008



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Ed. D., Superintendent



Beth A. Weber,
Treasurer

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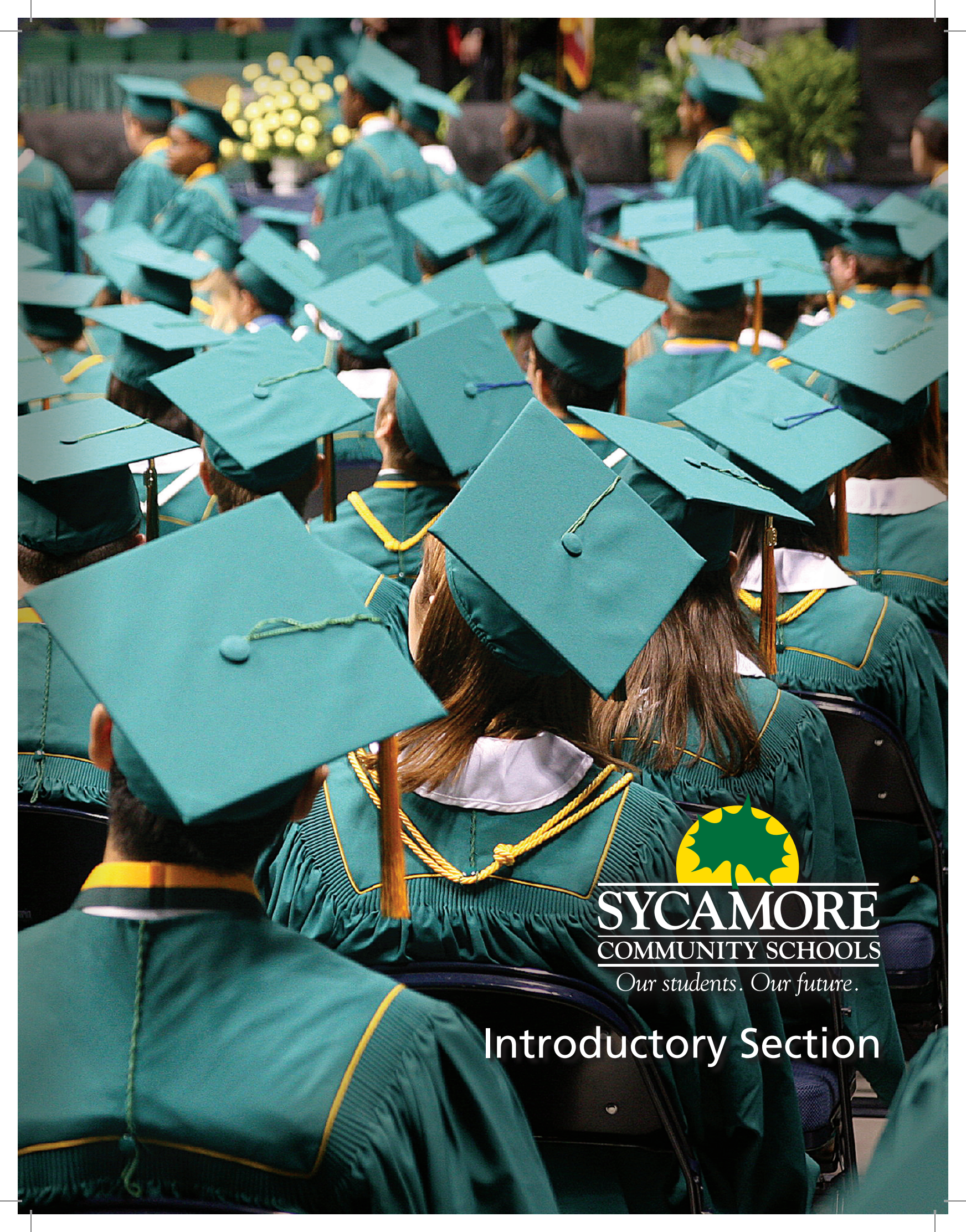
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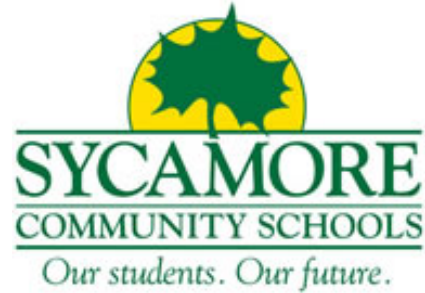
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Introductory Section



District Offices

Adrienne C. James, Ed. D., Superintendent
Frank Forsthoefel, Assistant Superintendent
Keith W. Kelly, Ph. D., Assistant Superintendent
Beth A. Weber, Treasurer

December 19, 2008

To The Citizens and Board of Education of the Sycamore Community School District:

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report [CAFR] of the Sycamore Community School District [District] for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, is hereby submitted. This report, prepared by the Treasurer's office, includes an unqualified opinion from the Clark, Schaefer, Hackett and Co. and conforms to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental entities. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data presented and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the District. This report will provide the taxpayers of the Sycamore Community School District with comprehensive financial data in a format which will enable them to gain an understanding of the District's financial affairs.

Copies of this report will be widely distributed throughout the District. A copy will be sent to all school buildings, the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, the major businesses located within the District, other governments in Hamilton County, the branches of the Hamilton County Public Library located within the District, Moody's and Standard and Poor's financial rating services, major banks, realtors, the District Planning Commission and any other interested parties upon request.

THE REPORTING ENTITY AND SERVICES PROVIDED

The District provides a full range of traditional and non-traditional educational programs and services. These include elementary and secondary curriculum offerings at the general, college preparatory, advanced placement, gifted, special education and vocational levels; a broad range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities; adult and community education offerings and community recreation activities.

The District receives pass through grants from the State and distributes these grants to parochial/private schools located within the District. This activity is included in the entity as the Auxiliary Services Special Revenue Fund, because of the District's administrative involvement in the program. The parochial/private schools served are: Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy, Ursuline Academy, Archbishop Moeller High School, Blue Ash Educational Building, and The Schilling School for Gifted Children. While these organizations share operational and service similarity with the District, each is a legally separate and distinct entity. Because of their independent nature, none of these organizations are included in this report.

ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK

The District is located in southwestern Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati, in the northeast part of Hamilton County. Approximately 56.9% of the District's tax base consists of agricultural and residential properties; the remainder is composed of a wide range of manufacturing, commercial and other business properties. The overall economic outlook for the area remains stable with low unemployment rates and low inflationary pressures.

The District is continually challenged by the responsibility bestowed upon it by the community at large. We are always striving to provide the very best opportunities to every student, while carefully guarding the District's resources.

THE DISTRICT AND ITS FACILITIES

Located in Hamilton County, north of Cincinnati, the Sycamore Community School District serves a population of approximately 35,600 people. Within the District boundaries are the Cities of Blue Ash and Montgomery, portions of Sycamore and Symmes Townships and small portions of the Cities of Evendale and Loveland. These growing and thriving communities are a blend of residential, business, high technology, and light industrial areas. Convenient access to interstate highways I-71, I-75 and interstate connector I-275 has helped in the spectacular growth of the area during the last thirty years. The greater Cincinnati area has long been known as one of the premier areas to live and work in the United States.

The District has a very strong industrial base in Blue Ash, along with a stable tax base in Symmes and Sycamore Townships and the City of Montgomery. The diversity of the tax base has protected the District during what have been unstable economic times through much of the nation and region.

In 2007-2008, the District housed 5,625 students in one high school, one junior high, one middle school, and four elementary schools. Enrollment listed below includes pre-kindergarten at Symmes Elementary of 75 students and 42 joint vocational students at Sycamore High School who are educated at the Great Oaks Vocational School.

Constructed	School Address	Enrollment As of October 2007
2002	Blue Ash Elementary 9541 Plainfield Road	472
1960	Maple Dale Elementary 6100 Hagewa Road	432
2003	Montgomery Elementary 9609 Montgomery Road	522
1989	Symmes Elementary 3173 Springdale Road	487
1964	E.H. Greene Intermediate 5200 Aldine Drive	874
1926	Sycamore Junior High 5757 Cooper Road	895
1974	Sycamore High School 7400 Cornell Road	1,943

ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Education is a five member body politic and corporate, as defined by Section 3313.02 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Board serves as the taxing authority, contracting body, policy maker, and ensures that all the general laws of the State of Ohio are followed in the expenditures of the District's tax dollars and approves the annual appropriation resolution and tax budget.

The Board members represent a cross section of professions in the community. The board members on June 30, 2008, were as follows:

Board Member	Began Service	Term Expires	Profession
Diane Adamec	January, 2006	December, 2009	Former P & G Manager
Jill Cole	January, 2008	December, 2011	Co-owner/Real-Estate
Mary Overman	January, 2002	December, 2009	Retired Teacher
J. Kenneth Richter	January, 2004	December, 2011	Retired Executive
Jean Staubach	January, 1998	December, 2009	Safety Specialist

The Superintendent is the chief executive officer of the District, responsible directly to the Board for all educational and support operations. The Superintendent is Dr. Adrienne James. Dr. James has dedicated 24 years of her career to the Sycamore Community Schools. After teaching 8 years, she served as Assistant Principal at Blue Ash Elementary and was promoted to Principal in 1992. She became Assistant Superintendent to Sycamore Community Schools in 2004 and Superintendent in 2006. She received her undergraduate degree from Wittenberg University, her Master's degree from Xavier University and her doctorate from the University of Cincinnati.

The Treasurer of the District is Beth Weber. Ms. Weber joined the Sycamore administrative team in January 1999, bringing with her eight years of experience as a public school treasurer in Ohio. She received undergraduate degrees in finance and business economics, as well as a Master's in Business Administration, from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Ms. Weber is a member of the Ohio Association of Business Officials.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

In 2007-2008 the District employed 468 certified personnel and 334 non-certified personnel. The starting salary for a teacher with a bachelor's degree for the period beginning August 1, 2008 will be \$38,145. The maximum teacher salary in 2008-2009 will be \$87,645.

The Sycamore Education Association (SEA), an affiliate of the Ohio Education Association (OEA), represents certificated employees of the District. The District and the SEA have entered into a collective bargaining agreement that expires July 31, 2011.

Classified employees are represented by the Ohio Association of Public School Employees. The District and OAPSE entered into a three-year collective bargaining agreement which expires June 30, 2010.

SERVICES PROVIDED

The District provides a wide variety of educational and support services, as mandated by the Ohio Revised Code or board directives.

The food service department served 379,243 plate lunches through the District's seven kitchens. This is accomplished through the full operation of three kitchens and four satellite sites. The District currently offers a breakfast program at all seven sites serving 40,422 breakfasts in 2007-2008.

In addition to transportation and school lunch support services, students in the District also receive guidance, psychological, and limited health services free of charge. The guidance services are designed to help students match their natural skills with vocational and/or academic programs to help them achieve their full potential in life. Psychological services include the testing and identification of students for special education and gifted programs. Health services are provided by licensed nurses at each of the seven school sites.

The District offers regular instructional programs daily to students in grades K-12. Over 600 students receive special services, due to physical or mental handicapping conditions. Gifted services are provided in grades three and four in the area of math and in grades five and six in the areas of math and language arts. Accelerated offerings are available in English, Math, Science and Social Studies in grades seven and eight. Advanced placement classes are provided at the high school in the areas of English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Art, Global Languages, and Computer Science. The District presented 477 high school diplomas in June, 2008.

CURRENT INITIATIVES

Strategic Planning

The District spent the 2007-2008 school developing a new strategic plan. The district also adopted a seven stage strategic planning process in which faculty parents, students and community members had the opportunity to be involved. The process of creating a strategic plan enabled the district to review its priorities, assess its effectiveness and determine the need for re-direction. As a result of the process, three priorities were identified as the focus for 2008-09. They are:

- Identify and implement progressive approaches to the educational delivery system that promote rigor and relevance for all learners.
- Create systems to promote two-way communication with all shareholders in order to create a culture of awareness, inclusiveness, trust and ownership.
- Respect the investment of the taxpayers by providing responsible management of resources as we continue our commitment to student success.

On-line Fee Payment

Beginning in the 2007-2008 school year, parents were able to pay student academic fees and add funds to child nutrition balances on-line through the district's parent portal. Last year over \$450,000 in fees and child nutrition sales were collected through the on-line system. Options to pay fees for extra-curricular activities and full-day kindergarten tuition have been added.

FUTURE INITIATIVES

Ohio Core Graduation Requirements

The Ohio Legislature's lame duck session in 2006 passed a new set of graduation requirements beginning with the Class of 2014, the district's current 7th graders. The new Ohio Core still requires 20 credits for graduation, but it expands math requirements from 3 to 4, including Algebra II. The Ohio Core also specifies that fine arts and foreign language credits may be taken in grades 7-12 with decisions about high school credit for those classes left up to local districts. Finally, the Ohio Core requires that all students take at least a half credit in financial literacy.

Sycamore currently meets most of the mandates of the Ohio Core legislation including requiring 21.5 credits for graduation. The district is in the process of review of course offerings in grades 7-12 to ensure that students can meet the Core requirements. Opportunity to earn high school credit for select courses taken at the junior high will be available. In the fall of 2010, the district will begin offering a .5 credit in financial literacy.

Foreign Languages at Sycamore

As part of the new Ohio Core Graduation requirements, the State Board of Education commissioned the State Foreign Language Advisory Council to make recommendations about foreign language instruction in Ohio. Those recommendations came out in a report entitled *Passport to the Future: Ohio's Plan for World Languages* which was approved and adopted by the State Board in December, 2007. The report made several recommendations which will be drafted into law by 2014. Among them were the following: the need to provide foreign language programming in grades prekindergarten-16; the need to build language capacity to spur economic growth in the State; the need to increase foreign language exposure and proficiency among Ohio's students; the need to deliver instruction through multiple means; the need to grant proficiency-based credit to students in grades seven through twelve; and the need to increase foreign language teacher capacity in the State.

As a result of these recommendations and as part of Sycamore's planning for the Ohio Core, the district provided information this fall to students, teachers, and parents and asked for their feedback on the recommendations through focus groups and surveys. Two direct results of that communication effort are the implementation of two full years of high school credit for foreign language in grades seven through eight and the implementation of a Mandarin Chinese language program in grades seven through twelve, both beginning in 2009-2010. Foreign language instruction as part of the regular school day in grades kindergarten through six is under review.

Student Information System Conversion

In 2008 a team was formed to review the current student information system and to select a replacement system. Based on the work of this team, a new system provided by the Hamilton/Clermont Cooperative Association will be implemented for the 2009-2010 school year. Conversion to the new system will occur during the 2008-2009 school year.

Relevant Financial Policies

In June of 2006, the State legislature passed House Bill 66. House Bill 66 phases out the tax on tangible personal property of general business, telephone and telecommunications companies, and railroads. The tax on general business and railroad property began being phased out in 2007 and will be eliminated by 2009. The tax on telephone and telecommunication property will begin being phased out in 2009 and will be eliminated by 2011. The tax is being phased out by reducing the assessment rate on the property each year. In the first five years, the District will be reimbursed fully for the lost revenue; in the following seven years, the reimbursements will be phased out.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The District's accounting system is organized on a "fund" basis. Each fund is a distinct, self-balancing entity. Records for general governmental operations are maintained on a budgetary basis system of accounting as prescribed by State statute. Cash basis accounting differs from generally accepted accounting principles [GAAP] as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board [GASB].

INTERNAL ACCOUNTING AND BUDGETARY CONTROL

The management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure that the assets of the District are protected from loss, theft, or misuse and to ensure that adequate accounting data are compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statement in conformity with GAAP. Internal accounting controls are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding: (1) the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and (2) the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance is based on the assumption that: (1) the cost of internal accounting controls should not exceed the benefits expected to be derived from their implementation; and (2) the valuation of cost and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

The District utilizes a fully automated accounting system as well as an automated system of control for fixed assets and payroll. These systems, coupled with the manual auditing of each voucher prior to payment, ensures that the financial information generated is both accurate and reliable.

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board adopts a temporary appropriation measure. The Board then adopts a permanent appropriation measure in September.

Annual appropriations may not exceed the County Budget Commission's official estimate of resources. The County Auditor must certify that the Board's appropriation measures, including any supplements or amendments, do not exceed the amount set forth in the latest of those official estimates.

All disbursements and transfers of cash between funds and functions require appropriation authority from the Board. Budgets are controlled at the function level within a fund. All purchase order requests must be approved by the individual program managers and certified by the Treasurer; necessary funds are then encumbered and purchase orders are released to vendors.

The accounting system used by the District allows on-line immediate financial reports which detail year-to-date expenditures and encumbrances versus the original appropriation plus any additional appropriations made to date. The financial statements are available to each approved District user and budget authority.

As an additional safeguard, all employees involved with receiving and depositing funds are covered by a blanket bond and certain individuals in policy-making roles are covered by a separate, higher bond.

The basis of accounting and the various funds utilized by the District are fully described in the notes to the general purpose financial statements. Additional information on the District's budgetary accounts can also be found in the notes to the general purpose financial statements.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

This is the fifth year the District has prepared financial statements following GASB Statement 34, "Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis -- for State and Local Governments." GASB 34 creates new basic financial statements for reporting on the School District's financial activities as follows:

Government-wide financial statements These statements are prepared on an accrual basis of accounting which is similar to the basis of accounting followed by businesses. The government-wide statements of the District present governmental activities.

Fund financial statements These statements present information for individual major funds rather than by fund type. Non-major funds are presented in total in one column. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting and include reconciliation to the governmental activities accrual information presented in the government-wide financial statements. Fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting.

Statement of budgetary comparisons These statements present comparisons of actual information to the legally adopted budget. The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances.

As part of this reporting model, management is responsible for preparing a Management's Discussion and Analysis of the District, which follows this letter of transmittal, providing an assessment of the District's finances for 2008 and the outlook for the future.

CASH MANAGEMENT

Begun in fiscal year 1991, the District's cash management program addresses the issue of safety, liquidity, and yield while maximizing returns. The District uses the Star Ohio program investment pool operated by the Treasurer of State for ready cash and yield. Certificates of deposit and obligations of the United States Treasury are utilized for both short and intermediate terms. Treasury notes, treasury bills and agency notes are utilized for longer-term investments. Investment earnings for all funds during the fiscal year were \$2,365,279.

The District's investment policy is to minimize market risk while maintaining a competitive yield on its portfolio. Accordingly, deposits were either insured by FDIC or collateralized. By law, financial institutions may establish a collateral pool to cover all public deposits. The face value of the pooled collateral must equal at least 105 percent of public funds deposited. Collateral is held by trustees including the Federal Reserve Bank and designated third party trustees of the financial institutions.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The District constantly faces the risk of loss of assets by fire, storm, theft, accident or other catastrophes. Generally, the District shifts the burden of such losses by entering into a casualty insurance contract whereby an insurance company, in consideration of a premium payment, assumes the risk of all or a portion of these losses. During fiscal year 2008, the District contracted with Indiana Insurance for general liability, property, boiler and machinery insurance.

The District maintains an umbrella liability policy with limits of \$10,000,000 each occurrence, \$10,000,000 aggregate.

Boiler and machinery coverage has a \$1,000 deductible with a \$50,000,000 limit of liability per accident. School leader's errors and omissions liability is protected by Indiana Insurance Company with a \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$1,000,000 aggregate limit.

Vehicles are covered by Indiana Insurance Company with a \$500 deductible for comprehensive and a \$500 deductible for collision.

Public officials' bond insurance is provided by Backus Insurance Company. The Treasurer, Superintendent and Board President are covered by bonds in the amounts \$100,000, \$25,000, and \$25,000 respectively. Honesty Blanket Position Coverage is \$15,000 per employee.

Employee health insurance is provided by Humana.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT

Provisions of State statute require that the District's financial statements be subjected to an annual examination by an independent auditor. The Clark, Schaefer, Hackett and Co.'s unqualified opinion rendered on the District's basic financial statements, combining statements and individual fund schedules, is included in the financial section of this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Pursuant to statute, the State prescribes a uniform accounting system to standardize accounting classification and financial reporting for all units of local education agencies in Ohio: The District adopted and has been in conformance with that system.

AWARDS

GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada [GFOA] awarded a Certificate of Achievement to the District for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports.

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards. Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Certificate of Achievement program requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA.

ASBO Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Association of School Business Officials International [ASBO] awards a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting to school districts that publish Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports which substantially conform to the principles and standards of financial reporting as recommended and adopted by the Association of School Business Officials. The award is granted only after an intensive review of the financial report by all expert panel of certified public accountants and practicing school business officials.

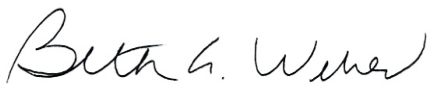
The District received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. The District believes that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year June 30, 2008, which will be submitted to ASBO for review, will conform to ASBO's principles and standards.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

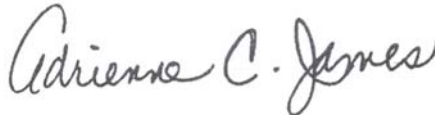
The preparation of the 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Sycamore Community School District was made possible by the dedicated service of Carolyn Huber, Tina Triplett, Rita Clark, Patti Gardner, and Lisa Myers. Special recognition is given to Plattenburg and Associates, Incorporated, Certified Public Accountants for their assistance in the preparation of the CAFR, and Clark, Schaefer, Hackett and Co. for their audit of the CAFR. Finally, this report would not have been possible without the leadership and support of the District's Board of Education and the Sycamore Schools community.

The publication of this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the District is a major step in reinforcing the accountability of the District to the taxpayers of the community.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth A. Weber,
Treasurer



Dr. Adrienne James,
Superintendent

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

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District, Ohio

For its Comprehensive Annual
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for the Fiscal Year Ended
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Executive Director

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For its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

Upon recommendation of the Association's Panel of Review which has judged that the Report substantially conforms to principles and standards of ASBO's Certificate of Excellence Program

President

Executive Director

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LIST OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

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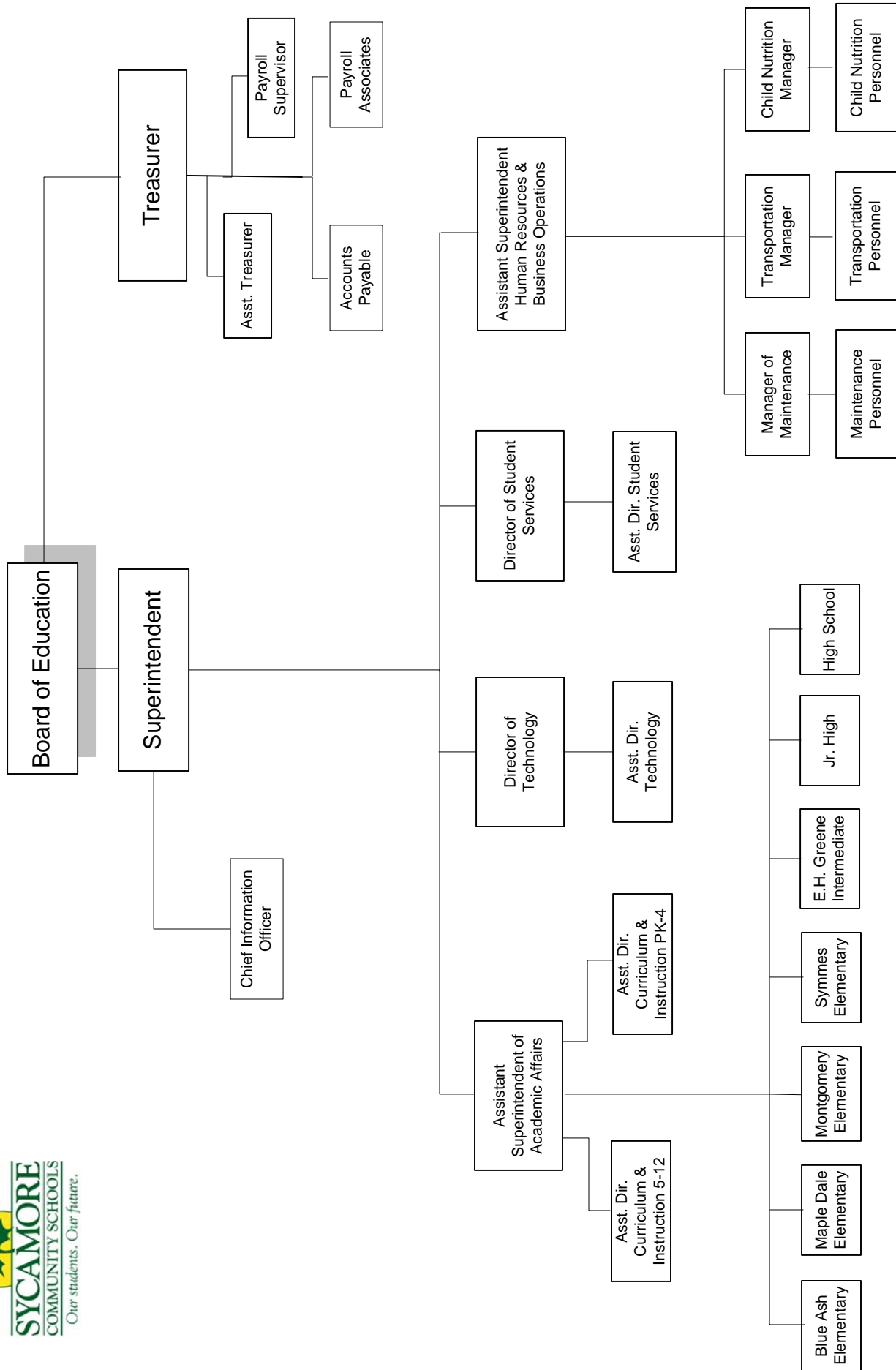
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President, Board of Education	J. Kenneth Richter
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Board Member	Jill Cole
Board Member	Mary Overman

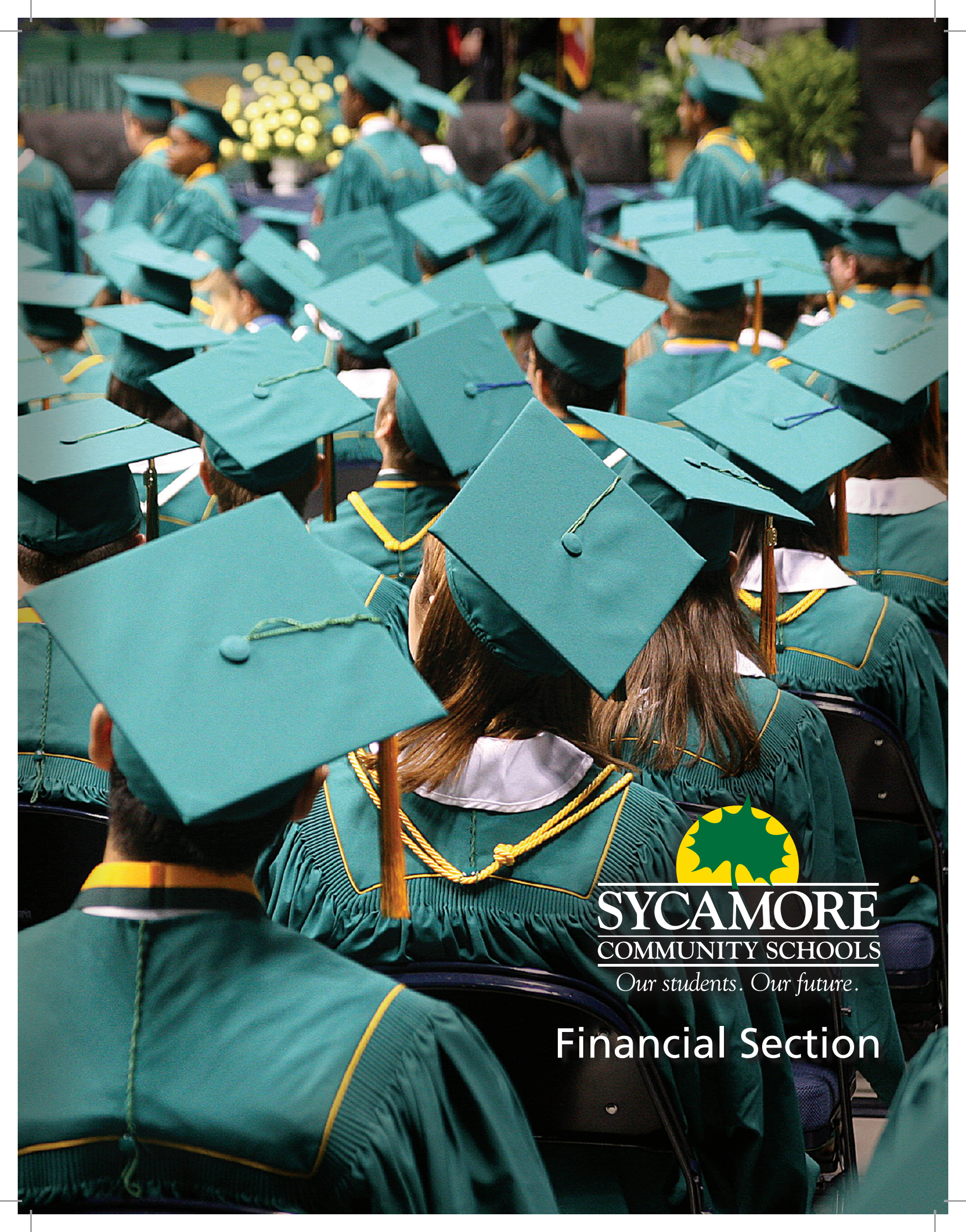
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Superintendent	Dr. Adrienne James
Treasurer	Beth Weber
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Financial Section

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Education
Sycamore Community School District:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Sycamore Community School District (the "School District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on the 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 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 Sycamore Community School District as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 19, 2008 on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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The management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 11 and 47 through 49, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purposes of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

Cincinnati, Ohio
December 19, 2008

**SYCAMORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008
(Unaudited)**

The discussion and analysis of Sycamore Community School District's 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 transmittal letter, notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2008 are as follows:

- Net assets of governmental activities increased \$1,215,728 which represents a 1.8% increase from 2007.
- General revenues accounted for \$75,796,967 in revenue or 90.8% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$7,688,076 or 9.2% of total revenues of \$83,485,043 .
- The District had \$82,269,315 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$7,688,076 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues of \$75,796,967 were also used to provide for these programs.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

Government-wide Financial Statements

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the District to provide programs and activities, the view of the District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the questions, “How did we do financially during 2008?” The *Government-wide Financial Statements* answers this question. These statements include *all assets* and *liabilities* using the accrual basis of accounting 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 District’s *net assets* and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader that, for the District as a whole, the financial position has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, both financial and non-financial. 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 Government-wide Financial Statements, the District presents:

- **Governmental Activities** – The District’s programs and services are reported here and include instruction, support services, operation of non-instructional services, extracurricular activities and interest and fiscal charges.

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the District’s major funds is presented in the Fund Financial Statements (see Table of Contents). Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District’s major funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the District’s most significant funds.

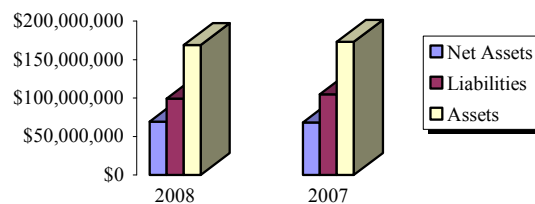
Governmental Funds Most of the District’s activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other *financial assets* that can readily be converted to cash. 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 you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental *activities* (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental *funds* is reconciled in the financial statements.

The District as a Whole

As stated previously, the Statement of Net Assets looks at the District as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the District's net assets for 2008 compared to 2007 Restated:

Table 1
Net Assets

	Governmental Activities	
	2008	2007 Restated
Assets:		
Current and Other Assets	\$105,627,189	\$106,909,682
Capital Assets	63,241,536	66,073,956
Total Assets	168,868,725	172,983,638
Liabilities:		
Other Liabilities	44,880,322	46,376,766
Long-Term Liabilities	54,534,452	58,368,649
Total Liabilities	99,414,774	104,745,415
Net Assets:		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	17,465,004	15,750,943
Restricted	9,258,251	11,510,511
Unrestricted	42,730,696	40,976,769
Total Net Assets	\$69,453,951	\$68,238,223



Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2008, the District's assets exceeded liabilities by \$69,453,951.

At year-end, capital assets represented 37% of total assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings, buildings and improvements, and equipment and vehicles. Capital assets, net of related debt to acquire the assets at June 30, 2008, was \$17,465,004. These capital assets are used to provide services to the students and are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A portion of the District's net assets, \$9,258,251 represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they must be used. The external restriction will not affect the availability of fund resources for future use.

The capital assets for the District decreased from the prior year due to the depreciation expense for the year being greater than the current year additions. Other liabilities decreased from the prior year due to a decrease in the amount of deferred revenues, which was due to a decrease in the amount of taxes receivable (due to the passage of HB 66 the elimination of personal property tax). Long-Term liabilities decreased from the prior year due to the District making regularly scheduled debt payments and the advance refunding of the District's 1998 Certificates of Participation (see note 8 in the notes to the basic financial statements for more information). Invested in capital assets, net of related debt increased from the prior year due to the District's overall debt decreased greater than the decrease in capital assets for the year.

Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for fiscal years 2008 and 2007 Restated.

Table 2
Changes in Net Assets

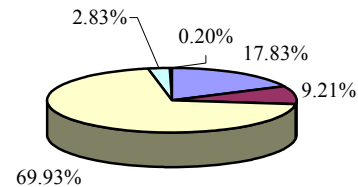
	Governmental Activities	
	2008	2007 Restated
Revenues:		
Program Revenues		
Charges for Services	\$3,348,630	\$3,048,190
Operating Grants, Contributions	4,210,331	3,955,895
Capital Grants and Contributions	129,115	396,862
General Revenues:		
Property Taxes	58,378,013	64,572,924
Grants and Entitlements	14,889,069	12,039,485
Other	2,529,885	3,385,840
Total Revenues	<u>83,485,043</u>	<u>87,399,196</u>
Program Expenses:		
Instruction	44,224,707	41,567,848
Support Services:		
Pupil and Instructional Staff	9,702,925	9,218,180
School Administrative, General		
Administration, Fiscal and Business	6,799,126	7,059,916
Operations and Maintenance	7,664,935	8,041,486
Pupil Transportation	4,176,090	4,365,961
Central	1,838,122	1,777,167
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	3,566,667	3,963,295
Extracurricular Activities	1,683,696	1,671,841
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,613,047	2,051,643
Total Program Expenses	<u>82,269,315</u>	<u>79,717,337</u>
Change in Net Assets	1,215,728	7,681,859
Net Assets Beginning of Year	<u>68,238,223</u>	<u>60,556,364</u>
Net Assets End of Year	<u><u>\$69,453,951</u></u>	<u><u>\$68,238,223</u></u>

The District revenues came from mainly two sources. Property taxes levied for general purposes, debt service and grants and entitlements comprised 87.7% of the District's revenues for governmental activities.

The District depends greatly on property taxes as a revenue source. The unique nature of property taxes in Ohio creates the need to routinely seek voter approval for operating funds. The overall revenues generated by a levy will not increase solely as a result of inflation. As an example, a homeowner with a home valued at \$100,000 and taxed at 1.0 mill would pay \$35.00 annually in taxes. If three years later the home were reappraised and increased to \$200,000 (and this inflationary increase in value is comparable to other property owners) the effective tax rate would become .5 mills and the owner would still pay \$35.00.

Thus Ohio districts dependent upon property taxes are hampered by a lack of revenue growth and must regularly return to the voters to maintain a constant level of service. Property taxes made up 69.9% of revenue for governmental activities for Sycamore Community School District in fiscal year 2008. The District's reliance upon tax revenues is demonstrated in the following graph:

<u>Revenue Sources</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
General Grants	\$14,889,069	17.83%
Program Revenues	7,688,076	9.21%
General Tax Revenues	58,378,013	69.93%
Investment Earnings	2,365,279	2.83%
Other Revenues	164,606	0.20%
	<u>\$83,485,043</u>	<u>100.00%</u>



Instruction comprises 53.75% of governmental program expenses. Support services expenses were 36.69% of governmental program expenses. All other expenses and interest expense was 9.56%. Interest expense was attributable to the outstanding bond and borrowing for capital projects.

Tax revenues decreased from prior year due to the phasing out of personal property tax and the decrease in the amount of taxes available for advance at year end. Intergovernmental revenues increased from 2007 due to the District receiving more grant monies throughout the year (i.e., including from the state of Ohio for the personal property tax reimbursement due to the phase out of these revenues, etc.) Instruction expenses increased over the prior year due to increases in personnel costs and other general inflationary factors. Support services expenses remained relatively consistent from 2007 to 2008.

Governmental Activities

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
Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Instruction	\$44,224,707	\$41,567,848	(\$42,582,387)	(\$40,027,014)
Support Services:				
Pupil and Instructional Staff	9,702,925	9,218,180	(8,407,793)	(7,929,942)
School Administrative, General				
Administration, Fiscal and Business	6,799,126	7,059,916	(6,760,791)	(7,022,358)
Operations and Maintenance	7,664,935	8,041,486	(7,560,721)	(7,990,052)
Pupil Transportation	4,176,090	4,365,961	(4,102,656)	(4,318,831)
Central	1,838,122	1,777,167	(1,797,474)	(1,719,591)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	3,566,667	3,963,295	372,511	(450,922)
Extracurricular Activities	1,683,696	1,671,841	(1,128,881)	(806,037)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,613,047	2,051,643	(2,613,047)	(2,051,643)
Total Expenses	<u>\$82,269,315</u>	<u>\$79,717,337</u>	<u>(\$74,581,239)</u>	<u>(\$72,316,390)</u>

The District's Funds

The District has one major governmental fund: the General Fund. Assets of this fund comprised \$94,797,025 (90%) of the total \$105,495,656 governmental funds assets.

General Fund:

Assets of the General Fund increased \$1,830,961 during the fiscal year. General Fund liabilities at June 30, 2008 was \$45,527,408 which is mostly comprised of accrued wages and benefits and deferred revenue.

Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was \$49,269,617 including \$27,910,847 of unreserved balance, which represents 40% of expenditures for fiscal year 2008. Fund balances of the General Fund increased \$720,070 during the year.

During the year, revenues decreased 3.3%. Taxes revenue decreased \$4,889,023, while intergovernmental revenues increased \$3,000,872 in 2008. Expenditures increased 3.0% during the fiscal year.

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 2008, the District amended its general fund budget numerous times. The District uses site-based budgeting and the budgeting systems are designed to tightly control total site budgets but provide flexibility for site management. During the course of the year, the District revised the Budget in an attempt to deal with unexpected changes in revenues and expenditures.

For the General Fund, final budget basis revenue was \$76,326,359, compared to original budget estimates of \$73,027,490. Of the \$3,298,869 difference, most was due to a conservative estimate for taxes and intergovernmental revenue.

The District's ending unobligated actual fund balance for the General Fund was \$1,073,083 below the final budgeted amount.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At fiscal year end, the District had \$63,241,536 invested in capital assets. Table 4 shows fiscal 2008 balances compared to fiscal 2007:

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

	Governmental Activities	
	2008	2007
Land	\$1,602,371	\$1,602,371
Land Improvements	2,290,572	2,495,895
Buildings	22,844,172	23,595,422
Buildings and Improvements	34,815,058	36,680,318
Equipment and Vehicles	1,689,363	1,699,950
Total Net Capital Assets	<u>\$63,241,536</u>	<u>\$66,073,956</u>

Overall, capital assets decreased due to depreciation expense being greater than new purchases less the deletions for the year.

See Note 6 in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements for further details on the District's capital assets.

Debt

At fiscal year end, the District had \$45,974,474 in bonds and capital leases payable, \$2,358,922 due within one year. Table 5 summarizes bonds and capital leases outstanding at year end.

Table 5
Outstanding Debt, at Year End

	Governmental Activities	
	2008	2007
General Obligation Bonds:		
Symmes Refunding	\$195,353	\$323,599
Bond Issue I	100,000	200,000
Bond Issue II	7,130,000	8,075,000
Bond Issue III	2,595,000	2,900,000
Stadium Renovation Bonds	750,000	920,000
2006 Refunding		
Refunded Bonds	23,350,000	23,490,000
Capital Appreciation Bonds		
Principal	809,985	809,985
Interest	197,942	77,207
Premium on Bonds	1,160,552	1,233,102
Deferred Amount	(984,358)	(1,045,880)
Subtotal Bonds	<u>35,304,474</u>	<u>36,983,013</u>
Capital Lease Payable:		
Sycamore High School	6,090,000	8,595,000
Blue Ash Elementary	<u>4,580,000</u>	<u>4,745,000</u>
Subtotal Capital Leases Payable	<u>10,670,000</u>	<u>13,340,000</u>
Total Outstanding Debt at Year End	<u><u>\$45,974,474</u></u>	<u><u>\$50,323,013</u></u>

In 1998 the District passed a 2.39 mill bond issue, providing \$45 million for two new elementary buildings along with facility improvements at the other elementary schools, and the intermediate, junior high and high schools. The District maintains an AA+ bond rating from Standard and Poor's.

See Notes 7-8 in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements for further details on the District's outstanding debt.

For the Future

A challenge facing the School District is the future of state funds. On December 11, 2002, the Ohio Supreme Court found the state's school funding system unconstitutional but declined to retain jurisdiction of the matter meaning the decision included no timeline for compliance or accountability for lack of compliance. 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.

In June of 2006, the State legislature passed House Bill 66. House Bill 66 phases out the tax on tangible personal property of general business, telephone, and telecommunications companies, and railroads. The tax on general business and railroad property began being phased out in 2006 and will be eliminated by 2009. The tax on telephone and telecommunication property will begin being phased out in 2009 and will be eliminated by 2011. The tax is being phased out by reducing the assessment rate on the property each year. In the first five years, school districts are being reimbursed fully for the lost revenue; in the following seven years, the reimbursements are phased out.

This scenario requires management to plan carefully and prudently to provide the resources to meet student needs over the next several years.

All of the District's financial abilities will be needed to meet the challenges of the future. With careful planning and monitoring of the District's finances, the District's management is confident that the District can continue to provide a quality education for our students and provide a secure financial future.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Beth Weber, Treasurer at Sycamore Community School District, 4881 Cooper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242.

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2008

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$45,095,408
Restricted Cash and Investments	468,958
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments with Fiscal Agent	999,834
Receivables:	
Taxes	58,150,495
Accounts	8,097
Interest	199,055
Intergovernmental	468,062
Deferred Bond Issuance Costs	170,591
Inventory	66,689
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	1,602,371
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>61,639,165</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>168,868,725</u>
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	406,978
Accrued Wages and Benefits	9,069,939
Accrued Interest Payable	290,132
Unearned Revenue	35,113,273
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	3,399,930
Due In More Than One Year	<u>51,134,522</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>99,414,774</u>
Net Assets:	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	17,465,004
Restricted for:	
Special Revenue	507,110
Debt Service	7,816,802
Capital Projects	465,381
Set-Aside	468,958
Unrestricted	<u>42,730,696</u>
 Total Net Assets	 <u><u>\$69,453,951</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$36,183,141	\$752,986	\$617,415	\$0	(\$34,812,740)
Special	7,754,586	126,192	38,762	0	(7,589,632)
Vocational	2,405	0	0	0	(2,405)
Other	284,575	106,965	0	0	(177,610)
Support Services:					
Pupil	4,490,050	0	388,219	0	(4,101,831)
Instructional Staff	5,212,875	10,324	896,589	0	(4,305,962)
General Administration	41,267	0	0	0	(41,267)
School Administration	5,027,678	37,635	700	0	(4,989,343)
Fiscal	1,645,935	0	0	0	(1,645,935)
Business	84,246	0	0	0	(84,246)
Operations and Maintenance	7,664,935	75,099	0	29,115	(7,560,721)
Pupil Transportation	4,176,090	0	73,434	0	(4,102,656)
Central	1,838,122	0	40,648	0	(1,797,474)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	3,566,667	1,784,614	2,154,564	0	372,511
Extracurricular Activities	1,683,696	454,815	0	100,000	(1,128,881)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,613,047	0	0	0	(2,613,047)
Totals	<u>\$82,269,315</u>	<u>\$3,348,630</u>	<u>\$4,210,331</u>	<u>\$129,115</u>	<u>(74,581,239)</u>

General Revenues:

Property Taxes Levied for:

General Purposes	55,578,570
Debt Service Purposes	2,799,443
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs	14,889,069
Investment Earnings	2,365,279
Refunds and Reimbursements	13,957
Other Revenues	150,649

Total General Revenues 75,796,967

Change in Net Assets 1,215,728

Net Assets Beginning of Year, Restated 68,238,223

Net Assets End of Year \$69,453,951

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2008

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$37,799,767	\$7,295,641	\$45,095,408
Restricted Cash and Investments	468,958	0	468,958
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments with Fiscal Agent	999,834	0	999,834
Receivables:			
Taxes	55,251,212	2,899,283	58,150,495
Accounts	7,891	206	8,097
Interest	199,055	0	199,055
Intergovernmental	0	468,062	468,062
Interfund	39,058	0	39,058
Inventory	31,250	35,439	66,689
Total Assets	94,797,025	10,698,631	105,495,656
Liabilities and Fund Balances:			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	325,659	81,319	406,978
Accrued Wages and Benefits	8,722,869	347,070	9,069,939
Compensated Absences	696,206	0	696,206
Interfund Payable	0	39,058	39,058
Deferred Revenue	35,782,674	2,152,756	37,935,430
Total Liabilities	45,527,408	2,620,203	48,147,611
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for Encumbrances	242,728	511,440	754,168
Reserved for Inventory	31,250	35,439	66,689
Reserved for Property Tax Advances	19,616,000	1,055,000	20,671,000
Reserved for Debt Service	999,834	0	999,834
Reserved for Set-Aside	468,958	0	468,958
Unreserved, Undesignated, Reported in:			
General Fund	27,910,847	0	27,910,847
Special Revenue Funds	0	696,422	696,422
Debt Service Funds	0	5,732,413	5,732,413
Capital Projects Funds	0	47,714	47,714
Total Fund Balances	49,269,617	8,078,428	57,348,045
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$94,797,025	\$10,698,631	\$105,495,656

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balance to
 Net Assets of Governmental Activities
 June 30, 2008

Total Governmental Fund Balance		\$57,348,045
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.		63,241,536
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.		
Delinquent Property Taxes	\$2,366,222	
Interest	147,462	
Intergovernmental	<u>308,473</u>	
		2,822,157
In the statement of net assets interest payable is accrued when incurred, whereas in the governmental funds interest is reported as a liability only when it will require the use of current financial resources.		(290,132)
Some liabilities reported in the statement of net assets do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as liabilities in governmental funds.		
Compensated Absences		(7,863,772)
Deferred bond issuance cost associated with long-term liabilities are not reported in the funds.		170,591
Long-term liabilities, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		<u>(45,974,474)</u>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities		<u><u>\$69,453,951</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$56,096,792	\$2,820,088	\$58,916,880
Tuition and Fees	841,418	228,154	1,069,572
Investment Earnings	2,413,333	12,275	2,425,608
Intergovernmental	14,651,415	4,117,605	18,769,020
Extracurricular Activities	0	462,525	462,525
Charges for Services	0	1,707,201	1,707,201
Other Revenues	329,368	307,031	636,399
Total Revenues	74,332,326	9,654,879	83,987,205
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	31,577,652	883,290	32,460,942
Special	7,673,417	71,214	7,744,631
Vocational	2,405	0	2,405
Other	284,575	0	284,575
Support Services:			
Pupil	4,055,054	419,301	4,474,355
Instructional Staff	4,475,781	751,681	5,227,462
General Administration	41,267	0	41,267
School Administration	5,116,049	1,500	5,117,549
Fiscal	1,590,540	42,631	1,633,171
Business	82,073	0	82,073
Operations and Maintenance	7,387,098	55,206	7,442,304
Pupil Transportation	3,984,042	183,990	4,168,032
Central	1,620,364	64,288	1,684,652
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	10,711	3,556,160	3,566,871
Extracurricular Activities	857,887	680,253	1,538,140
Capital Outlay	18,064	824,618	842,682
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	665,000	1,788,246	2,453,246
Interest and Fiscal Charges	613,414	1,799,324	2,412,738
Total Expenditures	70,055,393	11,121,702	81,177,095
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	4,276,933	(1,466,823)	2,810,110
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	3,645	0	3,645
Payments to Refunding Certificate of Participation Escrow Agent	(8,206,158)	0	(8,206,158)
Issuance of Refunding Certificate of Participation	6,090,000	0	6,090,000
Transfers In	0	1,444,350	1,444,350
Transfers (Out)	(1,444,350)	0	(1,444,350)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(3,556,863)	1,444,350	(2,112,513)
Net Change in Fund Balance	720,070	(22,473)	697,597
Fund Balance Beginning of Year, Restated	48,549,547	8,100,901	56,650,448
Fund Balance End of Year	\$49,269,617	\$8,078,428	\$57,348,045

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
 in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

Net Change in Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds \$697,597

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

Governmental funds report capital asset additions as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount of the difference between capital asset additions and depreciation in the current period.

Capital assets used in governmental activities	\$460,886	
Depreciation Expense	<u>(3,292,640)</u>	(2,831,754)

Governmental funds only report the disposal of assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. The amount of the proceeds must be removed and the gain or loss on the disposal of capital assets must be recognized. This is the amount of the difference between the proceeds and the gain or loss. (666)

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

Delinquent Property Taxes	(\$538,866)	
Interest	(60,329)	
Intergovernmental	<u>94,054</u>	(505,141)

Repayment of bond and capital lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. 2,453,246

Payments to the refunding certificate of participation escrow agent that exceed the issuance of the new certificate of participation are not reported in the funds. 2,005,000

In the statement of activities interest expense is accrued when incurred, whereas in governmental funds an interest expenditure is reported when due. 31,218

Some expenses 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.

Compensated Absences	(\$513,403)	
Amortization of Bond Issuance Cost	(10,662)	
Amortization of Bond Premium	72,550	
Amortization of Deferred Charge on Refunding	(61,522)	
Bond Accretion	<u>(120,735)</u>	<u>(633,772)</u>

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$1,215,728

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2008

	Private Purpose Trust	Agency
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Assets:		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$28,211	\$97,271
Receivables:		
Accounts	<u> 0</u>	<u> 10,000</u>
Total Assets	<u> 28,211</u>	<u> 107,271</u>
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	0	33
Other Liabilities	<u> 0</u>	<u> 107,238</u>
Total Liabilities	<u> 0</u>	<u> \$107,271</u>
Net Assets:		
Held in Trust	<u> 28,211</u>	
Total Net Assets	<u> \$28,211</u>	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>
Additions:	
Donations	\$9,789
Investment Earnings	<u>1,234</u>
Total Additions	<u>11,023</u>
Deductions:	
Scholarships	<u>10,550</u>
Total Deductions	<u>10,550</u>
Change in Net Assets	473
Net Assets Beginning of Year	<u>27,738</u>
Net Assets End of Year	<u><u>\$28,211</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

SYCAMORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT

The District was chartered by the Ohio State Legislature in 1949. In 1863 State laws were enacted to create the local Boards of Education. Today, the Sycamore Community School District ("District") operates under current standards prescribed by the Ohio State Board of Education as provided in division (D) of Section 3301.07 and Section 199.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The District operates under a locally elected five-member Board form of government and provides educational services as authorized by its charter or further mandated by state and/or federal agencies. This Board controls the District's instructional and support facilities staffed by 334 non-certified personnel and 477 certificated personnel to provide services to students and other community members.

The District is the 6th largest in Hamilton County in terms of enrollment. It currently operates 4 elementary schools, 1 intermediate school (grades 5-6), 1 junior high school (grades 7-8), and 1 high school (grades 9-12).

REPORTING ENTITY

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board [GASB] Statement 14, the financial reporting entity consists of a primary government. The District is a primary government because it is a special-purpose government that has a separately elected governing body, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state and local governments.

There are no component units combined with the District for financial statement presentation purposes, and it is not included in any other governmental reporting entity. Consequently, the District's financial statements include only the funds of those organizational entities for which its elected governing body is financially accountable. The District's major operations include education, pupil transportation, food service, and maintenance of District facilities.

The District is associated with two organizations that are defined as jointly governed organizations. These organizations include Hamilton/Clermont Cooperative Association and Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Development. These organizations are presented in Note 13.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the 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 most significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

MEASUREMENT FOCUS

Government-wide Financial Statements

The 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.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the District are included on the statement of net assets. Fiduciary Funds are not included in entity-wide statements.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the 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. The District allocates certain indirect costs. The indirect costs are included as part of the program expense reported for individual functions and activities. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District, with certain limited exceptions. 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 District.

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

Fiduciary Funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of changes in fund net assets presents increases (i.e. revenues) and decreases (i.e. expenses) in net total assets.

FUND ACCOUNTING

The 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 District functions or activities. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The various funds of the District are grouped into the categories governmental and fiduciary. The focus of government fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

Governmental Funds

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

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

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net assets. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the District's own programs. Agency funds are custodian in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The District's only fiduciary funds are a private purpose trust which accounts for scholarship programs for students, and an agency fund which accounts for assets and liabilities generated by student managed activities.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. 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. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, included 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. 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 year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year end: property taxes available for advance, grants and interest.

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, 2008, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2009 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.

Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue represents amounts under the accrual basis of accounting for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not yet been met because such amounts have not yet been earned.

Expenses/Expenditures

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The fair value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the operating statement as an expense with a like amount reported as donated commodities revenue.

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

EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash received by the District is pooled for investment purposes. Interest in the pool is presented as “equity in pooled cash and investments” on the financial statements.

Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices. Nonparticipating investment contracts such as nonnegotiable certificates of deposits and repurchase agreements are reported at cost.

The District has invested funds in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio) during fiscal year 2008. 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.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue during fiscal year 2008 credited to the General Fund amounted to \$2,413,333 and \$12,275 to Other Governmental Funds.

INVENTORY

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

CAPITAL ASSETS

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of two thousand dollars (\$2,000). The District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements that add to the value of an asset or materially extend an asset’s life 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.

All reported capital assets are depreciated, except land and construction in progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is allocated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Estimated Lives</u>
Land Improvements	20 years
Buildings	45 years
Building Improvements	20 years
Equipment and Vehicles	5 - 20 years

RESTRICTED ASSETS

Assets are reported as restricted assets when limitations on their use change the normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, laws of other government or imposed by enabling legislation. Restricted assets include the amount required by state statute to be set aside to create a reserve for budget stabilization and instructional material.

CASH WITH FISCAL AGENT

The District has equity in pooled cash and investments with fiscal agent in the general fund. This is a debt service reserve for the District's certificates of participation.

COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The District reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for 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 District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The 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 method. The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount due to the employee at year end. These amounts are recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. Compensated absences are reported in governmental funds only if they have matured.

The District's policies regarding compensated absences are determined by the state laws and/or negotiated agreements. In summary, the policies are as follows:

<u>Vacation</u>	<u>Certified</u>	<u>Administrators</u>	<u>Non-Certificated</u>
How Earned	Not Eligible	25-30 days per year or 2.08-2.50 per month	10-25 days for each service year depending on length of service
Maximum Accumulation	Not Applicable	30 days Payoff up to 10 days/yr. unused earned	Double the annual accumulation
Vested	Not Applicable	As Earned	As Earned
Termination Entitlement	Not Applicable	Paid upon termination	Paid upon termination
<u>Sick Leave</u>			
How Earned	1 1/4 days per month of employment (15 days per year)	1 1/4 days per month of employment (15 days per year)	1 1/4 days per month of employment (15 days per year)
Maximum Accumulation	325 days	325 days	325 days
Vested	As Earned	As Earned	As Earned
Termination Entitlement	1/3 paid upon retirement	1/3 paid upon retirement	1/3 paid upon retirement

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 District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

The District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available. Of the District's \$9,258,251 in restricted net assets, \$0 were restricted by enabling legislation.

FUND BALANCE RESERVES AND DESIGNATIONS

The District reserves those portions of fund equity which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and therefore are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund equity reserves have been established for property tax advances, set-asides, inventory, debt service and encumbrances.

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 set-aside represents monies required to be set aside by State statute to protect against cyclical changes in revenues and expenditures.

INTERFUND ACTIVITY

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

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

As a general rule the effect of interfund (internal) activity has been eliminated from the government-wide statement of activities. The interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation.

ESTIMATES

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

3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The District maintains a cash and investment pool used by all funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the statement of net assets and balance sheet as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments."

State statute requires the classification of monies held by the District into three categories:

Active Monies - Those monies required to be kept in a "cash" or "near cash" status for immediate use by the District. Such monies must by law be maintained either as cash in the District treasury, in depository accounts payable or withdrawable on demand.

Inactive Monies – Those monies not required for use within the current two year period of designated depositories. Ohio law permits inactive monies to be deposited or invested as certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designated depositories, or as savings or deposit accounts, including, but not limited to passbook accounts.

Interim Monies – 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. Ohio law permits interim monies to be invested or deposited in the following securities:

- (1) Bonds, notes, or other obligations of or guaranteed by the United States, or those for which the faith of the United States is pledged for the payment of principal and interest.
- (2) Bonds, notes, debentures, or other obligations or securities issued by any federal governmental agency.
- (3) No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in (1) or (2) above and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions.
- (4) Interim deposits in the eligible institutions applying for interim monies to be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from date of deposit, or by savings or deposit accounts, including, but limited to, passbook accounts.
- (5) Bonds, and other obligations of the State of Ohio.
- (6) The Ohio State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).
- (7) Commercial paper and banker's acceptances which meet the requirements established by Ohio Revised Code, Sec. 135.142.
- (8) Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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

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

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

The following information classifies deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined in GASB Statement 3, "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments and Reverse Repurchase Agreements" and amended by GASB Statement 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures".

Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's policy for deposits is any balance not covered by depository insurance will be collateralized by the financial institutions with pledged securities. As of June 30, 2008, \$263,687 of the District's bank balance of \$375,024 was exposed to custodial risk.

Ohio Revised Code Chapter 135, Uniform Depository Act, authorizes pledging of pooled securities in lieu of specific securities. Specifically, a designated public depository may pledge a single pool of eligible securities to secure repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution, provided that all times the total value of the securities so pledged is at least equal to 105% of the total amount of all public deposits secured by the pool, including the portion of such deposits covered by any federal deposit insurance.

Investments

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

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Weighted Average Maturity (Years)</u>
Federal Home Loan Bank	\$8,559,370	0.62
Federal Home Loan Bank - Discount Notes	2,139,818	0.63
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation - Discount Notes	3,568,420	0.35
Federal National Mortgage Association - Discount Notes	2,092,230	0.16
Federal National Mortgage Association	7,568,234	1.43
Federal Farm Credit Banks	5,478,145	1.41
STAR Ohio	1,167,881	0.15
Repurchase Agreement	15,122,422	0.00
Money Market Funds	1,350,016	0.00
Total Fair Value	<u>\$47,046,536</u>	
Portfolio Weighted Average Maturity		0.57

Interest rate risk - In accordance with the investment policy, the District manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting the weighted average maturity of its investment portfolio.

Credit Risk – It is the District’s policy to limit its investments that are not obligations of the U.S. Government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government to investments which have a credit quality rating of the top 2 ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The District’s investments in Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank - Discount Notes, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation - Discount Notes, Federal National Mortgage Association - Discount Notes, Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Farm Credit Banks and Money Market Funds were rated AAA by Standard & Poor’s and Fitch Ratings and AAA by Moody’s Investors Service. Investments in STAR Ohio were rated AAAM by Standard & Poor’s. The repurchase agreement was not rated.

Concentration of credit risk – The District’s investment policy requires investments to be diversified to reduce the risk of loss. The District’s policy allows investments in Federal Agencies or Instrumentalities. The District has invested 18% in Federal Home Loan Bank, 5% in Federal Home Loan Bank - Discount Notes, 8% in Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation - Discount Notes, 4% in Federal National Mortgage Association - Discount Notes, 16% in Federal National Mortgage Association, 12% in Federal Farm Credit Banks, 2% in STAR Ohio, 32% in Repurchase Agreements and 3% in Money Market Funds.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. All of the District’s securities are either insured and registered in the name of the District or at least registered in the name of the District.

4. PROPERTY TAXES

Real property taxes collected in 2008 were levied in April on the assessed values as of January 1, 2007, the lien date. Assessed values are established by the County Auditor at 35 percent of appraised market value. A re-evaluation of real property is required to be completed no less than every six years, with a statistical update ever third year.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed on equipment and inventory held by businesses. Tangible property is assessed at 25 percent of true value (as defined). Each business was eligible to receive a \$10,000 exemption in assessed value which was reimbursed by the State.

The tangible personal property tax will phase out over a four-year period starting with tax year 2006 and ending with no tax due in 2009. This phase-out applies to most businesses and includes furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and inventory. New manufacturing machinery and equipment first reportable on the 2006 and subsequent year returns is not subject to the personal property tax.

Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. In 2008, if paid annually, payment was due by January 20th. If paid semi-annually, the first payment (at least 1/2 amount billed) was due January 20th with the remainder due on June 20th.

The Hamilton County Auditor remits portions of the taxes collected to all taxing districts with periodic settlements of real and public utility property taxes in February and August and tangible personal property taxes in June and October. The District records billed but uncollected property taxes as receivables at their estimated net realizable value.

Accrued property taxes receivable represent delinquent taxes outstanding and real property, personal property and public utility taxes which became measurable at June 30, 2008 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Delinquent property taxes collected within 60 days are included as a receivable and tax revenue as of June 30, 2008. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount available as an advance at June 30 is available to finance current year operations. The receivable is, therefore, offset by a credit to deferred revenue for that portion not intended to finance current year operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2008, was \$19,616,000 for General Fund and \$1,055,000 for Other Governmental Funds, and is recognized as revenue, with a corresponding reserve to fund balance since the Board did not appropriate these receivables for fiscal year 2008 operations.

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

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2008 taxes were collected are:

	<u>Amount</u>
Agricultural/Residential and Other Real Estate	\$1,601,831,440
Public Utility	25,322,680
Tangible Personal Property	<u>104,242,230</u>
Total	<u><u>\$1,731,396,350</u></u>

5. RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2008, consisted of taxes, accounts, intergovernmental, interest and interfund. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds.

6. CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities				
<i>Capital Assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$1,602,371	\$0	\$0	\$1,602,371
<i>Capital Assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land Improvements	4,004,522	6,032	0	4,010,554
Buildings	35,601,222	2,928	0	35,604,150
Building Improvements	46,462,132	14,239	0	46,476,371
Equipment and Vehicles	9,472,486	437,687	309,109	9,601,064
Totals at Historical Cost	<u>\$97,142,733</u>	<u>\$460,886</u>	<u>\$309,109</u>	<u>\$97,294,510</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Land Improvements	\$1,508,627	\$211,355	\$0	\$1,719,982
Buildings	12,005,800	754,178	0	12,759,978
Building Improvements	9,781,814	1,879,499	0	11,661,313
Equipment and Vehicles	7,772,536	447,608	308,443	7,911,701
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>31,068,777</u>	<u>3,292,640</u>	<u>308,443</u>	<u>34,052,974</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$66,073,956</u>	<u>(\$2,831,754)</u>	<u>\$666</u>	<u>\$63,241,536</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:	
Regular	\$2,394,045
Special	104,957
Support Services:	
Pupil	3,070
Instructional Staff	1,447
School Administration	130,344
Fiscal	1,448
Business	210
Operations and Maintenance	191,761
Pupil Transportation	197,656
Central	88,713
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	39,198
Extracurricular Activities	139,791
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$3,292,640</u>

7. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

	Maturity Date	Beginning Principal Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Principal Balance	Due In One Year
Governmental Activities:						
General Obligation Bonds:						
Symmes Refunding						
1998 4.60%	12/01/10	\$323,599	\$0	\$128,246	\$195,353	\$108,922
Bond Issue I						
1998 3.25%	12/01/09	200,000	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
Bond Issue II						
1998 3.00%	12/01/15	8,075,000	0	945,000	7,130,000	995,000
Bond Issue III						
1998 3.40%	12/01/15	2,900,000	0	305,000	2,595,000	320,000
Stadium Renovation Bonds						
2006 4.00%	12/01/11	920,000	0	170,000	750,000	175,000
Current Interest Bonds -						
2006 Refunding 4.19%	12/01/23	23,490,000	0	140,000	23,350,000	140,000
Capital Appreciation Bonds -						
2006 Refunding - Principal	12/01/23	809,985	0	0	809,985	0
2006 Refunding - Interest		77,207	120,735	0	197,942	0
Premium on 2006 Refunding	12/01/23	1,233,102	0	72,550	1,160,552	0
Deferred Amt. on 2006 Refunding	12/01/23	(1,045,880)	0	(61,522)	(984,358)	0
Total General Obligation Bonds		36,983,013	120,735	1,799,274	35,304,474	1,838,922
Capital Lease		13,340,000	6,090,000	8,760,000	10,670,000	520,000
Total Long Term Debt		50,323,013	6,210,735	10,559,274	45,974,474	2,358,922
Compensated Absences		8,045,636	983,325	468,983	8,559,978	1,041,008
Total Governmental Activities						
Long-Term Liabilities		<u>\$58,368,649</u>	<u>\$7,194,060</u>	<u>\$11,028,257</u>	<u>\$54,534,452</u>	<u>\$3,399,930</u>

General obligation bonds will be paid from the debt service fund. Compensated absences will be paid from the general fund and special revenue funds. Capital lease obligations will be paid from the general fund.

The District's Board of Education approved an Early Retirement Incentive program. Participation is open to employees who are at least fifty years of age, qualify for retirement with years purchased by the Board, and agree to retire within ninety days after notification that credit has been purchased. The credit may not exceed the lesser of two years or one-fifth of each member's total Ohio teaching service. The Board of Education limits the number of employees participating in the plan in any one year. The Board of Education has the option of paying the liability in its entirety or in installments. The year-end liability is recorded in the fund from which the person is paid.

Prior Year Defeasance of Debt

In September 2006, the District advance refunded \$24,620,000 in bonds that were originally for improvements, renovations, and additions to school facilities. The \$1,305,622 premium on the issuance of these refunding bonds will be amortized over the remaining life of the debt which has a final maturity date of December 1, 2023. The debt will be retired from the debt service fund.

The refunding bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. Of the \$24,620,000 issued, \$23,810,000 represents serial bonds and \$809,985 is capital appreciation bonds. The serial bonds mature at varying amounts through December 1, 2023.

The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal years 2014 and 2015. The final maturity amount of the bonds is \$2,590,000.

Principal and interest requirements to retire general obligation debt outstanding at year end are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Current Interest Bonds			Capital Appreciation		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	\$1,838,922	\$1,734,889	\$3,573,811	\$0	\$0	\$0
2010	1,896,431	1,641,336	3,537,767	0	0	0
2011	1,900,000	1,347,784	3,247,784	0	0	0
2012	2,020,000	1,255,370	3,275,370	0	0	0
2013	1,920,000	1,153,740	3,073,740	0	0	0
2014-2018	8,455,000	4,518,060	12,973,060	809,985	1,780,015	2,590,000
2019-2023	13,260,000	2,115,876	15,375,876	0	0	0
2024	2,830,000	58,369	2,888,369	0	0	0
Total	<u>\$34,120,353</u>	<u>\$13,825,424</u>	<u>\$47,945,777</u>	<u>\$809,985</u>	<u>\$1,780,015</u>	<u>\$2,590,000</u>

8. LEASES

CAPITAL LEASES

The District is leasing a site (land) from the University of Cincinnati and is leasing the land to PS&W Holding Company. PS&W Holding Company has constructed a building and has assigned the land and building to US Bank, which is leasing the building to the District. US Bank, sold certificates of participation in the building lease. The District will make repayment every six months to US Bank. Interest rates range between 3.250% and 5.125%. The lease is renewable annually and expires in 2025. The intention of the District is to renew the lease annually.

In May 2008, the District issued \$6,090,000 in Certificates of Participation (COPS) with an average interest rate of 3.77%, which was used to advance refund \$8,095,000 of outstanding 1998 COPS with an average interest rate of 4.75%. The District purchased \$8,148,218 in U.S. Government Securities which were placed in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service payments on the 1998 COPS. As a result, \$8,095,000 of the 1998 COPS are considered to be defeased and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the Statement of Net Assets.

The District advance refunded the 1998 COPS to reduce its total debt service payments by \$3,027,669 and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$2,477,307.

The leases for Sycamore High School and Blue Ash Elementary meet the criteria of capital lease as defined by statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13 “Accounting for Leases”, which defines a capital lease generally as one that transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. Capital lease payments for the high school and elementary school will be made from the General fund. The gross amount of assets acquired under capital leases is \$20,061,123 in buildings.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of fiscal year end.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Long-Term Debt
2009	\$840,277
2010	1,033,012
2011	1,030,101
2012	1,032,506
2013	1,028,746
2014-2018	5,152,228
2019-2023	3,209,025
2024-2026	1,137,896
Total Minimum Lease Payments	14,463,791
Less: Amount Representing Interest	(3,793,791)
Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$10,670,000</u>

OPERATING LEASES

As described in the capital lease footnote above, the District has one operating lease involving the lease of District land to PS&W Holding Company for \$1 per year.

9. PENSION PLANS

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Plan Description

The District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability, and survivor 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 contacting the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3476 or by calling toll free (800) 878-5853 or by visiting the SERS website at www.ohsers.org.

Funding Policy

Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current District rate is 14% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to a statutory maximum amount, by the SERS Retirement Board. The District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$1,661,604, \$1,556,604, and \$1,591,188, respectively; 48% has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100% for fiscal year 2007 and 2006.

STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO

Plan Description

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 is a statewide retirement plan for licensed teachers and other faculty members employed in the public schools of Ohio or any school, community school, college, university, institution, or other agency controlled, managed and supported, in whole or in part, by the state or any political subdivision thereof. Additional information or copies of STRS Ohio's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* can be requested by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio web site at www.strsoh.org.

Plan Options

New members have a choice of three retirement plan options. In addition to the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, new members are offered a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DC Plan allows members to allocate all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5% of earned compensation among various investment choices. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated to investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. Contributions into the DC Plan and Combined Plan are credited members accounts as employers submit their payroll information to STRS Ohio, generally biweekly basis. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the DB Plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan.

DB Plan Benefits

Plan benefits are established under Chapter 3307 of the Revised Code. Any member may retire who has (i) five years of service credit and attained age 60; (ii) 25 years of service credit and attained age 55; or (iii) 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The annual retirement allowance, payable for life, is the greater of the “formula benefit” or the “money-purchase benefit” calculation. Under the “formula benefit,” the retirement allowance is based on years of credited service and final average salary, which is the average of the member’s three highest salary years. The annual allowance is calculated by using a base percentage of 2.2% multiplied by the total number of years of service credit (including Ohio-valued purchased credit) times the final average salary. The 31st year of earned Ohio service credit is calculated at 2.5%. An additional one-tenth of a percent is added to the calculation for every year of earned Ohio service over 31 years (2.6% for 32 years, 2.7% for 33 years and so on) until 100% of final average salary is reached. For members with 35 or more years of Ohio contributing service, the first 30 years will be calculated at 2.5% instead of 2.2%. Under the “money-purchase benefit” calculation, a member’s lifetime contributions plus interest at specified rates are matched by an equal amount from other STRS Ohio funds. This total is then divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor to determine the maximum annual retirement allowance.

DC Plan Benefits

Benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 to 3307.89 of the Revised Code. For members who select the DC Plan, all member contributions and employer contributions at a rate of 10.5% are placed in an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices. 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. Employer contributions into members’ accounts are vested after the first anniversary of the first day of paid service. 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.

Combined Plan Benefits

Member contributions are allocated by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment. A member's defined benefit is determined by multiplying 1% of the member's final average salary by the member's years of service credit. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

Eligible faculty of Ohio's public colleges and universities may choose to enroll in either STRS Ohio or an alternative retirement plan (ARP) offered by their employer. Employees have 120 days from their employment date to select a retirement plan.

A retiree of STRS Ohio or another Ohio public retirement system is eligible for reemployment as a teacher following the elapse of two months from the date of retirement. Contributions are made by the reemployed member and employer during the reemployment. Upon termination of reemployment or age 65, whichever comes later, the retiree is eligible for an annuity benefit or equivalent lump-sum payment in addition to the original retirement allowance. A reemployed retiree may alternatively receive a refund of only member contributions with interest before age 65, once employment is terminated.

Benefits are increased annually by 3% of the original base amount for DB Plan participants.

The DB and Combined Plans offer access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the plans and their eligible dependents. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalizations, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. By Ohio law, health care benefits are not guaranteed.

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 members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. A death benefit of \$1,000 is payable to the beneficiary of each deceased retired member who participated in the DB Plan. Death benefit coverage up to \$2,000 can be purchased by participants in the DB, DC or Combined Plans. Various other benefits are available to members' beneficiaries.

Funding Policy

Chapter 3307 of the Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10% for members and 14% for employers.

Contribution requirements and the contributions actually made for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, were 10% of covered payroll for members and 14% for employers. The School District's contributions to STRS for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$4,867,644, \$4,713,504, and \$4,757,964, respectively; 83% has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100% for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

10. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO

Plan Description

In addition to a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS) administers two postemployment benefit plans.

Medicare Part B Plan

The Medicare B plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3309.69. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B premium for calendar year 2007 (latest information available) was \$93.50; SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50.

The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2007 (latest information available), the actuarially required allocation was .68%. School District contributions for the year ended June 30, 2008 were \$80,706, which equaled the required contributions for the year.

Health Care Plan

ORC 3309.375 and 3309.69 permit SERS to offer health care benefits to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. SERS offers several types of health plans from various vendors, including HMO's, PPO's, and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively.

The ORC provides the statutory authority to fund SERS' postemployment benefits through employer contributions. Active members do not make contributions to the postemployment benefit plans.

The Health Care Fund was established under, and is administered in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code 401(h). Each year after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer 14% contribution to the Health Care Fund. At June 30, 2007 (the latest information available), the health care allocation was 3.32%. The actuarially required contribution (ARC), as of the December 31, 2006 annual valuation, was 11.50% of covered payroll. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities of the plan over a period not to exceed thirty years. The School District contributions for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$394,038, \$380,256, and \$403,533, respectively.

An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2% of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5% of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2007 (the latest information available), the minimum compensation level was established at \$35,800.

The SERS Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

The financial reports of SERS' Health Care and Medicare B plans are included in its *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. The report can be obtained by contacting SERS, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 or by calling toll free (800) 878-5853. It is also posted on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under *Forms and Publications*.

STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO

Plan Description

STRS Ohio administers a pension plan that is comprised of: a defined benefit plan; a self-directed defined contribution plan and a combined plan which is a hybrid of the defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

Ohio law authorized STRS Ohio to offer a cost-sharing, multi-employer health care plan. STRS Ohio provides access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined plans. Coverage under the current programs includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

Pursuant to 3307 of the Revised Code, the Retirement Board has discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the associated health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of monthly premiums.

STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties can view the most recent Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by visiting www.strsoh.org or by requesting a copy by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877.

Funding Policy

Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. Of the 14% employer contributions rate, 1% of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care for the year ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006. The 14% employer contribution rate is the maximum rate established under Ohio law. The School District contributions for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$347,689, \$336,679, and \$339,855, respectively.

11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

GRANTS

The District receives financial assistance from numerous federal, state and local agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds.

However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on any of the financial statements of the individual fund types included herein or on the overall financial position of the District as of June 30, 2008.

LITIGATION

The District's attorney estimates that all other potential claims against the District not covered by insurance resulting from all other litigation would not materially affect the financial statements of the District.

12. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2008, the District contracted with Indiana Insurance Company for general liability, property, boiler and machinery insurance.

The District maintains an umbrella liability policy with limits of \$10,000,000 each occurrence, \$10,000,000 aggregate.

Boiler and machinery coverage has a \$2,500 deductible with a \$50,000,000 limit of liability per accident. School leaders errors and omissions liability is protected by Indiana Insurance Company with a \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$1,000,000 aggregate limit.

Vehicles are covered by Indiana Insurance Company with a \$500 deductible for comprehensive and a \$500 deductible for collision.

Public officials bond insurance is provided by Backus Insurance Company. The Treasurer, Superintendent and Board President are covered by bonds in the amounts \$100,000, \$50,000 and \$50,000 respectively. Honesty Blanket Position Coverage is \$25,000 per employee.

The District has not experienced any reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year.

The amounts of settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for any of the past three fiscal years.

For fiscal year 2008 the District provided employee medical/surgical benefits through Humana/Choice Care, a Cincinnati based health maintenance organization.

13. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development - The Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative each of the participating school districts' elected board. The Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. All member districts are obligated to pay all fees, charges or other assessments as established by Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development. To obtain financial information write to the Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development, Rob Giuffrè, who serves as Treasurer, at 3254 East Kemper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241.

Hamilton/Clermont Cooperative Association (H/CCA) – The H/CCA is one of 24 regional Information Technology Centers (ITC) established by the state of Ohio. H/CCA is a member of the Ohio Educational Computer Network. H/CCA provides data and Internet services for public and non-public schools in the Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Area. This includes collection and distribution of data for financial, student and media services. H/CCA also provides technical and networking services to affiliated schools.

The Site Director and his staff manage the day-to-day affairs of H/CCA. A Board of Directors composed to member school's superintendents approves the long term path for the site, as determined by the Site Director and an Executive Committee composed of five superintendents and two treasurers from member schools. H/CCA is not accumulating significant financial resources nor is it experiencing fiscal stress that may cause an additional financial benefit to or burden on members in the future. Financial information can be obtained from the H/CCA, Al Porter, Director, at 7615 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231-3107.

14. FUND BALANCE RESERVES FOR SET-ASIDES

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.

For fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, the District was no longer required to set aside funds in the budget reserve set-aside, with the exception of refund monies received from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, which must be spent for specified purposes.

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.

	Textbooks	Capital Acquisition	Budget Stabilization
Set Aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2007	(\$3,654,030)	\$0	\$468,958
Current Year Set Aside Requirements	870,694	870,694	0
Qualified Disbursements	(1,315,443)	0	0
Current Year Offsets	0	(870,694)	
Set Aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2008	<u>(\$4,098,779)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$468,958</u>
Restricted Cash as of June 30, 2008	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$468,958</u>
Carry Forward to June 30, 2009	<u>(\$4,098,779)</u>		

Offset credits for capital activity during the year exceeded the amount required for the set-aside, resulting in offset credits of \$63,857,004 available for carryover to offset capital reserve requirements of future years. Negative amounts are therefore not presented as being carried forward to the next fiscal year for the capital acquisition set-aside. Qualifying disbursements and carryover from prior years for textbooks totaled \$4,969,473, resulting in \$4,098,779 for carryover to offset textbook requirements in future years.

15. INTERFUND BALANCES/TRANSFERS

Interfund transactions at June 30, 2008, consisted of the following individual fund receivables and payables and transfers:

	Interfund		Transfers	
	Receivable	Payable	In	Out
General Fund	\$39,058	\$0	\$0	\$1,444,350
Other Governmental Funds	0	39,058	1,444,350	0
Total All Funds	<u>\$39,058</u>	<u>\$39,058</u>	<u>\$1,444,350</u>	<u>\$1,444,350</u>

Interfund balance/transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorization; to segregate and to return money to the fund from which it was originally provided once a project is completed.

All interfund balances are expected to be paid within one year.

16. ACCOUNTABILITY

The following individual fund had a deficit in fund balance at year end:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
Special Revenue Fund: Title VI R	\$18,963

The deficit in fund balance was primarily due to accruals in GAAP. The general fund is liable for any deficit in these funds and will provide operating transfers when cash is required not when accruals occur.

17. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

The District had to restate the general fund and governmental activities for capital lease obligations.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Fund Balance/Net Assets, June 30, 2007	\$45,402,373	\$65,091,049
Restatement of Cash with Fiscal Agent	<u>3,147,174</u>	<u>3,147,174</u>
Fund Balance/Net Assets, Restate June 30, 2007	<u><u>\$48,549,547</u></u>	<u><u>\$68,238,223</u></u>

18. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

For the year ended June 30, 2008, the District has implemented GASB Statement No. 45, "Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions."

Statement No. 45 addresses how state and local governments should account for and report their costs and obligations related to postemployment healthcare and other non-pension benefits. This also establishes disclosure requirements for information about the plans in which an employer participates, the funding policy followed, the actuarial valuation process and assumptions, and for certain employers, the extent to which the plan has been funded over time. Collectively, these benefits are commonly referred to as "other postemployment benefits (OPEB)."

There was no effect on fund balance/net assets as a result of the implementation of these new standards.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$55,485,878	\$57,992,342	\$58,080,792	\$88,450
Tuition and Fees	804,154	840,480	841,762	1,282
Investment Earnings	2,361,968	2,468,665	2,472,430	3,765
Intergovernmental	14,013,733	14,646,776	14,669,115	22,339
Other Revenues	361,757	378,096	378,674	578
Total Revenues	73,027,490	76,326,359	76,442,773	116,414
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	32,184,799	32,184,799	31,773,613	411,186
Special	7,682,151	7,682,151	7,584,005	98,146
Vocational	2,436	2,436	2,405	31
Other	288,259	288,259	284,576	3,683
Support Services:				
Pupil	4,110,429	4,110,429	4,057,915	52,514
Instructional Staff	4,547,110	4,547,110	4,489,017	58,093
General Administration	42,909	42,909	42,361	548
School Administration	5,241,552	5,241,552	5,174,587	66,965
Fiscal	1,612,674	1,612,674	1,592,071	20,603
Business	82,644	82,644	81,588	1,056
Operations and Maintenance	7,671,130	7,671,130	7,573,125	98,005
Pupil Transportation	4,091,320	4,091,320	4,039,050	52,270
Central	1,810,408	1,810,408	1,787,279	23,129
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	10,657	10,657	10,521	136
Extracurricular Activities	872,932	872,932	861,780	11,152
Capital Outlay	26,251	26,251	25,916	335
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	665,000	665,000	665,000	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	629,958	629,958	613,414	16,544
Total Expenditures	71,572,619	71,572,619	70,658,223	914,396
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,454,871	4,753,740	5,784,550	1,030,810
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	3,866	4,041	3,645	(396)
Payments to Refunding Certificate of Participation Escrow Agent	0	0	(8,206,158)	(8,206,158)
Advances In	72,181	75,442	68,051	(7,391)
Advances (Out)	(106,469)	(106,469)	(105,109)	1,360
Issuance of Refunding Certificate of Participation	0	0	6,090,000	6,090,000
Transfers (Out)	(1,463,042)	(1,463,042)	(1,444,350)	18,692
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,493,464)	(1,490,028)	(3,593,921)	(2,103,893)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(38,593)	3,263,712	2,190,629	(1,073,083)
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	36,378,864	36,378,864	36,378,864	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$36,340,271	\$39,642,576	\$38,569,493	(\$1,073,083)

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

SYCAMORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
For The Year Ended June 30, 2008

1. BUDGETARY PROCESS

All funds, except trust and agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the appropriations 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 amount that the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriation resolution is Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by Board. The legal level of control has been established by Board at the fund and function level within each individual fund. 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 year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the School District 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 final amended certificate of estimated resources issued during the fiscal year 2008.

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment by the Board 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 year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by Board during the year.

While the 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 Combined Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual presented for the general fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are as follows:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures for all funds (budget basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance for governmental fund types and expendable trust funds (GAAP basis).
4. Advances in and advances out are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions.

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements to the budgetary basis statements for the general fund.

Net Change in Fund Balance

	<u>General</u>
GAAP Basis	\$720,070
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	2,110,447
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	(37,707)
Advances In	68,051
Advances (Out)	(105,109)
Encumbrances	(565,123)
Budget Basis	<u><u>\$2,190,629</u></u>

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**COMBINING STATEMENTS AND
INDIVIDUAL FUND SCHEDULES**

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds

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

Public School Support – Fund used to account for specific local revenue sources generated by individual school buildings. Expenditures include field trips, items to support co-curricular and extra-curricular programs, and recognition programs.

Other Grants – Fund used to account for local grants, i.e. Neediest Kids of All.

Extracurricular Student Activities – Fund used to account for student activity programs that do not have student management of the program, i.e. athletics, band, etc.

Auxiliary Services – Fund used to account for state funds used to provide services and materials to students attending non-public schools within the boundaries of the District.

Gifted Education – Fund used to account for state monies provided to support gifted education programs.

Management Information – Fund used to account for state monies provided to support the Education Management Information System.

Entry Year Program – Fund used to account for state monies provided to support training programs for beginning teachers.

OneNet Network – State grant used to support technology used for non-instructional purposes, i.e. networking.

SchoolNet Professional Development – State grant used to support professional development in the area of technology.

School Conflict Grant – State grant credited to account for summer intervention.

Title VI B/ Pre-School – Fund used to account for federal monies provided to support programs for students with disabilities.

Vocational Education – Federal grant used to present various career opportunities to students.

Title III – Federal grant used to account for federal monies provided to support the District's ESL population.

Title I – Fund used to account for federal monies provided to support programs for educationally deprived students.

Title VI – Fund used to account for federal monies provided to support innovative educational programs.

Drug Free Schools – Fund used to account for federal monies provided to address drug abuse prevention and security in the schools.

EHA Pre-School – Fund used to account for federal monies provided to support programs for pre-school aged students with disabilities.

Title VI R – Fund used to account for federal monies provided to reduce student/teacher ratios.

Miscellaneous Federal Grants – Funds used to account for miscellaneous federal grants.

Food Service – Fund used to record financial transactions related to the food service operation.

Adult Education – Fund used to account for expenses related to the adult education program provided to the general public.

Community School – Fund used to account for student recreation program.

Debt Service Fund

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund is used for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of general obligation bond principal and interest and certain other long-term obligations from governmental resources when the District is obligated in some manner for the payment.

Capital Projects Funds

The Capital Projects Funds are used to account for the financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

Permanent Improvement – Fund used to account for all transactions relating to acquiring, constructing or improving permanent improvements other than those authorized by special bond funds.

Building – Fund used to account for all transactions relating to bond funds used for construction and renovation of buildings.

SchoolNet – Fund used to account for all transactions related the purchase of technology used for instructional purposes.

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Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
June 30, 2008

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Nonmajor Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$1,075,041	\$5,732,413	\$488,187	\$7,295,641
Receivables:				
Taxes	0	2,899,283	0	2,899,283
Accounts	206	0	0	206
Intergovernmental	468,062	0	0	468,062
Inventory	35,439	0	0	35,439
Total Assets	1,578,748	8,631,696	488,187	10,698,631
Liabilities and Fund Balances:				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	58,513	0	22,806	81,319
Accrued Wages and Benefits	347,070	0	0	347,070
Interfund Payable	39,058	0	0	39,058
Deferred Revenue	308,473	1,844,283	0	2,152,756
Total Liabilities	753,114	1,844,283	22,806	2,620,203
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for Encumbrances	93,773	0	417,667	511,440
Reserved for Inventory	35,439	0	0	35,439
Reserved for Property Tax Advances	0	1,055,000	0	1,055,000
Unreserved, Undesignated, Reported in:				
Special Revenue Funds	696,422	0	0	696,422
Debt Service Funds	0	5,732,413	0	5,732,413
Capital Projects Funds	0	0	47,714	47,714
Total Fund Balances	825,634	6,787,413	465,381	8,078,428
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$1,578,748	\$8,631,696	\$488,187	\$10,698,631

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
June 30, 2008

	Public School Support	Other Grants	Extracurricular Student Activities	Auxiliary Services
Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$143,715	\$15,498	\$159,574	\$317,110
Receivables:				
Accounts	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	0	0	0	0
Inventory	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	143,715	15,498	159,574	317,110
Liabilities and Fund Balances:				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	1,584	0	18,174	12,838
Accrued Wages and Benefits	0	0	1,404	17,303
Interfund Payable	0	0	0	0
Deferred Revenue	0	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	1,584	0	19,578	30,141
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for Encumbrances	10,962	403	22,769	32,787
Reserved for Inventory	0	0	0	0
Unreserved, Undesignated, Reported in: Special Revenue Funds	131,169	15,095	117,227	254,182
Total Fund Balances	142,131	15,498	139,996	286,969
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$143,715	\$15,498	\$159,574	\$317,110

Gifted Education	Management Information	Entry Year Program	OneNet Network	School Net Professional Development	School Conflict Grant	Title VI B / Pre-School
\$0	\$0	\$250	\$58	\$0	\$36,434	\$47,026
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	298,144
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	250	58	0	36,434	345,170
0	0	0	0	0	0	9,808
0	0	0	0	0	0	125,022
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	206,598
0	0	0	0	0	0	341,428
0	0	0	0	0	0	4,346
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	250	58	0	36,434	(604)
0	0	250	58	0	36,434	3,742
\$0	\$0	\$250	\$58	\$0	\$36,434	\$345,170

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Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Combining Balance Sheet
 Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
 June 30, 2008

	Vocational Education	Title III	Title I	Title VI
Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$0	\$23,469	\$17,418	\$380
Receivables:				
Accounts	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	0	68,871	61,554	11,298
Inventory	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	0	92,340	78,972	11,678
Liabilities and Fund Balances:				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	0	13,549	0	0
Accrued Wages and Benefits	0	12,822	0	0
Interfund Payable	0	21,257	17,418	0
Deferred Revenue	0	40,397	44,136	11,298
Total Liabilities	0	88,025	61,554	11,298
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for Encumbrances	0	0	17,417	247
Reserved for Inventory	0	0	0	0
Unreserved, Undesignated, Reported in: Special Revenue Funds	0	4,315	1	133
Total Fund Balances	0	4,315	17,418	380
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$0	\$92,340	\$78,972	\$11,678

Drug Free Schools	EHA Pre-School	Title VI R	Miscellaneous Federal Grants	Food Service	Adult Education	Community School
\$33	\$0	\$165	\$0	\$256,818	\$9,793	\$47,300
0	0	0	0	206	0	0
2,728	400	22,610	2,457	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	35,439	0	0
<u>2,761</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>22,775</u>	<u>2,457</u>	<u>292,463</u>	<u>9,793</u>	<u>47,300</u>
0	0	0	0	0	0	2,560
0	0	40,896	0	149,623	0	0
0	0	0	383	0	0	0
2,728	400	842	2,074	0	0	0
<u>2,728</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>41,738</u>	<u>2,457</u>	<u>149,623</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,560</u>
0	0	0	0	0	1,000	3,842
0	0	0	0	35,439	0	0
33	0	(18,963)	0	107,401	8,793	40,898
33	0	(18,963)	0	142,840	9,793	44,740
<u>\$2,761</u>	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$22,775</u>	<u>\$2,457</u>	<u>\$292,463</u>	<u>\$9,793</u>	<u>\$47,300</u>

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Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Combining Balance Sheet
 Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
 June 30, 2008

	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$1,075,041
Receivables:	
Accounts	206
Intergovernmental	468,062
Inventory	35,439
Total Assets	<u>1,578,748</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances:	
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	58,513
Accrued Wages and Benefits	347,070
Interfund Payable	39,058
Deferred Revenue	308,473
Total Liabilities	<u>753,114</u>
Fund Balances:	
Reserved for Encumbrances	93,773
Reserved for Inventory	35,439
Unreserved, Undesignated, Reported in: Special Revenue Funds	696,422
Total Fund Balances	<u>825,634</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$1,578,748</u>

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Combining Balance Sheet
 Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds
 June 30, 2008

	Permanent Improvement	Building	SchoolNet	Total Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds
Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$447,105	\$0	\$41,082	\$488,187
Total Assets	<u>447,105</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41,082</u>	<u>488,187</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances:				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	22,806	0	0	22,806
Total Liabilities	<u>22,806</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,806</u>
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for Encumbrances	376,585	0	41,082	417,667
Unreserved, Undesignated, Reported in: Capital Projects Funds	<u>47,714</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>47,714</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>424,299</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41,082</u>	<u>465,381</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$447,105</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$41,082</u>	<u>\$488,187</u>

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Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Nonmajor Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$0	\$2,820,088	\$0	\$2,820,088
Tuition and Fees	158,007	0	70,147	228,154
Investment Earnings	9,529	0	2,746	12,275
Intergovernmental	3,827,672	248,851	41,082	4,117,605
Extracurricular Activities	462,525	0	0	462,525
Charges for Services	1,707,201	0	0	1,707,201
Other Revenues	185,596	100,000	21,435	307,031
Total Revenues	6,350,530	3,168,939	135,410	9,654,879
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	557,999	0	325,291	883,290
Special	71,214	0	0	71,214
Support Services:				
Pupil	419,301	0	0	419,301
Instructional Staff	751,681	0	0	751,681
School Administration	1,500	0	0	1,500
Fiscal	0	42,631	0	42,631
Operations and Maintenance	5,690	0	49,516	55,206
Pupil Transportation	375	0	183,615	183,990
Central	40,648	0	23,640	64,288
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	3,556,160	0	0	3,556,160
Extracurricular Activities	680,253	0	0	680,253
Capital Outlay	0	0	824,618	824,618
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	0	1,788,246	0	1,788,246
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	1,799,324	0	1,799,324
Total Expenditures	6,084,821	3,630,201	1,406,680	11,121,702
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	265,709	(461,262)	(1,271,270)	(1,466,823)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers In	119,350	100,000	1,225,000	1,444,350
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	119,350	100,000	1,225,000	1,444,350
Net Change in Fund Balance	385,059	(361,262)	(46,270)	(22,473)
Fund Balance Beginning of Year, Restated	440,575	7,148,675	511,651	8,100,901
Fund Balance End of Year	\$825,634	\$6,787,413	\$465,381	\$8,078,428

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Public School Support	Other Grants	Extracurricular Student Activities	Auxiliary Services
Revenues:				
Tuition and Fees	\$92,143	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Earnings	0	17	0	3,518
Intergovernmental	0	5,200	0	1,576,435
Extracurricular Activities	9,547	0	442,618	0
Charges for Services	0	0	0	0
Other Revenues	69,543	5,200	104,929	0
Total Revenues	171,233	10,417	547,547	1,579,953
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	136,329	22,379	0	0
Special	0	0	0	0
Support Services:				
Pupil	0	3,611	0	0
Instructional Staff	15,619	1,200	0	0
School Administration	0	0	0	0
Operations and Maintenance	5,690	0	0	0
Pupil Transportation	0	0	0	0
Central	0	0	0	0
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,493	0	0	1,291,480
Extracurricular Activities	0	0	680,253	0
Total Expenditures	159,131	27,190	680,253	1,291,480
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	12,102	(16,773)	(132,706)	288,473
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers In	0	4,350	115,000	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	4,350	115,000	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	12,102	(12,423)	(17,706)	288,473
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	130,029	27,921	157,702	(1,504)
Fund Balance End of Year	\$142,131	\$15,498	\$139,996	\$286,969

Gifted Education	Management Information	Entry Year Program	OneNet Network	School Net Professional Development	School Conflict Grant	Title VI B / Pre-School
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14,620	19,648	10,400	21,000	2,197	36,434	1,190,404
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14,620	19,648	10,400	21,000	2,197	36,434	1,190,404
0	0	16,000	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	9,639
0	0	0	0	0	0	375,784
14,620	0	4,800	0	2,970	2,000	678,925
0	0	1,500	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	19,648	0	21,000	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	123,633
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14,620	19,648	22,300	21,000	2,970	2,000	1,187,981
0	0	(11,900)	0	(773)	34,434	2,423
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	(11,900)	0	(773)	34,434	2,423
0	0	12,150	58	773	2,000	1,319
\$0	\$0	\$250	\$58	\$0	\$36,434	\$3,742

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Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
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and Changes in Fund Balance
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Vocational Education	Title III	Title I	Title VI
Revenues:				
Tuition and Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Earnings	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	12,738	94,757	241,993	7,456
Extracurricular Activities	0	0	0	0
Charges for Services	0	0	0	0
Other Revenues	0	0	0	0
Total Revenues	12,738	94,757	241,993	7,456
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	12,738	0	216,079	0
Special	0	61,575	0	0
Support Services:				
Pupil	0	0	0	2,500
Instructional Staff	0	23,199	0	3,360
School Administration	0	0	0	0
Operations and Maintenance	0	0	0	0
Pupil Transportation	0	375	0	0
Central	0	0	0	0
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	0	3,224	14,102	1,718
Extracurricular Activities	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	12,738	88,373	230,181	7,578
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	0	6,384	11,812	(122)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	0	6,384	11,812	(122)
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	0	(2,069)	5,606	502
Fund Balance End of Year	\$0	\$4,315	\$17,418	\$380

Drug Free Schools	EHA Pre-School	Title VI R	Miscellaneous Federal Grants	Food Service	Adult Education	Community School
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,995	\$62,869
0	0	0	0	5,994	0	0
12,955	25,959	154,760	2,431	398,285	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	10,360
0	0	0	0	1,707,201	0	0
0	0	0	0	5,924	0	0
12,955	25,959	154,760	2,431	2,117,404	2,995	73,229
0	0	154,474	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12,447	24,959	0	0	0	0	0
836	1,000	0	3,152	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
670	0	1,929	225	2,048,448	1,509	67,729
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13,953	25,959	156,403	3,377	2,048,448	1,509	67,729
(998)	0	(1,643)	(946)	68,956	1,486	5,500
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(998)	0	(1,643)	(946)	68,956	1,486	5,500
1,031	0	(17,320)	946	73,884	8,307	39,240
\$33	\$0	(\$18,963)	\$0	\$142,840	\$9,793	\$44,740

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Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
Revenues:	
Tuition and Fees	\$158,007
Investment Earnings	9,529
Intergovernmental	3,827,672
Extracurricular Activities	462,525
Charges for Services	1,707,201
Other Revenues	185,596
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Total Revenues	6,350,530
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Expenditures:	
Current:	
Instruction:	
Regular	557,999
Special	71,214
Support Services:	
Pupil	419,301
Instructional Staff	751,681
School Administration	1,500
Operations and Maintenance	5,690
Pupil Transportation	375
Central	40,648
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	3,556,160
Extracurricular Activities	680,253
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Total Expenditures	6,084,821
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Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	265,709
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Other Financing Sources (Uses):	
Transfers In	119,350
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Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	119,350
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Net Change in Fund Balance	385,059
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Fund Balance Beginning of Year	440,575
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Fund Balance End of Year	\$825,634
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Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Permanent Improvement	Building	SchoolNet	Total Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds
Revenues:				
Tuition and Fees	\$70,147	\$0	\$0	\$70,147
Investment Earnings	2,746	0	0	2,746
Intergovernmental	0	0	41,082	41,082
Other Revenues	21,435	0	0	21,435
Total Revenues	94,328	0	41,082	135,410
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	325,291	0	0	325,291
Support Services:				
Operations and Maintenance	49,516	0	0	49,516
Pupil Transportation	183,615	0	0	183,615
Central	23,640	0	0	23,640
Capital Outlay	803,746	20,872	0	824,618
Total Expenditures	1,385,808	20,872	0	1,406,680
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,291,480)	(20,872)	41,082	(1,271,270)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers In	1,225,000	0	0	1,225,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,225,000	0	0	1,225,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	(66,480)	(20,872)	41,082	(46,270)
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	490,779	20,872	0	511,651
Fund Balance End of Year	\$424,299	\$0	\$41,082	\$465,381

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Public School Support Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Tuition and Fees	\$92,143	\$92,143	\$0
Extracurricular Activities	9,547	9,547	0
Other Revenues	72,843	72,843	0
Total Revenues	<u>174,533</u>	<u>174,533</u>	<u>0</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	175,387	147,390	27,997
Support Services:			
Instructional Staff	19,145	16,089	3,056
Operations and Maintenance	6,771	5,690	1,081
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	2,205	1,853	352
Total Expenditures	<u>203,508</u>	<u>171,022</u>	<u>32,486</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(28,975)	3,511	32,486
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	<u>127,659</u>	<u>127,659</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance End of Year	<u><u>\$98,684</u></u>	<u><u>\$131,170</u></u>	<u><u>\$32,486</u></u>

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Other Grants Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Investment Earnings	\$17	\$17	\$0
Intergovernmental	5,200	5,200	0
Other Revenues	6,000	6,000	0
Total Revenues	11,217	11,217	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	26,138	22,779	3,359
Support Services:			
Pupil	4,147	3,614	533
Instructional Staff	1,377	1,200	177
Total Expenditures	31,662	27,593	4,069
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(20,445)	(16,376)	4,069
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers In	4,350	4,350	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	4,350	4,350	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	(16,095)	(12,026)	4,069
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	27,121	27,121	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$11,026	\$15,095	\$4,069

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Extracurricular Student Activities Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Extracurricular Activities	\$442,617	\$442,617	\$0
Other Revenues	105,761	105,761	0
Total Revenues	548,378	548,378	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Extracurricular Activities	737,223	716,088	21,135
Total Expenditures	737,223	716,088	21,135
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(188,845)	(167,710)	21,135
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers In	115,000	115,000	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	115,000	115,000	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	(73,845)	(52,710)	21,135
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	181,344	181,344	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$107,499	\$128,634	\$21,135

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 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Auxiliary Services Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Investment Earnings	\$3,520	\$3,520	\$0
Intergovernmental	1,576,303	1,576,435	132
Total Revenues	<u>1,579,823</u>	<u>1,579,955</u>	<u>132</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,439,402	1,323,948	115,454
Total Expenditures	<u>1,439,402</u>	<u>1,323,948</u>	<u>115,454</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	140,421	256,007	115,586
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	<u>15,480</u>	<u>15,480</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance End of Year	<u><u>\$155,901</u></u>	<u><u>\$271,487</u></u>	<u><u>\$115,586</u></u>

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
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	Gifted Education Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$14,620	\$14,620	\$0
Total Revenues	14,620	14,620	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Support Services:			
Instructional Staff	14,620	14,620	0
Total Expenditures	14,620	14,620	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	0	0	0
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	0	0	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
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	Management Information Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$19,648	\$19,648	\$0
Total Revenues	19,648	19,648	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Support Services:			
Central	19,648	19,648	0
Total Expenditures	19,648	19,648	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	0	0	0
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	0	0	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$0

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 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Entry Year Program Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$22,550	\$22,550	\$0
Total Revenues	22,550	22,550	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	16,179	16,000	179
Support Services:			
Instructional Staff	4,854	4,800	54
School Administration	1,517	1,500	17
Total Expenditures	22,550	22,300	250
Net Change in Fund Balance	0	250	250
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	0	0	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$0	\$250	\$250

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	OneNet Network Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$0
Total Revenues	21,000	21,000	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Support Services:			
Central	21,000	21,000	0
Total Expenditures	21,000	21,000	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	0	0	0
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	58	58	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$58	\$58	\$0

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
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	School Net Professional Development Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$2,197	\$2,197	\$0
Total Revenues	2,197	2,197	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Support Services:			
Instructional Staff	2,970	2,970	0
Total Expenditures	2,970	2,970	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	(773)	(773)	0
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	773	773	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	School Conflict Grant Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$36,434	\$36,434	\$0
Total Revenues	36,434	36,434	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Support Services:			
Instructional Staff	2,599	2,000	599
Total Expenditures	2,599	2,000	599
Net Change in Fund Balance	33,835	34,434	599
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	2,000	2,000	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$35,835	\$36,434	\$599

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Title VI B / Pre-School Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$1,193,900	\$1,193,900	\$0
Total Revenues	1,193,900	1,193,900	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Special	20,377	20,107	270
Support Services:			
Pupil	386,052	380,944	5,108
Instructional Staff	677,940	668,971	8,969
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	125,291	123,633	1,658
Total Expenditures	1,209,660	1,193,655	16,005
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(15,760)	245	16,005
Other financing sources (uses):			
Advances In	37,000	37,000	0
Advances (Out)	(37,496)	(37,000)	496
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(496)	0	496
Net Change in Fund Balance	(16,256)	245	16,501
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	32,627	32,627	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$16,371	\$32,872	\$16,501

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Vocational Education Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$12,738	\$12,738	\$0
Total Revenues	12,738	12,738	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	12,738	12,738	0
Total Expenditures	12,738	12,738	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	0	0	0
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	0	0	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Title III Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$69,013	\$69,013	\$0
Total Revenues	69,013	69,013	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Special	61,096	58,489	2,607
Support Services:			
Instructional Staff	26,216	25,097	1,119
Pupil Transportation	392	375	17
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	3,368	3,224	144
Total Expenditures	91,072	87,185	3,887
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(22,059)	(18,172)	3,887
Other financing sources (uses):			
Advances In	21,257	21,257	0
Advances (Out)	(2,089)	(2,000)	89
Transfers In	1,360	1,360	0
Transfers (Out)	(1,421)	(1,360)	61
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	19,107	19,257	150
Net Change in Fund Balance	(2,952)	1,085	4,037
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	9,137	9,137	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$6,185	\$10,222	\$4,037

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Title I Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$224,575	\$224,575	\$0
Total Revenues	224,575	224,575	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	216,081	216,079	2
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	31,519	31,519	0
Total Expenditures	247,600	247,598	2
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(23,025)	(23,023)	2
Other financing sources (uses):			
Advances In	17,418	17,418	0
Transfers In	5,606	5,606	0
Transfers (Out)	(5,606)	(5,606)	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	17,418	17,418	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	(5,607)	(5,605)	2
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	5,606	5,606	0
Fund Balance End of Year	(\$1)	\$1	\$2

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Title VI Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$7,456	\$7,456	\$0
Total Revenues	7,456	7,456	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Support Services:			
Pupil	2,530	2,500	30
Instructional Staff	3,400	3,360	40
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,989	1,965	24
Total Expenditures	7,919	7,825	94
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(463)	(369)	94
Other financing sources (uses):			
Advances In	100	100	0
Advances (Out)	(101)	(100)	1
Transfers In	504	504	0
Transfers (Out)	(510)	(504)	6
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(7)	0	7
Net Change in Fund Balance	(470)	(369)	101
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	502	502	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$32	\$133	\$101

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Drug Free Schools Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$12,955	\$12,955	\$0
Total Revenues	12,955	12,955	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Support Services:			
Pupil	12,447	12,447	0
Instructional Staff	1,519	1,519	0
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	670	670	0
Total Expenditures	14,636	14,636	0
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,681)	(1,681)	0
Other financing sources (uses):			
Advances In	700	700	0
Advances (Out)	(700)	(700)	0
Transfers In	197	197	0
Transfers (Out)	(197)	(197)	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,681)	(1,681)	0
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	1,714	1,714	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$33	\$33	\$0

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	EHA Pre-School Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$25,959	\$25,959	\$0
Total Revenues	25,959	25,959	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Support Services:			
Pupil	24,959	24,959	0
Instructional Staff	1,000	1,000	0
Total Expenditures	25,959	25,959	0
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	0	0	0
Other financing sources (uses):			
Advances In	1,300	1,300	0
Advances (Out)	(1,300)	(1,300)	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	0	0	0
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	0	0	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Title VI R Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$154,346	\$154,346	\$0
Total Revenues	154,346	154,346	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	153,958	153,958	0
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,929	1,929	0
Total Expenditures	155,887	155,887	0
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,541)	(1,541)	0
Other financing sources (uses):			
Advances In	10,400	10,400	0
Advances (Out)	(10,400)	(10,400)	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,541)	(1,541)	0
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	1,706	1,706	0
Fund Balance End of Year	<u>\$165</u>	<u>\$165</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Miscellaneous Federal Grants Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$2,049	\$2,049	\$0
Total Revenues	2,049	2,049	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Support Services:			
Instructional Staff	3,152	3,152	0
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	225	225	0
Total Expenditures	3,377	3,377	0
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,328)	(1,328)	0
Other financing sources (uses):			
Advances In	1,933	1,933	0
Advances (Out)	(1,551)	(1,551)	0
Transfers In	947	947	0
Transfers (Out)	(947)	(947)	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	382	382	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	(946)	(946)	0
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	946	946	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Food Service Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Investment Earnings	\$5,993	\$5,994	\$1
Intergovernmental	347,168	347,212	44
Charges for Services	1,706,777	1,706,995	218
Other Revenues	6,471	6,472	1
Total Revenues	<u>2,066,409</u>	<u>2,066,673</u>	<u>264</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	<u>2,019,889</u>	<u>1,975,941</u>	<u>43,948</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>2,019,889</u>	<u>1,975,941</u>	<u>43,948</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	46,520	90,732	44,212
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	<u>166,086</u>	<u>166,086</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance End of Year	<u>\$212,606</u>	<u>\$256,818</u>	<u>\$44,212</u>

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Adult Education Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Tuition and Fees	\$2,995	\$2,995	\$0
Total Revenues	2,995	2,995	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	4,950	2,509	2,441
Total Expenditures	4,950	2,509	2,441
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,955)	486	2,441
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	8,307	8,307	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$6,352	\$8,793	\$2,441

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Community School Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Tuition and Fees	\$62,869	\$62,869	\$0
Extracurricular Activities	10,360	10,360	0
Total Revenues	<u>73,229</u>	<u>73,229</u>	<u>0</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	77,605	77,121	484
Total Expenditures	<u>77,605</u>	<u>77,121</u>	<u>484</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(4,376)	(3,892)	484
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	<u>44,790</u>	<u>44,790</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance End of Year	<u><u>\$40,414</u></u>	<u><u>\$40,898</u></u>	<u><u>\$484</u></u>

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Debt Service Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$3,004,334	\$2,935,088	(\$69,246)
Intergovernmental	254,722	248,851	(5,871)
Other Revenues	102,359	100,000	(2,359)
Total Revenues	<u>3,361,415</u>	<u>3,283,939</u>	<u>(77,476)</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Support Services:			
Fiscal	43,981	42,631	1,350
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	1,788,246	1,788,246	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,912,922	1,799,324	113,598
Total Expenditures	<u>3,745,149</u>	<u>3,630,201</u>	<u>114,948</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(383,734)</u>	<u>(346,262)</u>	<u>37,472</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers In	102,359	100,000	(2,359)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>102,359</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>(2,359)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(281,375)	(246,262)	35,113
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	<u>5,978,675</u>	<u>5,978,675</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance End of Year	<u>\$5,697,300</u>	<u>\$5,732,413</u>	<u>\$35,113</u>

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Permanent Improvement Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Tuition and Fees	\$35,450	\$35,450	\$0
Investment Earnings	2,746	2,746	0
Other Revenues	22,285	22,285	0
Total Revenues	<u>60,481</u>	<u>60,481</u>	<u>0</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	375,898	373,891	2,007
Support Services:			
Operations and Maintenance	49,782	49,516	266
Pupil Transportation	184,601	183,615	986
Central	24,644	24,512	132
Capital Outlay	1,194,829	1,188,450	6,379
Total Expenditures	<u>1,829,754</u>	<u>1,819,984</u>	<u>9,770</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(1,769,273)</u>	<u>(1,759,503)</u>	<u>9,770</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers In	1,224,998	1,225,000	2
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>1,224,998</u>	<u>1,225,000</u>	<u>2</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(544,275)	(534,503)	9,772
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	<u>582,218</u>	<u>582,218</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance End of Year	<u><u>\$37,943</u></u>	<u><u>\$47,715</u></u>	<u><u>\$9,772</u></u>

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Building Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenues	0	0	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Capital Outlay	29,513	29,512	1
Total Expenditures	29,513	29,512	1
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(29,513)	(29,512)	1
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers In	4,249	4,249	0
Transfers (Out)	(4,248)	(4,249)	(1)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1	0	(1)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(29,512)	(29,512)	0
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	29,512	29,512	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	SchoolNet Fund		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$41,082	\$41,082	\$0
Total Revenues	41,082	41,082	0
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	41,082	41,082	0
Total Expenditures	41,082	41,082	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	0	0	0
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	0	0	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$0

NONMAJOR FUNDS

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Fiduciary fund types are used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units and/or other funds.

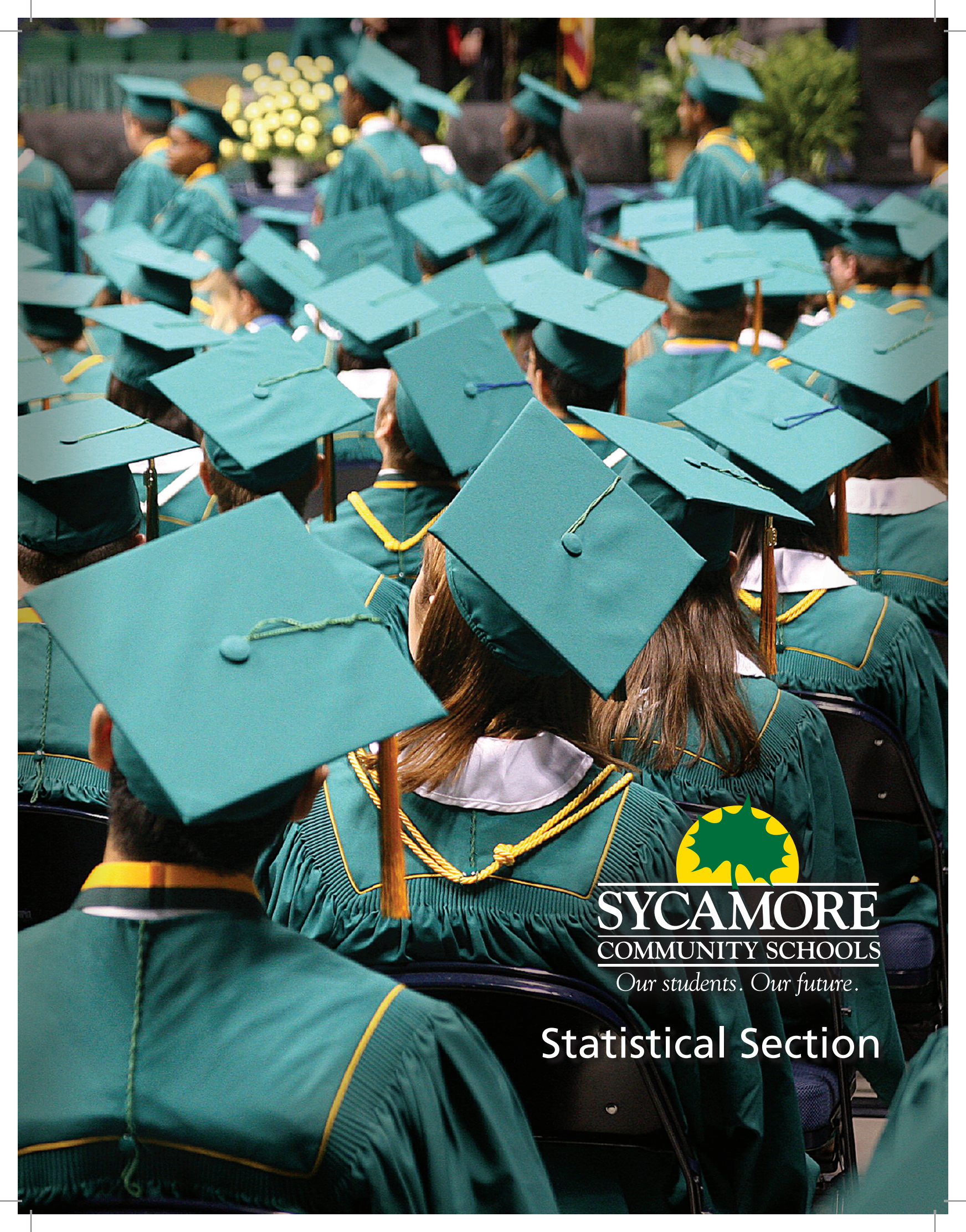
Agency Fund

Student Activity – Fund used to account for resources that belong to various student groups in the District. Students are involved in the management of the program.

Sycamore Community School District, Ohio
Statement of Changes In Assets and Liabilities
Agency Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Student Activity			Ending Balance
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	
Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$107,407	\$75,133	\$85,269	\$97,271
Receivables:				
Accounts	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>107,407</u></u>	<u><u>85,133</u></u>	<u><u>85,269</u></u>	<u><u>107,271</u></u>
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	1,488	33	1,488	33
Other Liabilities	<u>105,919</u>	<u>85,100</u>	<u>83,781</u>	<u>107,238</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$107,407</u></u>	<u><u>\$85,133</u></u>	<u><u>\$85,269</u></u>	<u><u>\$107,271</u></u>

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Statistical Section

STATISTICAL SECTION

This part of the District's comprehensive annual financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the District's overall financial health.

Contents

Financial Trends - These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the District's financial position has changed over time.

Revenue Capacity - These schedules contain information to help the reader understand and assess the factors affecting the School District's ability to generate its most significant local revenue source(s), the property tax.

Debt Capacity - These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the School District's current levels of outstanding debt and the School District's ability to issue additional debt in the future.

Economic and Demographic Information - These schedules offer economic and demographic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the School District's financial activities take place and to provide information that facilitates comparisons of financial information over time and among governments.

Operating Information - These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the School District's financial report relates to the services the School District provides and the activities it performs.

Sources - Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual financial reports for the relevant year. The School District implemented GASB Statement 34 in fiscal year 2003; schedules presenting government-wide information include information beginning in that fiscal year.

Sycamore Community School District
 Net Assets by Component,
 Last Six Fiscal Years (1)
 (accrual basis of accounting)
 Schedule 1

	Fiscal Year					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Governmental Activities						
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	\$16,487,817	\$15,739,836	\$16,556,171	\$16,081,022	\$15,750,943	\$17,465,004
Restricted	11,559,221	9,723,547	8,382,540	9,339,148	8,363,337	9,258,251
Unrestricted	32,623,389	23,238,602	27,683,912	31,989,020	40,976,769	42,730,696
Total Net Assets	\$60,670,427	\$48,701,985	\$52,622,623	\$57,409,190	\$65,091,049	\$69,453,951

Source: District Records

(1) - The district began to report accrual information when it implemented GASB Statement 34 in 2003

Sycamore Community School District
 Expenses, Program Revenues and Net (Expense)/Revenue
 Last Six Fiscal Years (1)
 (accrual basis of accounting)
 Schedule 2

	Fiscal Year					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Expenses						
Governmental Activities:						
Instruction	\$35,579,336	\$44,622,647	\$42,719,293	\$41,539,716	\$41,567,848	\$44,224,707
Pupil	3,850,910	4,407,474	4,471,433	4,534,902	4,375,334	4,490,050
Instructional staff	6,288,450	6,974,746	4,950,481	4,903,243	4,842,846	5,212,875
General Administration	36,236	31,941	30,560	48,092	38,613	41,267
School Administration	5,126,429	5,344,410	5,174,319	5,051,498	5,360,179	5,027,678
Business and Fiscal	1,665,722	1,457,465	1,657,596	1,644,999	1,661,124	1,730,181
Operation and Maintenance	6,920,404	7,069,157	6,637,819	7,121,363	8,041,486	7,664,935
Pupil Transportation	4,155,109	4,012,686	4,159,013	4,348,607	4,365,961	4,176,090
Central	2,383,469	1,719,437	1,719,113	1,585,924	1,777,167	1,838,122
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	3,193,929	3,142,839	3,729,322	3,450,435	3,963,295	3,566,667
Extracurricular Activities	1,639,991	1,513,312	1,587,425	1,483,494	1,671,841	1,683,696
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,764,963	3,069,450	2,623,709	2,531,886	2,051,643	2,613,047
Total Government Expenses	<u>73,604,948</u>	<u>83,365,564</u>	<u>79,460,083</u>	<u>78,244,159</u>	<u>79,717,337</u>	<u>82,269,315</u>
Program Revenues						
Governmental Activities:						
Charges for Services						
Instruction	705,234	827,896	510,277	769,185	815,642	986,143
Instructional Staff	3,452	3,970	56	4,830	7,576	10,324
School Administration	28,639	31,936	34,006	34,147	37,247	37,635
Operation and Maintenance	12,598	35,247	19,459	31,701	51,434	75,099
Pupil Transportation	137	88	0	0	268	0
Operation of Non-Instructional	1,436,130	1,338,222	1,422,649	1,511,552	1,620,219	1,784,614
Extracurricular Activities	391,336	406,341	364,591	523,735	515,804	454,815
Operating Grants and Contributions	2,905,081	3,257,178	3,720,400	3,782,734	3,955,895	4,210,331
Capital Grants and Contributions	156,517	37,312	82,754	82,017	396,862	129,115
Total Government Revenues	<u>5,639,124</u>	<u>5,938,190</u>	<u>6,154,192</u>	<u>6,739,901</u>	<u>7,400,947</u>	<u>7,688,076</u>
Net (Expense)/Revenue						
Total Government Net Expense	<u>(\$67,965,824)</u>	<u>(\$77,427,374)</u>	<u>(\$73,305,891)</u>	<u>(\$71,504,258)</u>	<u>(\$72,316,390)</u>	<u>(\$74,581,239)</u>

Source: District Records

(1) - The district began to report accrual information when it implemented GASB Statement 34 in 2003

Sycamore Community School District
 General Revenues and Total Change in Net Assets,
 Last Six Fiscal Years (1)
 (accrual basis of accounting)
 Schedule 3

	Fiscal Year					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Net (Expense)/Revenue						
Total Government Net Expense	(\$67,965,824)	(\$77,427,374)	(\$73,305,891)	(\$71,504,258)	(\$72,316,390)	(\$74,581,239)
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Assets						
Governmental Activities:						
Property Taxes						
Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes	54,264,719	52,801,962	62,619,099	61,802,048	61,455,557	55,578,570
Property Taxes Levied for Debt Service Purposes	3,582,255	3,075,203	3,159,522	2,982,731	3,117,367	2,799,443
Grants and Entitlements Not Restricted to Specific Programs	8,908,534	9,135,135	9,799,439	9,549,751	12,039,485	14,889,069
Investment Earnings	773,856	556,576	648,705	1,744,396	2,339,118	2,365,279
Unrestricted Contributions	0	0	0	13	0	0
Refunds and Reimbursements	0	0	0	0	776,887	13,957
Other Revenues	214,783	222,149	279,040	211,886	269,835	150,649
Total Governmental Activities	67,744,147	65,791,025	76,505,805	76,290,825	79,998,249	75,796,967
Change in Net Assets						
Total Government	(\$221,677)	(\$11,636,349)	\$3,199,914	\$4,786,567	\$7,681,859	\$1,215,728

Source: District Records

(1) - The district began to report accrual information when it implemented GASB Statement 34 in 2003

Sycamore Community School District
Fund Balances, Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
Schedule 4

	Fiscal Year									
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
General Fund										
Reserved	\$17,213,448	\$14,636,932	\$12,935,019	\$13,953,695	\$16,366,628	\$16,066,343	\$22,514,690	\$22,644,272	\$22,332,923	\$21,358,770
Unreserved	17,684,991	24,919,532	29,512,063	28,563,717	22,080,150	12,809,766	10,953,379	15,785,848	23,069,450	27,910,847
Total General Fund	34,898,439	39,556,464	42,447,082	42,517,412	38,446,778	28,876,109	33,468,069	38,430,120	45,402,373	49,269,617
All other Governmental Funds										
Reserved	4,502,883	23,677,124	10,435,642	9,480,757	2,865,100	1,802,610	1,366,283	2,788,200	1,750,040	1,601,879
Unreserved, Reported In:										
Capital Project Funds	44,560,430	16,146,144	8,031,559	3,158,940	2,000,691	551,645	243,197	(77,675)	(8,140)	47,714
Debt Service Funds	7,099,000	6,874,826	6,838,321	6,867,562	6,814,275	6,256,254	6,135,518	5,885,680	5,978,675	5,732,413
Special Revenue Funds	249,582	403,845	340,897	349,088	140,989	441,833	361,739	321,833	380,326	696,422
Total	\$56,411,895	\$47,101,939	\$25,646,419	\$19,856,347	\$11,821,055	\$9,052,342	\$8,106,737	\$8,918,038	\$8,100,901	\$8,078,428

Source: District Records

Sycamore Community School District
 Governmental Funds Revenues,
 Last Ten Fiscal Years
 (modified accrual basis of accounting)
 Schedule 5

	Fiscal Year									
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Revenues:										
Taxes	\$55,503,617	\$52,960,879	\$51,458,240	\$55,955,489	\$57,494,733	\$53,429,590	\$65,483,970	\$64,784,779	\$64,079,464	\$58,916,880
Tuition and Fees	717,095	623,525	684,647	492,352	722,020	796,494	594,229	842,228	853,824	1,069,572
Investment Earnings	3,631,248	5,296,476	4,954,368	1,777,239	773,453	556,577	648,704	1,523,966	2,351,868	2,425,608
Intergovernmental	8,492,464	9,496,482	10,563,634	11,274,202	11,851,069	12,752,607	13,572,009	13,329,705	15,635,137	18,769,020
Extracurricular Activities	427,298	396,220	456,428	366,111	375,036	314,253	316,869	467,043	491,907	462,525
Charges for Services	0	0	0	0	0	1,460,917	1,422,649	1,511,552	1,620,219	1,707,201
Other revenues	1,551,675	600,492	293,309	414,144	517,235	316,686	299,815	319,171	1,844,077	636,399
Total revenues	\$70,323,397	\$69,374,074	\$68,410,626	\$70,279,537	\$71,733,546	\$69,627,124	\$82,338,245	\$82,778,444	\$86,876,496	\$83,987,205

Source: District Records

Sycamore Community School District
 Governmental Funds Expenditures and Debt Service Ratio,
 Last Ten Fiscal Years
 (modified accrual basis of accounting)
 Schedule 6

	Fiscal Year									
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Regular Instruction	\$27,433,315	\$26,474,215	\$27,108,615	\$29,266,046	\$30,634,196	\$33,776,078	\$33,606,991	\$32,655,180	\$32,122,387	\$32,460,942
Special Instruction	3,852,220	4,259,986	5,367,475	4,991,792	5,932,640	6,012,728	5,849,659	6,190,127	6,863,667	7,744,631
Vocational Instruction	175,645	171,051	181,782	180,409	203,123	303,214	2,386	989	3,798	2,405
Other Instruction	85,052	63,000	70,576	56,871	69,126	134,536	247,276	175,917	239,090	284,575
Pupil	2,543,999	2,733,253	2,855,782	3,415,301	3,817,712	4,296,094	4,211,021	4,663,245	4,526,698	4,474,355
Instructional Staff	3,280,484	4,086,412	4,655,902	5,556,862	6,360,780	6,717,192	5,017,073	4,958,762	4,872,112	5,227,462
General Administration	32,830	17,016	28,832	30,843	36,329	31,605	30,560	48,092	38,613	41,267
School Administration	4,330,477	3,787,120	4,518,511	4,503,747	5,071,650	5,118,954	4,949,454	4,939,462	5,167,898	5,117,549
Fiscal	1,343,733	1,543,637	808,094	1,311,191	1,403,236	1,256,137	1,433,115	1,555,683	1,569,330	1,633,171
Business	154,754	138,391	211,648	186,068	221,471	203,014	217,705	94,371	78,652	82,073
Operations and Maintenance	4,623,089	5,488,287	5,755,255	6,610,611	6,937,225	6,762,717	6,359,037	7,046,036	7,168,564	7,442,304
Pupil Transportation	2,837,993	2,631,478	3,014,164	3,377,471	3,792,343	3,736,894	3,867,922	4,084,621	4,164,956	4,168,032
Central	789,473	806,852	982,634	1,233,467	2,252,215	1,560,190	1,530,093	1,416,893	1,701,578	1,684,652
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,078,016	1,184,475	1,425,462	1,249,338	1,551,544	3,016,742	3,627,035	3,397,725	3,900,323	3,566,871
Extracurricular Activities	1,176,123	1,288,661	1,493,220	1,415,106	1,786,881	1,440,206	1,520,681	1,417,279	1,524,017	1,538,140
Capital Outlay	20,562,900	13,637,690	31,553,218	6,713,770	8,465,130	2,289,241	732,594	588,946	2,138,004	842,682
Debt Service:										
Principal Retirement	1,363,780	3,205,000	2,695,000	2,910,000	3,079,992	2,223,465	2,313,815	2,333,928	2,790,000	2,453,246
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,847,809	2,796,900	2,762,194	2,949,197	2,798,432	3,115,269	2,630,726	2,539,336	1,854,912	2,412,738
Bond Issuance Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	198,220	0
Total Expenditures	\$77,511,692	\$74,313,424	\$95,488,364	\$75,958,090	\$84,414,025	\$81,994,276	\$78,147,143	\$78,106,592	\$80,922,819	\$81,177,095
Debt Service as a Percentage of Noncapital Expenditures	4.94%	9.55%	7.64%	9.00%	8.15%	6.57%	6.42%	6.29%	6.10%	6.03%

Source: District Records

Sycamore Community School District
 Other Financing Sources and Uses and Net Change in Fund Balances,
 Governmental Funds,
 Last Ten Fiscal Years
 (modified accrual basis of accounting)
 Schedule 7

	Fiscal Year									
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Other Financing Sources (Uses)										
Issuance of Long Term Debt	\$47,700,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$0
Issuance of Refunding Bonds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,619,985	0
Bond Issuance Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(198,220)	0
Payment to Refunded Bonds Escrow Agent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(25,727,387)	0
Issuance of Capital Leases	11,975,000	0	5,600,000	0	561,200	0	0	0	0	0
Sale of Capital Assets	0	239,024	2,975,000	2,997	3,900	0	0	1,500	3,219	3,645
Payments to Refunding Certificate of Participation Escrow Agent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(8,206,158)
Issuance of Refunding Certificate of Participation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,090,000
Refunding Bond Premium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,305,622	0
Transfers In	6,188,807	3,050,436	1,867,171	2,159,246	2,591,049	596,687	489,545	1,230,216	1,860,000	1,444,350
Transfers (Out)	(6,190,288)	(3,050,436)	(1,867,171)	(2,219,246)	(2,591,049)	(596,687)	(489,545)	(1,230,216)	(1,860,000)	(1,444,350)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	59,673,519	239,024	8,575,000	(57,003)	565,100	0	0	1,101,500	3,219	(2,112,513)
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$52,485,224	(\$4,700,326)	(\$18,502,738)	(\$5,735,556)	(\$12,115,379)	(\$12,367,152)	\$4,191,102	\$5,773,352	\$5,956,896	\$697,597

Source: District Records

Sycamore Community School District
 Assessed and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property
 Last Ten Collection (Calendar) Years (1)
 Schedule 8

Collection Year	Real Property	Tangible Personal Property	Public Utilities Personal	Total		Total Direct Rate
	Assessed Value	Assessed Value	Assessed Value	Assessed Value	Estimated Actual Value	
1998	\$1,047,097,340	\$234,472,590	\$48,722,610	\$1,330,292,540	\$3,978,319,656	0.62
1999	1,172,883,770	225,264,070	47,597,380	1,445,745,220	4,299,750,146	0.61
2000	1,198,351,640	222,216,830	43,922,870	1,464,491,340	4,356,652,019	0.61
2001	1,225,919,880	227,523,320	34,779,800	1,488,223,000	4,447,501,309	0.61
2002	1,367,631,060	183,532,570	31,224,690	1,582,388,320	4,672,872,284	0.60
2003	1,371,377,710	197,132,205	30,419,650	1,598,929,565	4,737,170,499	0.61
2004	1,383,543,570	177,681,270	36,040,650	1,597,265,490	4,699,747,359	0.60
2005	1,560,704,740	140,592,630	34,485,600	1,735,782,970	5,056,012,520	0.60
2006	1,580,926,800	104,242,230	32,595,150	1,717,764,180	4,966,497,784	0.66
2007	1,601,831,440	52,121,115	25,322,680	1,679,275,235	4,810,468,397	0.66

Source: Hamilton County Auditor

(1) - Assessed values shown in this schedule will not agree to amounts in the notes to the financial statements, since the schedules are shown on a calendar year basis, which is consistent with the method county auditors maintain this information

Note: The assessed value of real property (including public utility real property) is 35 percent of estimated true value. Personal property tax is assessed on all tangible personal property used in business in Ohio. The assessed value of public utility personal property ranges from 25 percent of true value for railroad property to 88 percent for electric transmission and distribution property. General business tangible personal property is assessed at 25 percent for everything except inventories, which are assessed at 23 percent. Property is assessed annually.

The tangible personal property values associated with each year are the values that, when multiplied by the applicable rates, generated the property tax revenue to be received in that year. For real property, the amounts generated by multiplying the assessed values by the applicable rates would be reduced by the 10 percent, 2 1/2 percent and homestead exemptions before being billed.

Sycamore Community School District
 Direct and Overlapping Property Tax Rates
 Last Ten Calendar Years
 Schedule 9

Calendar Year	District Direct Rates	Overlapping Rates								Great Oaks Joint Vocational School
		Hamilton County	City of Blue Ash	City of Loveland	City of Montgomery	Village of Evendale	Village of Indian Hill	Sycamore Township	Symmes Township	
1998	0.62	0.20	0.03	0.10	0.09	0.03	0.01	0.08	0.12	0.03
1999	0.61	0.21	0.03	0.10	0.11	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.12	0.03
2000	0.61	0.20	0.03	0.10	0.11	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.12	0.03
2001	0.61	0.21	0.03	0.12	0.10	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.12	0.03
2002	0.60	0.22	0.03	0.12	0.10	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.13	0.03
2003	0.60	0.22	0.03	0.12	0.10	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.13	0.03
2004	0.66	0.21	0.03	0.11	0.10	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.13	0.03
2005	0.66	0.20	0.03	0.11	0.10	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.13	0.03
2006	0.66	0.21	0.03	0.12	0.10	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.13	0.03
2007	0.66	0.20	0.03	0.12	0.10	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.13	0.03

Source: Hamilton County Auditor

Sycamore Community School District
Principal Property Tax Payers
Current Year and Nine Years Ago
Schedule 10

Taxpayer	2007	
	Tangible Personal & Real Property	Percentage of Total Assessed Value
Duke Realty Limited	\$51,033,450	3.04%
Duke Energy	25,438,140	1.51%
Twin Lakes	12,981,200	0.77%
Ethicon, Inc.	12,200,480	0.73%
New York Life Insurance	11,434,680	0.68%
MR Associates Holdings	10,300,580	0.61%
Bethesda Properties	8,696,750	0.52%
CLP Industrial Holdings	8,603,090	0.51%
Harold R. Silverman, LLC	8,423,670	0.50%
Charleston Apartments LLC	8,050,010	0.48%
Total Principal Taxpayers	<u>157,162,050</u>	<u>9.36%</u>
All Other Taxpayers	<u>1,522,113,185</u>	<u>90.64%</u>
Total Taxpayers	<u><u>\$1,679,275,235</u></u>	<u><u>100.00%</u></u>

Taxpayer	1998	
	Tangible Personal & Real Property	Percentage of Total Taxable Value
Duke Realty Limited	\$39,796,330	2.99%
CG & E	28,055,390	2.11%
Proctor & Gamble	17,039,530	1.28%
Ethicon	25,106,600	1.89%
VHH, Ltd.	9,540,470	0.72%
Cincinnati Bell Telephone	14,074,000	1.06%
Governor's Hill	12,581,460	0.95%
Toyota Motor Company	7,826,070	0.59%
XOMOX	6,612,560	0.50%
Sears Roebuck Company	6,210,940	0.47%
Total Principal Taxpayers	<u>166,843,350</u>	<u>12.54%</u>
All Other Taxpayers	<u>1,163,449,190</u>	<u>87.46%</u>
Total Taxpayers	<u><u>\$1,330,292,540</u></u>	<u><u>100.00%</u></u>

Source: Hamilton County Auditor

Sycamore Community School District
Property Tax Levies and Collections
Last Ten Calendar Years
Schedule 11

Calendar Year	Taxes Levied for the Calendar Year (1)	Collected within the Calendar Year of the Levy		Delq. Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Collections to Date	
		Amount (2)	Percentage of Levy		Amount	Percentage of Levy
1998	\$37,512,176	\$34,985,077	93.26%	\$817,634	\$35,802,711	95.44%
1999	46,514,259	43,617,891	93.77%	1,389,336	45,007,227	96.76%
2000	46,506,538	44,074,672	94.77%	792,973	44,867,645	96.48%
2001	47,365,262	45,064,620	95.14%	665,666	45,730,286	96.55%
2002	48,313,121	45,465,981	94.11%	847,542	46,313,523	95.86%
2003	49,567,688	46,491,089	93.79%	1,021,764	47,512,853	95.85%
2004	49,594,629	46,286,213	93.33%	830,241	47,116,454	95.00%
2005	58,596,261	54,996,832	93.86%	1,187,801	56,184,633	95.88%
2006	59,997,223	55,891,419	93.16%	1,191,794	57,083,213	95.14%
2007	60,875,527	56,442,849	92.72%	1,839,845	58,282,694	95.74%

Source: Hamilton County Auditor

- (1) - Taxes levied and collected are presented on a cash basis
- (2) - State reimbursements of rollback and homestead exemptions are included

Sycamore Community School District
 Outstanding Debt by Type,
 Last Ten Fiscal Years
 Schedule 12

Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities		Total Primary Government	Percentage of Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property	Percentage of Personal Income	Per Capita
	General Obligation Bonds	Capital Leases				
1999	\$52,373,599	\$0	\$52,373,599	1.32%	0.19%	\$1,452
2000	49,538,599	11,605,000	61,143,599	1.42%	0.22%	1,633
2001	47,228,599	16,820,000	64,048,599	1.47%	0.23%	1,710
2002	44,848,599	16,290,000	61,138,599	1.37%	0.21%	1,633
2003	42,373,599	16,246,208	58,619,807	1.25%	0.20%	1,565
2004	40,903,599	15,492,743	56,396,342	1.19%	0.18%	1,506
2005	39,368,599	14,713,928	54,082,527	1.15%	0.17%	1,472
2006	38,873,599	13,975,000	52,848,599	1.05%	0.16%	1,483
2007	36,718,584	13,340,000	50,058,584	1.01%	0.14%	1,405
2008	35,304,474	10,670,000	45,974,474	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: District Records

N/A - Information not available

Sycamore Community School District
 Direct and Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt
 As of June 30, 2008
 Schedule 13

Governmental Unit	Debt Outstanding	Estimated Percentage Applicable (1)	Estimated Share of Direct and Overlapping Debt
Overlapping Debt:			
City of Loveland	\$7,280,000	6.49%	\$472,472
City of Montgomery	5,540,000	100.00%	5,540,000
City of Sharonville	24,730,000	0.02%	4,946
Sycamore Township	13,170,000	9.11%	1,199,787
Symmes Township	6,175,000	62.15%	3,837,763
Village of Evendale	1,110,000	7.26%	80,586
Hamilton County	109,325,000	8.38%	9,161,435
Great Oaks Joint Vocational School	7,965,000	8.86%	705,699
Subtotal, Overlapping Debt	175,295,000		21,002,688
District Direct Debt	34,930,337	100.02%	34,937,323
Total Direct and Overlapping Debt	\$210,225,337		\$55,940,011

Source: Ohio Municipal Advisory Council

(1) The percentage of overlapping debt applicable is estimated using taxable assessed property values. Applicable percentages were estimated by determining the portion of the county's taxable assessed value that is within the District's boundaries and dividing it by the county's total taxable assessed value.

Sycamore Community School District
 Legal Debt Margin Information,
 Last Ten Fiscal Years
 Schedule 14

Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Year 2008

Assessed value (1)	\$1,679,275,235
Debt limit (9% of assessed value)	151,134,771
Debt applicable to limit	34,930,337
Legal debt margin	<u>\$116,204,434</u>

	Fiscal Year									
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Debt Limit	\$116,134,812	\$118,743,743	\$130,945,837	\$132,078,472	\$133,462,486	\$146,374,116	\$142,679,694	\$145,489,556	\$159,558,445	\$151,134,771
Total Net Debt Applicable to Limit	62,368,599	49,538,599	47,228,599	44,848,599	42,373,599	40,903,599	39,368,599	38,873,599	36,718,584	34,930,337
Legal Debt Margin	<u>\$53,766,213</u>	<u>\$69,205,144</u>	<u>\$83,717,238</u>	<u>\$87,229,873</u>	<u>\$91,088,887</u>	<u>\$105,470,517</u>	<u>\$103,311,095</u>	<u>\$106,615,957</u>	<u>\$122,839,861</u>	<u>\$116,204,434</u>
Total Net Debt Applicable to the Limit as a Percentage of Debt Limit	53.70%	41.72%	36.07%	33.96%	31.75%	27.94%	27.59%	26.72%	23.01%	23.11%

Source: District Records

(1) - Assessed values are on a calendar year basis (i.e. fiscal year 2008 is calendar year 2007)

Sycamore Community School District
 Demographic and Economic Statistics
 Last Ten Calendar Years
 Schedule 15

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Population (1)</u>	<u>Personal Income (Thousands of Dollars) (2)</u>	<u>Per Capita Personal Income (3)</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate (4)</u>
1998	36,076	\$27,144,490	\$31,712	3.6%
1999	36,076	27,420,292	32,262	3.6%
2000	37,447	28,329,667	33,567	3.7%
2001	37,447	29,136,541	34,742	4.0%
2002	37,447	30,010,701	36,156	5.5%
2003	37,447	30,636,366	37,256	5.6%
2004	37,447	32,111,846	39,467	5.7%
2005	36,729	33,087,346	39,937	5.7%
2006	35,629	35,146,091	41,477	5.0%
2007	35,629	N/A	N/A	5.0%

- Sources:
- (1) - Population estimates provided by the Cities of Blue Ash and Montgomery and Symmes Township
 - (2) - Personal Income information provided by Bureau of Economic Analysis: Regional Economic Accounts for Hamilton County
 - (3) - Per Capita Personal Income information provided by Bureau of Economic Analysis: Regional Economic Accounts for Hamilton County
 - (4) - Ohio Department of Job and Family Services - Office of Workforce Development - Bureau of Labor Market Information -- Annual Average

N/A - Information not available

Sycamore Community School District
Major Employers (1)
Current Fiscal Year (2)
Schedule 16

<u>Major Employers (3)</u>	<u>Type</u>
American Financial Group Inc	Ins
Chiquita Brands International Inc	Trade
Convergys Corp	Serv
Duke Energy Corp	Utility
Fifth Third Bancorp	Fin
Ford Motor Co	Mfg
General Electric Co	Mfg
Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati	Serv
Johnson & Johnson/Ethicon	Mfg
Kroger Co	Trade
Macy's Inc	Trade
Mercy Health Partners	Serv
Procter & Gamble Co	Mfg
TriHealth Inc	Serv
University of Cincinnati	Govt

Source: Ohio Department of Development

(1) - For all of Hamilton County

(2) - Only current fiscal year information available

(3) - In alphabetical order only. Number of employees per employer and total employees for Hamilton County were not available.

Sycamore Community School District
 Full-Time Equivalent District Employees by Type
 Last Ten Fiscal Years
 Schedule 17

	Fiscal Year									
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Certificated Staff*	473.0	483.0	486.0	493.0	503.0	510.0	455.0	437.0	437.0	468.0
Support and Administration										
Administrators	27.0	28.0	29.0	32.0	33.0	32.0	31.0	26.0	26.5	26.0
Classified**	315.0	321.0	344.0	354.0	349.0	355.0	325.0	328.0	334.0	308.0
Total Support and Administration	342.0	349.0	373.0	386.0	382.0	387.0	356.0	354.0	360.5	334.0
Total	815.0	832.0	859.0	879.0	885.0	897.0	811.0	791.0	797.5	802.0

Source: Nonfinancial information from district records

* Includes teachers, guidance counselors, nurses, speech pathologists, media specialists, physical therapists, occupational therapists and school psychologists.

** Includes educational assistants, bus drivers, child nutrition, secretaries, technology support, and custodial and maintenance employees.

Sycamore Community School District
 Operating Statistics
 Last Ten Fiscal Years
 Schedule 18

Fiscal Year	Cost Per Pupil	Percentage Change	Pupil-Teacher Ratio	Percentage of Students Receiving Free or Reduced-Price Meals
1999	\$8,850	4.87%	19.5	N/A
2000	9,405	6.27%	18.3	N/A
2001	10,256	9.05%	17.1	N/A
2002	11,360	10.76%	16.9	6.00%
2003	12,475	9.82%	16.8	7.00%
2004	13,131	5.26%	17.2	8.00%
2005	12,688	(3.37%)	16.9	8.00%
2006	12,637	(0.40%)	17.4	9.00%
2007	13,025	3.07%	17.7	12.20%
2008	13,159	1.03%	17.3	10.00%

Source: Ohio Department of Education

N/A - Information not available

Sycamore Community School District
 School Building Information
 Last Ten Fiscal Years
 Schedule 19

School	Fiscal Year									
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Sycamore High School (1974)										
Square Feet	383,427	383,427	383,427	383,427	383,427	383,427	383,427	383,427	383,427	383,427
Capacity	1,891	1,891	1,891	1,891	1,891	1,891	1,891	1,891	1,891	2,300
Enrollment, Incl. JVS students	2,070	2,094	2,009	1,925	1,976	1,953	1,936	2,006	2,006	1,943
Sycamore Junior High School (1926)										
Square Feet	203,405	203,405	203,405	203,405	203,405	203,405	203,405	203,405	203,405	203,405
Capacity	1,062	1,062	1,062	1,062	1,062	1,062	1,062	1,062	1,062	1,062
Enrollment	1,069	998	958	954	964	982	972	905	905	895
E.H. Greene Intermediate School (1964)										
Square Feet	128,388	128,388	128,388	128,388	128,388	128,388	128,388	128,388	128,388	128,388
Capacity	897	897	897	897	897	897	897	897	897	897
Enrollment	933	939	926	893	880	864	818	823	823	874
Blue Ash Elementary School (2002)										
Square Feet, Incl. UC/RWC Wing	60,000	60,000	60,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
Capacity	524	524	524	550	550	550	550	550	550	550
Enrollment	550	515	505	482	458	505	500	498	498	472
Maple Dale Elementary School (1960)										
Square Feet	83,450	83,450	83,450	83,450	83,450	83,450	83,450	83,450	83,450	83,450
Capacity	644	644	644	644	644	644	644	644	644	644
Enrollment	612	582	531	520	526	468	447	435	435	432
Montgomery Elementary School (2003)										
Square Feet	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	79,931	79,931	79,931	79,931	79,931	79,931
Capacity	483	483	483	483	550	550	550	550	550	550
Enrollment	515	497	459	425	377	411	478	510	510	522
Symmes Elementary School (1988)										
Square Feet	65,677	65,677	65,677	65,677	65,677	65,677	65,677	65,677	65,677	65,677
Capacity	506	506	506	506	506	506	506	506	506	506
Enrollment	525	454	437	478	486	519	522	514	514	487
Board of Education Office										
Square Feet	7,578	7,578	7,578	7,578	7,578	7,578	7,578	7,578	7,578	7,578
Aldine House (acq 1999, built 1970)										
Square Feet	1,926	1,926	1,926	1,926	1,926	1,926	1,926	1,926	1,926	1,926
Bus Compound										
Square Feet	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200

Source: District Records



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

SYCAMORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

HAMILTON 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

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