

UNION SCIOTO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ROSS COUNTY

SINGLE AUDIT

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS





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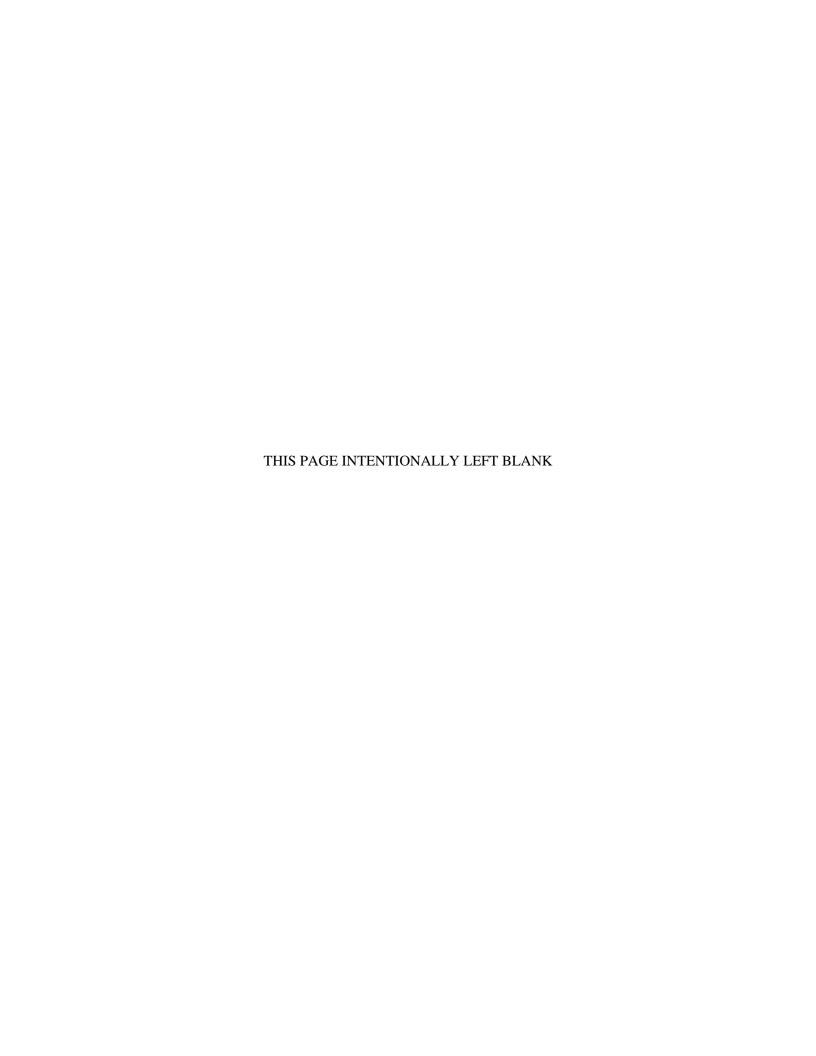
We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Union Scioto Local School District, Ross County, prepared by J.L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 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 Union Scioto Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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February 26, 2009



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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Education Union Scioto Local School District 1565 Egypt Pike Road Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Union Scioto Local School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and the cash flows, where applicable, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated December 12, 2008 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. The purpose of that report is to 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. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report when considering the results of our audit.

Board of Education Union Scioto Local School District Independent Auditor's Report

Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively compromise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations* is presented for purposes of additional analysis 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 presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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J. L. UHRIG AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

December 12, 2008

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008 Unaudited

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

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34, "Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments," issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2008 are as follows:

- In total, net assets increased \$841,034, which represents a 2.9 percent increase from fiscal year 2007.
- Total assets of governmental activities increased by \$1,086,974. Of this, capital assets decreased by \$1,030,479 due to depreciation of \$1,373,292 and deletions of \$58,080, offset by additions of capital assets of \$400,893.
- General revenues accounted for \$14,473,153, or 78 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of Charges for Services and Sales, Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest, and Capital Grants and Contributions accounted for \$4,084,206 or 22 percent of total revenues of \$18,557,359.
- The School District had \$17,716,325 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$4,084,206 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, sales, grants, interest, or contributions. General revenues (primarily taxes and grants and entitlements) of \$14,473,151 provided for these programs.

Using the Basic Financial Statements

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

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008 Unaudited

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

Reporting the School District as a Whole

Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the School District to provide programs and activities, the view of the School District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during fiscal year 2008?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities answer 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 fiscal year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School District's net assets and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader that, for the School District as a whole, the financial position of the School District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, and some not. Non-financial factors include the School District's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility condition, required educational programs and other factors.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, the School District only reports governmental activities. Governmental activities are the activities where all of the School District's programs and services are reported including, but not limited to, instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation and extracurricular activities.

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the School District's major funds begins on page 8. Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds. The School District's only major governmental fund is the General Fund.

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Governmental Funds

Most of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at fiscal year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps 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.

Proprietary Fund

Proprietary funds use the same basis of accounting as business-type activities. The Internal Service Fund is used to report the medical, surgical and dental benefits provided to the School District's employees.

Fiduciary Fund

The School District's fiduciary fund is an agency fund. The School District's fiduciary fund is reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets. These activities are excluded from the School District's other financial statements because the School District cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The School District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in this fund are used for its intended purpose. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. Fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting.

The School District as a Whole

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

Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net assets for fiscal years 2008 compared to 2007:

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008 Unaudited

Table 1 Net Assets

Governmental Activities		Increase
2008 2007		(Decrease)
\$14,655,000	\$12,537,547	\$2,117,453
25,996,134	27,026,613	(1,030,479)
40,651,134	39,564,160	1,086,974
4,955,759	4,634,600	321,159
5,409,017	5,484,236	(75,219)
10,364,776	10,118,836	245,940
22,672,059	23,472,932	(800,873)
1,838,916	1,714,488	124,428
5,775,383	4,257,904	1,517,479
\$30,286,358	\$29,445,324	\$841,034
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Total assets of governmental activities increased by \$1,086,974 and capital assets decreased by \$1,030,479. Capital assets decreased primarily due to the current year's depreciation expense. Unrestricted net assets, the part of net assets that can be used to finance day-to-day activities without constraints established by grants or legal requirements, increased by \$1,517,479. This was caused, in part, by the increase in net proceeds from open enrollment students coming into the School District, by moving teachers that were paid from the General Fund to other governmental funds and by replacing retired teachers with less experienced teachers. Restricted net assets, the part of net assets that must be used according to legal requirements or by grant restrictions, of the School District increased by \$124,428. This increase was due to poverty aid funding.

Table 2 shows the highlights of the School District's revenues and expenses. These two main components are subtracted to yield the changes in net assets. This table uses the full accrual method of accounting.

Revenue is further divided into two major components: program revenues and general revenues. Program revenues are defined as fees, restricted grants, contributions and interest, and charges for services. General revenues include taxes and unrestricted grants, such as State foundation support.

Expenses are shown in programs that are easily identifiable utilizing the current Uniform School Accounting System (USAS) coding structure.

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Table 2 Changes in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities		Increase
	2008 2007		(Decrease)
Revenues:			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services and Sales	\$2,064,837	\$1,728,134	\$336,703
Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	2,006,369	1,869,909	136,460
Capital Grants and Contributions	13,000	38,000	(25,000)
Total Program Revenues	4,084,206	3,636,043	448,163
General Revenues:			
Income Taxes	1,107,173	1,095,460	11,713
Property Taxes	3,419,668	3,149,711	269,957
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to			
Specific Programs	9,602,492	9,529,889	72,603
Investment Earnings	291,765	315,080	(23,315)
Miscellaneous	52,055	29,539	22,516
Total General Revenues	14,473,153	14,119,679	353,474
Total Revenues	18,557,359	17,755,722	801,637
Program Expenses:			
Instruction			
Regular	8,297,899	8,084,917	212,982
Special	1,135,853	994,399	141,454
Vocational	2,649	6,252	(3,603)
Support Services			
Pupils	740,951	786,032	(45,081)
Instructional Staff	843,285	781,365	61,920
Board of Education	1,272,249	1,276,498	(4,249)
Administration	1,228,705	1,037,409	191,296
Fiscal	391,573	362,828	28,745
Business	73,084	72,478	606
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,532,119	1,482,843	49,276
Pupil Transportation	889,561	800,411	89,150
Central	9,000	9,426	(426)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:			
Food Services	809,523	736,367	73,156
Extracurricular Activities	297,439	205,324	92,115
Interest and Fiscal Charges	192,435	196,775	(4,340)
Total Expenses	17,716,325	16,833,324	883,001
Change in Net Assets	841,034	922,398	(81,364)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	29,445,324	28,522,926	922,398
Net Assets at End of Year	\$30,286,358	\$29,445,324	\$841,034

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Governmental Activities

General revenues accounted for \$14,473,153, or 78 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of Charges for Services and Sales, Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest, and Capital Grants and Contributions accounted for \$4,084,206 or 22 percent of total revenues of \$18,557,359.

Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs made up 51.7 percent of total revenues for governmental activities of the School District.

The unique nature of property taxes in Ohio creates the need to routinely seek voter approval for School District operations. Property taxes made up 18.4 percent of revenues for governmental activities for the School District for fiscal year 2008.

Instruction comprises 53.3 percent of School District expenses. Support Services make up 39.4 percent of the total expenses. In fiscal year 2008, Instruction costs increased by \$350,833 and Support Services costs increased by \$371,237, respectively, from the prior fiscal year. The increase was due, in part, to an increase in salaries and benefits, utility and fuel costs, a workers' compensation rate and payment increase, higher membership fees, and the purchase of new technology and instructional materials.

Instruction expenses include activities directly dealing with the teaching of pupils and the interaction between teacher and pupil.

Support Services, for which the total cost of services increased by \$371,237 over the prior fiscal year, consists of several function categories as follows:

Pupils and instructional staff include the activities involved with assisting staff with the content and process of teaching to pupils.

Board of education, administration and fiscal includes expenses associated with administrative and financial supervision of the School District.

Operation and maintenance of plant activities involve keeping the school grounds, buildings, and equipment in an effective working condition.

Pupil transportation includes activities involved with the conveyance of students to and from school, as well as to and from school activities, as provided by state law.

Central includes expenses related to planning, research, development and evaluation of support services, as well as the reporting of this information internally and to the public.

Operation of non-instructional services includes the preparation, delivery, and servicing of lunches, snacks and other incidental meals to students and school staff in connection with school activities.

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Extracurricular activities includes expense related to student activities provided by the School District which are designed to provide opportunities for pupils to participate in school events, public events, or a combination of these for the purposes of motivation, enjoyment and skill improvement.

Interest and fiscal charges involves the transactions associated with the payment of interest and other related charges to debt of the School District.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. In Table 3, the total cost of services column contains all costs related to the programs and the net cost column shows how much of the total amount is not covered by program revenues. Net costs are costs that must be covered by unrestricted State aid (State Foundation) or local taxes. The difference in these two columns would represent restricted grants, fees and donations and interest.

Table 3
Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services 2008	Net Cost of Services 2008	Total Cost of Services 2007	Net Cost of Services 2007
Instruction	\$9,436,401	\$6,726,842	\$9,085,568	\$6,863,025
Support Services	6,980,527	6,470,950	6,609,290	6,067,258
Operation of Non-				
Instructional Services	809,523	27,301	736,367	(16,853)
Extracurricular Activities	297,439	214,591	205,324	87,076
Interest and Fiscal Charges	192,435	192,435	196,775	196,775
Total Expenses	\$17,716,325	\$13,632,119	\$16,833,324	\$13,197,281
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The School District's Funds

Information about the School District's major funds starts on page 16. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues of \$18,415,750 and expenditures of \$16,761,875. The net change in fund balance for the fiscal year in the General Fund was \$1,661,596. Revenues increased \$388,769 primarily due to Property Taxes and Intergovernmental Revenues, while total expenditures decreased \$367,664, primarily due to the School District not transferring money to the Permanent Improvement Capital Projects Fund during fiscal year 2008.

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General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

At the end of fiscal year 2008, the School District amended its General Fund budget (and all other funds' budgets) so that the final appropriations equaled actual expenditures for the fiscal year. This resulted in the General Fund's final appropriations decreasing \$47,891 over the original appropriations.

For the General Fund, the final budget basis revenues differed from the original budgeted estimates of \$15,026,462 by \$332,250 to \$15,358,712.

For fiscal year 2008, the School District filed an amended certificate of estimated resources which had estimated revenues equaling actual revenues. In the General Fund, the School District originally budgeted Intergovernmental Revenue at \$9,335,886, and received \$9,191,730. Final estimated Intergovernmental Revenues was less than the original budget for the fiscal year by \$144,156. The majority of the difference was due to a decrease in funding relating to the decrease in the February ADM count.

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2008, the School District had \$25,996,134 invested in land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment, vehicles, and textbooks and instructional media.

Table 4 shows fiscal year 2008 balances compared to fiscal year 2007.

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

	Governmental Activities		Increase/
	2008 2007		(Decrease)
Land	\$444,360	\$444,360	\$0
Construction in Progress	0	191,631	(191,631)
Land Improvements	1,242,243	1,288,155	(45,912)
Buildings and Improvements	23,059,920	23,766,146	(706,226)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	608,691	644,606	(35,915)
Vehicles	595,910	556,684	39,226
Textbooks and Instructional Media	45,010	135,031	(90,021)
Totals	\$25,996,134	\$27,026,613	(\$1,030,479)

Overall, capital assets decreased \$1,030,479 from fiscal year 2007 to fiscal year 2008. The addition of capital assets (land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, and vehicles) of \$400,893 was offset by depreciation expense of \$1,373,292 and deletions for disposal of assets of \$58,080. See Note 9 to the basic financial statements for more detailed information.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2008, the School District had \$3,527,940 in total outstanding debt consisting of general obligation bonds and capital leases. This figure includes accretion on capital appreciation bonds. At June 30, 2008, the School District's overall legal debt margin was \$12,836,999 and the unvoted debt margin was \$636,706. Table 5 summarizes the debt outstanding at fiscal year-end.

Table 5
Outstanding Debt, at Fiscal Year-End
Governmental Activities

	2008	2007
General Obligation Bonds	\$3,399,791	\$3,563,207
Capital Leases	128,149	162,754
Totals	\$3,527,940	\$3,725,961

For more information on debt administration, refer to Note 15 of the notes to the basic financial statements.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008 Unaudited

Current Financial Issues and Concerns

The Board of Education and the administration of the School District place a strong emphasis on academic programs. The School District offers a wide range of learning opportunities and every effort is made to assure that each student is provided the best education possible within the limits of the School District's resources.

The School District features a traditional child centered curriculum with emphasis on basic studies. A well trained staff stresses "hands on" learning activities through up-to-date instructional practices. Special programs are available to serve the educationally disadvantaged. In addition, a variety of classroom or building enrichment activities are offered. The academic program includes diversified high school course selections, career education, and vocal and instrumental music programs. Co-curricular activities appropriate to age and grade level are available to complement the curricular program. The School District also provides preschool and latchkey programs in an effort to better serve families in our community by offering additional educational programs.

The School District adopted an open enrollment policy for fiscal year 2004, accepting students from other districts. This resulted in decreasing the loss from Union Scioto students going to other school districts.

With the completion of the Ohio School Facilities Commission project in 2003, the School District's classroom facilities are in excellent physical condition and allow the Board of Education and administration to provide a safe and pleasant environment for students to...believe, achieve and succeed. The School District is now focusing on renovations to the athletic facility. In June of 2006, a major improvement to the school outdoor athletic complex took place, as the bleachers were replaced on both the home and visitor sides of the athletic field. With this improvement the School District was also able to provide access to the handicapped and accommodate larger crowds. In June of 2007, the School District completed the improvements to the outdoor athletic complex. A new concession stand, restroom facility, team room, pavilion, and ticket booth were constructed. In cooperation with the Ross County Engineers Department, the School District was also able to improve safety conditions on the campus by constructing an underground tunnel that leads to the entrance of the outdoor athletic complex. In June, 2008, the renovations to the high school gymnasium were completed. This included painting, refinishing the floor and the installation of new, handicapped accessible bleachers.

The School District is in the third year of a five year technology replacement plan. This plan includes upgrading and replacing over 750 computers used throughout the School District by 2011. It also includes the installation of smart boards in the classrooms to provide teachers and students with additional interactive learning tools.

On March 2, 2004, the voters of the School District approved the renewal of a one-half percent tax on the income of residents and of estates within the School District. This levy began January, 2005 and will continue for five years.

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The School District also has a considerable amount of State tax-exempt property and has pursued this issue with the assistance of the County Auditor. Their efforts prevailed and the School District began receiving an additional allowance in State funding in fiscal year 2005.

In conclusion, the Union Scioto Local School District has committed itself to financial excellence. The School District's system of financial planning, budgeting, and internal financial controls are well regarded. The School District plans to continue its sound fiscal management to meet the challenges of the future and to provide the best educational opportunities to its children.

Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Kristen Rhoads, Treasurer, at Union Scioto Local School District, 1565 Egypt Pike, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601 or e-mail at krhoads@mail.gsn.k12.oh.us.

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Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2008

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$10,142,343
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agent	762,650
Materials and Supplies Inventory	16,079
Accrued Interest Receivable	2,837
Intergovernmental Receivable	209,558
Prepaid Items	11,021
Income Taxes Receivable	465,435
Property Taxes Receivable	2,989,223
Deferred Charges	55,854
Capital Assets:	
Land and Construction in Progress	444,360
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	25,551,774
Total Assets	40,651,134
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	82,888
Contracts Payable	100,600
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	1,339,235
Intergovernmental Payable	398,122
Accrued Interest Payable	11,308
Personal Leave Balance Payable	15,348
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	80,669
Deferred Revenue	2,656,593
Claims Payable	270,996
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	366,270
Due Within More Than One Year	5,042,747
Total Liabilities	10,364,776
Net Assets:	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	22,672,059
Restricted for:	
Debt Service	483,216
Capital Projects	359,077
Other Purposes	848,683
Set-Asides	147,940
Unrestricted	5,775,383
Total Net Assets	\$30,286,358

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, Contributions and Interest	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$8,297,899	\$1,545,082	\$252,118	\$0	(\$6,500,699)
Special	1,135,853	0	912,359	0	(223,494)
Vocational	2,649	0	0	0	(2,649)
Support Services:					
Pupils	740,951	0	334,657	0	(406,294)
Instructional Staff	843,285	0	8,191	0	(835,094)
Board of Education	1,272,249	15,108	0	0	(1,257,141)
Administration	1,228,705	35,787	8,534	0	(1,184,384)
Fiscal	391,573	0	0	0	(391,573)
Business	73,084	0	0	0	(73,084)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,532,119	40,766	0	0	(1,491,353)
Pupil Transportation	889,561	0	57,534	0	(832,027)
Central	9,000	0	9,000	0	0
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:					
Food Services	809,523	359,746	422,476	0	(27,301)
Extracurricular Activities	297,439	68,348	1,500	13,000	(214,591)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	192,435	0	0	0	(192,435)
Total Governmental Activities	\$17,716,325	\$2,064,837	\$2,006,369	\$13,000	(13,632,119)
		General Revenues: Income Taxes Property Taxes Levied	for:		1,107,173
		General Purposes			3,069,289
		Debt Service			293,619
		Capital Outlay			56,760
		Grants and Entitlement	s not Restricted		
		to Specific Program			9,602,492
		Investment Earnings			291,765
		Miscellaneous			52,055
		Total General Revenue	S		14,473,153
		Change in Net Assets			841,034
		Net Assets at Beginnin	g of Year		29,445,324
		Net Assets at End of Ye	ear		\$30,286,358

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2008

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$6,973,314	\$1,943,938	\$8,917,252
Restricted Assets:			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	161,026	0	161,026
Receivables:			
Property Taxes	2,704,679	284,544	2,989,223
Income Taxes	465,435	0	465,435
Intergovernmental	0	204,473	204,473
Interfund	204,473	0	204,473
Accrued Interest	2,837	0	2,837
Prepaid Items	11,021	0	11,021
Materials and Supplies Inventory	0	16,079	16,079
Total Assets	\$10,522,785	\$2,449,034	\$12,971,819
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances:</u> <u>Liabilities:</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$76,864	\$6,024	\$82,888
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	1,108,152	231,083	1,339,235
Contracts Payable	100,600	0	100,600
Intergovernmental Payable	356,428	41,694	398,122
Interfund Payable	0	204,473	204,473
Personal Leave Balances Payable	13,481	1,867	15,348
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	80,669	0	80,669
Deferred Revenue	2,539,527	457,791	2,997,318
Total Liabilities	4,275,721	942,932	5,218,653
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for Encumbrances	64,318	223,908	288,226
Reserved for Property Taxes	234,311	25,306	259,617
Reserved for Textbooks and Instructional Materials	147,940	0	147,940
Reserved for Bus Purchases	9,080	0	9,080
Reserved for Unclaimed Monies	4,006	0	4,006
Unreserved, Undesignated, Reported in:			
General Fund	5,787,409	0	5,787,409
Special Revenue Funds	0	493,508	493,508
Debt Service Fund	0	467,583	467,583
Capital Projects Funds	0	295,797	295,797
Total Fund Balances	6,247,064	1,506,102	7,753,166
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$10,522,785	\$2,449,034	\$12,971,819

Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to Net Assets of Governmental Activities June 30, 2008

Total Governmental Fund Balances		\$7,753,166
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and		
therefore are not reported in the funds. These assets consist of:		
Land	444,360	
Other capital assets	37,847,887	
Accumulated depreciation	(12,296,113)	
Total capital assets		25,996,134
Some of the School District's revenues will be collected after fiscal year-end,		
but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures		
and therefore are deferred in the funds.		
Delinquent property taxes	73,013	
Income taxes	69,159	
Intergovernmental	198,553	
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	340,725
The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of		
insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the Internal Service		
Fund are included in governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets.		1,560,804
Bond issuance costs reported as an expenditure in governmental funds are		
allocated as an expense over the life of the debt on a full accrual basis.		55,854
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are		
not reported in the funds. Those liabilities consist of:		
Bonds payable	(3,053,873)	
Accretion on bonds	(148,011)	
Accrued interest on bonds	(11,308)	
Premium on refunding	(197,907)	
Capital lease	(128,149)	
Compensated absences	(1,881,077)	
Total liabilities	(-,,-,-,-)	(5,420,325)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities		\$30,286,358

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$3,077,217	\$353,095	\$3,430,312
Income Taxes	1,108,640	0	1,108,640
Intergovernmental	9,191,730	2,245,961	11,437,691
Interest	291,765	0	291,765
Tuition and Fees	1,545,082	0	1,545,082
Rent	40,766	0	40,766
Extracurricular Activities	0	104,135	104,135
Contributions and Donations	17,500	12,950	30,450
Customer Sales and Services	15,108	359,746	374,854
Miscellaneous	42,297	9,758	52,055
Total Revenues	15,330,105	3,085,645	18,415,750
Expenditures:			
Expenduares. Current:			
Instruction:			
	6 244 505	915 012	7 160 507
Regular	6,344,595 617,776	815,912	7,160,507
Special Vocational		542,617 0	1,160,393
	1,806	U	1,806
Support Services:	122 676	206 742	720 410
Pupils	433,676	296,743	730,419
Instructional Staff	771,745	10,716	782,461
Board of Education	1,271,989	0	1,271,989
Administration	1,088,950	82,565	1,171,515
Fiscal	384,265	7,286	391,551
Business	34,704	0	34,704
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,513,393	22,799	1,536,192
Pupil Transportation	921,200	0	921,200
Central	0	9,000	9,000
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:			
Food Services	0	790,443	790,443
Extracurricular Activities	109,746	108,313	218,059
Capital Outlay	90,600	103,564	194,164
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	34,605	195,000	229,605
Interest and Fiscal Charges	13,052	144,815	157,867
Total Expenditures	13,632,102	3,129,773	16,761,875
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	1,698,003	(44,128)	1,653,875
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfers-In	0	36,407	36,407
Transfers-Out	(36,407)	0	(36,407)
Transiers Out	(30,407)		(30,407)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(36,407)	36,407	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,661,596	(7,721)	1,653,875
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	4,585,468	1,513,823	6,099,291
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$6,247,064	\$1,506,102	\$7,753,166

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds		\$1,653,875
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, these amounts are:		
Capital assets additions	400,893	
Depreciation expense	(1,373,292)	
Excess of depreciation expense over capital outlay	<u> </u>	(972,399)
The proceeds from the sale of capital assets are reported as revenue in the governmental funds. However, the cost of capital assets are removed from the capital asset account in the Statement of Net Assets and offset against the proceeds from the sale of capital assets resulting in a loss on the sale of capital assets		
in the Statement of Activities.		
Loss on disposal of capital assets		(58,080)
Because some revenues will not be collected for several months after the School District's fiscal year ends, they are not considered "available" revenues and are deferred in the governmental funds.		
Delinquent property taxes	(10,644)	
Income taxes	(1,467)	
Intergovernmental	153,720	
Total (increase)/decrease		141,609
The Internal Service Fund used by management to charge the cost of insurance to individual funds is reported in the entity-wide Statement of Activities.		3,794
Repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure in governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. In the current fiscal year, these amounts consist of: Bond principal retirement Capital Lease	195,000 34,605	
Total long-term debt repayment	34,003	229,605
Amortization of bond issuance costs, bond premiums and the deferred loss on refunding of debt is not reported in the funds, but is allocated as an expense over the life of the debt in the Statement of Activities.		22>,000
Amortization of Loss on Refunding	(9,523)	
Amortization of Bond Premium	13,268	
Amortization of Bond Issuance Costs	(3,744)	1
Some items reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. These activities consist of:		1
Increase in compensated absences payable	(122,802)	
Decrease in accrued interest Accretion on bonds	760 (35.320)	
Accretion on bonds Total (increase)/decrease	(35,329)	(157,371)
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	_	\$841,034

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis) General Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Budgeted A	Amounts		Variance Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$2,962,362	\$3,036,941	\$3,036,941	\$0
Income Taxes	960,656	1,177,348	1,177,348	0
Intergovernmental	9,335,886	9,191,730	9,191,730	0
Interest	314,639	291,940	291,940	0
Tuition and Fees	1,327,629	1,545,082	1,545,082	0
Rent	25,635	40,766	40,766	0
Contributions and Donations	52,500	17,500	17,500	0
Customer Sales and Service	18,233	15,108	15,108	0
Miscellaneous	28,922	42,297	42,297	0
Total Revenues	15,026,462	15,358,712	15,358,712	0
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	6,428,791	6,281,765	6,281,765	0
Special	465,868	573,619	573,619	0
Vocational	5,349	2,088	2,088	0
Support Services:				
Pupils	406,840	436,820	436,820	0
Instructional Staff	1,015,959	773,140	773,140	0
Board of Education	1,585,579	1,464,507	1,464,507	0
Administration	859,594	1,070,740	1,070,740	0
Fiscal	400,289	392,362	392,362	0
Business	99,912	81,354	81,354	0
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,723,743	1,710,745	1,710,745	0
Pupil Transportation	876,923	953,408	953,408	0
Extracurricular Activities	112,211	105,519	105,519	0
Capital Outlay	0	87,100	87,100	0
Capital Odday		67,100	87,100	
Total Expenditures	13,981,058	13,933,167	13,933,167	0
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	1,045,404	1,425,545	1,425,545	0
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers-Out	(477,819)	(211,407)	(211,407)	0
Advances-In	105,910	221,618	221,618	0
Advances-Out	(221,617)	(204,473)	(204,473)	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(593,526)	(194,262)	(194,262)	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	451,878	1,231,283	1,231,283	0
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Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	4,655,277	4,655,277	4,655,277	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	614,461	614,461	614,461	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$5,721,616	\$6,501,021	\$6,501,021	\$0

Statement of Fund Net Assets Internal Service Fund June 30, 2008

	Self-Insurance
Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,064,065
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agent	762,650
Receivables:	
Intergovernmental	5,085
Total Assets	1,831,800
<u>Liabilities:</u> Claims Payable	270,996
Net Assets: Unrestricted	\$1,560,804

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets Internal Service Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Self-Insurance
Operating Revenues:	
Charges for Services	\$2,392,969
Operating Expenses:	
Purchased Services	90,941
Claims	2,298,234
Total Operating Expenses	2,389,175
Change in Net Assets	3,794
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	1,557,010
Net Assets at End of Year	\$1,560,804

Statement of Cash Flows Internal Service Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Self-Insurance
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents:	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Receipts from Interfund Services Provided	\$2,392,969
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(90,941)
Cash Payments for Claims	(2,219,780)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	82,248
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Repayment of Loans from Other Governments	22,269
Short-Term Loans to Other Governments	(5,085)
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	17,184
Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	99,432
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	1,727,283
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$1,826,715
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash	
Provided by Operating Activities:	
Operating Income	\$3,794
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Increase in Claims Payable	78,454
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$82,248

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities Agency Fund June 30, 2008

	Student Managed Activities
Assets: Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$39,618
<u>Liabilities:</u> Undistributed Monies	\$39,618

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

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

The School District was established in 1935 through the consolidation of existing land areas and school districts. The School District serves an area of approximately 80 square miles. It is located in Ross County, and includes all of Union and Scioto Townships. It is staffed by 89 non-certificated employees, 127 certificated teaching personnel, and 16 administrative employees who provide services to 2,047 students and other community members. The School District currently operates two instructional buildings, one administrative building, one maintenance building, and a bus garage.

Reporting Entity:

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

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

The School District participates in seven organizations, four of which are defined as jointly governed organizations, two as insurance purchasing pools, and one as a claims servicing pool. These organizations are the South Central Ohio Computer Association, the Pickaway-Ross County Career and Technology Center, the Great Seal Education Network of Tomorrow, the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools, the Ohio Association of School Business Officials Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan, the Ohio School Plan, and the Ross County School Employees Insurance Consortium. These organizations are presented in Notes 17, 18 and 19 to the basic financial statements.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Union Scioto Local School District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The School District also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its governmental activities and to its Internal Service Fund unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant of the School District's accounting policies are described below.

A. Basis of Presentation

The School District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The activity of the Internal Service Fund is eliminated to avoid "doubling up" revenues and expenses. The statements normally distinguish between those activities that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities; however, the School District has no business-type activities.

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. Fund Accounting

The School District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain School District functions or activities. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. All funds of the School District fall within three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds:

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

The following is the School District's major governmental fund:

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

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

Proprietary Fund:

Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position and cash flows. Proprietary funds are classified as enterprise or internal service; the School District has no enterprise funds.

<u>Internal Service Fund</u> – Internal service funds account for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the School District. The School District's internal service fund is used to account for the medical, surgical and dental benefits provided to employees.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fiduciary Fund:

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

C. Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

Like the government-wide statements, all proprietary fund types are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the Statement of Fund Net Assets. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total assets. The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about how the School District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

D. Basis of Accounting

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Revenues - Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions

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

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

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

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.

Expenses/Expenditures

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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.

E. Budgetary Process

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

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the fiscal year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the School District Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the certificate when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as final budgeted amounts reflect the amounts in the amended certificate in effect at the time the final appropriations were passed. Before fiscal year-end, the School District requested and received an amended certificate of estimated resources that reflected actual revenue for the fiscal year-end in all funds.

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment by the Board throughout the fiscal year with the restriction that appropriations may not exceed estimated revenues. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the first appropriation for that fund that covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried over from prior fiscal years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the fiscal year, including all supplemental appropriations. Prior to fiscal year-end, the School District passed a supplemental appropriation that reflected actual expenditures plus encumbrances for the fiscal year.

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

The School District participates in a claims servicing pool that pays employee health insurance claims on the School District's behalf. The balance of the School District's funds held by the claims administrator and the fiscal agent at June 30, 2008, is presented as "Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agent".

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2008 amounted to \$291,765, which includes \$83,501 assigned from other School District funds.

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School District are considered to be cash equivalents.

G. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, laws of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted assets in the General Fund represent cash equivalents legally required to be set aside by the School District for the purchase of textbooks and instructional materials, unspent revenue restricted for bus purchases, and unclaimed monies held to be reclaimed by its rightful owner.

H. Inventory

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

I. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2008, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the fiscal year in which services are consumed.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

J. Capital Assets

All capital assets of the School District are general capital assets associated with governmental activities. General capital assets usually result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide Statement of Net Assets but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost, which is determined by indexing the current replacement cost back to the year of acquisition) and updated for additions and retirements during the fiscal year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The School District maintains a capitalization threshold of five thousand dollars. The School District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

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

Description	Estimated Lives
Land Improvements	20 years
Buildings and Improvements	20 - 50 years
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	8 - 10 years
Textbooks and Educational Media	5 - 20 years

K. Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "Interfund Receivable" and "Interfund Payable". These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the Statement of Net Assets.

L. Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the School District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The School District records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time when earned for all employees with more than one year of service.

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

On governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures to the extent payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the account "Matured Compensated Absences Payable" in the fund from which the employees are paid. The unmatured portion of the liability is not reported.

M. Bond Premiums/Issuance Costs/Interest on Capital Appreciation Bonds/Loss on Refunding

Bond issuance costs and bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method since the results are not significantly different from the effective interest method. Capital appreciation bonds are accreted each fiscal year for the interest accrued during the fiscal year. Bond premiums and discounts and the interest on capital appreciation bonds are presented as a reduction/addition of the face amount of the bonds payable whereas issuance costs are recorded as deferred charges.

The accounting loss on refunded bonds (difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt) is amortized over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter.

On the governmental and fund financial statements, issuance costs and bond premiums are recognized in the current period. Accretion on the capital appreciation bonds is not reported.

N. Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations payable from the proprietary fund are reported on the fund financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current fiscal year. Bonds and capital leases that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as an expenditure and liability in the governmental fund financial statements when due.

O. Fund Balance Reserves

The School District reserves those portions of fund balance which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and therefore are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund balance reserves have been established for encumbrances, property taxes, textbooks and instructional materials, bus purchases and unclaimed monies.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The reserve for property taxes represents taxes recognized as revenue under generally accepted accounting principles but not available for appropriation under State statute. Under Ohio law, unclaimed money must be held for five years before it becomes available for appropriation. Money not yet held for the five-year period is presented as reserved.

P. 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 enabling legislation adopted by the School District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments. Net assets restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for food service operations, and federal and State grants restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

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

Q. Internal Activity

Transfers within governmental activities are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function are eliminated on the Statement of Activities. Payments for interfund services provided and used are not eliminated.

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 and after non-operating revenues/expenses in the proprietary fund. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

R. Estimates

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 3 – ACCOUNTABILITY

At June 30, 2008, the Food Service, Early Childhood Education, Title VI-B, Title I and Title II-A Special Revenue Funds had deficit fund balances of \$28,595, \$39,677, \$24,593, \$70,626 and \$12,027, respectively. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur. The deficits in these funds are the result of the application of generally accepted accounting principles and the requirement to accrue liabilities when incurred. These deficits do not exist on the cash basis.

NOTE 4 – BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

- 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 (budget basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (GAAP basis).
- 4. Advances-In and Advances-Out are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP and budgetary basis statements for the General Fund.

Net Change in Fund Balance

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	General		
GAAP Basis	\$1,661,596		
Adjustments:			
Revenue Accruals	28,607		
Expenditure Accruals	332,254		
Transfers	(175,000)		
Advances	17,145		
Encumbrances	(633,319)		
Budget Basis	\$1,231,283		

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 5 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board of Education has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

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

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

- 1. United States Treasury notes, bills, bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States:
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- 3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above;
- 4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
- 5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
- 6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2);
- 7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio); and

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 5 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

8. Commercial paper and bankers acceptances if training requirements have been met.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

At June 30, 2008, the School District had "Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agent" on the Statement of Net Assets of \$762,650. This is money paid to a claims servicing pool that pays employee health insurance claims on the School District's behalf. The money is held by Ross-Pike Educational Service District, which is the fiscal agent for several school districts. Since the monies are commingled, no disclosures regarding risk can be disclosed under GASB Statement No. 40. The classification for the Ross-Pike Educational Service District as a whole can be obtained by writing to Erin Kirby, who serves as Treasurer, at 475 Western Avenue, Suite E, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

Deposits

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the School District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The School District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At fiscal year-end, \$10,092,130 of the School District's bank balance of \$10,292,130 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution.

Investments

As of June 30, 2008, the School District had the following investment:

	Fair Value	Average Maturity
STAROhio	\$2,377	53.8 days

Interest Rate Risk

As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses caused by rising interest rates, the School District's investment policy requires that, to the extent possible, investments will match anticipated cash flow requirements. No investment shall be made unless the Treasurer, at the time of making the investment, reasonably expects it can be held to its maturity. The School District will not directly invest in securities maturing more than five years from the date of investment. No investments shall be made that will cause the average duration of the portfolio to exceed three and a half years.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 6 – PROPERTY TAXES

Credit Risk

As of June 30, 2008, the School District's only investment was in STAROhio. STAROhio carries a rating of AAAm by Standard and Poor's. Ohio law requires that STAROhio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The School District's

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible personal property (used in business) located in the School District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar year 2008 represents collections of calendar year 2007 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2008 were levied after April 1, 2007, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2007, the lien date.

Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

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

Tangible personal property tax revenue received during calendar year 2008 (other than public utility property) represents the collection of 2008 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2008 were levied after April 1, 2007, on the value as of December 31, 2007. In prior years, tangible personal property was assessed at twenty-five percent of true value for capital assets and twenty-three percent of true value for inventory. The tangible personal property tax is being phased out – the assessment percentage for all property including inventory for 2008 is 6.25 percent and will be zero for 2009. Payments by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20. Tangible personal property taxes paid by April 30 are usually received by the School District prior to June 30.

The School District receives property taxes from Ross County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2008, are available to finance fiscal year 2008 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 6 – PROPERTY TAXES (continued)

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and tangible personal property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2008 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is reported as revenue at fiscal year-end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred revenue.

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 is deferred.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2008 was \$234,311 in the General Fund, \$21,079 in the Bond Retirement Debt Service Fund and \$4,227 in the Other Governmental Funds. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2007, was \$194,035 in the General Fund, \$22,309 in the Bond Retirement Debt Service Fund and \$3,895 in the Other Governmental Funds.

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

	2007 Secon	nd -	2008 Firs	st -
	Half Collections		Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Real Estate	\$141,377,840	94.51%	\$165,308,770	95.58%
Public Utility Personal	6,435,540	4.30%	5,252,450	3.04%
General Business Personal	1,784,620	1.19%	2,387,030	1.38%
Total Assessed Value	\$149,598,000	100.00%	\$172,948,250	100.00%
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$34.60		\$34.10	

NOTE 7 – INCOME TAX

The School District levies a voted tax of one-half percent for general operations on the income of residents and of estates. The tax was effective on January 1, 2000, and continued for five years. On March 2, 2004, the voters of the School District approved the renewal of the income tax levy. Collections began January, 2005 and will continue for five years. Employers of residents are required to withhold income tax on compensation and remit the tax to the State. Taxpayers are required to file an annual return. The State makes quarterly distributions to the School District after withholding amounts for administrative fees and estimated refunds. Income tax revenue is credited to the General Fund.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 8 – RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2008, consisted of property and income taxes, interfund, accrued interest and intergovernmental grants. The Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund intergovernmental receivable consists of claims payments made on behalf of other members of the Ross County Insurance Consortium using surplus monies of the School District. All receivables, except for property taxes and the Internal Service Fund receivables, are considered fully collectible within one year due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current fiscal year guarantee of federal funds. Property taxes, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquents that will not be collected within one year. Internal Service receivables are considered to be fully collectible, although the total amount may not be received within one year.

The principal items of governmental fund intergovernmental receivables follows:

Governmental Activities:	Amount
Title VI-B	\$42,211
Early Childhood Education	78,502
Title V	2,114
Title I	68,810
Title II-A	9,030
Title II-D	3,806
Total Governmental Activities	204,473
Business-Type Activities:	
Due from Consortium Members	5,085
Total Intergovernmental Receivable	\$209,558

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 9 – CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balance at 6/30/2007	Additions	Deletions	Balance at 6/30/2008
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$444,360	\$0	\$0	\$444,360
Construction in Progress	191,631	90,720	282,351	0
Total Capital Assets Not Being				
Depreciated	635,991	90,720	282,351	444,360
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Land Improvements	1,676,334	33,830	0	1,710,164
Buildings and Improvements	32,140,716	283,615	0	32,424,331
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	1,101,329	119,035	77,440	1,142,924
Vehicles	1,874,295	156,044	0	2,030,339
Textbooks and Educational Media	540,129	0	0	540,129
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	37,332,803	592,524	77,440	37,847,887
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Land Improvements	(388,179)	(79,742)	0	(467,921)
Buildings and Improvements	(8,374,570)	(989,841)	0	(9,364,411)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(456,723)	(96,870)	(19,360)	(534,233)
Vehicles	(1,317,611)	(116,818)	0	(1,434,429)
Textbooks and Educational Media	(405,098)	(90,021)	0	(495,119)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(10,942,181)	(1,373,292) *	(19,360)	(12,296,113)
Total Capital Assets Being				
Depreciated, Net	26,390,622	(780,768)	58,080	25,551,774
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Net	\$27,026,613	(\$690,048)	\$340,431	\$25,996,134

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 9 – CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

* Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:	
Regular	\$1,088,850
Vocational	844
Support Services:	
Instructional Staff	56,720
Board of Education	267
Administration	4,598
Business	38,380
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,813
Pupil Transportation	121,802
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:	
Food Services	17,915
Extracurricular Activities	41,103
Total Depreciation Expense	\$1,373,292

NOTE 10 – RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property and Liability

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2008, the School District contracted with Ohio Casualty for building and contents and fleet insurance. Insurance coverage provided includes the following:

Building and Contents replacement cost (\$2,500 deductible)	\$51,650,692
Inland Marine Coverage (\$500 deductible)	156,283
Automobile Liability (\$500 deductible)	1,000,000
Uninsured Motorists (\$500 deductible)	1,000,000

During fiscal year 2008, the School District participated in the Ohio School Plan (OSP), an insurance purchasing pool. Each individual school district enters into an agreement with the OSP and its premium is based on types of coverage, limits of coverage, and deductibles that it selects. The School District pays this annual premium to Hylant Administrative Services, LLC (See Note 18).

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 10 – RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

The types and amounts of coverage provided by the Ohio School Plan are as follows:

Educational General Liability Coverage Form:	
Bodily Injury and Property Damage Limit - Each Occurrence and	
Sexual Abuse Injury Limit - Each Sexual Abuse Offense	\$3,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury Limit - Each Offense	3,000,000
Fire Damage Limit	500,000
Medical Expense - Any One Person Limit	10,000
Medical Expense - Each Accident Limit	10,000
General Aggregate Limit	5,000,000
Products - Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	3,000,000
Employee Benefits Liability Coverage Endorsement - Claims Made:	
Each Offense Limit	3,000,000
Aggregate Limit	5,000,000
Employer's Liability - Stop Gap Coverage Endorsement:	
Bodily Injury by Accident - Each Accident	3,000,000
Bodily Injury by Disease	3,000,000
Bodily Injury by Disease - Each Employee	3,000,000
Educational Legal Liability Coverage - Claims Made (\$2,500 deductible):	
Errors and Omissions Injury Limit	3,000,000
Errors and Omissions Injury Aggregate Limit	5,000,000
Employment Practices Injury Limit	3,000,000
Employment Practices Injury Aggregate Limit	5,000,000
Excess Liability Coverage:	
Educational General Liability	
Bodily Injury and Property Damage Limit - Each Occurrence	2,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury Limit - Each Offense	2,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Products - Complete Operations Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Employee Benefits Liability - Claims Made	
Employee Benefits Injury - Each Offense Limit	2,000,000
Employee Benefits Injury - Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Educational Legal Liability - Claims Made	
Errors and Omissions Injury Limit	2,000,000
Errors and Omissions Injury Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Employment Practices Injury Limit	2,000,000
Employment Practices Injury Agregate Limits	2,000,000

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 10 – RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

B. Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2008, the School District participated in the Ohio Association of School Business Officials Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 18). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Sheakley Uniservice, Inc. provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the GRP.

C. Employee Medical, Dental and Vision Benefits

Medical/surgical, dental and vision insurance is offered to employees through a self-insurance internal service fund. The School District is a member of a claims servicing pool, consisting of thirteen school districts and one educational service center within Ross County and its surrounding area, in which monthly premiums are paid to the fiscal agent, who in turn pays the claims on the School District's behalf. The claims liability of \$270,996 reported in the Internal Service Fund at June 30, 2008, is based on an estimate provided by the third party administrator and the requirements of *GASB Statement No. 30 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues*," which requires that a liability for unpaid claim costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. The estimate was not affected by incremental claim adjustment expenses and does not include other allocated or unallocated claim adjustment expenses.

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

	Balance at	Current		
	Beginning of	Year	Claims	Balance at
	Year	Claims	Payments	End of Year
2007	\$170,719	\$1,809,651	\$1,787,828	\$192,542
2008	192,542	2,298,234	2,219,780	270,996

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employee Retirement System

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

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current School District rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the School District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits; for fiscal year 2008, 9.16 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to a statutory maximum amount of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$165,709, \$179,809 and \$177,907 respectively; 44.0 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

B. 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 plan. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio website at www.strsoh.org.

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

Funding Policy – For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The School District was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2007, the portion used to fund pension obligations was also 13 percent. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$844,016, \$784,933, and \$796,744 respectively; 83.11 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2008 were \$4,189 made by the School District and \$7,491 made by the plan members.

C. Social Security System

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

NOTE 12 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employee Retirement System

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 12 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which is available by contacting SERS at 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746.

Funding Policy – State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 401h. For 2008, 4.18 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined amount; for 2008, this amount was \$35,800.

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

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The School District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$102,360, \$90,373, and \$79,355, respectively; 44.0 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare Part B Fund. For 2008, this actuarially required allocation was 0.66 percent of covered payroll. The School District's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$11,940, \$11,516, and \$12,588, respectively; 44.0 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

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

Funding Policy – Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for postemployment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2008, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to one percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The School District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$64,924, \$60,379, and \$61,288, respectively; 83.11 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 13 – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation, sick leave and personal leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Eligible classified employees and administrators earn ten to twenty days of vacation per fiscal year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

All certificated and classified employees who work 12 months and all administrators earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-half days per month, while all other employees earn one and one-fourth days per month. An unlimited amount of sick leave may be accumulated for all personnel. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-half of accrued, but unused sick leave credit to a maximum payment of 180 days for all classified employees, 184 days for all teachers, and the entire balance for the Treasurer and Superintendent.

All employees earn four days of personal leave per fiscal year. Classified and certificated employees have the option of receiving payment of any unused personal days after fiscal year-end, or converting them to sick leave, to be used in subsequent years.

B. Insurance Benefits

The School District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through the Hartford Insurance Co.

C. Deferred Compensation

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 14 – LEASES – LESSEE DISCLOSURE

During fiscal year 2007, the School District entered into capitalized leases for copiers. All leases meet the criteria of a capital lease as defined by *Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13*, "Accounting for Leases," which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. Capital lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the basic financial statements for the governmental funds. These expenditures are reflected as program/function expenditures on a budgetary basis.

Capital assets acquired by lease were initially capitalized in the amount of \$191,898 which is equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. A corresponding liability was recorded on the Statement of Net Assets for governmental activities. Principal payments in fiscal year 2008 totaled \$34,605 and were paid from the General Fund.

The assets acquired through capital leases as of June 30, 2008, are as follows:

Copiers	\$191,898	(\$73,561)	\$118,337
	Value	Depreciation	Value
	Asset	Accumulated	Net Book

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the capital leases and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2008:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Total Payments
2009	\$47,657
2010	47,657
2011	47,657
2012	3,970
Total	146,941
Less: Amount Representing Interest	(18,792)
Present Value of Net Minimum Lease Payments	\$128,149

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 15 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The changes in the School District's long-term obligations during the fiscal year 2008 were as follows:

	Amounts			Amounts	Amounts
	Outstanding			Outstanding	Due in
	6/30/07	Additions	Deductions	6/30/08	One Year
Governmental Activities:					
General Obligation Bonds:					
2000 School Improvement					
Bonds - 4.4% to 5.5%					
Serial Bonds	\$720,000	\$0	\$170,000	\$550,000	\$175,000
Capital Appreciation Bonds	80,928	0	0	80,928	0
Accretion on Cap. Apprec.	106,680	27,780	0	134,460	0
2006 School Improvement					
Refunding Bonds - 3.65% to 4.75%					
Serial Bonds	2,575,000	0	25,000	2,550,000	25,000
Capital Appreciation Bonds	14,999	0	0	14,999	0
Accretion on Cap. Apprec.	6,002	7,549	0	13,551	0
Premium on Refunding	211,175	0	13,268	197,907	0
Unamortized Loss	(151,577)	0	(9,523)	(142,054)	0
Capital Leases	162,754	0	34,605	128,149	37,802
Compensated Absences	1,758,275	247,485	124,683	1,881,077	128,468
Total Governmental Activities					
Long-Term Obligations	\$5,484,236	\$282,814	\$358,033	\$5,409,017	\$366,270

2000 School Improvement Bonds – On November 14, 2000, the School District issued \$4,225,928 of voted general obligation bonds for purpose of constructing a new elementary school building and a new high school building. \$1,545,000 were issued as serial bonds with interest rates ranging from 4.4 percent to 4.85 percent. \$2,600,000 were issued as term bonds with an interest rate of 5.5 percent. These term bonds were refunded in fiscal year 2006 with proceeds of the 2007 School Improvement Refunding Bonds, as described below. \$80,928 was issued as capital appreciation bonds. The bonds were issued for a twenty-three year period, with final maturity December 1, 2022. The bonds will be retired from the Bond Retirement Debt Service Fund.

The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal years 2012 and 2013. The maturity amount of the bonds is \$400,000. For fiscal year 2008, \$27,780 was accreted on the capital appreciation bonds for a total outstanding bond value for the entire issue of \$765,388 at fiscal year-end.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 15 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (continued)

2006 School Improvement Refunding Bonds – On May 11, 2006, the School District issued \$2,599,999 of general obligation bonds for the purpose of refunding a portion (the term bonds only) of the 2000 School Improvement Bonds. Of the Refunding Bonds, \$2,585,000 are serial bonds with interest rates ranging from 3.65 to 4.75 percent and \$14,999 is a capital appreciation bond with an interest rate of 4.3 percent. The bonds were issued for a seventeen year period, with final maturity in December, 2022. The bonds will be retired from the Bond Retirement Debt Service Fund.

The serial bonds maturing on and after December 1, 2016 are subject to optional redemption, commencing June 1, 2016 at 100 percent of the face value of the bonds.

The capital appreciation bond is not subject to prior redemption. The bond will mature December 1, 2015. The maturity amount of the capital appreciation bond will be \$245,000. For fiscal year 2008, \$7,549 was accreted on the capital appreciation bond.

The refunding resulted in a difference of \$161,100 between the net carrying amount of the debt and the acquisition price. The difference, reported in the accompanying financial statements as a decrease to bonds payable, is being amortized to interest expense over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. The refunded bonds of \$2,600,000 outstanding at June 30, 2008 will be paid in full on December 1, 2010.

Principal and interest requirements to retire the School Improvement Bonds outstanding at June 30, 2008, are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Serial Bonds		Capital Appreciation Bonds		Total	
Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2009	\$200,000	\$135,695	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$135,695
2010	210,000	126,098	0	0	210,000	126,098
2011	215,000	116,052	0	0	215,000	116,052
2012	25,000	110,444	43,264	156,736	68,264	267,180
2013	25,000	109,444	37,664	162,336	62,664	271,780
2014-2018	960,000	349,309	14,999	230,001	974,999	579,310
2019-2023	1,465,000	169,294	0	0	1,465,000	169,294
Totals	\$3,100,000	\$1,116,336	\$95,927	\$549,073	\$3,195,927	\$1,665,409

Compensated absences and capital leases will be paid from the General Fund.

The School District's overall legal debt margin was \$12,836,999 with an unvoted debt margin of \$636,706 at June 30, 2008.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 16 – INTERFUND ACTIVITY

As of June 30, 2008, interfund receivables and payables that resulted from various interfund transactions were as follows:

		Receivable
4)		General Fund
Payable		
ays		
1	Other Governmental Funds	\$204,473

General Fund advances are made to move unrestricted balances to support programs and projects accounted for in other funds. Advancing monies to other funds is necessary due to timing differences in the receiving of grant monies. When the monies are finally received, the grant fund will use these restricted monies to reimburse the General Fund for the initial advance.

Transfers made during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 were as follows:

		Transfers From
S T		General
sfer		Fund
Transfers To		
L	Other Governmental Funds	\$36,407

Transfers from the General Fund represent subsidy monies for operations of the various funds receiving these monies.

NOTE 17 – JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A. South Central Ohio Computer Association

The School District is a participant in the South Central Ohio Computer Association (SCOCA), which is a computer consortium. SCOCA is an association of public school districts within the boundaries of Highland, Adams, Pike, Scioto, Brown, Ross, Jackson, Vinton, Pickaway, Gallia and Lawrence Counties. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. The governing board of SCOCA consists of two representatives from each county in the SCOCA service region designated by the Ohio Department of Education, two representatives of the school treasurers, plus a representative of the fiscal agent.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 17 – JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS (continued)

The School District paid SCOCA \$126,440 for services provided during the fiscal year. Financial information can be obtained from their fiscal agent, the Pike County Joint Vocational School District, Tonya Cooper who serves as Treasurer, at P.O. Box 577, 175 Beaver Creek Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

B. Pickaway-Ross County Career and Technology Center

The Pickaway-Ross County Career and Technology Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of eleven representatives from the various City and County Boards within Pickaway and Ross Counties, each of which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. The Technology Center provides vocational instruction to students in both Pickaway and Ross Counties. To obtain financial information write to the Pickaway-Ross County Career and Technology Center, Ben Van Horn who serves as Treasurer, at 895 Crouse Chapel Road, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

C. Great Seal Education Network of Tomorrow

The Great Seal Education Network of Tomorrow is a regional council of governments (the "Council") consisting of twelve city, local, and joint vocational school districts, two educational service centers and the Ohio University-Chillicothe Campus for the purpose of promoting the use of advanced telecommunications and technology to provide enhanced educational opportunities to the communities of Ross and Pickaway Counties. The Council is operated under the direction of a Board of Directors consisting of one representative (the superintendent or another person appointed by the board of education) of each of the members. The Council possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information, write to the Ohio University-Chillicothe Campus, who acts as fiscal agent, at 571 West Fifth Street, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

D. Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools

The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (the "Coalition") is a jointly governed organization of over one hundred school districts in southeastern Ohio. The Coalition is operated by a Board which is composed of fourteen members. The Board members are composed of one superintendent from each county elected by the school districts within that county. The Coalition provides various services for School District administrative personnel; gathers data regarding education conditions in the region; cooperates with other professional groups to assess and develop programs designed to meet the needs of member districts; and provides staff development programs for School District personnel. The Coalition is not dependent upon the continued participation of the School District and the School District does not maintain an equity interest in or a financial responsibility for the Coalition. The School District paid \$300 to the Coalition for services provided during the fiscal year. To obtain financial information, write to the Ohio University, who acts as fiscal agent, at McCracken Hall, Room 119E, Athens, Ohio 45701.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 18 – INSURANCE PURCHASING POOLS

A. Ohio Association of School Business Officials Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The School District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio Association of School Business Officials Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP) was established through the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) as a group insurance purchasing pool.

The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by a five member Board of Directors. Each year, the participants pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

B. Ohio School Plan

The School District participates in the Ohio School Plan (OSP), an insurance purchasing pool. The OSP is created and organized pursuant to and as authorized by Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code. The OSP is an unincorporated, non-profit association of its members and an instrumentality for each member for the purpose of enabling members of the OSP to provide for a formalized, joint insurance purchasing program to maintain adequate insurance protection, risk management programs and other administrative services. The OSP's business and affairs are conducted by a thirteen member Board of Directors consisting of school district superintendents and treasurers, as well as Dave Harcum, an independent consultant of Hylant Administrative Services, LLC, and a partner of the Hylant Administrative Services, LLC is the administrator of the OSP and is responsible for processing claims.

NOTE 19 – CLAIMS SERVICING POOL

Ross County School Employees Insurance Consortium

The School District is a member of the Ross County School Employees Insurance Consortium (the "Consortium"), a claims servicing pool consisting of thirteen school districts and one educational service center within Ross County and its surrounding area. Medical/surgical insurance is administered through a third party administrator, Medical Mutual. Dental and vision insurance is administered through a third party administrator, Professional Risk Management Co. The Consortium's business and affairs are managed by a Council consisting of one representative for each participating school. The participating school districts pay an administrative fee to the fiscal agent to cover the costs of administering the Consortium. To obtain financial information, write to the Ross-Pike Educational Service District, Erin Kirby who serves as Treasurer, at 475 Western Avenue, Suite E, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 20 – SET-ASIDE CALCULATIONS

The School District is required by State statute to annually set aside, in the General Fund, an amount based on a statutory formula for the purchase of textbooks and instructional materials and an equal amount for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by fiscal year-end or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the fiscal year must be held in cash at fiscal year-end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future fiscal years.

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

	Textbooks and	
	Instructional Capital	
	Materials	Acquisitions
Set-aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2007	\$174,296	\$0
Current Fiscal Year Set-aside Requirement	298,148	298,148
Qualifying Disbursements	(324,504)	(401,328)
Set-aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2008	\$147,940	(\$103,180)
Required Set-aside Balances Carried Forward to FY 2008	\$147,940	\$0

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

NOTE 21 - CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

The School District contracted for the replacement of bleachers in the gymnasium and the replacement of a walk-in freezer at the high school, as well as the replacement of the roof on the elementary school. The outstanding construction commitments at June 30, 2008 are:

	Contract	Amount	Balance at
Contractor	Amount	Expended	6/30/2008
Farnham Equipment	\$100,600	\$0	\$100,600
Stevens Construction	54,200	0	54,200
C&T Design & Equipment	54,929	0	54,929
Total	\$209,729	\$0	\$209,729

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 22 – CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The School District received financial assistance from Federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2008.

B. Litigation

The School District is currently not party to any pending litigation.

NOTE 23 – NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENT

For fiscal year 2008, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 48, "Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets and Future Revenues", and GASB No. 50, "Pension Disclosures", an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25 and No. 27. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 48 and 50 had some effect on the disclosure requirements, however, there was no effect on the prior period fund balances of the District.

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Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

Federal Grantor / Pass Through Grantor / Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:				
Nutrition Cluster: School Breakfast Program	06-PU-2008	10.553	\$92,364	\$92,364
National School Lunch Program	LL-P4 2008	10.555	297,905	297,905
Total Nutrition Cluster			390,269	390,269
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			390,269	390,269
U.S. Department of Education Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:				
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	C1-S1 2008	84.010	506,024	473,902
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA Part B)	6B-SD 2008	84.027	401,943	369,426
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities	DR-S1-08	84.186	9,363	9,363
Innovative Educational Program Strategies	C2-S1 2008	84.298	3,647	4,789
Title II-D Technology	TJ-S1 2008	84.318	4,231	4,222
Improving Teacher Quality Grants	TR-S1 2008	84.367	97,582	89,423
Total U.S. Department of Education			1,022,790	951,125
Total Federal Financial Assistance			\$1,413,059	\$1,341,394

Note 1 - Noncash Federal Financial Assistance

During the year ended June 30, 2008, the District received \$52,570 and used \$52,570 in fair value inventory under the Food Distribution (Commodities) Program, Federal CFDA Number 10.550, that is not reported in the above schedule. Program regulations do not require the Government to maintain separate inventory records for purchased food and food received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This nonmonetary assistance (expenditures) is reported in the Schedule at the fair market value of the commidities received. Donated commodities are used first and the ending inventory consists of purchased commodities. At June 30, 2008 the District had no significant food commodities inventory.

Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies

The District prepares its Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the general purpose financial statements.



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS

Independent Accountant's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by Government Auditing Standards

Board of Education Union Scioto Local School District 1565 Egypt Pike Road Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Union Scioto Local School District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 12, 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 of America.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

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

We consider the following deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting: 2008-001.

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

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also material weaknesses. We believe the significant deficiency described above is a material weakness.



Union Scioto Local School District Independent Accountant's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by Government Auditing Standards

We noted a certain internal control matter that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated December 12, 2008.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted an instance of noncompliance or other matters, not requiring inclusion in this report, that we have reported to the management of the District in a separate letter dated December 12, 2008.

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

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

1. L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc.

J. L. UHRIG AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

December 12, 2008



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS

Independent Accountant's Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

Board of Education Union Scioto Local School District 1565 Egypt Pike Road Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Union Scioto Local School District (the District) with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2008. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal programs are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the 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 occurred with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the 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 District's compliance with those requirements.

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

Internal Control over Compliance

The District's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could directly and materially affect 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 District's internal control over compliance.



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

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that the District's internal control will not prevent or detect material noncompliance with a federal program's compliance requirements.

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.

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

1. L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc.

J. L. UHRIG AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

December 12, 2008

UNION SCIOTO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

A. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

1.	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
2.	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
3.	Were there any other reportable internal control significant deficiencies reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
4.	Was there any material noncompliance reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
5.	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
6.	Were there any other reportable internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
7.	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified - Nutrition Cluster Unqualified - Special Education - Grants to States
8.	Are there any reportable findings under § .510?	No
9.	Major Programs (list):	CFDA #10.553; 10.555 Nutrition Cluster CFDA #84.027 Special Education - Grants to States
10.	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: >\$300,000 Type B: All Other Programs
11.	Low Risk Auditee?	No

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

FINDING NUMBER 2008-001

Significant Deficiency / Material Weakness

Ohio Admin. Code Section 117-2-02(A) provided that all local public offices shall maintain an accounting system and accounting records sufficient to enable the public office to identify, assemble, analyze, classify, record and report its transactions, maintain accountability for the related assets, document compliance with finance-related legal and contractual requirements and prepare financial statements required by Section 117-2-03 of the Administrative Code.

The District received open enrollment monies through the school foundations distributed by the Ohio Department of Education. These funds were designated as revenues of the General Fund. Two of these receipts were incorrectly posted to the Poverty Based Assistance Fund. Although the District discovered and corrected the error in November, 2008, the June 30, 2008 financial statements as presented for audit, did not have the correction.

The following audit adjustments were made to the June 30, 2008 financial statements to correct the errors in posting of receipts:

- 1. To increase cash and cash equivalents and intergovernmental revenue in the General Fund.
- 2. To decrease cash and cash equivalents and intergovernmental revenue in the Poverty Based Assistance Fund.

The lack of controls over the posting of financial transactions and financial reporting can result in errors and irregularities that may go undetected and decreases the reliability of financial data throughout the year.

We recommend the District take steps to ensure the accurate recording of receipts into the various funds and thereby increasing the reliability of the financial data throughout the year.

Officials' Response: For both of the receipts noted, the hand written receipt shows the money to be correctly posted. During data entry, the receipt was typed incorrectly, causing the posting error. In the future, staff will double check the data entry to assure a typing error does not occur.

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

There are no findings and questioned costs for federal awards.

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Corrective Action Plan For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Finding	Planned	Anticipated	Contact
Number	Corrective Action	Completion Date	Person
2008-001	The District staff will double check the postings for accuracy to assure that typing errors do not occur.	Immediately	Kristen Rhoads, Treasurer



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

UNION SCIOTO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ROSS COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED MARCH 10, 2009