# SOUTHINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUMBULL COUNTY Single Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

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Certified Public Accountants, A.C



Board of Education Southington Local School District 4432 State Route 305 NW Southington, Ohio 44470

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report* of the Southington Local School District, Trumbull County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A. C., for the audit period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. 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 Southington Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

February 11, 2011



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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

December 23, 2010

Southington Local School District Trumbull County 4432 State Route 305 NW Southington, OH 44470

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Southington Local School District**, **Trumbull County**, **Ohio** (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Southington Local School District, as of June 30, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and the 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 our report dated December 23, 2010, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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

We conducted our audit to opine on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures Schedule is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures Schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

As described in Note 3, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 51, Accounting and Reporting Intangible Assets, Statement No. 53, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, Statement No. 57, OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans, and Statement No. 58, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Chapter 9 Bankruptcies, for the year ending June 30, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry and Associates

Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010 Unaudited

The discussion and analysis of Southington Local School District's (the School District) financial performance is presented by the School District's management and provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. 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 basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

# **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2010 include:

- The School District is committed to meeting the academic needs of our students by providing them with updated equipment and facilities to compete in a global environment. During fiscal year 2010, new computers were purchased along with a new pump for the water system. Also, construction in progress increased due to the continued construction of the new school building.
- Governmental activities reflected an overall increase in revenues from fiscal year 2009 from increased grant revenue offset by decreased property taxes and interest. The decrease in property taxes and interest is the direct result of current economic conditions nationwide.
- Total program expenses for fiscal year 2010 were less than the previous fiscal year, due to staffing reductions in coaching and support staff personnel and decreased fuel costs due to route adjustments.

#### **Using this Annual Financial Report**

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

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole School District, presenting both an aggregate and longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements explain 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 non-major funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the Southington Local School District, the general fund, Ohio School Facilities capital projects fund and the bond retirement fund are the most significant funds.

# Reporting the School District as a Whole

Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

This analysis of the School District encompasses all of the School District's funds used to provide programs and activities and presents them as a whole. This view of the School District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and answers the questions, "What were the fiscal changes throughout the year?" and "What was the net effect of those changes?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of

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Activities provide the basis for answering these questions. The 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 recognizes all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School District's *net assets* and any changes in those assets. The 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 strictly within the scope of the School District, some not. External factors include the School District's property tax base, community demographics, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, required educational programs and other factors.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, most of the School District's activities are classified as governmental. All of the School District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, extracurricular activities and food services.

# Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

The analysis of the School District's major funds begins on page 9. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, the fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds.

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

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

#### The School District as a Whole

You may recall that the Statement of Net Assets provides the perspective of the School District as a whole. Table 1 provides a comparison of the School District's Net Assets for 2010 compared to 2009:

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# (Table 1) Net Assets

	Governmental Activities				
	2010 2009		Change		
Assets					
Current and Other Assets	\$21,149,565	\$26,665,021	(\$5,515,456)		
Capital Assets, Net	9,325,860	2,402,536	6,923,324		
Total Assets	30,475,425	29,067,557	1,407,868		
Liabilities					
Current and Other Liabilities	3,426,188	2,574,987	(851,201)		
Long Term Liabilities:					
Due Within One Year	185,368	138,801	(46,567)		
Due in More than One Year	8,120,763	8,347,459	226,696		
Total Liabilities	11,732,319	11,061,247	(671,072)		
Net Assets					
Invested in Capital Assets	9,093,073	2,388,597	6,704,476		
Restricted:					
Capital Projects	8,294,826	14,640,602	(6,345,776)		
Debt Service	231,702	126,408	105,294		
Set-Asides	313,675	233,178	80,497		
Other Purposes	483,843	334,428	149,415		
Unrestricted	325,987	283,097	42,890		
Total Net Assets	\$18,743,106	\$18,006,310	\$736,796		

As one can see from the increase in overall net assets, the School District continues to provide the services that the School District citizens expect while maintaining the costs of providing those services during the current economic recession.

Total assets for the School District increased from additions to capital assets, which was offset by the reduction in the receivable for the Ohio School Facilities Commission monies.

Overall total liabilities increased due to the increase of contracts payable as a result of the continuing construction projects, this increase was offset slightly by the current year's debt payment.

In order to further understand what makes up the changes in net assets for the current year, the following table gives readers further details regarding the results of activities for the current fiscal year. Table 2 shows total revenues, expenses and changes in net assets for the fiscal years 2010 and 2009.

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(Table 2)
Change in Net Assets - Governmental Activities

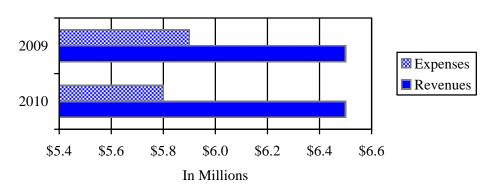
	2010	2009	Change
Revenues			
Program Revenues			
Charges for Services and Sales	\$582,765	\$589,645	(\$6,880)
Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	659,472	292,585	366,887
Capital Grants	3,600	11,862	(8,262)
Total Program Revenues	1,245,837	894,092	351,745
General Revenues:			
Property Taxes	1,933,851	1,992,791	(58,940)
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted			
to Specific Programs	2,956,793	2,929,766	27,027
Investment Earnings	280,969	564,528	(283,559)
Miscellaneous	86,921	79,498	7,423
Total General Revenues	5,258,534	5,566,583	(308,049)
Total Revenues	6,504,371	6,460,675	43,696
Program Expenses			
Instruction:			
Regular	2,618,781	2,757,454	138,673
Special	254,710	270,677	15,967
Support Services:			
Pupil	556,688	571,956	15,268
Instructional Staff	159,535	123,918	(35,617)
Board of Education	75,048	55,614	(19,434)
Administration	461,567	440,813	(20,754)
Fiscal	265,073	240,515	(24,558)
Business	19,915	31,964	12,049
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	352,639	407,370	54,731
Pupil Transportation	324,441	318,925	(5,516)
Central	6,859	11,070	4,211
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	833	826	(7)
Food Service Operations	201,012	184,316	(16,696)
Extracurricular Activities	142,078	200,193	58,115
Interest and Fiscal Charges	328,396	331,396	3,000
Total Expenses	5,767,575	5,947,007	179,432
Increase in Net Assets	736,796	513,668	223,128
Net Assets Beginning of Year	18,006,310	17,492,642	513,668
Net Assets End of Year	10,000,510	17,192,012	

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Graph 1
Revenues and Expenses
(In Millions)

	2010	2009	
Revenues	\$6.5	\$6.5	
Expenses	5.8	5.9	

#### **Governmental Activities**



#### **Governmental Activities**

The unique nature of property taxes in Ohio creates the need to routinely seek voter approval for operating funds. The overall revenue generated by a voted levy does not increase solely as a result of inflation. It increases as a result of new construction or collection from a new voted levy. Although school districts experience inflationary growth in expenses, tax revenue does not keep pace with the increased expenses due to House Bill 920. As an example, a homeowner with a home valued at \$100,000 and taxed at 1.0 mill would pay \$35.00 annually in taxes. If three years later the home were reappraised and increased to \$200,000 (and this inflationary increase in value is comparable to other property owners) the effective tax rate would become .5 mills and the owner would still pay less than \$35.00 and the School District would collect the same dollar value the levy generated in the year it passed. The 10 percent rollback on all residential/agricultural property and the 2.5 percent rollback on all owner occupied homes would reduce the amount of taxes paid.

Thus school districts dependent upon property taxes are hampered by a lack of revenue growth and must regularly return to the voters to maintain a constant level of service. Even with the current economic conditions the School District has been able to maintain their property tax revenue.

The vast majority of revenue supporting all activities is general revenue. The most significant portion of the general revenue is the grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs. Southington Local School District proactively seeks out federal and State funding sources in the forms of grants to ensure that programs of the School District are properly funded.

Instruction expenses comprise the largest portion of all program expenses for the School District. These expenses pay for teacher salary and benefits which increase at set levels every year through negotiated agreements. The decrease in instructional expenses was due to a teacher retiring and not being replaced.

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The decrease in extracurricular expenses was due to the School District no longer paying for field trips, along with a decrease in the coaching staff.

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

(Table 3)
Total and Net Cost of Program Services
Governmental Activities

	2010		200	09
	Total Cost	Net Cost	Total Cost	Net Cost
	of Services	of Services	of Services	of Services
Instruction	\$2,873,491	\$2,005,907	\$3,028,131	\$2,436,850
Support Services:				
Pupil and Instructional Staff	716,223	713,955	695,874	688,943
Board of Education, Administration,				
Fiscal Services, Business and Central	828,462	782,355	779,976	749,894
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	352,639	349,039	407,370	402,436
Pupil Transportation	324,441	324,441	318,925	311,997
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	833	833	826	826
Food Service Operations	201,012	(26,299)	184,316	(7,059)
Extracurricular Activities	142,078	43,111	200,193	137,632
Interest and Fiscal Charges	328,396	328,396	331,396	331,396
Total Expenses	\$5,767,575	\$4,521,738	\$5,947,007	\$5,052,915

The dependence upon general revenues for governmental activities is apparent as they account for a majority of the total cost of services in fiscal year 2010. This amount is less than 2009 due to the increase in operating grants, contributions and interest. The community, as a whole, is by far the primary support for Southington Local School District students

#### The School District's Funds

The School District's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues of \$10,310,153 and expenditures of \$12,869,087. The net change in fund balance for the fiscal year was most significant in the Ohio School Facilities capital projects fund which decreased mainly due to increased expenditures for the construction of the new school facilities. The general fund had an increase in fund balance which can be attributed to an increase in property tax collections which was offset by a decrease in interest revenue from the School District having less cash to invest. The bond retirement fund had an increase in fund balance which can be attributed to an increase in property tax collections.

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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 fund to be budgeted is the main operating fund of the School District, the general fund.

During the course of fiscal 2010, the School District amended its general fund budget several times. The School District uses an operational unit budget process and has in place systems that are designed to tightly control expenses but provide flexibility for program based decision and management.

Actual revenue received was slightly higher than the certification primarily due to the small increase in State Foundation revenue. Final appropriations were less than original appropriations due to the School District's attempt to bring budgeted expenditures more in line with budgeted revenues. Actual expenditures were significantly lower than final appropriations due mainly to the diligence of management to keep costs low while still providing the services the School District citizens expect.

#### **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

#### Capital Assets

Table 4 shows fiscal year 2010 balances compared to fiscal year 2009.

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

	Governmental Activities					
	2010	2009				
Land	\$222,980	\$222,980	\$0			
Construction in Progress	8,375,704	1,399,872	6,975,832			
<b>Buildings and Improvements</b>	425,974	445,504	(19,530)			
Furniture and Equipment	99,729	102,623	(2,894)			
Vehicles	201,473	231,557	(30,084)			
Totals	\$9,325,860	\$2,402,536	\$6,923,324			

All capital assets, except land and construction in progress, are reported net of depreciation. The net increase in capital assets during the fiscal year resulted from additions to construction in progress due to the construction of the new school facilities and additional computers and a pump for the water system was purchased. This increase was offset by the annual depreciation. Ohio law requires school districts to set aside three percent of certain revenues for capital improvements and an additional three percent for textbooks and instructional materials and supplies. For fiscal year 2010, this amounted to \$111,365 for each set aside. See Note 10 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the School District's capital assets and Note 18 for additional information regarding required set-asides.

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#### Debt

At June 30, 2010, the School District had general obligation bonds outstanding in the amount of \$7,983,401. These bonds were issued for the School District portion of the Ohio School Facilities Commission project. These bonds will be fully repaid in calendar year 2035. Please see Note 11 of the notes to the basic financial statements for more information about the School District's long-term obligations.

# **Challenges and Opportunities for the Future**

The School District will continue to provide the best education it can to the community's most important asset. It will be a responsible and conservative custodian of the public's monies. With the passage of a four year renewal levy the School District will continue to work within the confines of the budget it has set forth.

The largest project underway for the School District is the construction of a new school building which will house all grades and the demolition of the old school building. The total cost for the project is \$21,492,468. \$15,044,728 or 70 percent of the funding for this project will be provided by the Ohio School Facilities Commission. The local share of the project, \$6,447,740 or 30 percent of the funding for the building, will be provided by a bond issue which was passed by the voters in February, 2007. The voters also passed an additional 1.5 mill levy for maintenance of the new building as well as a Locally Funded Initiative bond issue in the amount of \$1,552,260 for construction and improvement of facilities other than classrooms, such as an athletic complex and water treatment facilities. The voters also passed a renewal 3.95 mill emergency levy in fiscal year 2011, which will continue to generate \$250,000 annually for 4 years.

The Southington Local School District has committed itself to financial reporting excellence. Southington continues its commitment to continuous improvement in financial reporting to our community.

# **Contacting the School District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our students, 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 public dollars entrusted to us. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Janet Ward, Treasurer at Southington Local School District, 4432 State Route 305, N.W., Southington, Ohio 44470, or janet.ward@neomin.org.

Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2010

	Governmental Activities
Assets	Activities
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$17,807,973
Accrued Interest Receivable	90,420
Intergovernmental Receivable	1,054,148
Property Taxes Receivable	2,140,786
Deferred Charges	56,238
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	8,598,684
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	727,176
Total Assets	30,475,425
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	13,448
Contracts Payable	858,451
Accrued Wages and Benefits	353,458
Intergovernmental Payable	137,422
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	100,338
Deferred Revenue	1,935,396
Accrued Interest Payable	27,675
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	185,368
Due In More Than One Year	8,120,763
Total Liabilities	11,732,319
Net Assets	
Invested in Capital Assets	9,093,073
Restricted for:	
Capital Projects	8,294,826
Debt Service	231,702
Set Asides	313,675
Other Purposes	483,843
Unrestricted	325,987
Total Net Assets	\$18,743,106

Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

			Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
_	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	Capital Grants	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$2,618,781	\$374,948	\$304,353	\$0	(\$1,939,480)
Special	254,710	0	188,283	0	(66,427)
Support Services:					
Pupil	556,688	0	0	0	(556,688)
Instructional Staff	159,535	0	2,268	0	(157,267)
Board of Education	75,048	0	0	0	(75,048)
Administration	461,567	0	0	0	(461,567)
Fiscal	265,073	0	39,248	0	(225,825)
Business	19,915	0	0	0	(19,915)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	352,639	0	0	3,600 0	(349,039)
Pupil Transportation Central	324,441 6,859	0	6,859	0	(324,441)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	833	0	0,839	0	(833)
Food Service Operations	201,012	108,850	118,461	0	26,299
Extracurricular Activities	142,078	98,967	0	0	(43,111)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	328,396	0	0	0	(328,396)
	320,370				(320,370)
Totals =	\$5,767,575	\$582,765	\$659,472	\$3,600	(4,521,738)
		General Revenues Property Taxes Lev			
		General Purpose	s		1,397,718
		Debt Service			454,798
			ities Maintenance		81,335
			nents not Restricted to	Specific Programs	2,956,793
		Investment Earning	gs		280,969
		Miscellaneous			86,921
		Total General Reve	enues		5,258,534
		Change in Net Asso	ets		736,796
		Net Assets Beginnin	ng of Year		18,006,310
		Net Assets End of Y	<sup>y</sup> ear		\$18,743,106

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2010

		Ohio School	Bond	Other Governmental	Total Governmental
	General	Facilities	Retirement	Funds	Funds
Assets					
Equity in Pooled Cash and					
Cash Equivalents	\$986,035	\$13,857,706	\$402,414	\$2,227,254	\$17,473,409
Restricted Assets:			,		
Equity in Pooled Cash and					
Cash Equivalents	334,564	0	0	0	334,564
Accrued Interest Receivable	0	88,767	284	1,369	90,420
Intergovernmental Receivable	12,491	993,747	0	47,910	1,054,148
Interfund Receivable	10,295	0	0	0	10,295
Property Taxes Receivable	1,573,522	0	473,890	93,374	2,140,786
•					
Total Assets	\$2,916,907	\$14,940,220	\$876,588	\$2,369,907	\$21,103,622
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	\$7,305	\$0	\$0	\$6,143	\$13,448
Contracts Payable	0	858,451	0	0	858,451
Accrued Wages and Benefits	306,767	0	0	46,691	353,458
Interfund Payable	0	0	0	10,295	10,295
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	78,641	0	0	21,697	100,338
Intergovernmental Payable	124,792	0	0	12,630	137,422
Deferred Revenue	1,545,899	993,747	466,868	115,940	3,122,454
Total Liabilities	2,063,404	1,852,198	466,868	213,396	4,595,866
Fund Balances					
Restricted	334,564	13,088,022	409,720	2,179,997	16,012,303
	<i>'</i>		*	2,179,997	
Assigned	96,245	0	0	-	96,245
Unassigned (Deficit)	422,694	0	0	(23,486)	399,208
Total Fund Balances	853,503	13,088,022	409,720	2,156,511	16,507,756
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$2,916,907	\$14,940,220	\$876,588	\$2,369,907	\$21,103,622

Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to Net Assets of Governmental Activities June 30, 2010

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$16,507,756
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.	0 225 860
resources and therefore are not reported in the runds.	9,325,860
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds:	
Property Taxes 169,404	
Intergovernmental 23,907	
School Facilities Money 993,747	
Total	1,187,058
In the statement of activities, bond issuance costs are amortized	
over the term of the bonds, whereas in governmental funds, a	
bond issuance expenditure is reported when bonds are issued.	56,238
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding general obligation bonds, whereas in governmental funds,	
an interest expenditure is reported when due.	(27,675)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:  Compensated Absences (322,730)  General Obligation Bonds (7,983,401)	
Total	(8,306,131)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$18,743,106

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

Revenues	General	Ohio School Facilities	Bond Retirement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Property Taxes	\$1,533,400	\$0	\$487,745	\$93,016	\$2,114,161
Intergovernmental	2,872,873	3,645,812	87,603	632,855	7,239,143
Interest	13,708	191,503	284	75,809	281,304
Tuition and Fees	374,948	191,303	0	73,809	374,948
Extracurricular Activities	10,272	0	0	88,695	98,967
Contributions and Donations	35	0	0	5,824	5,859
	0	-		*	108,850
Charges for Services		0	0	108,850	,
Miscellaneous	80,713	3,675	0	2,533	86,921
Total Revenues	4,885,949	3,840,990	575,632	1,007,582	10,310,153
Expenditures					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular	2,448,578	0	0	247,706	2,696,284
Special	126,615	0	0	173,303	299,918
Support Services:					
Pupil	546,541	0	0	10,147	556,688
Instructional Staff	126,932	0	0	11,938	138,870
Board of Education	74,749	0	0	0	74,749
Administration	458,771	0	0	0	458,771
Fiscal	234,186	0	11,186	18,543	263,915
Business	19,915	0	0	0	19,915
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	345,717	0	0	1,764	347,481
Pupil Transportation	301,758	0	0	0	301,758
Central	0	0	0	6,859	6,859
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	0	0	0	100	100
Operation of Food Services	0	0	0	199,859	199,859
Extracurricular Activities	58,633	0	0	82,667	141,300
Capital Outlay	0	6,854,936	0	74,084	6,929,020
Debt Service:	Ŭ	0,03 1,730	Ü	7 1,00 1	0,727,020
Principal Retirement	0	0	100,000	0	100,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	0	333,600	0	333,600
Total Expenditures	4,742,395	6,854,936	444,786	826,970	12,869,087
Net Change in Fund Balances	143,554	(3,013,946)	130,846	180,612	(2,558,934)
Fund Balances Beginning of Year -					
Restated (See Note 3)	709,949	16,101,968	278,874	1,975,899	19,066,690
Fund Balances End of Year	\$853,503	\$13,088,022	\$409,720	\$2,156,511	\$16,507,756

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, 2010

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total G	overnmental Funds	(\$2,558,934)
Amounts reported for governmental activ statement of activities are different be		
Governmental funds report capital outlays statement of activities, the cost of those estimated useful lives as depreciation ewhich capital outlay exceeded deprecial Capital Outlay  Depreciation	e assets is allocated over their expense. This is the amount by	
Total		6,923,324
Revenues in the statement of activities that resources are not reported as revenues were attributed to property taxes and in Property Taxes  School Facilities Money  Grants	in the funds. These revenues	
Total		(3,805,782)
Repayment of long-term obligations is an the repayment reduces long-term liabil	expenditure in the governmental funds, but ities in the statement of net assets.	100,000
Some expenses reported in the statement of the use of current financial resources a reported as an expenditure in government of the Accrued Interest on Bonds  Amortization of Issuance Costs  Amortization of Bond Premium	nd therefore are not	
Total		5,204
Some expenses reported in the statement of absences, do not require the use of current therefore are not reported as expenditu	rent financial resources and	72,984
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Ac	tivities	\$736,796

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual General Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Positive (Negative)
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Revenues	<b>41.257.200</b>	<b>04.500.050</b>	<b>#4 #00.050</b>	010
Property Taxes	\$1,265,398	\$1,509,859	\$1,509,869	\$10
Intergovernmental	3,097,779	2,838,132	2,860,382	22,250
Interest	40,035	14,000	13,708	(292)
Tuition and Fees	395,771	374,900	374,948	48
Extracurricular Activities	12,125	10,273	10,272	(1)
Contributions and Donations	0	35	35	0
Charges for Services	195	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	76,145	80,458	80,713	255
Total Revenues	4,887,448	4,827,657	4,849,927	22,270
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	3,719,394	2,704,901	2,417,519	287,382
Special	113,630	171,852	134,455	37,397
Support Services:				
Pupil	126,292	594,501	547,085	47,416
Instructional Staff	190,318	145,533	126,135	19,398
Board of Education	19,660	104,511	96,414	8,097
Administration	600,174	505,110	458,424	46,686
Fiscal	238,393	239,142	239,142	0
Business	0	22,500	19,915	2,585
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	376,278	657,467	361,777	295,690
Pupil Transportation	380,777	422,568	302,258	120,310
Extracurricular Activities	149,372	119,548	61,168	58,380
Total Expenditures	5,914,288	5,687,633	4,764,292	923,341
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,026,840)	(859,976)	85,635	945,611
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Advances In	51,999	41,478	41,478	0
Advances Out	0	(52,589)	(51,773)	816
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	51,999	(11,111)	(10,295)	816
Net Change in Fund Balance	(974,841)	(871,087)	75,340	946,427
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	1,144,247	1,144,247	1,144,247	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	46,245	46,245	46,245	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$215,651	\$319,405	\$1,265,832	\$946,427

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities Agency Funds June 30, 2010

<b>Assets</b> Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$23,347
Liabilities	
Due to Students	\$9,979
Deposits Held and Due to Others	13,368
Total Liabilities	\$23,347

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

# Note 1 - Description of the School District and Reporting Entity

Southington Local School District (the School District) is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio.

The School District operates under a locally-elected five-member Board form of government and provides educational services as mandated by State and federal agencies. The Board of Education controls the School District's 1 instructional/support facility staffed by 28 classified employees, 41 certified employees and 2 administrative employees who provide services to 663 students and other community members.

#### Reporting Entity

A reporting entity is composed 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 the School District, this includes the agencies and departments that provide the following services: general operations, food service and student related activities of the School District.

Non-public Schools - Within the School District boundaries, there are various non-public schools. Current State legislature provides funding to these non-public schools. These monies are received and disbursed on behalf of the non-public school by the Treasurer of the School District, as directed by the non-public school. These transactions are reported in a special revenue fund and as a governmental activity 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 four jointly governed organizations, one insurance purchasing pool and one risk sharing pool. These organizations are the North East Ohio Management Information Network, Trumbull County Career and Technical Center, North East Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center, North East Ohio Instructional Media Center, the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program and the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority. These organizations are presented in Notes 16 and 17 to the basic financial statements.

# **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the School District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The School District also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB)

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its governmental activities unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant of the School District's accounting policies are described below.

#### 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. These statements usually distinguish between those activities of the School District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type. The School District, however, 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 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 year, the School District segregates transactions related to certain School District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the School District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

#### Fund Accounting

The School District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. All of the School District's funds are classified as either governmental or fiduciary.

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

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

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*Ohio School Facilities Capital Projects Fund* The Ohio School Facilities capital projects fund accounts for State grants restricted for the acquisition and construction of classroom facilities.

**Bond Retirement Fund** The bond retirement fund accounts for property tax revenues that are used for payment of principal and interest and fiscal charges on general obligation debt.

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

Fiduciary Funds Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net assets. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the School District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the School District's own programs. The School District has no trust funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The School District's agency funds account for student activities.

#### Measurement Focus

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

# 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 statements presented for the fiduciary funds are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

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

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Nonexchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 7). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

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

Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2010, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2011 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as deferred revenue.

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

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

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

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

During fiscal year 2010, investments were limited to nonnegotiable certificates of deposit which are reported at cost.

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 2010 amounted to \$13,708, which includes \$4,611 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 presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents.

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#### Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change in 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 provision or enabling legislation. Restricted assets in the general fund include unspent resources restricted for the purchase of buses and amounts required by State statute to be set-aside for the purchase of textbooks and other instructional material. See Note 18 for additional information regarding set asides.

# **Interfund Balances**

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the statement of net assets.

#### Capital Assets

The School District's only capital assets are general capital assets. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The School District was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of assets by backtrending (i.e., estimating the current replacement cost of the asset to be capitalized and using an appropriate price-level index to deflate the cost to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year.) Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The School District maintains a capitalization threshold of two 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.

All reported capital assets, except land and construction in progress, 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:

	Governmental	
	Activities	
Description	Estimated Lives	
Buildings and Improvements	30 - 50 years	
Furniture	20 years	
Fixtures	15 years	
Equipment	10 - 20 years	
Vehicles	10 years	

#### 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

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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 vesting method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made based on the sick leave accumulated at year-end by those employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments, as well as other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments. All employees with ten or more years of service were included in the calculation of the compensated absences accrual amount.

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

On the governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures to the extent payments come due each period upon occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the account "Matured Compensated Absences Payable" in the fund from which the employee who has accumulated unpaid leave is paid.

# Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations

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

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current fiscal year.

#### **Internal Activity**

Transfers between governmental funds 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. Interfund payments for 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. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

#### 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 or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Net assets restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for food service operations and extracurricular activities.

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

#### Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the School is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

**Nonspendable** The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of loans receivable, as well as property acquired for resale, unless the use of the proceeds from the collection of those receivables or from the sale of those properties is restricted, committed, or assigned.

**Restricted** Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the School District Board of Education. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School District Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the School District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the School District Board of Education.

**Unassigned** Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The School District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

#### **Bond Issuance Costs**

Bond issuance costs for underwriting fees and bond insurance for the classroom facilities improvements bonds are being amortized using the straight-line method over the life of the certificates on the government-wide statements. The straight-line method of amortizing is not materially different from the effective-interest method. On the fund financial statements, these costs are reported as expenditures in the year incurred.

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As permitted by State statue, the School District paid bond issuance costs from the bond proceeds and therefore does not consider that portion of the debt to be capital-related debt. That portion of the debt was offset against the unamortized bond issuance costs which were included in the determination of unrestricted net assets. Reporting both within the same element of net assets prevents one classification from being overstated while another is understated by the same amount.

#### **Bond Premiums**

On the government-wide financial statements, bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bond premiums are presented as an increase of the face amount of the general obligation bonds payable. On fund financial statements, bonds premiums are receipted in the year the bonds are issued.

#### Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

#### **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.

# **Budgetary Data**

All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the appropriation resolution and the certificate of estimated resources, which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amounts that the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriation resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and set 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. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education. The Treasurer is authorized to further allocate appropriations at the function and object levels.

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

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

# Note 3 – Change in Accounting Principles and Restatement of Fund Balance

#### Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2010, the School District has implemented Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement No. 51, "Accounting and Reporting for Intangible Assets", Statement No. 53, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments", Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions", Statement No. 57, "OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans", and Statement No. 58, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Chapter 9 Bankruptcies".

GASB Statement No. 51 establishes accounting and financial reporting requirements for intangible assets to reduce inconsistencies thereby enhancing the comparability of accounting and financial reporting of such assets among state and local governments. The implementation of this statement did not result in any change to the School District's financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 53 enhances the usefulness and comparability of derivative instrument information reported by state and local governments. This Statement provides a comprehensive framework for the measurement, recognition, and disclosure of derivative instrument transactions. The implementation of this statement did not result in any change to the School District's financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 54 enhances the usefulness of fund balance information by providing clearer fund balance classifications that can be more consistently applied and by clarifying the existing governmental fund type definitions. This statement establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds. The implementation of this statement resulted in the reclassification of certain funds and restatement of the School District's financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 57 addresses issues related to the use of the alternative measurement method and the frequency and timing of measurements by employers that participate in agent multiple-employer other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans (that is, agent employers). The requirements in this Statement will allow more agent employers to use the alternative measurement method to produce actuarially based information for purposes of financial reporting and clarify that OPEB measures reported by agent multiple-employer OPEB plans and their participating employers should be determined at the same minimum frequency and as of a common date to improve the consistency of reporting with regard to funded status and funding progress information. The implementation of this statement did not result in any change in the School District's financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 58 provides accounting and financial reporting guidance for governments that have petitioned for protection from creditors by filing for bankruptcy under Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. The requirements in this Statement will provide more consistent recognition, measurement, display, and disclosure guidance for governments that file for Chapter 9 bankruptcy. The implementation of this statement did not result in any change in the School District's financial statements.

## Restatement of Prior Year's Fund Balance

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 54 had the following effect on fund balances of the major and nonmajor funds as they were previously reported.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

	General	Ohio School Facilities	Bond Retirement	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Fund Balance at					
June 30, 2009	\$650,933	\$16,101,968	\$278,874	\$2,034,915	\$19,066,690
Change in Fund Structure	59,016	0	0	(59,016)	0
Adjusted Fund Balance at June 30, 2009	\$709,949	\$16,101,968	\$278,874	\$1,975,899	\$19,066,690

#### Note 4 – Fund Balances

Fund balance is classified as restricted, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the School District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources in the governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

		Ohio		Nonmajor	
		School	Bond	Governmental	
Fund Balances	General	Facilities	Retirement	Funds	Total
Restricted for					
Textbook and Instructional Materials	\$334,564	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$334,564
Food Service Operations	0	0	0	71,723	71,723
Scholarships and Awards	0	0	0	47,738	47,738
Art and Technology	0	0	0	798	798
Athletics	0	0	0	21,480	21,480
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	0	0	0	276,723	276,723
Instructional Services	0	0	0	58,392	58,392
Debt Service Payments	0	0	409,720	0	409,720
Capital Improvements	0	13,088,022	0	1,703,143	14,791,165
Total Restricted	334,564	13,088,022	409,720	2,179,997	16,012,303
Assigned to					
Other Purposes	96,245	0	0	0	96,245
Unassigned (Deficit)	422,694	0	0	(23,486)	399,208
Total Fund Balances	\$853,503	\$13,088,022	\$409,720	\$2,156,511	\$16,507,756

# **Note 5 - Budgetary Basis of Accounting**

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

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

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

# Net Change in Fund Balance

GAAP Basis	\$143,554
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	(36,022)
Advances In	41,478
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	32,870
Advances Out	(51,773)
Encumbrances	(54,767)
Budget Basis	\$75,340

#### **Note 6 - 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:

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- 1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- 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 (STAR Ohio); and
- 8. Commercial paper and bankers acceptances if training requirements have been met.

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

#### **Deposits**

Custodial Credit Risk 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 the possession of an outside party. At year end, \$17,472,250 of the School District's bank balance of \$17,843,113 was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although the securities were held by the pledging financial institutions' trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the School District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

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

#### **Note 7 - Property Taxes**

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

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 2010 represents collections of calendar year 2009 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2010 were levied after April 1, 2009, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2009, 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 2010 represents collections of calendar year 2009 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2010 became a lien December 31, 2008, were levied after April 1, 2009 and are collected in 2010 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 2010 (other than public utility property tax) represents the collection of 2010 taxes levied against local and inter-exchange telephone companies. Tangible personal property tax on business inventory, manufacturing machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures is no longer levied and collected. Tangible personal property taxes received from telephone companies in calendar year 2010 were levied after October 1, 2009, on the value as of December 31, 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 Trumbull 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, 2010, are available to finance fiscal year 2010 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and tangible personal property taxes which were measurable as of June 30, 2010 and for which there was 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 were levied to finance current fiscal year operations and are reflected 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.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2010 was \$27,623 in the general fund, \$7,022 in the bond retirement debt service fund and \$1,341 in the classroom facilities maintenance special revenue fund. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2009 was \$4,092 in the general fund, \$1,017 in the bond retirement debt service fund, \$194 in the classroom facilities maintenance special revenue fund, and \$83 in the permanent improvement capital projects fund. The difference was in the timing and collection by the County Auditor.

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

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The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2010 taxes were collected are:

	2009 Second Half Collections		2010 Fir Half Collec	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agricultural/Residential				
and Other Real Estate	\$62,982,600	97.56 %	\$63,146,330	97.62 %
Public Utility Personal	1,371,930	2.12	1,447,930	2.24
Tangible Personal Property	204,113	0.32	89,220	0.14
Total	\$64,558,643	100.00 %	\$64,683,480	100.00 %
Full Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$50.65		\$50.75	

#### **Note 8 - Receivables**

Receivables at June 30, 2010, consisted of taxes, intergovernmental grants and Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) monies. All receivables, except property taxes and OSFC monies, are considered collectible in full due to the stable condition of State programs and the current year guarantee of Federal funds. All receivables, except delinquent taxes and OSFC monies, are expected to be collected within one year. A summary of principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

Intergovernmental Receivables	Amounts
Ohio School Facilities Commission	\$993,747
Title I Grant	32,032
PASS Funds	12,491
Title VI-B Grant	12,446
Title II-A Grant	3,137
Title IV-A Grant	156
Title II-D Grant	139
Total	\$1,054,148

#### **Note 9 - Contingencies**

#### **Grants**

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2010.

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#### Litigation

The School District is a party to legal proceedings seeking damages. The School District is of the opinion that the ultimate disposition of these claims and legal proceedings will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the School District.

**Note 10 – Capital Assets** 

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, was as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	June 30, 2009	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2010
Nondepreciable Capital Assets			_	
Land	\$222,980	\$0	\$0	\$222,980
Construction in Progress	1,399,872	6,975,832	0	8,375,704
Total Nondepreciable			_	
Capital Assets	1,622,852	6,975,832	0	8,598,684
Depreciable Capital Assets				
Buildings and Improvements	1,994,057	1,726	0	1,995,783
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	577,060	29,310	(17,625)	588,745
Vehicles	499,202	0	0	499,202
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	3,070,319	31,036	(17,625)	3,083,730
Less: Accumulated Depreciation				
<b>Buildings and Improvements</b>	(1,548,553)	(21,256)	0	(1,569,809)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(474,437)	(32,204)	17,625	(489,016)
Vehicles	(267,645)	(30,084)	0	(297,729)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(2,290,635)	(83,544) *	17,625	(2,356,554)
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net				
of Accumulated Depreciation	779,684	(52,508)	0	727,176
Governmental Activities Capital			·	
Assets, Net	\$2,402,536	\$6,923,324	\$0	\$9,325,860

<sup>\*</sup> Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Instruction	
Regular	\$46,822
Support Services	
Instructional Staff	4,941
Board of Education	299
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	8,906
Pupil Transportation	21,065
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	778
Extracurricular Activities	733
Total Depreciation Expense	\$83,544

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

#### **Note 11 – Long-Term Obligations**

Original issue amounts and interest rates of the School District's debt issues were as follows:

Debt Issue	Interest Rate	Original Issue	Year of Maturity
2008 Classroom Facilities Bonds:			
Serial Bonds	3.00 - 4.00%	\$3,110,000	2023
Term Bonds	4.00 - 5.00%	4,890,000	2035

The changes in the School District's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2010 were as follows:

	Balance 6/30/09	Additions	Deductions	Balance 6/30/10	Amounts Due in One Year
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
General Obligation Bonds:					
2008 Classroom Facilities					
Serial Bonds	\$3,010,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$2,910,000	\$100,000
Term Bonds	4,890,000	0	0	4,890,000	0
<b>Unamortized Premium</b>	190,546	0	7,145	183,401	0
Total General Obligation Bonds	8,090,546	0	107,145	7,983,401	100,000
Other Long-Term Obligations					
Compensated Absences	395,714	145,556	218,540	322,730	85,368
Total Long-Term Liabilties	\$8,486,260	\$145,556	\$325,685	\$8,306,131	\$185,368

Compensated absences will be paid from the general fund and the food service, title VI-B, state fiscal stabilization, title I and title II-A special revenue funds.

On February 20, 2008, Southington Local School District issued \$8,000,000 in general obligation bonds, which included serial and term bonds to fund capital improvements to the School District's buildings. The bonds were issued for a twenty-eight year period with final maturity on December 1, 2035. The bonds were issued at a premium of \$200,073 and will be repaid with property taxes in the bond retirement fund.

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2024, 2026, 2028, and 2035 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on December 1 in the years and in the respective amounts as follows:

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	Issue					
Year	\$610,000	\$665,000	\$740,000	\$2,875,000		
2023	\$295,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
2025	0	325,000	0	0		
2027	0	0	360,000	0		
2029	0	0	0	400,000		
2030	0	0	0	420,000		
2031	0	0	0	370,000		
2032	0	0	0	390,000		
2033	0	0	0	410,000		
2034	0	0	0	430,000		
Total	\$295,000	\$325,000	\$360,000	\$2,420,000		
Stated Maturity	12/1/2024	12/1/2026	12/1/2028	12/1/2035		

The remaining principal amount of the term bonds (\$315,000, \$340,000, \$380,000, and \$455,000) will mature at the stated maturity.

The School District's overall legal debt margin was (\$1,576,797) with an unvoted debt margin of \$64,594 at June 30, 2010. Principal and interest requirements to retire general obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2010 are as follows:

	Serial Bonds		Term 1	Bonds
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2011	\$100,000	\$98,018	\$0	\$232,582
2012	195,000	93,593	0	232,582
2013	200,000	87,668	0	232,582
2014	205,000	81,593	0	232,582
2015	215,000	75,293	0	232,582
2016-2020	1,175,000	270,136	0	1,162,910
2021-2025	820,000	50,197	610,000	1,138,908
2026-2030	0	0	1,805,000	847,991
2031-2035	0	0	2,020,000	369,250
2036	0	0	455,000	11,375
Total	\$2,910,000	\$756,498	\$4,890,000	\$4,693,344

#### **Note 12 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

#### School Employees 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.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

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 2010, 12.78 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, 2010, 2009 and 2008 were \$77,457, \$58,070 and \$60,031, respectively; 46.52 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2010 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2009 and 2008.

#### State Teachers Retirement System

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 St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at <a href="www.strsoh.org">www.strsoh.org</a>.

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 times an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member 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, 2010, 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 2009, 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.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 were \$295,614, \$297,114 and \$304,032, respectively; 82.22 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2010 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2009 and 2008. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2010 were \$722 made by the School District and \$516 made by the plan members.

#### **Note 13 - Postemployment Benefits**

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

Funding Policy – State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 401h. For 2010, .46 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 2010, this amount was \$35,800. During fiscal year 2010, the School District paid \$9,153 in surcharge.

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

The School District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 were \$11,941, \$26,575 and \$27,394 respectively; 46.52 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2010 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2009 and 2008.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For 2010, this actuarially required allocation was 0.76 percent of covered payroll. The School District's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 were \$4,606, \$4,791 and \$4,325 respectively; 46.52 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2010 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2009 and 2008.

#### State Teachers Retirement System

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 <a href="https://www.strsoh.org">www.strsoh.org</a> or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

Funding Policy – Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2010, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 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, 2010, 2009 and 2008 were \$22,740, \$22,855 and \$23,387 respectively; 82.22 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2010 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2009 and 2008.

#### **Note 14 - Other Employee Benefits**

#### Compensated Absences

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

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

For all employees, retirement severance is paid to each employee retiring from the School District at a per diem rate of the annual salary at the time of retirement if the employee has been employed by the School District for a minimum of ten consecutive years and has ten years of service with the State retirement system at the time of retirement. Any employee receiving retirement severance pay shall be entitled to a dollar amount equivalent to one-fourth of all accumulated sick leave credited to that employee up to 76 ¼ days.

#### Life Insurance Benefits

The School District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Company, in the amount of \$50,000 for all regular contracted certified employees and \$30,000 for all regular contracted classified employees.

#### Health Insurance Benefits

The School District provides employee medical and surgical plans through Medical Mutual of Ohio. Employees may choose between these three comprehensive major medical plans for medical/surgical insurance. These plans provide medical/surgical coverage with deductibles ranging from \$100 to \$2,000 for single coverage and \$200 to \$4,000 for family coverage with a maximum of \$1,000 per individual and \$2,000 per family. Prescription drug and dental is also provided through Medical Mutual of Ohio.

#### Note 15 - Risk Management

#### **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 2010, the School District has addressed these various types of risk by purchasing a comprehensive insurance policy through Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (Note 17).

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Professional liability is maintained in the amount of \$3,000,000 for single occurrence and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate.

The School District maintains fleet insurance in the amount of \$3,000,000 for any one accident or loss. The School District maintains replacement cost insurance on buildings and contents in the amount of \$13,076,468.

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

#### Worker's Compensation

For fiscal year 2010, the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards' Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 17). 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 Gates McDonald & Co. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

#### **Note 16 - Jointly Governed Organizations**

North East Ohio Management Information Network (NEOMIN) NEOMIN is a jointly governed organization among thirty school districts in Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member districts. Each of the districts supports NEOMIN based upon a per pupil charge. Southington Local School District paid \$10,602 to NEOMIN during fiscal year 2010.

The Governing Board consists of ten members: The Trumbull and Ashtabula County superintendents (permanent members), three superintendents from Ashtabula County participating school districts, three superintendents from Trumbull County participating school districts, and a principal and treasurer (nonvoting members who must be employed by a participating school district, the fiscal agent or NEOMIN). The Southington Local School District was not represented on the Governing Board during fiscal year 2010. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Governing Board. To obtain a copy of NEOMIN's financial statements, write to the Trumbull County Educational Service Center, 347 North Park Avenue, Warren, Ohio 44481.

*Trumbull County Career and Technical Center* The Trumbull County Career and Technical Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio providing vocational needs of the students. The Center is operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the fifteen participating school districts' elected boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information write to the Trumbull County Joint Vocational School, Gary Ghizzoni, who serves as Treasurer, at 528 Educational Highway, Warren, Ohio 44483.

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North East Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center The North East Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center NEO/SERRC is a special education service center which selects its own board, adopts it own budget and receives direct Federal and State grants for its operation. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of initiating, expanding and improving special education programs and services for children with disabilities and their parents.

NEO/SERRC is governed by a governing board of 39 members made up of representatives from 35 superintendents of the participating districts, one non-public school, one county board of mental retardation and two parents whose term rotates every year. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer at the Mahoning County Educational Service Center, 100 DeBartolo Place, Suite 105, Youngstown, Ohio 44512.

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

NEOIMC is governed by the advisory committee made up a member from a parochial school, a joint vocational school, one County Superintendent from each participating county, one City Superintendent and two local superintendents rotating every two years. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer at the Trumbull County Educational Service Center, 347 North Park Avenue, Warren, Ohio 44481.

#### **Note 17 – Public Entity Risk Sharing Pools**

#### Insurance Purchasing Pool

The School District participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by a three member Board of directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect and the Immediate Post President of the OSBA. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the program. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

#### Risk Sharing Pool

The School District participates in the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (SORSA), a risk sharing insurance pool. The pool consists of sixty-two school districts, joint vocational schools, and educational service centers throughout Ohio who pool risk for property, crime, liability, boiler and machinery, and public official liability coverage. SORSA is governed by a board of trustees elected by members. The School District pays an annual premium to SORSA for this coverage. Reinsurance is purchased to cover claims exceeding this amount and for all claims related to equipment breakdown coverage.

#### **Note 18 - Set Aside Calculation**

The School District is required by State statute to annually set aside in the general fund an amount based on a statutory formula for the purchase of textbooks and other instructional materials and an equal amount for the

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acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by the end of the fiscal year or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at year end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future years. In prior years, the School District was also required to set aside money for budget stabilization.

The following cash basis information describes the changes in the fiscal year end set aside amounts for textbooks, capital acquisitions and budget stabilization. Disclosure of this information is required by State statute.

	Budget Stabilization Reserve	Capital Improvements Reserve	Textbooks Instructional Materials Reserve
Set-Aside Reserve Balance as			
of June 30, 2009	\$19,406	\$0	\$213,772
Prior Year Carryover	0	(243,555)	0
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	0	111,365	111,365
Offsets	0	(573,609)	0
Qualifying Disbursements	(19,406)	(25,776)	(11,462)
Total	\$0	(\$731,575)	\$313,675
Set-aside Balance Carried Forward to Future Fiscal Years	\$0	(\$725,295)	\$313,675
Set-aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2010	\$0	\$0	\$313,675

The School District had qualifying disbursements during the fiscal year that reduced the set-aside amount to below zero for capital acquisition set-asides. The negative balance being carried forward represents the excess levy proceeds from the bond retirement fund. The total reserve balance for the three set-asides at the end of the fiscal year was \$313,675.

#### Note 19 – Interfund Balances

Interfund balances at June 30, 2010, consist of an interfund receivable/payable between the general fund and the title II - D, title I and title IV - A special revenue funds. The interfund payable consists of \$139 in the title II - D, \$10,000 in the title I and \$156 in the title IV - A special revenue funds. The interfund receivables and payables were due to the timing of the receipt of grant monies received by the various funds. The general fund provides temporary funding of the program until the grant dollars are received. All interfund receivables will be repaid within one year.

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#### Note 20 – Construction and Other Significant Commitments

At June 30, 2010, the School District's significant contractual commitments consisted of:

	Contract	Amount	Remaining on
Company	Amount	Paid	Contract
Foti Contracting	\$9,597,420	\$3,819,750	\$5,777,670
The Conti Corporation	1,215,843	490,248	725,595
Continental Office Equipment	645,994	0	645,994
Valley Electrical Consolidated	2,597,819	591,240	2,006,579
Miller Yount Paving	438,367	131,773	306,594
Soehnlen Piping Company	2,591,267	1,129,204	1,462,063
Fire Foe	254,500	13,872	240,628
Total	\$17,341,210	\$6,176,087	\$11,165,123

#### Note 21 – Accountability

At June 30, 2010, the following funds had deficit fund balances:

	Amount
Special Revenue Funds:	
Title VI - B	\$22,616
Title I	448
Title II - A	422

The deficits are due to adjustments for accrued liabilities. The general fund is liable for any deficit in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, rather then when accruals occur.

#### Note 22 – Subsequent Events

On November 2, 2010 the voters of the School District passed a four year emergency renewal levy for 3.95 mills which will generate \$250,000 annually for four years.

**Southington Local School District** *Notes to the Basic Financial Statements* For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

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#### SOUTHINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUMBULL COUNTY FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/	Pass Through Entity	Federal CFDA		
Program Title	Number	Number	Receipts	Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  Passed Through The Ohio Department of Education:				
Child Nutrition Cluster: National School Lunch Program				
Cash Assistance	2010	10.555	\$ 89,154	\$ 89,154
Non-Cash Assistance (Food Distribution)	2010	10.555	10,761	10,761
National School Lunch Program Subtotal			99,915	99,915
School Breakfast Program	2010	10.553	26,938	26,938
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			126,853	126,853
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			126,853	126,853
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
Passed Through The Ohio Department of Education:				
Title I Cluster:				
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	2009	84.010	383	5,409
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Total - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			60,452	67,063
ARRA - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	2010	84.389	11,290	4,476
Total – Title I Cluster			71,742	71,539
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):				
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	2009	84.027	2,200	17,020
Special Education - Glams to States (IDEA1, 1 art B)	2010	04.027	103,918	99,930
Total Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	2010		106,118	116,950
ARRA - Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	2010	84.391	71,919	68,394
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			178,037	185,344
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Title II-A - Improving Teacher Quality	2009 2009	84.367	984 22,408	3,886 21,651
Total Title II-A - Improving Teacher Quality	2009		23,392	25,537
Total Title III Improving Totality			20,002	20,007
Title IV-A Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities	2009	84.186	1,402	1,558
Title II-D Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grants	2010	84.318	571	710
ARRA - State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants	2010	84.394	173,882	108,909
Total – U.S. Department of Education			449,026	393,597
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Passed Through Trumbull County ESC				
Medicare - Prescription Drug Coverage - CAFS	2010	93.770	655	655
Total – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			655	655
Total Federal Financial Assistance			\$ 576,534	\$ 521,105

#### NOTES TO THE FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE JUNE 30, 2010

#### Note A – Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures (the Schedule) is a summary of the activity of the School District's federal award programs. The Schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

#### Note B - Food Donation

Program regulations do not require the School District to maintain separate inventory records for purchased food and food received from the United States Department of Agriculture. This non-monetary assistance (expenditures) is reported in the Schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received.

#### Note C - Child Nutrition Cluster

The School District comingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, the School District assumes it expends federal monies first.

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

December 23, 2010

Southington Local School District Trumbull County 4432 State Route 305 NW Southington, OH 44470

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate fund information of the **Southington Local School District, Trumbull County, Ohio** (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report dated December 23, 2010, where we noted the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 51, Accounting and Reporting Intangible Assets, Statement No. 53, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, Statement No. 57, OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans, and Statement No. 58, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Chapter 9 Bankruptcies, for the year ending June 30, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' Government Auditing Standards.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency of combination of deficiencies in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that material financial statement misstatements will no be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

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#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (Continued)**

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in thermal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying schedule of findings that we consider a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting. We consider finding 2010-001 to be a significant deficiency. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, Board of Education, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Perry and Associates** 

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

December 23, 2010

Southington Local School District Trumbull County 4432 State Route 305 NW Southington, OH 44470

To the Board of Education:

#### Compliance

We have audited the compliance of **Southington Local School District, Trumbull County, Ohio** (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 each major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2010. The Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings identifies the District's major federal programs. The District's management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each major federal program. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; 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 reasonably assure whether noncompliance occurred with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect one of the major federal programs. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing other procedures 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 of the District's compliance with those requirements.

As described in finding 2010-002 in the accompanying schedule of findings, the District did not comply with requirements regarding cash management applying to its ARRA – State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) – Education State Grants program. Compliance with this requirement is necessary, in our opinion, for the District to comply with requirements applicable to this program.

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the preceding paragraph, the District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2010.

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Each Major Federal Program and Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance
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#### **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 to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

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 federal programs compliance requirement on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the District's ability to administer a federal programs such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the entity's internal control will not prevent or detect more-than-consequential noncompliance with a federal programs 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 federal programs' compliance requirements.

Our consideration of 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.

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

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, Board of Education, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Perry and Associates** 

Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

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#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505 JUNE 30, 2010

#### 1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified		
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No		
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes		
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No		
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No		
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No		
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Qualified for SFSF, unqualified for Special Ed.		
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under § .510?	Yes		
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	ARRA - State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) – Education State Grants - CFDA # 84.394		
		Special Education Cluster: Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B) - CFDA #84.027 and ARRA - Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B) - CFDA #84.391		
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others		
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	No		

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505 JUNE 30, 2010 (Continued)

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

#### FINDING NUMBER 2010-001

#### **Significant Deficiency**

Ohio Admin. Code Section 117-2-02(D) indicates all local public offices may maintain accounting records in a manual or computerized format. The records used should be based on the nature of operations and services the public office provides, and should consider the degree of automation and other factors. Such records should include, among other things, capital asset records including such information as the original cost, acquisition date, voucher number, the asset type (land, building, vehicle, etc.), asset description, location, and tag number. Local governments preparing financial statements using generally accepted accounting principles will want to maintain additional data. Fixed assets are tangible assets that normally do not change form with use and should be distinguished from repair parts and supply items. In addition, the District has a policy that requires, at least, annual updates in order to assist in the accurate preparation of the financial statements.

The District had an asset schedule done in 2005 but it has not been updated for activity, i.e. new purchases and disposals, since then. This can lead to inaccuracy in the financial statements balances and in the depreciation expense each year. We also noted the District does maintain a list of new assets each year in excel, however, some of these assets are below the capitalization threshold set in the District's policy i.e., \$2,000 per item with a life of five years.

We recommend the District update the asset schedule annually. This could consist of contacting the valuation company for a download of the asset schedule or updating it with that company, transferring the inventory to the EIS system, and updating and reviewing the items to determine if they qualify as capital assets as indicated in the District's policy. Updating this information will be important as the District adds the new school and equipment and disposes of the old assets.

Management's Response – See corrective action plan.

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505 JUNE 30, 2010 (Continued)

#### 3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

#### FINDING NUMBER 2010-002

#### **Program Information:**

CFDA #84.394 ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) – Education State Grants US Department of Education
Passed Through Ohio Department of Education

#### Criteria:

34 CFR 80.20 (b)(7) states in part: "When advances are made by letter-of-credit or electronic transfer of funds methods, the grantee must make drawdowns as close as possible to the time of making disbursements." Interest should not be earned on these funds. If interest is earned on the funds, the interest earned must be remitted to the US Department of Education via a check sent to ODE. ODE will review the calculation and determine if the amount remitted is correct. An amount of \$100 per entity per year may be retained under 34 CFR 80.21 for administrative expenses.

#### **Condition:**

The District did not expend the funds in a timely manner ensuring the cash balances would be decreased within a reasonable period of time (i.e. 30 days).

#### **Context:**

The District did not charge enough expense to the grant to make sure funding was being used as required. The District could have used these funds for a variety of purposes including salaries, related benefits and current expenses not otherwise unallowed.

#### **Effect:**

The grant balances increased monthly and averaged approximately \$45,800 for the fiscal year. We noted, based on interest rates in the general checking account, the interest earned for the year would have been less than the allowed \$100 for administrative expenses.

#### Recommendation:

We recommend the District review the expenses for the grant and increase the amounts charged to the grant in order to ensure balances are used in a timely manner. Management should ensure that any additional expenses are allowed by the grant.

Management's Response – See corrective action plan.

#### SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2010

Finding	Finding	Fully	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain
Number	Summary	Corrected?	
2009-001	Capital asset accounting records	No	Not corrected, repeated as finding 2010-001.

#### Corrective Action Plan JUNE 30, 2010

Finding Number	Planned Corrective Action	Anticipated Completion Date	Responsible Contact Person
2010-001	An effort has been made to update and maintain an asset schedule manually. As the District moves into the new K-12 building currently under construction, a new asset schedule and valuation will be scheduled to start fresh. This service will be priced with annual updates to keep abreast of any changes to the asset schedule.	6/30/11	Janet Ward, Treasurer
2010-002	Adjustments have been made for FY2010 obligations. Current FY2011 funds will be spent/obligated as funds are received by the District.	12/31/10	Janet Ward, Treasurer





#### SOUTHINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### TRUMBULL 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 FEBRUARY 24, 2011**