



**NORTHEASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001



JIM PETRO
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STATE OF OHIO

**NORTHEASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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Defiance County
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To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of Northeastern Local School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2001, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund type and nonexpendable trust 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 [date of report], on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

December 20, 2001

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**NORTHEASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2001**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS				
Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,129,469	\$124,376	\$51,537	\$4,506,107
Cash and Cash Equivalents:				
With Fiscal Agents		1,690		
Receivables:				
Taxes	4,288,926		479,417	59,322
Accounts	3,069			
Intergovernmental				
Accrued Interest	17,718			
Materials and Supplies Inventory	38,251			
Prepaid Items	11,579			
Fixed Assets				
Accumulated Depreciation				
Restricted Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	26,070			
Other Debits:				
Amount in Debt Service Fund for Retirement of Debt Provided from General Government Resources				
Total Assets and Other Debits	<u>\$7,515,082</u>	<u>\$126,066</u>	<u>\$530,954</u>	<u>\$4,565,429</u>

Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
		General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Obligations	
Enterprise	Trust and Agency			
\$69,158	\$34,986			\$7,915,633
				1,690
				4,827,665
678				3,747
6,659				6,659
				17,718
9,157				47,408
				11,579
243,679		\$9,926,946		10,170,625
(73,418)				(73,418)
				26,070
			\$51,537	51,537
			7,257,751	7,257,751
\$255,913	\$34,986	\$9,926,946	\$7,309,288	\$30,264,664

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**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2001
(Continued)**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
LIABILITIES, FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$28,407	\$11,127		\$3,373
Contracts Payable				441,176
Accrued Wages and Benefits	615,942	15,766		
Compensated Absences Payable	36,423			
Intergovernmental Payable	105,094	2,239		
Deferred Revenue	3,999,948		\$446,698	55,279
Due to Students				
Notes Payable				1,465,000
General Obligation Bonds Payable				
Energy Conservation Loan Payable				
General Obligation Bonds Payable				
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Total Liabilities	4,785,814	29,132	446,698	1,964,828
Fund Equity and Other Credits:				
Investment in General Fixed Assets				
Contributed Capital				
Retained Earnings:				
Unreserved				
Fund Balances:				
Reserved:				
Reserved for Encumbrances	168,564	17,277		61,390
Reserved for Inventory	38,251			
Reserved for Prepaid Items	11,579			
Reserved for Debt Service Principal			51,537	
Reserved for Contributions				
Reserved for Property Taxes	288,978		32,719	4,043
Reserved for Budget Stabilization	26,070			
Unreserved				
Unreserved, Undesignated	2,195,826	79,657		2,535,168
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Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	2,729,268	96,934	84,256	2,600,601
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Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits	\$7,515,082	\$126,066	\$530,954	\$4,565,429

The notes to the general-purpose financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
		General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Obligations	
Enterprise	Trust and Agency			
	\$1,851			\$44,758
				441,176
\$14,607				646,315
5,976			\$598,986	641,385
10,279			52,954	170,566
3,707				4,505,632
	21,543			21,543
				1,465,000
			350,000	350,000
			24,000	24,000
			6,283,348	6,283,348
34,569	23,394		7,309,288	14,593,723
		\$9,926,946		9,926,946
125,422				125,422
95,922				95,922
				247,231
				38,251
				11,579
				51,537
	10,600			10,600
				325,740
				26,070
	992			4,811,643
221,344	11,592	9,926,946		15,670,941
\$255,913	\$34,986	\$9,926,946	\$7,309,288	\$30,264,664

**NORTHEASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

	Governmental Fund Types	
	General	Special Revenue
Revenues:		
Intergovernmental	\$2,635,070	\$305,477
Interest	221,715	
Tuition and Fees	317,522	
Rent	3,988	
Extracurricular Activities		170,431
Gifts and Donations	1,650	11,840
Property and Other Local Taxes	4,330,408	
Miscellaneous	100,256	1,380
Total Revenues	7,610,609	489,128
Expenditures:		
Current:		
Instruction:		
Regular	3,602,830	5,860
Special	411,865	208,579
Vocational	128,419	
Adult/Continuing	497	
Other	231,865	
Support Services:		
Pupils	290,862	53,649
Instructional Staff	241,006	27,505
Board of Education	24,891	
Administration	682,173	42,633
Fiscal	227,322	806
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	630,602	
Pupil Transportation	491,457	
Central	23,988	3,470
Non-Instructional Services	490	
Extracurricular activities	131,355	149,815
Capital Outlay	219,437	
Debt Service:		
Debt Service - Principal		
Debt Service - Interest		
Total Expenditures	7,339,059	492,317
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	271,550	(3,189)
Other Financing Sources and Uses		
Operating Transfers In		2,769
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	617	
Other Financing Sources	28,753	511
Operating Transfers Out	(34,672)	
Other Financing Uses	(43,245)	
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	(48,547)	3,280
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	223,003	91
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	2,506,265	96,843
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$2,729,268	\$96,934

The notes to the general-purpose financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Debt Service	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	
\$40,727	\$38,843 407,646		\$3,020,117 629,361 317,522 3,988 170,431 13,670
375,559 8,009	173,936	\$180	4,879,903 109,645
424,295	620,425	180	9,144,637
	57,300		3,665,990 620,444 128,419 847 231,865
		350	
11,612	1,468		344,511 268,511 24,891 724,806 241,208 630,602 491,457 27,458 490 281,170 4,626,225
	4,406,788		
8,000 446,885	77,268		8,000 524,153
466,497	4,542,824	350	12,841,047
(42,202)	(3,922,399)	(170)	(3,696,410)
29,454		51	32,274 617 29,264 (34,672) (43,245)
29,454		51	(15,762)
(12,748)	(3,922,399)	(119)	(3,712,172)
97,004	6,523,000	898	9,224,010
\$84,256	\$2,600,601	\$779	\$5,511,838

**NORTHEASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL COMPARISON (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

	General		Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Budget	Actual	
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$2,635,265	\$2,635,709	\$444
Interest	223,800	226,531	2,731
Tuition and Fees	317,475	317,405	(70)
Rent	3,275	3,288	13
Extracurricular Activities			
Gifts and Donations	1,650	1,650	
Property and Other Local Taxes	4,261,250	4,261,261	11
Miscellaneous	98,805	99,144	339
Total Revenues	7,541,520	7,544,988	3,468
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	3,786,480	3,676,783	109,697
Special	484,725	416,494	68,231
Vocational	136,988	130,839	6,149
Adult/Continuing	1,175	497	678
Other	235,200	233,133	2,067
Support services:			
Pupils	317,734	292,969	24,765
Instructional Staff	257,875	242,222	15,653
Board of Education	36,890	26,080	10,810
Administration	867,636	671,616	196,020
Fiscal	242,147	230,120	12,027
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	796,624	671,722	124,902
Pupil Transportation	647,168	544,938	102,230
Central	26,200	23,988	2,212
Non-Instructional Services	5,150	490	4,660
Extracurricular activities	141,705	131,184	10,521
Capital Outlay	289,809	225,233	64,576
Debt Service			
Debt Service - Principal			
Debt Service - Interest			
Total Expenditures	8,273,506	7,518,308	755,198
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(731,986)	26,680	758,666
Other Financing Sources and Uses			
Operating Transfers In			
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds			
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	600	617	17
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	28,693	28,753	60
Operating Transfers Out	(37,500)	(34,672)	2,828
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	(75,000)	(43,244)	31,756
Advances Out	(26,500)		26,500
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	(109,707)	(48,546)	61,161
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(841,693)	(21,866)	819,827
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	2,630,681	2,630,681	
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	354,552	354,552	
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$2,143,540	\$2,963,367	\$819,827

Special Revenue			Debt Service		
Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$305,477	\$305,477		\$40,650	\$40,727	\$77
170,398	170,431	\$33			
11,840	11,840				
			483,650	483,663	13
1,380	1,380		8,000	8,009	9
489,095	489,128	33	532,300	532,399	99
29,230	8,230	21,000			
205,496	205,577	(81)			
53,989	53,649	340			
33,755	27,644	6,111			
49,311	45,591	3,720			
806	806		12,000	11,612	388
7,528	4,250	3,278			
170,687	154,234	16,453			
			1,508,000	1,508,000	
			524,631	524,153	478
550,802	499,981	50,821	2,044,631	2,043,765	866
(61,707)	(10,853)	50,854	(1,512,331)	(1,511,366)	965
2,769	2,769		29,440	29,454	14
			1,465,000	1,465,000	
	511	511			
2,769	3,280	511	1,494,440	1,494,454	14
(58,938)	(7,573)	51,365	(17,891)	(16,912)	979
91,611	91,611		68,449	68,449	
21,471	21,471				
\$54,144	\$105,509	\$51,365	\$50,558	\$51,537	\$979

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**NORTHEASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL COMPARISON (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001
(Continued)**

	Capital Projects		Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Budget	Actual	
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$38,825	\$38,843	\$18
Interest	445,400	607,583	162,183
Tuition and Fees			
Rent			
Extracurricular Activities			
Gifts and Donations			
Property and Other Local Taxes	60,900	60,916	16
Miscellaneous	50,921	50,921	
Total Revenues	<u>596,046</u>	<u>758,263</u>	<u>162,217</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	60,240	57,300	2,940
Special			
Vocational			
Adult/Continuing			
Other			
Support services:			
Pupils			
Instructional Staff			
Board of Education			
Administration			
Fiscal	1,500	1,468	32
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	25,000		25,000
Pupil Transportation			
Central			
Non-Instructional Services			
Extracurricular activities			
Capital Outlay	7,735,074	4,243,987	3,491,087
Debt Service			
Debt Service - Principal			
Debt Service - Interest			
Total Expenditures	<u>7,821,814</u>	<u>4,302,755</u>	<u>3,519,059</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(7,225,768)</u>	<u>(3,544,492)</u>	<u>3,681,276</u>
Other Financing Sources and Uses			
Operating Transfers In			
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds			
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets			
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures			
Operating Transfers Out			
Refund of Prior Year Receipts			
Advances Out			
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>(7,225,768)</u>	<u>(3,544,492)</u>	<u>3,681,276</u>
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	7,298,841	7,298,841	
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	686,995	686,995	
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$760,068</u>	<u>\$4,441,344</u>	<u>\$3,681,276</u>

The notes to the general-purpose financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Expendable Trust			Totals (Memorandum Only)		
Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
			\$3,020,217	\$3,020,756	\$539
			669,200	834,114	164,914
			317,475	317,405	(70)
			3,275	3,288	13
\$180	\$180		170,398	170,431	33
			13,670	13,670	
			4,805,800	4,805,840	40
			159,106	159,454	348
180	180		9,159,141	9,324,958	165,817
			3,875,950	3,742,313	133,637
			690,221	622,071	68,150
725	350	\$375	136,988	130,839	6,149
			1,900	847	1,053
			235,200	233,133	2,067
			371,723	346,618	25,105
			291,630	269,866	21,764
			36,890	26,080	10,810
			916,947	717,207	199,740
			256,453	244,006	12,447
			821,624	671,722	149,902
			647,168	544,938	102,230
			33,728	28,238	5,490
			5,150	490	4,660
			312,392	285,418	26,974
			8,024,883	4,469,220	3,555,663
			1,508,000	1,508,000	
			524,631	524,153	478
725	350	375	18,691,478	14,365,159	4,326,319
(545)	(170)	375	(9,532,337)	(5,040,201)	4,492,136
51	51		32,260	32,274	14
			1,465,000	1,465,000	
			600	617	17
			28,693	29,264	571
			(37,500)	(34,672)	2,828
			(75,000)	(43,244)	31,756
			(26,500)		26,500
51	51		1,387,553	1,449,239	61,686
(494)	(119)	375	(8,144,784)	(3,590,962)	4,553,822
1,249	1,249		10,090,831	10,090,831	
			1,063,018	1,063,018	
\$755	\$1,130	\$375	\$3,009,065	\$7,562,887	\$4,553,822

**NORTHEASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
ALL PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

	<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	Enterprise	Nonexpendable Trust	
Operating Revenues:			
Sales	\$295,178		\$295,178
Interest		\$638	638
Other Revenues	165		165
Total Operating Revenues	<u>295,343</u>	<u>638</u>	<u>295,981</u>
Operating Expenses			
Salaries	115,277		115,277
Fringe Benefits	46,221		46,221
Purchased Services	3,370		3,370
Materials and Supplies	203,580		203,580
Depreciation	3,429		3,429
Other Expenses	516	584	1,100
Total Operating Expenses	<u>372,393</u>	<u>584</u>	<u>372,977</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(77,050)</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>(76,996)</u>
Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses			
Federal Donated Commodities	19,055		19,055
Federal and State Subsidies	55,250		55,250
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	(16,258)		(16,258)
Total Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses	<u>58,047</u>		<u>58,047</u>
Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers	(19,003)	54	(18,949)
Operating Transfers-In	1,295	15	1,310
Net Income (Loss)	(17,708)	69	(17,639)
Retained Earnings/Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	113,630	10,744	124,374
Retained Earnings/Fund Balances at End of Year	95,922	10,813	106,735
Contributed Capital at Beginning of Year			
Capital Contributions During the Year	125,422		125,422
Contributed Capital at End of Year	125,422		125,422
Total Fund Equity at End of Year	<u><u>\$221,344</u></u>	<u><u>\$10,813</u></u>	<u><u>\$232,157</u></u>

The notes to the general-purpose financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**NORTHEASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
ALL PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

	<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Nonexpendable Trust</u>	
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents			
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</u>			
Cash Received from Sales	\$295,365		\$295,365
Other Cash Receipts	165		165
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(188,221)		(188,221)
Cash Payments for Contract Services	(3,370)		(3,370)
Cash Payments for Employee Services	(118,915)		(118,915)
Cash Payments for Employee Benefits	(46,234)		(46,234)
Other Cash Payments	(516)	(\$1,138)	(1,654)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	<u>(61,726)</u>	<u>(1,138)</u>	<u>(62,864)</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:</u>			
Operating Grants Received	48,591		48,591
Transfers In	1,295	15	1,310
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>49,886</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>49,901</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</u>			
Interest Received		784	784
<u>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:</u>			
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(2,695)		(2,695)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(14,535)	(339)	(14,874)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	83,693	11,737	95,430
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$69,158</u>	<u>\$11,398</u>	<u>\$80,556</u>

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**NORTHEASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
ALL PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001
(Continued)**

	<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Nonexpendable Trust</u>	
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:			
Operating Income (Loss)	(\$77,050)	\$54	(\$76,996)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:			
Depreciation	3,429		3,429
Donated Commodities Used During the Year	19,055		19,055
Adjustments to Capital Outlay	230		230
Nonexpendable Trust Interest		(783)	(783)
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:			
Accounts Receivable	187		187
Accrued Interest		145	145
Material and Supplies Inventory	(2,155)		(2,155)
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities:			
Compensated Absences Payable	(1,656)		(1,656)
Intergovernmental Payable	626		626
Deferred Revenue	2,101		2,101
Accrued Wages and Benefits	(2,621)		(2,621)
Accounts Payable	(3,872)	(554)	(4,426)
Total Adjustments	15,324	(1,192)	14,132
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>(\$61,726)</u>	<u>(\$1,138)</u>	<u>(\$62,864)</u>

Reconciliation of Nonexpendable Trust Fund Cash Balance as of June 30, 2001:

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Trust and Agency Funds	\$34,986
Less: Expendable Trust Funds	(1,129)
Less: Agency Funds	(22,459)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Nonexpendable Trust Funds	<u>\$11,398</u>

The Food Service Fund consumed donated commodities with a value of \$19,055.
The use of these commodities is reflected as an operating expense.

The notes to the general-purpose financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

Northeastern Local 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 District is a local district as defined by §3311.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District operates under an elected Board of Education (5 members) and is responsible for the provision of public education to residents of the District. The Board oversees the operations of the District's four instructional/support facilities.

The Reporting Entity

The District has implemented the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements concerning the definition of the reporting entity. Accordingly, the District's balance sheet includes all funds, account groups, agencies, boards, commissions, and component units over which the District officials exercise oversight responsibility.

Oversight responsibility includes such aspects as appointment of governing body members, budget review, approval of property tax levies, outstanding debt secured by District full faith and credit or revenues, and responsibility for funding deficits. On this basis, there were no organizations subject to the District's oversight responsibility, which required incorporation into the financial statements.

The District is associated with organizations, which are defined as jointly governed organizations and group purchasing pools. These organizations include the Northwest Ohio Computer Association, the Northern Buckeye Education Council, the Four County Career Center, Cisco Academy of Northwest Ohio, the Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc., the Northern Buckeye Education Council's Employee Insurance Benefit Program, and the Northern Buckeye Education Council Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan. These organizations are presented in Notes 15 and 16 to the general-purpose financial statements.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The District also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its proprietary activities provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

A. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types and the expendable trust fund are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The enterprise funds and the nonexpendable trust fund are accounted for using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included on the balance sheet. Fund equity (i.e., net total assets)

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is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. The enterprise funds' and nonexpendable trust fund's operating statement presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total assets.

The Agency funds are custodial in nature and do not present results of operations or have a measurement focus.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed for the governmental fund types, expendable trust funds, and agency funds. The full accrual basis of accounting is followed by the enterprise funds and the nonexpendable trust fund.

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 the modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year end.

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

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

Deferred revenues arise when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria has been satisfied. Delinquent property taxes and property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2001, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2002 operations, are recorded as deferred revenue. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met and receivables that are not collected within the available period are also recorded as deferred revenue. On the modified accrual basis, revenues that are not collected within the available period are recorded as deferred revenue.

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

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

B. Fund Accounting

The District maintains its accounting in accordance with the principles of "fund" accounting. Fund accounting is a concept developed to meet the needs of governmental entities in which legal or other restraints require the recording of specific receipts and disbursements. The transactions of each fund are reflected in a self-balancing group of accounts, an accounting entity, which stands separate from the activities reporting in other funds. The restrictions associated with each class of funds are as follows:

1. Governmental Funds

The funds through which most Board of Education functions are typically financed.

General Fund - The fund used to account for all financial resources except those required to be segregated and accounted for in other funds. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District.

Special Revenue Funds - The funds used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than capital projects) that are legally restricted to disbursements for specified purposes.

Debt Service Fund - The fund used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs. According to the governmental accounting principles, the Debt Service Fund accounts for the payment of long-term debt for Governmental Funds only. Under Ohio law, the Debt Service Fund might also be used to account for the payment of debt for Proprietary Funds and the short-term debt of both Governmental and Proprietary Funds.

Capital Projects Funds - The funds used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by Proprietary Funds and Nonexpendable Trust Funds).

2. Fiduciary Funds

The funds used to account for assets not owned by the Board, but held for a separate entity.

Trust Funds - The funds used to account for assets held by a governmental unit in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. These may include Expendable Trust Funds and Nonexpendable Trust Funds.

Agency Funds - The funds used to account for assets held by the District as an agent.

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3. Proprietary Funds

The funds used to account for Board activities that are similar to business operations in the private sector.

Enterprise Funds - The funds used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

4. Account Groups

General Fixed Assets - Fixed assets acquired or constructed for general governmental services are recorded as expenditures in the fund making the expenditures and capitalized at cost in the General Fixed Assets Account Group.

General Long-Term Obligations - This group of accounts is established to account for all long-term obligations of the District except those accounted for in the Proprietary Funds.

C. Budgetary Accounting

Budgets are adopted on a cash basis.

The District is required by State statute to adopt an annual appropriation budget for all funds. The specific timetable is as follows:

1. Prior to January 15, the Treasurer submits to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing for all funds. A public hearing is publicized and conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. The purpose of this Budget document is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.
2. By no later than January 20, the Board adopted budget is filed with the County Budget Commission for rate determination.
3. Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission and receives the Commission's Certificate of Estimated Resources, which states the projected revenue of each fund. The annual appropriation measure (the true operating budget) is then developed at the fund, function, and object level of expenditures, which are the legal levels of budgetary control.
4. A temporary appropriation measure to control cash disbursements may be passed on or about July 1 of each year for the period July 1 to September 30. An annual appropriation measure must be passed by October 1 of each year for a period July 1 to June 30. The appropriation measure may be amended or supplemental during the year as new information becomes available. Appropriations may not exceed estimated resources.
5. The District maintains budgetary control by not permitting expenditures to exceed appropriations within each fund, function, and object without approval of the Board of Education. The Board permits management to make discretionary budgetary adjustments within each fund, which are

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approved by the Board on a monthly basis. Any adjustments that alter the total fund appropriation require specific action of the Board.

6. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated. Expenditures plus encumbrances may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund level.

The District's budget (budget basis) for all funds accounts for certain transactions on a basis, which differs from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP basis). The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are that:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash for budget purposes as opposed to when susceptible to accrual for GAAP purposes.
2. Expenditures and expenses are recorded when paid in cash or encumbered for budget purposes as opposed to when the liability is incurred for GAAP purposes.

An analysis of the difference between GAAP and budgetary basis for all governmental fund types and expendable trust funds for the year ended June 30, 2001, follows:

	Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses				
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust
Budget basis	(\$21,866)	(\$7,573)	(\$16,912)	(\$3,544,492)	(\$119)
Adjustments for:					
Revenue accruals	65,621		(30,836)	(137,838)	
Expenditure accruals	(12,923)	(11,204)	1,500,000	(304,832)	
Other Financing Sources/Uses			(1,465,000)		
Encumbrances	192,171	18,868		64,763	
GAAP basis	\$223,003	\$91	(\$12,748)	(\$3,922,399)	(\$119)

D. Encumbrances

The District is required to use the encumbrance method of accounting. Under this system, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve the portion of the applicable appropriation. At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated.

E. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled. Monies for all funds, including proprietary funds, are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" on the combined balance sheet.

During fiscal year 2001, investments were limited to STAR Ohio.

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

The District has invested funds in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio) during fiscal year 2001. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price, which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2001.

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, capital projects fund, and food service fund during fiscal year 2001 amounted to \$221,715, \$407,646, and \$1,295, respectively.

For purposes of the combined statement of cash flows, investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are considered to be cash equivalents. For the purpose of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are defined as equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents as these amounts are available for immediate withdrawal.

F. Inventory

Inventories of governmental funds are stated at cost, while inventories of proprietary funds are stated at the lower of cost or market. For all funds, cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventory in governmental funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost has been recorded as an expenditure at the time individual inventory items were purchased. Reported inventories in these funds are equally offset by a fund balance reserve. Which indicates they are unavailable for appropriation. Inventories of proprietary funds consist of donated food, purchased food, and school supplies held for resale and are expended when used.

G. Property, Plant and Equipment

1. General Fixed Assets Account Group

General fixed assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for the cost of additions and retirements during the year in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Contributed fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date donated. The District follows the policy of not capitalizing assets with a cost of less than \$300. No depreciation is recognized for assets in the General Fixed Assets Account Group.

Public Domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, drainage systems and lighting systems are not capitalized, as these assets are immovable and of value only to the government. The District does not have any infrastructure.

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2. Proprietary Funds

Property plant and equipment reflected in the Proprietary Funds are stated at historical cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for the cost of additions and retirements during the year. Contributed fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date donated. Depreciation has been provided for furniture, fixtures, and equipment on a straight-line basis over an estimated useful life of five to twenty years.

H. Intergovernmental Revenues

In Governmental Funds, entitlements and non-reimbursable grants are recorded as receivables and revenues when measurable and available. Reimbursement type grants are recorded as receivables and revenues when the related expenditures are incurred. Other than commodities, grants for Proprietary Fund operations are recognized as revenue when measurable and earned. This District currently participates in various state and federal programs, categorized as follows:

Entitlements

General Fund

- State Foundation Program
- School Bus Purchase Reimbursement

Non-Reimbursable Grants

Special Revenue Funds

- Teacher Development
- Educational Management Information Systems
- ONEnet
- SchoolNet Professional Development
- Textbook/Instructional Material Subsidy
- Ohio Reads Grant
- Summer School Subsidy
- Extended Learning Opportunity
- Safe School Help Line
- Eisenhower Grant
- Title VI-B (Through Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center)
- Title I
- Title VI
- Drug Free Schools Grant (Through Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center)
- Federal Preschool Grant (Through Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center)
- Continuous Improvement Grant
- Title VIR

Capital Projects

- SchoolNet

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Reimbursable Grants

General Fund

Driver Education Reimbursement
Vocational Education Equipment Fund

Enterprise Fund

National School Lunch Program
Food Distribution Program

I. Interfund Transactions

During the course of normal operations, the District has numerous transactions between funds. The most significant include:

1. Transfers of resources from one fund to another fund through which resources are to be expended are recorded as operating transfers.
2. Reimbursements from one fund to another are treated as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and a reduction in expenditures/expenses in the reimbursed fund.
3. Short-term interfund loans are reflected as interfund receivables and interfund payables.

J. Compensated Absences

The District has adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences". In conformity with GASB Statement No. 16, the District accrues vacation as earned by its employees if the leave is attributable to past service and it is probable that the District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the District has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at fiscal year end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the District's termination policy.

For governmental funds, the District provides a liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave and vacation time for eligible employees in the period the employees become eligible to receive payment. The current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount to be paid using expendable available resources and is reported as an accrued liability in the fund from which the individuals who have accumulated the unpaid compensated absences are paid. The balance of the liability is reported in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group. In proprietary funds, compensated absences are expensed when earned. The entire amount of unpaid compensated absences is reported as a fund liability.

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K. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets in the general fund represent cash and cash equivalents whose use is limited by legal requirements. Restricted assets include amounts required by statute to be set-aside by the District. See Note 18 for the calculation of the year-end restricted asset balance and the corresponding fund balance reserves.

L. Fund Balance Reserves

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

The reserve for property taxes represents taxes recognized as revenue under generally accepted accounting principles but not available for appropriation under State statute. The reserve for budget stabilization represents money required to be set-aside by statute to protect against cyclical changes in revenues and expenditures. The reserve for contributions signifies the legal restrictions on the use of principal.

M. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due or when resources have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payment early in the following year. For the other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from proprietary fund operations are accounted for in those funds.

N. 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.

O. Pass-Through Grants

The Title VI-B, Drug Free Schools, and Handicapped Preschool special revenue funds are pass-through grants in which the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center is the primary recipient. In accordance with GASB Statement 24 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Grants and Other Financial Assistance" the secondary recipients should report monies spent on their behalf by the primary recipient as revenue and operating expenses.

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P. Total Columns on Financial Statements

Total columns on the financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. This information is not comparable to a consolidation. Interfund-type eliminations have not been made in the combining of the data.

NOTE 3 - CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

For fiscal year 2001, the District has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions" and Statement No. 36, "Recipient Reporting for Certain Shared Nonexchange Revenues". These statements establish accounting and financial reporting standards for nonexchange transactions involving financial or capital resources. The timing for the recognition of assets, liabilities, and expenditures/expenses resulting from nonexchange transactions will be the same whether the accrual or the modified accrual basis of accounting is required. However, for revenue recognition to occur on the modified accrual basis, the criteria established for accrual basis revenue recognition must be met and the revenues must be available. For the District, the implementation of these statements had no effect on fund balances/retained earnings as previously reported for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000.

NOTE 4 - ACCOUNTABILITY

At June 30, 2001, the Title I, Title VI, and Continuous Improvement funds had deficit fund balances of \$15,771, \$395, and \$1,321, which were created by the application of generally accepted accounting principles. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

NOTE 5 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the District into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the District treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawal 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.

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

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Interim monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of any securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and to be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made through eligible institutions and,
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio); and
7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim moneys available for investment at any one time.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse purchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

At year end, the District had \$1,690 held at the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center. This amount is included in the balance sheet as "Cash and Cash Equivalents With Fiscal Agents".

At fiscal year end, the District had \$100 in undeposited cash on hand, which is included on the balance sheet of the District as part of "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents."

The following information classifies deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined in GASB Statement 3, "Deposits with Financial Institutions".

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Deposits

At the year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$1,997,900 and the bank balance was \$2,764,592. Of the bank balance:

1. \$300,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance; and
2. \$2,464,592 was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although all state statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

Investments

The District's investments are required to be categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the District at fiscal year end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the District or its agent in the District's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments, which are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the District's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but not in the District's name. STAR Ohio, an investment pool operated by the Ohio State Treasurer, is an unclassified investment since it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

The carrying amount and fair value of STAR Ohio was \$5,943,703 as of June 30, 2001. The classification of cash and cash equivalents, and investments on the combined financial statements is based on criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 9, "Reporting cash flows of Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities that was Proprietary Fund Accounting."

A reconciliation between the classifications of cash and cash equivalents and investments on the combined financial statements and the classifications of deposits and investments presented above per GASB Statement No. 3 is as follows:

	Cash and Cash Equivalents	Investments
GASB Statement 9	\$7,943,393	
Cash with Fiscal Agents	(1,690)	
Cash on Hand	(100)	
Star Ohio	(5,943,703)	\$5,943,703
GASB Statement 3	\$1,997,900	\$5,943,703

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes include amounts levied against real, public utility, and tangible property located within the District. All property is required to be reappraised every six years with a triennial update.

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Real property taxes, excluding public utility property, are assessed at 35 percent of appraised market value. Pertinent real property tax dates are:

Collection Dates	February and July of the current year
Lien Date	January 1 of the year preceding the collection year
Levy Date	April 1 of the year preceding the collection year

Tangible personal property used in business (except for public utilities) is currently assessed for ad valorem taxation purposes at 25 percent of its true value.

The taxes are based on assessed values determined at the close of the most recent fiscal year of the taxpayer that ended on or before March 31 of the current calendar year. Pertinent tangible personal property tax dates are:

Collection Dates	April and October of the current year
Lien Date	December 31 of the current year
Levy Date	April 1 of the year preceding the collection year

Most public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at 35 percent of its true value. Pertinent public utility tangible personal property tax dates are:

Collection Dates	April and October of the current year
Lien Date	December 31 of the second year preceding the collection year
Levy Date	April 1 of the year preceding the collection year

The County Treasurer collects real estate property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts within the County. The County Auditor periodically remits to the District its portion of the taxes collected with final settlement in March and September.

The County Treasurer collects personal property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts within the County. The County Auditor periodically remits to the District its portion of the taxes collected with final settlement in May and October.

Taxes receivable represent current and delinquent real property, tangible personal property, and public utility property taxes, which are measurable at June 30, 2001. These taxes are intended to finance the next fiscal year's operations, and are therefore offset by a credit to deferred revenue, except for the portion, which is available to advance as of June 30, 2001.

The assessed values of properties upon which property tax revenues were based are as follows:

	<u>Amount</u>
Residential/Industrial	\$21,930,900
Commercial/Agricultural	76,251,090
Public Utility Personal Property	28,882,420
General Personal Property	19,669,611
Total Valuation	<u><u>\$146,734,021</u></u>

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NOTE 7 - FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in the General Fixed Assets Account Group is as follows:

Asset Category	Balance at 7/01/00	Additions	Disposals	Balance at 6/30/01
Land and land improvements	\$141,500	\$37,051		\$178,551
Buildings	2,658,428	246,154		2,904,582
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	2,808,577	221,276	\$172,336	2,857,517
Construction in progress	357,790	3,628,506		3,986,296
Totals	<u>\$5,966,295</u>	<u>\$4,132,987</u>	<u>\$172,336</u>	<u>\$9,926,946</u>

A summary of Enterprise Fund fixed assets at June 30, 2001 follows:

Asset Category	Balance at 6/30/01
Furniture and Equipment	\$243,679
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(73,418)
Totals	<u>\$170,261</u>

NOTE 8 - NOTES PAYABLE

The District issued \$1,465,000 in bond anticipation notes on June 26, 2001, at an interest rate of 3.27% to assist in the construction of a new elementary building and improvements to the junior/senior high school building.

NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

During the year ended June 30, 2001, the following changes occurred in obligations reported in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group:

	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Balance at July 1, 2000	Additions	Deletions	Balance at June 30, 2001
General Obligation Bonds	Various	12/01/2026	\$6,249,421	\$33,927		\$6,283,348
Energy Conservation Loan	4.4%	11/23/2003	32,000		\$8,000	24,000
Energy Conservation Improvement Bonds	5.99%	11/23/2010	350,000			350,000
Intergovernmental Payable			51,241	\$1,713		52,954
Compensated Absences			594,914	4,072		598,986
Total Long-Term Obligations			<u>\$7,277,576</u>	<u>\$39,712</u>	<u>\$8,000</u>	<u>\$7,309,288</u>

Total expenditures for interest for the above debt for the period ended June 30, 2001 was \$524,153.

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The scheduled payments of principal and interest on debt outstanding at June 30, 2001 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2002	\$49,073	\$371,397	\$420,470
2003	54,073	366,971	421,044
2004	64,073	362,025	426,098
2005	71,073	356,630	427,703
2006	81,073	350,818	431,891
Thereafter	6,337,983	5,047,259	11,385,242
Total	<u>\$6,657,348</u>	<u>\$6,855,100</u>	<u>\$13,512,448</u>

The general obligation bonds were issued in March 2000 for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new elementary building, and for the purpose of improving the junior/senior high school building.

The energy conservation loan was issued in 1993 for the purpose of providing energy conservation measures for the district pursuant to House Bill 264.

The energy conservation bonds were issued in May 2000 for the purpose of paying costs of installations, modifications, and remodeling of school buildings to conserve energy, pursuant to the laws of the State of Ohio, particularly § 113.06(G) of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOTE 10 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Employees earn vacation at rates specified under State of Ohio law and based on credited service. Clerical, Technical, and Maintenance and Operation employees with one or more years of service are entitled to vacation ranging from 10 to 20 days. Employees with less than one year of service earn no vacation. Employees are permitted to carry over vacation leave if approved by the Superintendent.

All employees are entitled to a sick leave credit equal to one and one-quarter days for each month of service (earned on a pro rata basis for less than full-time employees). This sick leave will either be absorbed by time off due to illness or injury or, within certain limitations, be paid to the employee upon retirement. The amount paid to an employee upon retirement is limited to one-fourth of the accumulated sick leave to a maximum of 53 days for certified employees and 50 days for non-certified employees.

At June 30, 2001 the current amount of unpaid compensated absences in all funds, except for the proprietary funds, and the balance of the liability in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group were \$36,423 and \$598,986, respectively. The liability for compensated absences in the proprietary funds at June 30, 2001 was \$5,976.

NOTE 11 - PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

The District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by State statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS

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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, 45 N. Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or by calling (614) 222-5853.

Plan members are required to contribute 9 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS Retirement Board. The District's contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2001, 2000, and 1999 were \$163,987, \$148,592, and \$132,758, respectively; 64 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2001 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2000 and 1999. \$59,760 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2001 is recorded as a liability within the respective funds and the general long-term obligations account group.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

The District participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system administered by the State Teachers Retirement Board. STRS provides basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771 or by calling (614) 227-4090.

Plan members are required to contribute 9.3 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute 14 percent. Contribution rates are established by STRS, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. The District's contributions for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2001, 2000, and 1999 were \$624,003, \$536,792, and \$495,187, respectively; 86 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2001 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2000 and 1999. \$89,160 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2001 is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) provides comprehensive health care benefits to retirees and their dependents. Coverage includes hospitalization, physician fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare premiums. All benefit recipients and sponsored dependents are eligible for health care coverage. Pursuant to the Revised Code, the State Teachers Retirement Board has discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Most benefit recipients pay a portion of health care costs in the form of a monthly premium.

The Revised Code grants authority to STRS to provide health care coverage to benefit recipients, spouses and dependents. By Ohio law, the cost of the coverage paid from STRS funds shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently at 14 percent of covered payroll.

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The Retirement Board allocates employer contributions to the Health Care Reserve Fund from which health care benefits are paid. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, the board allocated employer contributions equal to 8 percent of covered payroll to Health Care Reserve Fund. The balance in the Health Care Reserve Fund was \$3.419 billion on June 30, 2000. The Health Care Reserve Fund allocation for the year ended June 30, 2001 will be 4.5 percent of covered payroll.

For the year ended June 30, 2000, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$283,137,000. There were 99,011 eligible benefit recipients.

The Ohio Revised Code gives SERS the discretionary authority to provide postretirement health care to retirees and their dependents. Coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying service credit, disability and survivor benefit recipients. Members retiring on or after August 1, 1989 with less than twenty-five years of service credit must pay a portion of their premium for health care. The portion is based on years of service up to a maximum of 75 percent of the premium.

After the allocation for the basic benefits, the remainder of the employer's 14 percent contribution is allocated to providing health care benefits. At June 30, 2000, the allocation rate is 8.45 percent. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal 2000, the minimum pay has been established as \$12,400. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund.

Health care benefits are financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. The target level for the health care reserve is 150 percent of annual health care expenses. Expenses for health care at June 30, 2000 were \$140,696,340 and the target level was \$211.0 million. At June 30, 2000, the Retirement System's net assets available for payment of health care benefits were \$252.3 million. The number of participants currently receiving health care benefits is approximately 50,000.

The portion of District contributions that were used to fund postemployment benefits can be determined by multiplying actual employer contributions times .6036, then adding the surcharge due as of June 30, 2000, as certified to the District by SERS.

For the District, the amount to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge, equaled \$120,628 during the 2001 fiscal year.

NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Comprehensive

The District maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for liability, real property, building contents, and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. In addition, real property contents are fully insured.

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years, and there has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from last year.

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B. Employee Insurance Benefits Program

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

C. Workers' Compensation Group Program

The District participates in the Northern Buckeye Education Council Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (the Plan), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 16). The Plan is intended to reduce premiums for the participants. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the Plan. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate.

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

NOTE 14 - ENTERPRISE FUNDS SEGMENT INFORMATION

The District maintains two Enterprise Funds, which provide lunchroom/cafeteria and uniform school supply services. Segment information for the year ended June 30, 2001 was as follows:

	Lunchroom/ Cafeteria	Uniform School Supplies	Total Enterprise Funds
Operating revenues	\$268,910	\$26,433	\$295,343
Depreciation	3,429		3,429
Operating income (loss)	(75,952)	(1,098)	(77,050)
Donated commodities	19,055		19,055
Grants	55,250		55,250
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	(16,258)		(16,258)
Operating transfers - in	1,295		1,295
Net income (loss)	(16,610)	(1,098)	(17,708)

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	Lunchroom/ Cafeteria	Uniform School Supplies	Total Enterprise Funds
Net working capital	(2,774)	53,857	51,083
Total assets	202,056	53,857	255,913
Total liabilities	34,569		34,569
Total equity	167,487	53,857	221,344

NOTE 15- JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A. Northwest Ohio Computer Association

The District is a participant in the Northwest Ohio Computer Association (NWOCA). NWOCA is an association of public school districts within the boundaries of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams Counties. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. NWOCA is governed by the Northern Buckeye Education Council and its participating members. Total disbursements made by the District to NWOCA during this fiscal year were \$28,976. Financial information can be obtained from Cindy Siler, who serves as Treasurer, at 22-900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

B. Northern Buckeye Education Council

The Northern Buckeye Education Council (NBEC) was established in 1979 to foster cooperation among various educational entities located in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams counties. NBEC is organized under Ohio laws as a regional council of governments pursuant to a written agreement entered into by its member educational entities and bylaws adopted by the representatives of the member educational entities. NBEC is governed by an elected Board consisting of two representatives from each of the four counties in which the member educational entities are located. The Board is elected from an Assembly consisting of a representative from each participating educational entity. Total disbursements made by the District to NBEC for GAAP conversion services during this fiscal year were \$3,000. To obtain financial information write to the Northern Buckeye Education Council, Cindy Siler, who serves as Treasurer, at 22-900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

C. Four County Career Center

The Four County Career Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of five representatives from the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center - one each from the counties of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams and one additional representative; one representative from each of the city school districts; one representative from each of the exempted village school districts. The Four County Career Center possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information write to the Four County Career Center, Lois Knuth, who serves as Treasurer, at Route 1, Box 245A, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

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D. Cisco Academy of Northwest Ohio

The Cisco Academy of Northwest Ohio (the Academy) was established July 1, 1998, to foster cooperation toward joint training and other joint activities of mutual interest among certain educational entities located in Northwest Ohio. The Academy is organized under Ohio laws as a regional council of governments pursuant to a written agreement entered into by its member educational entities and bylaws adopted by representatives of the member educational entities. The Academy is governed by a management council consisting of a representative appointed from each participating member educational entity. The Board of Education of the Four County Career Center has been designated fiscal agent for the Academy. Financial information can be obtained from the treasurer of the Four County Career Center, at 22-900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

E. Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc.

The Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc. (NOERC) is a jointly governed organization formed to bring educational entities into a better understanding of their common educational problems, facilitate and conduct practical educational research, coordinate educational research among members, provide a means for evaluating and disseminating the results of research, serve as a repository for research and legislative materials, and provide opportunities for training. The NOERC serves a twenty-five county area in Northwest Ohio. The Board of Directors consists of superintendents from two educational service centers, two exempted village school districts, five local school districts, and five city school districts, as well as representatives from two private or parochial schools and three institutions of higher education. Each active member is entitled to one vote on all issues addressed by the Board of Directors. Financial information can be obtained from the Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc., Box 456, Ashland, Ohio 44805.

NOTE 16 - GROUP PURCHASING POOLS

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

Northern Buckeye Education Council Employee Insurance Benefits Program (the Pool) is a public entity shared risk pool consisting of educational entities located in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams counties. The Pool is governed by the Northern Buckeye Education Council and its participating members. Total disbursements made by the District to NBEC for employee insurance benefits during this fiscal year were \$539,212. Financial information can be obtained from Northern Buckeye Education Council, Cindy Siler, who serves as Treasurer, at 22-900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

B. Northern Buckeye Education Council's Worker's Compensation Group Rating Plan

The District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under § 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Northern Buckeye Education Council Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (WCGRP) was established through the Northern Buckeye Education Council (NBEC) as an insurance purchasing pool. The WCGRP is governed by the Northern Buckeye Education Council and the participating members of the WCGRP. The Executive Director of the NBEC coordinates the management and administration of the program. During this fiscal year, the District paid an enrollment fee of \$938 to the WCGRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

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NOTE 17 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund balances at June 30, 2001 consist of the following transfers between funds during the year ended June 30, 2001 were as follows:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General Fund		\$34,672
Special Revenue Fund	\$2,769	
Debt Service Fund	29,454	
Expendable Trust Fund	51	
Enterprise Fund	1,295	
Nonexpendable Fund	15	
Agency Fund	1,088	
Total All Funds	\$34,672	\$34,672

NOTE 18 - SET-ASIDE CALCULATIONS AND FUND RESERVES

The District is required by State statute to annually set aside in the general fund an amount based on a statutory formula for the purchase of textbooks and other instructional materials and an equal amount for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by year-end or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at year-end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future years. In prior years, the District was also required to set aside money for budget stabilization. For fiscal year 2001, only the unspent portion of certain workers' compensation refunds is required to be set aside at fiscal year end.

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

	Textbooks	Capital Acquisition	Budget Stabilization	Totals
Set-aside Cash Balance as of June 30, 2000	(\$77,140)		\$79,620	\$2,480
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	173,337	\$173,337		346,674
Current Year Offsets		(544,579)		(544,579)
Qualifying Disbursements	(228,673)	(721,265)	(53,550)	(1,003,488)
Total	(\$132,476)	(\$1,092,507)	\$26,070	(\$1,198,913)
Cash Balance Carried Forward to FY 2002	(\$132,476)		\$26,070	(\$106,406)
Amount restricted for Budget Stabilization			\$26,070	
Total Restricted Assets			\$26,070	

The District had offsets and qualifying disbursements during the year that reduced the set-aside amounts to below zero. The negative amounts may be used to offset future year textbook set-aside requirements, however may not be used to reduce future capital set-aside requirements.

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NOTE 19 – SCHOOL FUNDING DECISION

On September 6, 2001, the Ohio Supreme Court issued its latest opinion regarding the State's school funding plan. The decision identified aspects of the current plan that require modification if the plan is to be considered constitutional, including:

- A change in the districts that are used as the basis for determining the base cost support amount. Any change in the amount of funds distributed to districts as a result of this change must be retroactive to July 2, 2001, although a time line for distribution is not specified.
- Fully funding parity aid no later than the beginning of fiscal year 2004, rather than in fiscal year 2006.

The Supreme Court relinquished jurisdiction over the case based on anticipated compliance with its order.

In general, it is expected that the decision would result in an increase in State funding for most Ohio districts. However, as of December 20, 2001, the Ohio General Assembly is still analyzing the impact this Supreme Court decision will have on funding for individual districts. Further, the State of Ohio, in a motion filed September 17, 2001, asked the Court to reconsider and clarify the parts of the decision changing the districts that are used as the basis for determining the base cost support amount and the requirement that changes be made retroactive to July 1, 2001.

On November 2, 2001, the Court granted this motion for reconsideration. The Court may re-examine and redetermine any issue upon such reconsideration.

As of the date of this report, the District is unable to determine what effect, if any, this decision and the reconsideration will have on its future State funding and on its financial operations.

NOTE 20 - CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

As of June 30, 2001, the District had the following contractual purchase commitments:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>
Charles Associates	\$1,300,554
Ward Construction	441,372
Fitzenrider Inc.	736,719
Laux-Arnold Inc.	317,205
Arco, Inc.	137,537
Beilharz Architects	27,589
Duerk Construction	264,920
D & D Electric	13,260
	<u>\$3,239,156</u>



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

Northeastern Local School District
Defiance County
05921 Domersville Road
Defiance, Ohio 43512-6703

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of Northeastern Local School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 2001. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated December 20, 2001.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated December 20, 2001.

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

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

December 20, 2001

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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
JUNE 30, 2001**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain:</i>
2000-10625-001	Ohio Revise Code § 9.39 for an undocumented shortage in a fund raising activity	Yes	The finding was repaid on December 6, 2000.



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JANUARY 10, 2002**