



**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEIGS COUNTY**

SINGLE AUDIT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001



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**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Eastern Local School District
Meigs County
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To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Eastern Local School District, Meigs County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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.

Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(B) requires the School District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. However, as discussed in Note 2, the School District prepares and files its financial statements on the basis of accounting formerly prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, fund equities, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined cash, investments and combined fund cash balances of the Eastern Local School District, Meigs County, as of June 30, 2001, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements and its combined budgeted and actual receipts and budgeted and actual disbursements, for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 5, 2001, on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and 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.

We performed our audit to form an opinion on the financial statements of the School District, taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures 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 not a required part of the financial statements. We subjected this information to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Education, and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

November 5, 2001

**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEIGS COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH, INVESTMENTS
AND FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL FUND TYPES
AS OF JUNE 30, 2001**

Cash	\$ 344,652
Investments	
STAROhio	<u>2,461,880</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,806,532</u>

CASH BALANCES BY FUND TYPE

Governmental Funds:	
General Fund	\$ 1,627,017
Special Revenue Funds	230,542
Debt Service Fund	119,723
Capital Projects Funds	220,947
Proprietary Funds:	
Enterprise Funds	18,955
Internal Service Fund	576,380
Fiduciary Funds:	
Agency Funds	<u>12,968</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,806,532</u>

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

**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEIGS COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

	Governmental Fund Types				Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	
Receipts:					
Receipts from Local Sources:					
Taxes	\$ 711,239	\$ 18,472	\$ 139,520	\$ 10,066	\$ 869,231
Earnings on Investment	133,290	1,860			145,216
Extracurricular Activities		83,317			83,317
Classroom Material & Fees	8,257				8,257
Miscellaneous	60,830	16,730			77,560
Receipts from Intermediate Sources:					
Restricted Grants-In-Aid		6,644			6,644
Revenue for/on Behalf of the District	2,344				2,344
Receipts from State Sources:					
Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid	3,350,241	2,519	15,112	22,000	3,389,872
Restricted Grants-In-Aid	94,854	245,977		45,500	386,331
Receipts from Federal Sources:					
Restricted Grants-In-Aid		353,198		2,000	355,198
Total Receipts	4,361,055	728,717	154,632	79,566	5,323,970
Disbursements:					
Instruction:					
Regular	1,928,976	189,587		32,115	2,150,678
Special	316,529	228,162			544,691
Vocational Education	51,230				51,230
Other Instruction	71				71
Supporting Services:					
Pupils	136,206	30,388			166,594
Instructional Staff	61,764	58,341		21,252	141,357
Board of Education	15,182				15,182
Administration	440,660	1,907			442,567
Fiscal Services	168,005	3,803	4,445	4,371	180,624
Operation and Maintenance - Plant	440,345	208			440,553
Pupil Transportation	405,989				405,989
Central	74,634	7,221		1,617	83,472
Operation of Noninstructional Services:					
Food Services Operations	4,999				4,999
Other Operation of Noninstructional Services		1,375			1,375
Extracurricular Activities:					
Academic and Subject Oriented Activities	5,825	44,129			49,954
Sports Oriented	49,440	49,400			98,840
Co-Curricular Activities	2,609				2,609
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services:					
Site Improvement	17,971	11,000			28,971
Building Acquisition and Construction	37,525				37,525
Building Improvement	17,720	13,459			31,179
Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction				1,288	1,288
Debt Service:					
Repayment of Debt			149,050		149,050
Total Disbursements	4,175,680	638,980	153,495	60,643	5,028,798
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	185,375	89,737	1,137	18,923	295,172
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):					
Sale and Loss of Assets	78,504				78,504
Transfers-In		28,700	803		29,503
Advances-In	22,327				22,327
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	27,622	6,293			33,915
Transfers-Out	(48,233)	(6,467)	(803)		(55,503)
Advances-Out		(22,327)			(22,327)
Refund of Prior Year Receipts		(4,046)			(4,046)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	80,220	2,153	0	0	82,373
Excess of Receipts and Other Financing Sources Over/(Under) Disbursements and Other Financing (Uses)	265,595	91,890	1,137	18,923	377,545
Fund Cash Balances, July 1	1,361,422	138,652	118,586	202,024	1,820,684
Fund Cash Balances, June 30	\$ 1,627,017	\$ 230,542	\$ 119,723	\$ 220,947	\$ 2,198,229

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

**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

	<u>Proprietary Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Internal Service</u>	<u>Agency</u>	
Operating Receipts:				
Food Service	\$ 112,716	\$	\$	\$ 112,716
Extracurricular Activities	1,872		47,430	49,302
Classroom Materials and Fees	2,197			2,197
 Total Operating Receipts	<u>116,785</u>		<u>47,430</u>	<u>164,215</u>
Operating Disbursements:				
Personal Services - Salaries	80,655		79	80,734
Employees' Retirement and Insurance	68,442		13	68,455
Purchased Services	2,116	715,457	28,125	745,698
Supplies and Materials	115,021		28,299	143,320
Capital Outlay - Replacement	245			245
Other	946		1,000	1,946
 Total Operating Disbursements	<u>267,425</u>	<u>715,457</u>	<u>57,516</u>	<u>1,040,398</u>
Operating Income/(Loss)	<u>(150,640)</u>	<u>(715,457)</u>	<u>(10,086)</u>	<u>(876,183)</u>
Nonoperating Receipts/(Disbursements):				
Earnings on Investments	256			256
Miscellaneous		781,607	3,079	784,686
State Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid	9,134			9,134
Federal Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid	123,913			123,913
Refund of Prior Years Disbursements			36	36
 Total Nonoperating Receipts/(Disbursements)	<u>133,303</u>	<u>781,607</u>	<u>3,115</u>	<u>918,025</u>
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements Before Interfund Advances	(17,337)	66,150	(6,971)	41,842
Transfers-In	26,000		3,028	29,028
Transfers-Out			(3,028)	(3,028)
Net Income/(Loss)	8,663	66,150	(6,971)	67,842
Fund Cash Balances, July 1	<u>10,292</u>	<u>510,230</u>	<u>19,939</u>	<u>540,461</u>
Fund Cash Balances, June 30	<u>\$ 18,955</u>	<u>\$ 576,380</u>	<u>\$ 12,968</u>	<u>\$ 608,303</u>

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

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**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
ALL BUDGETED FUND TYPES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

<u>Fund Types/Funds</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Governmental			
General	\$ 4,384,041	\$ 4,489,508	\$ 105,467
Special Revenue	796,055	763,710	(32,345)
Debt Service	147,624	155,435	7,811
Capital Projects	65,500	79,566	14,066
Proprietary			
Enterprise	276,106	276,088	(18)
Internal Service	781,607	781,607	0
Fiduciary			
Agency	<u>53,538</u>	<u>53,573</u>	<u>35</u>
Totals (Memorandum Only)	<u>\$ 6,504,471</u>	<u>\$ 6,599,487</u>	<u>\$ 95,016</u>

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**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS AND ENCUMBRANCES
COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY
ALL BUDGETED FUND TYPES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

<u>Fund Types/Funds</u>	<u>Prior Year Carryover Appropriations</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Total</u>
Governmental			
General	\$ 256,506	\$ 4,588,212	\$ 4,844,718
Special Revenue	16,061	797,252	813,313
Debt Service		154,854	154,854
Capital Projects	8,951	67,096	76,047
Proprietary			
Enterprise	802	270,069	270,871
Internal Service		715,500	715,500
Fiduciary			
Agency	<u>1,090</u>	<u>59,619</u>	<u>60,709</u>
Totals (Memorandum Only)	<u>\$ 283,410</u>	<u>\$ 6,652,602</u>	<u>\$ 6,936,012</u>

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

<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Encumbrances Outstanding 06/30/01</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
\$ 4,223,913	\$ 84,233	\$ 4,308,146	\$ 536,572
671,820	13,673	685,493	127,820
154,298		154,298	556
60,643	15,403	76,046	1
267,425	680	268,105	2,766
715,457		715,457	43
<u>60,544</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>60,710</u>	<u>(1)</u>
<u>\$ 6,154,100</u>	<u>\$ 114,155</u>	<u>\$ 6,268,255</u>	<u>\$ 667,757</u>

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**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

Eastern Local School District, Meigs County (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 is a local school district as defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 3311.03. The School District operates under an elected Board of Education (five members) and is responsible for the provision of public education to residents of the School District.

Average daily membership (ADM) as of October 1, 2000, was 796. The School District employed 66 certificated employees and 34 non-certificated employees.

The School District is associated with the Southeastern Ohio Voluntary Educational Consortium and the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools, which are defined as jointly governed organizations, and the Ohio School Boards Association Worker's Compensation Group Rating Program, an insurance purchasing pool. These organizations are presented in Notes 10 and 12.

The following entity performs activities within the School District's boundaries for the benefit of its residents. The activities of the entity are excluded from the accompanying financial statements because the School District is not financially accountable for this entity nor is it fiscally dependent on the School District:

- ▶ Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Accounting

Although required by Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(B) to file its annual financial report pursuant to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the School District chooses to prepare its financial statements on the basis of accounting formerly prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State. This basis of accounting is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

Failing to follow generally accepted accounting principles is a condition sufficient for the Ohio Department of Education to place the School District in a Fiscal Caution status. This status requires the School District to submit a corrective action plan to the Department. The Auditor of State is referring this report to the Ohio Department of Education.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as formerly prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

B. Pooled Cash and Investments

The School District Treasurer invests all available funds of the School District in interest-bearing checking accounts.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001
(Continued)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Pooled Cash and Investments (Continued)

The School District also has invested funds in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAROhio) during fiscal year 2001. STAROhio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes.

STAROhio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAROhio'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.

C. Fund Accounting

The School District maintains its accounting records 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 reported in other funds.

The restrictions associated with each type of fund are as follows:

1. Governmental Fund Types:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the School District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required by law or contract 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.

Special Revenue Funds

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

Debt Service Fund

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term obligation principal, interest, and related costs. According to 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 the long-term debt of proprietary funds and the short-term debt of both governmental and proprietary funds. For purposes of this report, these funds have been classified into the proper groups, if practicable.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001
(Continued)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Fund Accounting (Continued)

1. Governmental Fund Types (Continued):

Capital Projects Funds

The Capital Projects Funds are 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).

2. Proprietary Fund Types:

Enterprise Funds

The Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations (a) 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; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Internal Service Fund

The Internal Service Fund is used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the governmental unit, on a cost-reimbursement basis.

3. Fiduciary Fund Type:

Agency Funds

Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by a governmental unit in an agency capacity for individuals, private organizations, other funds and/or governmental units.

D. Budgetary Process

1. Budget

A budget of estimated cash receipts and disbursements is submitted to the County Auditor, as Secretary of the County Budget Commission, by January 20 of each year, for the subsequent July 1 to June 30 fiscal year.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Budgetary Process (Continued)

2. Estimated Resources

The County Budget Commission certifies its actions to the School District by March 1. As part of this certification, the School District receives the official certificate of estimated resources which states the projected receipts of each fund. On or about July 1, this certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year.

Prior to June 30, the School District must revise its budget so that the total contemplated disbursements from a fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure. Budget receipts as shown in the accompanying financial statements do not include July 1, 2000, unencumbered fund balances. However, those fund balances are available for appropriations.

3. Appropriations

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 the period July 1 to June 30. The appropriation measure may be amended or supplemented during the year as new information becomes available. Appropriations may not exceed estimated resources.

4. Encumbrances

The School District is required to use the encumbrance method of accounting by virtue of Ohio law. Under this system, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the disbursement 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. Property, Plant and Equipment

Fixed assets acquired or constructed for the School District are recorded as disbursements. Depreciation is not recorded for these fixed assets.

F. Accumulated Unpaid Vacation and Sick Leave

Accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave are not accrued under the basis of accounting described in Note 2. As of June 30, 2001, management estimates that \$30,725 in vacation leave and \$993,642 in sick leave has been accumulated by the employees of the School District. All leave will either be absorbed by time off from work or, within certain limitations, be paid to the employees. It is not practicable to determine the actuarial value of these benefits as of June 30, 2001.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001
(Continued)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. 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 data is not comparable to a consolidation. Interfund-type eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

The School District maintains a cash pool which is used by all funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the "Combined Statement of Cash, Investments and Fund Cash Balances" as "Cash Balances by Fund Type."

State statutes classify monies held by the School 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 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 two 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 School 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.

- a. 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;
- b. 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;
- c. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH (Continued)

- d. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
- e. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- f. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio);
- g. 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 monies available for investment at any one time; and,
- h. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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

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

Deposits - At fiscal year end, the carrying amount of the School District's deposits was \$344,652 and the bank balance was \$415,631. Of the bank balance, \$146,686 was covered by federal deposit insurance, and \$268,945 was collateralized by securities held by a third party bank in the School District's name.

Investments - Investments in STAROhio are valued at STAROhio's share price which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2001. The School District's investment in the STAROhio is not categorized because it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

<u>Investment:</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
STAROhio	<u>\$2,461,880</u>	<u>\$2,461,880</u>

4. PROPERTY TAXES

Real property taxes are levied on assessed values which equal 35% of appraised values. The County Auditor reappraises all real property every six years with a triennial update. The last reappraisal was completed for tax year 1998 for Meigs County.

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4. PROPERTY TAXES (Continued)

Real property taxes become a lien on all non-exempt real property located in the County on January 1. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20 of the following year. Under certain circumstances, state statute permits later payment dates to be established.

The full tax rate applied to real property for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, was \$23.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. After adjustment of the rate for inflationary increases in property values, the effective tax rate was \$23.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for real property classified as residential/agricultural and was \$23.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for all other real property. Real property owners' tax bills are further reduced by homestead and rollback deductions, when applicable. The amount of these homestead and rollback reductions is reimbursed to the School District by the State of Ohio.

Owners of tangible personal property are required to file a list of such property, including costs, by April 30 of each year. The property is assessed for tax purposes at varying statutory percentages of cost. The tax rate applied to tangible personal property for tax year 2000 was \$23.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

<u>Real Property - 2000 Valuation</u>	
Residential/Agricultural	\$ 32,838,880
Commercial/Industrial	1,407,040
Minerals	419,480
<u>Tangible Personal Property - 2000 Valuation</u>	
General	1,366,030
Public Utilities	<u>4,230,010</u>
Total	<u>\$ 40,261,440</u>

The Meigs County Treasurer collects property tax on behalf of all taxing districts within their respective County. The Meigs County Auditor periodically remits to the taxing districts their portion of the taxes collected.

5. DEBT OBLIGATIONS

Debt outstanding at June 30, 2001, consisted of the following:

	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>	<u>General Obligation Note</u>
Principal Outstanding	\$1,360,000	\$66,166
Interest Rates	5.80 % - 6.35%	5.5%

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5. DEBT OBLIGATIONS (Continued)

The general obligation bonds are direct obligations of the School District for which its full faith, credit and resources are pledged and are payable from taxes levied on all taxable property in the School District. Outstanding general obligation bonds consist of school building construction issues. The general obligation note is an installment note obtained in order to acquire and install equipment and other improvements which constitute energy conservation measures as per House Bill 264. The full faith and credit of the School District has also been pledged in the repayment of this debt.

The annual requirements to amortize debt outstanding as of June 30, 2001, including interest payments of \$1,009,526, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>	<u>General Obligation Note</u>	<u>Total</u>
2002	\$ 118,141	\$ 28,686	\$ 146,827
2003	120,760	28,686	149,446
2004	118,220	14,339	132,559
2005	120,532		120,532
2006	117,698		117,698
2007 - 2011	595,945		595,945
2012 - 2016	586,690		586,690
2017 - 2021	586,995		586,995
Total	<u>\$ 2,364,981</u>	<u>\$ 71,711</u>	<u>\$ 2,436,692</u>

6. AMORTIZATION OF CLASSROOM FACILITIES

On November 6, 1995, the voters of the School District passed a half-mill levy to qualify for State Building Assistance Funds. The School District received a \$7,295,000 interest free loan from the State of Ohio for the construction and reconstruction of classroom facilities.

The balance outstanding at June 30, 2001 (\$7,295,000), is payable over the next 15 years from property tax collections repaid at the rate of one-half mill until the loan is paid off or the total time of twenty-three years expires. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, the School District was not required to make any payments on this loan, as noted below.

Pursuant to changes in Ohio Rev. Code Section 3318.082, the school districts which have participated in the building assistance program may enter into supplemental agreements with the Ohio School Facilities Commission in order that proceeds of the one-half mill tax can be distributed in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 3318.06, as amended by Amended Substitute House Bill 748 of the 121st General Assembly.

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6. AMORTIZATION OF CLASSROOM FACILITIES (Continued)

This change allowed the School District to retain the one-half mill locally for maintenance of classroom facilities constructed or renovated through building assistance as the School District's adjusted valuation per pupil is greater than the statewide median adjusted valuation per pupil. If the School District's adjusted valuation per pupil is less than the statewide median adjusted valuation per pupil in a given year, the School District will be notified that all such proceeds shall be used for maintenance. Effective January 1, 1998, the School District retained half of the one-half mill locally as per the supplemental agreement.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

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 ending June 30, 2001, the School District contracted with Nationwide Insurance Company for property insurance and boiler and machinery coverage. The policies include a \$1,000 deductible.

Professional and general liability is protected by Nationwide Insurance Company with a \$1,000,000 single occurrence limit with \$5,000,000 aggregate and a \$1,000 deductible. Vehicles are covered by Nationwide Insurance Company and hold a \$500 deductible for collision and a \$250 deductible for comprehensive coverage. Vehicle liability had a \$2,000,000 combined single limit of liability. Settled claims have not exceeded any aforementioned commercial coverage in any of the past three years.

The School District pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

The School District provides a comprehensive health insurance plan with Medical Claims Services, Inc., for all eligible employees. The School District pays 100% of the single and/or family premium. The monthly premium for this coverage is \$679.12 for family and \$271.65 for individual. This insurance provides prescription drug insurance which has a monthly premium of \$119.49 for family and \$48 for individual.

Dental coverage is also provided through Medical Claims Services. The School District pays 100% of the premium for all eligible employees. Monthly premiums for this coverage are \$35.64 and \$12.96, respectively for family and/or single coverage.

Life insurance for eligible employees is provided through CoreSource. The School District pays 100% of the premium for single coverage, which is \$15,000 for certified employees and \$20,000 for classified employees. The monthly premium for this coverage is \$3.30 for certified employees and \$4.40 for classified employees. The Treasurer, Superintendent and the three principals have life insurance that is equal to their yearly salaries.

8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

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

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8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

A. School Employees Retirement System (Continued)

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, 45 N. Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3634.

Plan members are required to contribute 9 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 2001, 4.2 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2000, 5.5 percent was used to fund pension obligations.

The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to a statutory maximum amount, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2001, 2000, and 1999 were \$24,045, \$38,405, and \$49,883 respectively. 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2001, 2000, and 1999.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

The School District contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death and survivor benefits to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly available, stand alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for STRS. That report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3371.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, plan members were required to contribute 9.3 percent of their annual covered salaries. The School District was required to contribute 14 percent; 9.5 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2000, the portion used to fund pension obligations was 6.0 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 School District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2001, 2000, and 1999 were \$196,712, \$109,502, and \$103,346, respectively. 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2001, 2000, and 1999.

9. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The School District provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), and to retired non-certified employees and their dependents through the School Employees Retirement System (SERS). Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare premiums. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the Systems based on authority granted by State statute. Both systems are on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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9. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

All STRS benefit recipients and sponsored dependents are eligible for health care coverage. The STRS Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Most benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS funds is included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, the STRS Board allocated employer contributions equal to 4.5 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund. For the School District, this amount equaled \$93,180 for fiscal year 2001.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. At June 30, 2000, (the latest information available) the balance in the Fund was \$3,419 million. For the year ended June 30, 2000, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$283,137,000 and STRS had 99,011 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more fiscal years of qualifying service credit, and to 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 basic benefits, the remainder of the employer's 14 percent contribution is allocated to providing health care benefits. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 9.80 percent of covered payroll, an increase of 1.3 percent for fiscal year 2000. 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 year 2001, the minimum pay was established at \$12,400. For the School District, the amount contributed to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge, during the fiscal year equaled \$68,506.

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. The target level for the health care reserve is 150 percent of the annual health care expenses. Expenses for health care for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000 (the latest information available), were \$140,696,340 and the target level was \$211 million. At June 30, 2000, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$252.3 million. SERS has approximately 50,000 participants currently receiving health care benefits.

10. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A. Southeastern Ohio Voluntary Educational Consortium (SEOVEC)

SEOVEC was created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State statutes. SEOVEC is a computer consortium 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. SEOVEC has 38 participants consisting of 30 school districts and 8 educational service centers. SEOVEC's governing board is selected by the member districts. SEOVEC possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information write to the Southeastern Ohio Voluntary Educational Consortium, Bobbi Weidner, Treasurer, at 221 North Columbus Road, Athens, Ohio 45701.

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10. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS (Continued)

B. The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools

The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools is a jointly governed organization of over one hundred school districts in southeastern Ohio. The Coalition is operated by a Board which is composed of fourteen members. The Board members are composed of one superintendent from each County elected by the school districts within that County. The Coalition provides various services for school district administrative personnel; gathers data regarding conditions of education in the region; cooperates with other professional groups to assess and develop programs designed to meet the needs of member districts; and provides staff development programs for school district personnel. The Coalition is not dependent upon the continued participation of the School District and the School District does not maintain an equity interest in or a financial responsibility for the Coalition.

11. DEFERRED COMPENSATION

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

12. INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

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 Past 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.

13. STATUTORY RESERVES

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 acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by year-end or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the fiscal year must be held in cash at fiscal year end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future years. Effective April 10, 2001, Senate Bill 345 eliminated the requirement for a budget reserve; however, the amount of the budget reserve funded with workers' compensation refunds or rebates may only be used to offset a budget deficit or certain other expenditures as directed by the Board of Education.

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

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13. STATUTORY RESERVES (Continued)

	Textbook	Capital Acquisition	Budget Stabilization	Total
Set-aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2000	\$ 42,811	\$ 0	\$ 52,866	\$ 95,677
Reduction due to Senate Bill 345			(33,543)	(33,543)
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	84,199	84,199		168,398
Offset Credits		(48,768)		(48,768)
Qualifying Disbursements	(71,563)	(24,620)		(96,183)
Set-aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2001	<u>\$ 55,447</u>	<u>\$ 10,811</u>	<u>\$ 19,323</u>	<u>\$ 85,581</u>

Senate Bill 345 eliminated the Budget Stabilization Reserve, except for amounts related to unspent Bureau of Workers' Compensation refunds. The Bill requires the Board of Education to designate its intended use of the Reserve. As of November 5, 2001, the Board has not made such a determination.

14. STATE 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 school districts that are used as the basis for determining the base cost support amount. Any change in the amount of funds distributed to school districts as a result of this change must be retroactive to July 1, 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 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 school districts. However, as of November 5, 2001, the Ohio General Assembly is still analyzing the impact this Supreme Court decision will have on funding for individual school 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 school 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 reexamine or redetermine any issue upon such reconsideration.

As of the date of these financial statements, the School 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.

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15. CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2001.

B. Litigation

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

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**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass-Through Grantor</i> Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass Through Entity Number	Receipts	Noncash Receipts	Disbursements	Noncash Disbursements
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE <i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Education</i>						
Nutrition Cluster:						
Food Distribution	10.550	N/A	\$	\$ 14,865	\$	\$ 17,169
School Breakfast Program	10.553	05-PU-00 05-PU-01	10,245 <u>23,931</u>		10,245 <u>23,931</u>	
Total School Breakfast Program			<u>34,176</u>	0	<u>34,176</u>	0
National School Lunch Program	10.555	LL-P1-00 LL-P4-00 LL-P1-01 LL-P4-01	19,698 4,823 51,450 <u>13,061</u>		19,698 4,823 51,450 <u>13,061</u>	
Total National School Lunch Program			<u>89,032</u>	0	<u>89,032</u>	0
Total Nutrition Cluster			<u>123,208</u>	<u>14,865</u>	<u>123,208</u>	<u>17,169</u>
Total United States Department of Agriculture			123,208	14,865	123,208	17,169
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY <i>Passed through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency</i>						
Disaster Assistance	83.544	DR-1227			5,828	
Total Federal Emergency Management Agency			0	0	5,828	0
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION <i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Education</i>						
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	C1-S1-00 C1-S1-00C C1-S1-01	50,425 8,750 <u>141,581</u>		31,742 15,217 <u>115,947</u>	
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			<u>200,756</u>	0	<u>162,906</u>	0
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	6B-SF-00P 6B-SF-01P	(1,686) <u>64,658</u>		6,762 <u>53,724</u>	
Total Special Education - Grants to States			<u>62,972</u>	0	<u>60,486</u>	0
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - State Grants	84.186	DR-S1-00 DR-S1-01	(10) <u>3,455</u>		866 <u>2,327</u>	
Total Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - State Grants			<u>3,445</u>	0	<u>3,193</u>	0
Goals 2000 - State and Local Education Systemic Improvement Grants	84.276	G2-S1-00 G2-S1-01	14,000 <u>13,000</u>		2,992 <u>0</u>	
Total Goals 2000 - State and Local Education Systemic Improvement Grants			<u>27,000</u>	0	<u>2,992</u>	0
Eisenhower Professional Development State Grants	84.281	MS-S1-99C MS-S1-00 MS-S1-01	3,688 4,756 <u>8,444</u>		714 3,107 <u>3,396</u>	
Total Eisenhower Professional Development State Grants			<u>8,444</u>	0	<u>7,217</u>	0
Innovative Education Program Strategies	84.298	C2-S1-99 C2-S1-00 C2-S1-01	2,904 <u>2,948</u>		750 3,408 <u>2,123</u>	
Total Innovative Education Program Strategies			<u>5,852</u>	0	<u>6,281</u>	0
Class Size Reduction	84.340	CR-S1-00 CR-S1-01	11,106 <u>31,926</u>		13,800 <u>21,127</u>	
Total Class Size Reduction Grant			<u>43,032</u>	0	<u>34,927</u>	0
Total United States Department of Education			<u>351,501</u>	0	<u>278,002</u>	0
Total Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures			<u>\$ 474,709</u>	<u>\$ 14,865</u>	<u>\$ 407,038</u>	<u>\$ 17,169</u>

The notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures are an integral part of this Schedule.

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**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
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NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

NOTE B - FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Nonmonetary assistance, such as food received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is reported in the Schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received and consumed. Cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture are commingled with State grants. It is assumed federal monies are expended first. At June 30, 2001, the School District had approximately \$3,367 of food commodities in inventory.



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

Eastern Local School District
Meigs County
50008 State Route 681
Reedsville, Ohio 45772

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of the Eastern Local School District, Meigs County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated November 5, 2001, wherein we noted that the School District had not adopted accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 School 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 instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as items 2001-10705-001 and 2001-10705-002. We also noted a certain immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the School District in a separate letter dated November 5, 2001.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School 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 the management of the School District in a separate letter dated November 5, 2001.

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

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

November 5, 2001



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

Eastern Local School District
Meigs County
50008 State Route 681
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To the Board of Education:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Eastern Local School District, Meigs County, Ohio (the School District), with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001. The School District's major federal program is identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the School District's compliance based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the School District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the School District 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 School District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control 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 noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program 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 compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

November 5, 2001

**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEIGS COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 §.505
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS
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(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other reportable conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under §.510?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Nutrition Cluster: Food Distribution - CFDA #10.550 School Breakfast Program - CFDA #10.553 National School Lunch Program - CFDA #10.555
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 §.505
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001
(Continued)**

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

Finding Number 2001-10705-001

Finding for Recovery

Ohio Rev. Code Section 3315.062(B) requires that monies received from a student activity program in excess of fifty dollars per year be paid into an activity fund. The Board of Education is required to adopt regulations governing the establishment and maintenance of such funds. Expenditures from such funds are subject to the approval of the Board of Education.

The National Art Honor Society student activity program, of which Timothy Roberts was the advisor, held a fund raiser during the 2001 fiscal year. Sufficient supporting records were not presented to support the amount of actual cash receipts, nor were sufficient supporting records maintained as to the disposition of unsold items and cash prizes paid to students.

We calculated the actual cost of the unsold items (\$106.65) and undocumented prize money paid to students (\$178.00). This totaled \$284.65. On or about October 9, 2001, \$100.00 in cash and two unsold items (actual cost of \$12.00) were turned in to School District officials, thereby reducing the unaccounted for total to \$172.65. These actions were contrary to Board of Education policy and the Ohio Revised Code.

In accordance with the foregoing facts, and pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.28, a finding for recovery is hereby issued for monies not accounted for Timothy Roberts and the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, his bonding company, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$172.65, in favor of the National Art Honor Society Fund of the School District.

Finding Number 2001-10705-002

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Admin. Code Section 117-2-03(B) requires the School District to file its annual financial report pursuant to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The School District prepared its financial statements on the basis of accounting formerly prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, fund equities, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. The School District can be fined and various other legal administrative remedies may be taken against the School District.

Failing to follow generally accepted accounting principles is a condition sufficient for the Ohio Department of Education to place the School District in a Fiscal Caution status. This status requires the School District to submit a corrective action plan to the Department. The Auditor of State is referring this report to the Ohio Department of Education.

We recommend the School District take the necessary steps to ensure that the annual financial report is prepared on a generally accepted accounting principles basis.

**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 §.505
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001
(Continued)**

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

There were no findings related to federal awards.

**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 §.315(b)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2000-10705-001	A noncompliance citation was issued under former Ohio Admin. Code Section 117-2-01, for failing to prepare the School District's financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.	No	Not Corrected: The School District's officials did not believe that preparing financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles was cost beneficial.



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EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEIGS COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
NOVEMBER 27, 2001**