

THE JOINTLY ADMINISTERED TRUST FUND
FOR THE BENEFIT OF
LORAIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF LORAIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT)
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
December 31, 2000 and 1999





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We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Lorain City School District Health Trust, Lorain County, prepared by Bober, Markey, Fedorovich & Company, for the audit period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

JIM PETRO
Auditor of State

July 10, 2001

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees

The Jointly Administered Trust Fund for the Benefit
of Lorain City School District Employees
(A Component Unit of the Lorain City School District)
Lorain, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of the Jointly Administered Trust Fund for the Benefit of Lorain City School District Employees (A component unit of Lorain City School District) (the Trust) as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in fund equity and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Governmental Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller 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 audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trust as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and its revenues, expenses and changes in fund equity and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated April 6, 2001 on our consideration of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulation, 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.

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BOBER, MARKEY, FEDOROVICH & COMPANY

April 6, 2001



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(A COMPONENT UNIT OF LORAIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT)
BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 2000 and 1999

ASSETS	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 678,968	\$ 184,445
Investments, at fair value	890,188	1,111,219
Accounts receivable - Lorain City Schools	-	71,940
Accounts receivable - Medical Mutual of Ohio	-	14,422
Refund receivable - IRS penalty and interest	106,271	-
Prepaid expenses	<u>41,464</u>	<u>2,963</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,716,891	1,384,989
OTHER ASSETS		
NPA deposits	<u>65,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,781,891</u>	<u>\$ 1,449,989</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 177,659	\$ 228,877
Cost-sharing payable	311,455	15,040
Liability for incurred but not reported claims	680,100	609,800
IRS penalty assessment payable	-	<u>101,737</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,169,214	955,454
FUND EQUITY - UNRESTRICTED	<u>612,677</u>	<u>494,535</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 1,781,891</u>	<u>\$ 1,449,989</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



THE JOINTLY ADMINISTERED TRUST FUND
 FOR THE BENEFIT OF LORAIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES
 (A COMPONENT UNIT OF LORAIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT)
 STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2000 and 1999

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
REVENUES		
Contributions:		
Employer	\$6,092,000	\$5,786,514
Participant	18,357	127,631
COBRA	27,890	33,176
Total contributions	<u>6,138,247</u>	<u>5,947,321</u>
Interest income	84,388	72,435
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>6,222,635</u>	<u>6,019,756</u>
EXPENSES		
Medical claims	3,328,044	3,784,679
Dental claims	518,575	473,098
Vision claims	130,414	115,634
Prescription claims	1,098,123	959,452
Medical stop-loss	125,616	114,546
NPA dispensing fee	52,839	49,416
Flu and Hepatitis shots	2,625	7,773
Accounting	14,978	19,240
Actuarial	47,400	44,096
Trust management	57,647	55,412
Legal fees	31,423	5,943
Bank fees	8,937	9,417
Insurance	3,909	3,741
Printing costs	78	31
Miscellaneous	289	207
Medical administration	341,229	315,224
Vision administration	21,655	20,853
Prescription administration	19,093	18,606
Cost-sharing expense	361,718	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>6,164,592</u>	<u>5,997,368</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND EQUITY BEFORE OTHER REVENUE (EXPENSES)	58,043	22,388
OTHER REVENUE (EXPENSES)		
Change in claims incurred but not reported	(70,300)	70,300
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	28,662	(12,878)
IRS penalty refund (assessment)	101,737	(101,737)
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE (EXPENSES)	<u>60,099</u>	<u>(44,315)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND EQUITY	118,142	(21,927)
FUND EQUITY - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>494,535</u>	<u>516,462</u>
FUND EQUITY - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 612,677</u>	<u>\$ 494,535</u>

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 STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2000 and 1999

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net change in fund equity	\$118,142	\$(21,927)
Adjustments to reconcile net change in fund equity to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(28,662)	12,878
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(19,909)	(86,362)
Prepaid expenses	(38,501)	(957)
Accounts payable	(51,218)	7,367
Cost-sharing payable	296,415	(168,572)
Liability for incurred but not reported claims	70,300	(70,300)
IRS penalty assessment payable	<u>(101,737)</u>	<u>101,737</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	244,030	(226,136)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of investments	(200,250)	(320,246)
Redemption of investments	<u>449,943</u>	<u>300,254</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	249,693	(19,992)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	494,523	(246,128)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>184,445</u>	<u>430,573</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	<u>5678,968</u>	<u>5184,445</u>

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE TRUST

The following description of the Jointly Administered Trust Fund for the Benefit of Lorain City School District Employees (Trust) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Trust document for a more complete description of the Trust's provisions.

General

The Trust was established in 1994 to provide health care benefits to the employees of the Lorain City School District (District). The Trust is a component unit of the District, as defined pursuant to Governmental Accounting Standards and Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity". The Trust is directed by a twelve-member Board of Trustees, eight members appointed by the District's Superintendent and four members appointed by the Lorain Education Association. The District reports the Trust as an internal service fund which is defined as a fund used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to governmental units, on a cost-reimbursement basis. The Trust applies all GASB pronouncements as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

Benefits

The Trust provides benefits for hospitalization, medical, dental, vision, and prescription drugs as provided for in the collective bargaining agreement and as may be authorized or permitted by law for eligible District employees, their families and dependents. In order to manage its claims risks, the Trust has purchased stop-loss coverage for individual claims during the policy year in excess of \$150,000.

Contributions

The District makes contributions to the Trust in amounts equal to a budgeted level of funding needs as calculated by an actuary, but is subject to minimum levels as established by the collective bargaining agreement. Additional funds are paid to the Administrator to cover costs of administering the Trust. The District makes certain pre-funding contributions to the Trust, which are to fund future benefit expenses.



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Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the District has the right to terminate the Trust, under the provisions set forth by the collective bargaining agreement.

Cost - Sharing

The Trust provides for a sharing of cost-savings between the participants in the plan covered by the Trust and the District. These cost-savings are based upon a calculation of plan income as compared to the larger of the plan's current year budget or the plan's 1994 budget for costs.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the 1999 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to 2000 presentation,

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Trust invests their cash in money market funds and U.S. Treasury notes. U.S. Treasury notes with a maturity of ninety days or less are considered to be cash equivalents for purposes of cash flows. The Trust maintains all of its cash balances with one bank. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures such cash balances to a maximum of \$100,000.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The trust is insured through Aetna Life Casualty for employee dishonesty coverage. A fiduciary bond of \$1,000,000 is maintained for the Trustees and the Trust manager.

Valuation of Investments

If available, quoted market prices are used to value investments. If market prices are not available, investments are valued at cost, which due to the short-term nature of the investments approximates market value.



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Deposits

The Trust has funds on deposit with National Prescription Administrators, Incorporated (NPA) to allow for fund availability for paying on such claims. NPA requires that such deposits be renewed monthly in order to maintain an adequate coverage for claims.

Use of Estimates

In preparing the Trust's financial statements, the Trustees are required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of Trust assets, liabilities, and fund equity, and the reported revenues and expenses of Trust assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Trust Benefits

Trust liabilities for health claims incurred but not reported are reflected in the Trust's balance sheets and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in fund equity. The Trust's independent actuary estimates claims incurred but not reported as of December 31, 2000 and 1999 based on historical trends.

Cost-Savings

For the year ended December 31, 2000, the cost-sharing savings calculation resulted in an amount distributable to the employees. In 1999, the cost-sharing savings resulted in a loss, therefore there was no amount distributable to the employees. During 1999, \$109,485 of the savings from 1998, by resolution of the Trustees, were applied to reduce the employee portion of the 1999 contribution required to be made to the Trust by the employees.

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

At December 31, 2000 and 1999, the carrying amount of the Trust's cash deposits were \$678,968 and \$184,445, respectively, and the bank balance was the same, all of which was covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by a qualified third party trustee in the name of the Trust.



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Investments

The Trust's investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at year-end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the Trust. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker's or dealer's trust department or agent in the Trust's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer or by its trust department but not in the Trust's name. All the Trust investments are categorized as Category 1.

The following table presents investments at market value as of December 31, 2000 and 1999. Investments are held in the form of U.S. Treasury Notes, and are not insured by the FDIC. Individual investments in excess of 5% of assets are separately presented.

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
U.S. Treasury Notes:		
5.500%, due 4/15/2000	\$ -	\$ 150,047
5.875%, due 9/30/2002	161,800	158,400
5.750%, due 10/31/2000	-	149,625
6.000%, due 8/15/2004	164,600	157,450
5.500%, due 1/31/2003	20,144	19,544
5.500%, due 3/31/2003	161,300	156,050
4.000%, due 10/31/2000	-	147,563
4.625%, due 12/31/2000	-	172,540
6.500%, due 8/15/2005	105,782	-
6.500%, due 5/31/2002	101,562	-
4.625%, due 12/31/2000	175,000	-
Total Investments	<u>\$ 690,188</u>	<u>\$ 1,111,219</u>

The Trust documents specifically require the maintenance of an insurance reserve, consisting of cash and investments, to provide a minimum funding level within the Trust to provide for future claims. At December 31, 2000 and 1999 this insurance reserve amount was \$1,145,461 and \$1,182,039, respectively.



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NOTE 4 - FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

The plan established under the Trust is qualified pursuant to the Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code, and, accordingly, the trust's net investment income is exempt from income taxes. The trust has obtained a favorable tax determination letter dated July 5, 1995 from the Internal Revenue Service and the Trustees believe that the Trust continues to qualify and to operate as designed.

The Trust had received an assessment from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of \$101,737 for penalties and interest relating to late filing of certain tax returns. The Trustees had filed an appeal asking for abatement of the penalties and interest due to extenuating circumstances. Although the trustees disagreed with the basis for this assessment, they agreed to pay this amount in June, 2000 and therefore it had been recorded on the Trust's balance sheet as of December 31, 1999. The Trust received notice in March, 2001 that their appeal had been approved and the penalty would be abated. Consequently, a refund receivable in the amount of \$101,737, plus interest calculated through December 31, 2000 of \$4,534, has been recorded as of December 31, 2000.

NOTE 5 - UNPAID CLAIMS LIABILITIES

The Trust establishes a liability for both reported and unreported insured events, which includes estimates of both future payments of losses and related claim adjustment expenses, both allocated and unallocated. The following represents changes in those aggregate liabilities for the Trust during the past two years.

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses at beginning of year	\$ 821,400	\$ 991,610
Incurred claims and claim adjustment expenses:		
Provision for insured events of current year	840,777	821,400
Increases in provision for insured events of prior years	-	-



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	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Total incurred claims and claim adjustment expenses	\$ 840,777	\$ 821,400
Payments:		
Claims and claim adjustment expenses attributable to insured events of current year	-	-
Claims and claim adjustment expenses attributable to insured events of prior years	<u>821,400</u>	<u>901,610</u>
Total payments	<u>821,400</u>	<u>901,610</u>
Total unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses at end of year (see schedule below)	\$ <u>840,777</u>	\$ <u>821,400</u>
Schedule of unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses at end of year:		
Portion of accounts payable that relates to claims expenses	\$ 160,677	\$ 211,600
Liability for incurred but not reported claims	<u>680,100</u>	<u>609,800</u>
	<u>\$ 840,777</u>	<u>\$ 821,400</u>





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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
BASED ON AN AUDIT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Trustees
The Jointly Administered Trust Fund for the Benefit
of Lorain City School District Employees
(A Component Unit of the Lorain City School District)
Lorain, Ohio

We have audited the financial statements of the Jointly Administered Trust Fund for the Benefit of Lorain City School District Employees (the Trust) (a Component Unit of Lorain City School District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000 and have issued our report thereon dated April 6, 2001. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Trust'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 *Governmental Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Trust'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 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.

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


BOBER, MARKEY, FEDOROVICH & COMPANY

April 6, 2001





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LORAIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT HEALTH TRUST

LORAIN 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
OCTOBER 2, 2001**