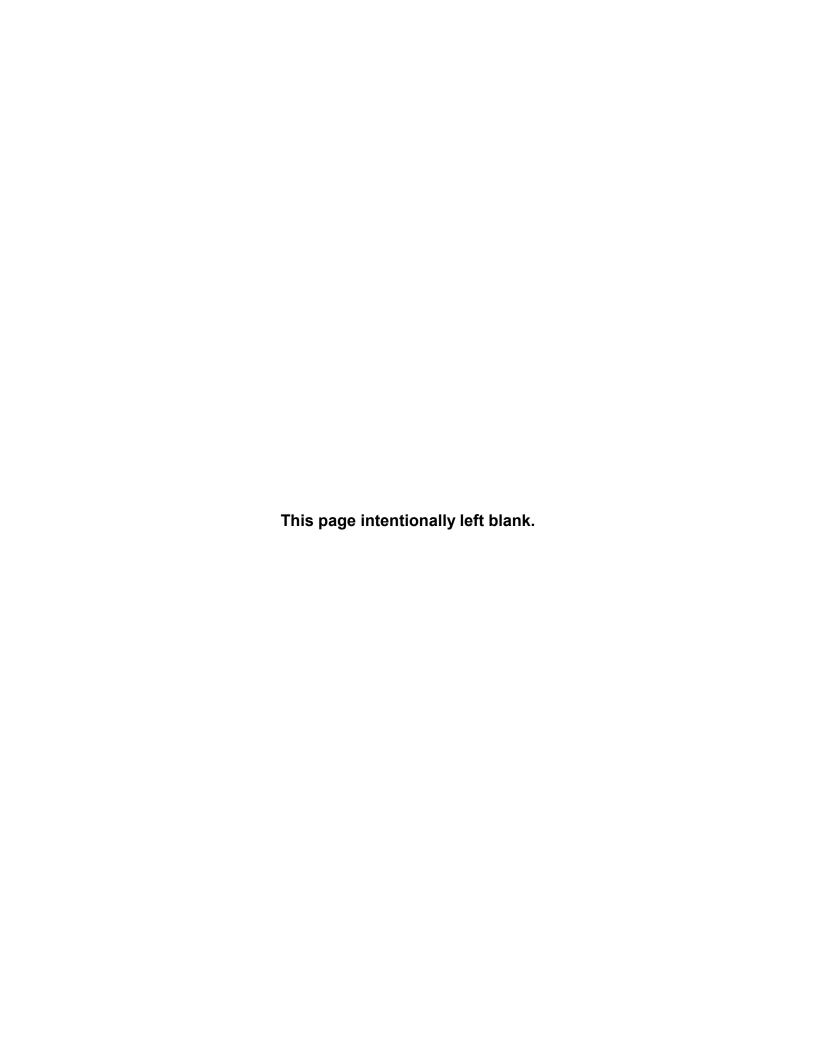




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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of Northeastern Local School District, Defiance County, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 Northeastern Local School District, Defiance County, as of June 30, 2000, 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 generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 19, 2000, 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 19, 2000

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS:				
Assets: Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agents Receivables:	\$2,905,614	\$113,081 1,690	\$68,449	\$7,985,836
Taxes Accounts	3,893,774 1,140		472,882	55,846 50,921
Intergovernmental Accrued Interest Materials and Supplies Inventory Prepaid Items Fixed Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation, Where Applicable) Restricted Assets:	639 22,534 40,646 10,077			199,937
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	79,620			
Other Debits: Amount in Debt Service Fund for Retirement of Debt Provided from General Government Resources				
Total Assets and Other Debits	\$6,954,044	\$114,771	\$541,331	\$8,292,540
LIABILITIES, EQUITY, AND OTHER CREDITS:				
Liabilities:	#00.000	04.000		
Accounts Payable Contracts Payable	\$23,633	\$4,928		\$216,984
Accrued Wages and Benefits	609,229	12,222		
Compensated Absences Payable Intergovernmental Payable Deferred Revenue	41,196 99,778 3,673,943	778	\$444,327	52,556
Due to Students Notes Payable General Obligation Bonds Payable Energy Conservation Loan Payable Capital Appreciation Bonds Payable				1,500,000
Total Liabilities	4,447,779	17,928	444,327	1,769,540
Equity and Other Credits: Investment in General Fixed Assets Retained Earnings: Unreserved Fund Balances: Reserved:				
Reserved for Encumbrances Reserved for Inventory Reserved for Prepaid Items Reserved for Contributions	328,479 40,646 10,077	16,549		470,011
Reserved for Debt Service Principal Reserved for Property Taxes Reserved for Budget Stabilization	219,831 79,620		68,449 28,555	3,290
Unreserved, Undesignated	1,827,612	80,294		6,049,699
Total Equity and Other Credits	2,506,265	96,843	97,004	6,523,000
Total Liabilities, Equity, and Other Credits	\$6,954,044	\$114,771	\$541,331	\$8,292,540

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

Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups		
Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Obligations	Totals (Memorandum) Only)
\$83,693	\$35,151			\$11,191,824 1,690
865				4,422,502 52,926 639
7,002	145			222,616 47,648 10,077
62,061		\$5,966,295		6,028,356
				79,620
			\$68,449 7,209,127	68,449 7,209,127
\$153,621	\$35,296	\$5,966,295	\$7,277,576	\$29,335,474
\$3,872	\$1,489			\$33,922 216,984
17,228 7,632 9,653 1,606	22,165		\$594,914 51,241	638,679 643,742 161,450 4,172,432 22,165
			350,000 32,000 6,249,421	1,500,000 350,000 32,000 6,249,421
39,991	23,654		7,277,576	14,020,795
		\$5,966,295		5,966,295
113,630				113,630
	10,600			815,039 40,646 10,077 10,600 68,449
				251,676 79,620
	1,042			7,958,647
113,630	11,642	5,966,295		15,314,679
\$153,621	\$35,296	\$5,966,295	\$7,277,576	\$29,335,474

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types	
	General	Special Revenue
Revenues: Intergovernmental Interest Tuition and Fees Rent	\$2,740,390 270,785 300,383 291	\$318,630
Extracurricular Activities Gifts and Donations Property and Other Local Taxes Miscellaneous	67,454 4,009,973 20,757	173,973 1,580
Total Revenues	7,410,033	494,183
Expenditures: Current: Instruction: Regular Special Vocational Adult/Continuing Other Support Services: Pupils	3,358,303 425,928 121,093 756 205,704 275,514	24,152 196,602 48,163
Instructional Staff	224,500	17,554
Board of Education Administration Fiscal Operation and Maintenance of Plant Pupil Transportation	23,853 650,857 213,470 558,452 368,924	39,525 604
Central	17,189	5,298
Non-Instructional Services Extracurricular activities Capital Outlay Debt Service: Debt Service - Principal Debt Service - Interest	725 122,601 30,185	136,010
Total Expenditures	6,598,054	467,908
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	811,979	26,275
Other Financing Sources/(Uses) Operating Transfers In Proceeds from Sale of Bonds and Notes Other Financing Sources Operating Transfers Out Other Financing Uses	33,073 (23,385) (43,245)	3,131
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(33,557)	3,131
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	778,422	29,406
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	1,727,843	67,437
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$2,506,265	\$96,843

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

Governmental	Fund Types	Fiduciary Fund Type	T . (.).
Debt Service	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum) Only)
\$20,315	\$48,031 243,211		\$3,127,366 513,996 300,383 291
66,816	215,513 50,921	\$155	173,973 69,189 4,292,302 71,678
87,131	557,676	155	8,549,178
	13,784	714	3,396,239 622,530 121,093 1,470 205,704
4,763	575 653,614		242,054 23,853 690,382 219,412 558,452 368,924 22,487 725 258,611 683,799
8,579	7,749,421		7,758,000
1,648	185,182		186,830
14,990	8,602,576	714	15,684,242
72,141	(8,044,900)	(559)	(7,135,064)
9,591 15,215	7,908 14,349,421	69	20,699 14,349,421 48,288 (23,385) (43,245)
24,806	14,357,329	69	14,351,778
96,947	6,312,429	(490)	7,216,714
<u>57</u>	210,571 \$6 523 000	1,388	2,007,296
\$97,004	\$6,523,000	\$898	\$9,224,010

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

	General		
B	Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues: Intergovernmental Interest Tuition and Fees Rent	\$2,826,330 237,300 300,423 250	\$2,758,585 257,497 300,435 291	(\$67,745) 20,197 12 41
Extracurricular Activities Gifts and Donations Property and Other Local Taxes Miscellaneous	67,450 4,102,725 36,819	67,454 4,102,727 25,487	4 2 (11,332)
Total Revenues	7,571,297	7,512,476	(58,821)
Expenditures: Instruction: Regular Special Vocational Adult/Continuing Other Support Services: Pupils Instructional Staff Board of Education Administration Fiscal Operation and Maintenance of Plant Pupil Transportation Central Non-Instructional Services Extracurricular Activities Capital Outlay Debt Service: Debt Service - Principal Debt Service - Interest	3,613,700 547,759 132,550 2,325 216,000 305,253 245,670 36,170 701,962 236,056 792,489 516,654 17,800 4,900 139,875 302,227	3,426,748 423,368 120,603 757 205,736 279,723 223,822 23,646 648,483 214,090 594,380 467,909 17,189 3,015 121,549 180,030	186,952 124,391 11,947 1,568 10,264 25,530 21,848 12,524 53,479 21,966 198,109 48,745 611 1,885 18,326 122,197
Total Expenditures	7,811,390	6,951,048	860,342
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(240,093)	561,428	801,521
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Operating Transfers In Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	53,550	53,550	440
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures Other Financing Sources Operating Transfers Out Refund of Prior Year Receipts Advances Out Other Financing Uses	32,925 (77,000) (75,000) (30,000) (50)	33,073 (76,935) (43,245)	148 65 31,755 30,000 50
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(95,575)	(33,557)	62,018
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses Fund Balances at Beginning of Year Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	(335,668) 1,886,541 216,269	527,871 1,886,541 216,269	863,539
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$1,767,142	\$2,630,681	\$863,539

	Debt Service			pecial Revenue	S
Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual	Budget	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual	Budget
\$15	\$20,315	\$20,300	\$1,024	\$321,408	\$320,384
(2	223,443	223,445	9,948 5	173,973 1,580	164,025 1,575
13	243,758	243,745	10,977	496,961	485,984
			1,072 16,624	28,046 197,568	29,118 214,192
			8,201	48,163 17,089	48,163 25,290
2,737	4,763	7,500	4,836	50,093 604	54,929 604
			1,732	5,299	7,031
			15,299	153,650	168,949
20	7,758,000 186,830	7,758,000 186,850			
2,757	7,949,593	7,952,350	47,764	500,512	548,276
2,770	(7,705,835)	(7,708,605)	58,741	(3,551)	(62,292)
	9,591 7,749,422	9,591 7,749,422	41	3,131	3,090
14	15,214	15,200			
14	7,774,227	7,774,213	41	3,131	3,090
2,784	68,392 57	65,608 57	58,782	(420) 55,921 36,110	(59,202) 55,921 36,110
\$2,784	\$68,449	\$65,665	\$58,782	\$91,611	\$32,829

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000 (Continued)

	Capital Projects			
	Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)	
Revenues: Intergovernmental Interest Tuition and Fees Rent Extracurricular Activities	\$38,590 60,000	\$48,031 43,274	\$9,441 (16,726)	
Gifts and Donations Property and Other Local Taxes Miscellaneous	27,025 50,921	27,041 50,921	16	
Total Revenues	176,536	169,267	(7,269)	
Expenditures: Instruction: Regular Special Vocational Adult/Continuing Other Support Services: Pupils Instructional Staff	13,784	13,784		
Board of Education Administration Fiscal Operation and Maintenance of Plant Pupil Transportation Central Non-Instructional Services Extracurricular Activities Capital Outlay Debt Service: Debt Service - Principal	1,000	576 1,123,625	424 56,822	
Debt Service - Interest	1,195,231	1,137,985	57,246	
Total Expenditures Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,018,695)	(968,718)	49,977	
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Operating Transfers In Proceeds from Sale of Bonds Refund of Prior Year Expenditures Other Financing Sources Operating Transfers Out Refund of Prior Year Receipts Advances Out Other Financing Uses	7,908 8,100,000	7,908 8,100,000	70,011	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	8,107,908	8,107,908		
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses Fund Balances at Beginning of Year Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	7,089,213 137,746 21,905	7,139,190 137,746 21,905	49,977	
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$7,248,864	\$7,298,841	\$49,977	

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

E	Expendable Trust Totals (Memorand		s (Memorandum (
Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$150	\$156	\$6	\$3,205,604 297,300 300,423 250 164,025 69,175 4,353,195	\$3,148,339 300,771 300,435 291 173,973 69,190 4,353,211	(\$57,265) 3,471 12 41 9,948 15
150	156		87,740	76,408	(11,332)
150	156	6_	8,477,712	8,422,618	(55,094)
375	364	11	3,656,602 761,951 132,550 2,700 216,000	3,468,578 620,936 120,603 1,121 205,736	188,024 141,015 11,947 1,579 10,264
			353,416 270,960 36,170 756,891 245,160 792,489 516,654 24,831 4,900 308,824 1,482,674	327,886 240,911 23,646 698,576 220,033 594,380 467,909 22,488 3,015 275,199 1,303,655	25,530 30,049 12,524 58,315 25,127 198,109 48,745 2,343 1,885 33,625 179,019
			7,758,000 186,850	7,758,000 186,830	20
375	364	11	17,507,622	16,539,502	968,120
(225)	(208)	17_	(9,029,910)	(8,116,884)	913,026
50	69	19	74,189 15,849,422 32,925 15,200 (77,000) (75,000) (30,000) (50)	74,249 15,849,422 33,073 15,214 (76,935) (43,245)	60 148 14 65 31,755 30,000 50
50	69	19	15,789,686	15,851,778	62,092
(175) 1,388	(139) 1,388	36	6,759,776 2,081,653 274,284	7,734,894 2,081,653 274,284	975,118
\$1,213	\$1,249	\$36	\$9,115,713	\$10,090,831	\$975,118
					

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE/RETAINED EARNINGS ALL PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	
	Enterprise	Nonexpendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum) Only)
Operating Revenues:			
Sales	\$271,674		\$271,674
Interest		\$652	652
Other Revenues	352		352
Total Operating Revenues	272,026	652	272,678
Operating Expenses:			
Salaries	110,605		110,605
Fringe Benefits	48,579		48,579
Purchased Services	3,426	1,138	4,564
Materials and Supplies	187,583		187,583
Depreciation	1,288		1,288
Other	295		295
Total Operating Expenses	351,776	1,138	352,914
Operating Loss	(79,750)	(486)	(80,236)
Non-Operating Revenues:			
Federal Donated Commodities	25,817		25,817
Federal and State Subsidies	54,972		54,972
Total Non-Operating Revenues	80,789		80,789
Income/(Loss) Before Operating Transfers	1,039	(486)	553
Operating Transfers-In	1,486		1,486
Net Income/(Loss)	2,525	(486)	2,039
Fund Balance/Retained Earnings at Beginning of Year	111,105	11,230	122,335
Fund Balance/Retained Earnings at End of Year	\$113,630	\$10,744	\$124,374

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

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS ALL PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	
	Enterprise	Nonexpendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum) Only)
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Cash Received from Sales	\$271,664		\$271,664
Other Cash Receipts	352		352
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(160,277)		(160,277)
Cash Payments for Contract Services	(3,426)		(3,426)
Cash Payments for Employee Services	(113,373)		(113,373)
Cash Payments for Employee Benefits	(49,630)		(49,630)
Other Cash Payments	(295)		(295)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(54,985)		(54,985)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:			
Operating Grants Received	63,639		63,639
Operating Transfers-In	1,486		1,486
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	65,125		65,125
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:			
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(614)		(614)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Interest on Investments		\$507	507
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	9,526	507	10,033
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	74,167	11,230	85,397
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$83,693	\$11,737	\$95,430

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS ALL PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000 (Continued)

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	
	Enterprise	Nonexpendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum) Only)
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:			
Operating Loss	(\$79,750)	(\$486)	(80,236)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss To Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:			
Depreciation	1,288		1,288
Donated Commodities Used During the Year	25,817		25,817
Nonexpendable Trust Fund Interest		(507)	(507)
Adjustments to Capital Outlay	614		614
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:			
Accounts Receivable	(10)	(145)	(155)
Material and Supplies Inventory	3,158		3,158
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities:			
Compensated Absences Payable	(2,977)		(2,977)
Intergovernmental Payable	(1,290)		(1,290)
Deferred Revenue	(2,324)		(2,324)
Accounts Payable	40	1,138	1,178
Accrued Wages and Benefits	449		449
Total Adjustments	24,765	486	25,251
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(\$54,985)		(\$54,985)
Reconciliation of Nonexpendable Trust Fund Cash to Balance	e Sheet		
Total Trust and Agency Fund Cash per Balance Sheet			\$35,151
Less: Expendable Trust			(1,249)
Less: Agency Funds			(22,165)
Nonexpendable Trust Fund Cash			\$11,737

The Food Service Fund consumed donated commodities with a value of \$25,817 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.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30. 2000

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

Northeastern Local School District (the 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. Northeastern Local School District is a local school district as defined by § 3311.03 of 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 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 14 and 15 to the general-purpose financial statements.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Accounting

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed for governmental, expendable trust, and agency funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income determination. Under this basis of accounting:

- 1. Only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets.
- 2. Operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.
- 3. Revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures for the current period, which for the District is 60 days after year end.
 - a. Revenue accrued at the end of the year included taxes, interest, student fees, and tuition.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000 (Continued)

- b. Property taxes measurable but not available as of June 30, 2000, and delinquent property taxes, whose availability is indeterminate, have been recorded as deferred revenues.
- 4. Expenditures are recognized in the period in which the fund liability is incurred with the following exceptions: general long-term obligation principal and interest are reported only when due; the current costs of accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave are reported in the period in which they will be liquidated with available financial resources, rather than in the period earned by employees.

The Agency funds are custodial in nature and do not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. Agency funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. These funds are used to account for assets that the government holds for others in an agency capacity.

The Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust funds are accounted for on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the period earned and expenses are recognized in the period incurred. The District also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to the proprietary funds provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

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.

<u>General Fund</u> - 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.

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> - 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.

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> - 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.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000 (Continued)

<u>Capital Projects Funds</u> - 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.

<u>Trust Funds</u> - 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 include Expendable Trust Funds and Nonexpendable Trust Funds.

<u>Agency Funds</u> - The funds used to account for assets held by the District as an agent. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

3. Proprietary Funds

The funds used to account for Board activities that are similar to business operations in the private sector. Proprietary Funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities (whether current or non-current) associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets. Proprietary fund measurement focus is upon determination of net income, financial position and cash flows.

<u>Enterprise Funds</u> - 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

<u>General Fixed Assets</u> - 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.

<u>General Long-Term Obligations</u> - 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 statue 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

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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 supplemented 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 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 for the year ended June 30, 2000, follows:

Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources
Over/(Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

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		Special	Debt	Capital	Expendable
	General	Revenue	Service	Projects	Trust
Budget basis Adjustments for:	\$527,871	(\$420)	\$68,392	\$7,139,190	(\$139)
Revenue accruals	(102,443)	(2,778)	(156,627)	388,409	(1)

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	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust
Expenditure accruals	(1,559)	11,134	7,934,603	(8,151,586)	(350)
Other financing sources and uses					
accruals			(7,749,421)	6,249,421	
Encumbrances	354,553	21,470		686,995	
GAAP basis	\$778,422	\$29,406	\$96,947	\$6,312,429	(\$490)

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 2000, investments were limited to STAR Ohio.

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 2000. 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, 2000.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2000 amounted to \$270,785.

For purposes of the combined statement of cash flows and for preparation on the combined balance sheet, 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. Investments with initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

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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 asset in General Fixed Assets Account Group.

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

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. 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

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Non-Reimbursable Grants

Special Revenue Funds

Teacher Development Fund

Educational Management Information Systems

Title I

Title VI

Title VI-B (Through Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center)

Eisenhower Grant (Through Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center)

Drug Free Schools Grant (Through Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center)

Federal Preschool Grant (Through Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center)

Textbook/Instructional Material Subsidy

Continuous Improvement Grant

Ohio Reads Grant

SchoolNet Professional Development

Capital Projects Funds

SchoolNet Plus

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.

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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.

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 for budget stabilization. See Note 17 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. 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.

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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. 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.

3. ACCOUNTABILITY

At June 30, 2000, the Title VI Fund had a deficit fund balance of \$507 which was 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.

4. 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 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 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.

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;

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- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or other obligations 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;
- 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;
- 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) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made through eligible institutions; and
- 6. The Ohio State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).
- 7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred and 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 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.

Cash on Hand

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".

Deposits

At the year end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$8,228,213 and the bank balance was \$8,307,211. Of the bank balance:

1. \$300,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance; and

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2. \$8,007,211 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 \$3,043,131 as of June 30, 2000. 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	
	<u>Equivalents</u>	Investments
GASB Statement 9	11,273,134	
Cash with Fiscal Agents	(1,690)	
Cash on Hand	(100)	
Investments:		
Star Ohio	(3,043,131)	3,043,131
GASB Statement 3	\$8,228,213	\$3,043,131

5. 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.

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.

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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, 2000. 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, 2000.

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

	Amount
Residential/Agricultural	\$74,227,740
Commercial/Industrial	18,721,010
Public Utility Personal Property	26,850,290
General Personal Property	18,165,436
Total Valuation	\$137,964,476

6. FIXED ASSETS

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

	Balance at			Balance at
Asset Category	7/01/99	Additions	Disposals	6/30/00
Land and land improvements	\$141,500			\$141,500
Buildings	2,638,924	\$19,504		2,658,428
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	2,764,103	75,285	\$30,811	2,808,577
Construction In Progress		357,790		357,790
Totals	\$5,544,527	452,579	\$30,811	5,966,295

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A summary of Enterprise Fund fixed assets at June 30, 2000, follows:

	Balance at
Asset Category	6/30/00
Furniture and Equipment	\$152,452
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(90,391)
Totals	\$62,061

7. NOTES PAYABLE

The District issued \$1,500,000 in bond anticipation notes on June 28, 2000, at an interest rate of 5.18% to assist in the construction of a new elementary building and improvements to the junior/senior high school building.

8. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

During the year ended June 30, 2000, the following changes occurred in obligations reported in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group:

	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Balance at July 1, 1999	Additions	Deletions	Balance at June 30, 2000
Capital Appreciation Bonds	Various	12/01/2026		\$6,249,421		\$6,249,421
Energy Conservation Loan	4.4%	11/23/2003	\$40,000		\$8,000	32,000
Energy Conservation Improvement Bonds	5.99%	11/23/2010		350,000		350,000
Intergovernmental Payable			46,703	4,538		51,241
Compensated Absences			571,241	23,673		594,914
Total Long-Term Obligations			\$657,944	\$6,627,632	\$8,000	\$7,277,576

Total expenditures for interest for the above debt for the period ended June 30, 2000, was \$186,830.

The scheduled payments of principal and interest on debt outstanding at June 30, 2000, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending
June 30

June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2001	\$8,000	\$446,926	\$454,926
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
Thereafter	6,385,129	5,398,077	11,783,206
Total	\$6,631,421	\$7,302,026	\$13,933,447

The capital appreciation 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.

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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 Section 113.06(G) of the Ohio Revised Code.

9. 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, 2000, 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 \$41,196 and \$594,914, respectively. The liability for compensated absences in the proprietary funds at June 30, 2000, was \$7,632.

10. 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 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.

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. For fiscal year 1999, 9.79 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. 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, 2000, 1999, and 1998 were \$148,592, \$132,758, and \$126,573, respectively; 59 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2000 and 100 percent for fiscal years 1999 and 1998. \$60,552 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2000 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

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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.

Plan members are required to contribute 9.3 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent; 10.5 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Prior to July 1, 1997, the portion used to fund pension obligations was 12 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, 2000, 1999, and 1998 were \$536,792, \$495,187, and \$519,531, respectively; 69 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2000 and 100 percent for fiscal years 1999 and 1998. \$164,316 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2000 is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

11. POST EMPLOYMENT 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.

The Retirement Board allocates employer contributions equal to 2 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund from which health care benefits are paid. However, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999, 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 \$2.783 billion on June 30, 1999. The Health Care Reserve Fund allocation for the year ended June 30, 2000, will be 8 percent of covered payroll.

For the year ended June 30, 1999, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$249,929,000. There were 95,796 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, 1999, the allocation rate is 6.30 percent. In

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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 1999, 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, 1999 were \$126,380,984 and the target level was \$189.6 million. At June 30, 1999, the Retirement System's net assets available for payment of health care benefits were \$188.0 million. The number of participants currently receiving health care benefits is approximately 51,000.

The portion of District contributions that were used to fund postemployment benefits can be determined by multiplying actual employer contributions times .450, 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 \$81,787 during the 2000 fiscal year.

12. 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 have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from last year.

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 for the benefits offered to its employees, which includes health, dental, and life insurance plans. Northern Buckeye Education Council 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. Worker's Compensation Group Program

The District participates in the Northern Buckeye Education Council Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (the Plan), an insurance purchasing pool (see Note 15). 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

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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.

13. 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, 2000, was as follows:

	Lunchroom/ Cafeteria	Uniform School Supplies	Total Enterprise Funds
Operating revenues	\$244,671	\$27,355	\$272,026
Depreciation	1,288		1,288
Operating income (loss)	(85,799)	6,049	(79,750)
Donated commodities	25,817		25,817
Grants	54,972		54,972
Operating transfers - in	1,486		1,486
Net income (loss)	(3,524)	6,049	2,525
Net working capital	(3,387)	54,956	51,569
Total assets	94,793	58,828	153,621
Total liabilities	36,119	3,872	39,991
Total equity	58,674	54,956	113,630

14. 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 \$39,935. 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

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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 \$2,750. 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 Joint Vocational School, Michele Zeedyk, who serves as Treasurer, at 22-900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

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 Michele Zeedyk, who serves as treasurer of the Four County Career Center, at 22-900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

15. GROUP PURCHASING POOLS

A. Northern Buckeye Education Council 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 \$489,188. Financial information can be obtained from Northern Buckeye Education Council, Cindy Siler, who serves as Treasurer, at 22900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

B. Northern Buckeye Education Council Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 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

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Executive Director of the NBEC coordinates the management and administration of the program. During this fiscal year, the District paid an enrollment fee of \$880 to the WCGRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

16. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund balances at June 30, 2000, consisting of transfers between funds were as follows:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General Fund		\$23,385
Special Revenue Fund	\$3,131	
Debt Service Fund	9,591	
Capital Projects Fund	7,908	
Expendable Trust Fund	69	
Enterprise Fund	1,486	
Agency Fund	1,200	
Total All Funds	\$23,385	\$23,385

17. 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. The District is also required to set aside money for budget stabilization.

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, 1999			\$26,070	\$26,070
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	\$160,651	\$160,651	53,550	374,852
Qualifying Disbursements	(237,791)	(201,589)		(439,380)
Total	(\$77,140)	(\$40,938)	\$79,620	(\$38,458)
Cash Balance Carried Forward to FY 2001			\$79,620	\$79,620
Amount restricted for Budget Stabilization	on			\$79,620
Total Restricted Assets				\$79,620

The District had offsets and qualifying disbursements during the year that reduced the set-aside amounts 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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18. STATE SCHOOL FUNDING DECISION

On March 24, 1997, the Ohio Supreme Court rendered a decision declaring certain portions of the Ohio school funding plan unconstitutional. The Court stayed the effect of its ruling for one year to allow the State's legislature to design a plan to remedy the perceived defects in the system. Declared unconstitutional was the State's "school foundation program," which provides significant amounts of monetary support to the District. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, the District received \$2,446,645 of school foundation support for its general fund.

Since the Supreme Court ruling, numerous pieces of legislation have been passed by the State General Assembly in an attempt to address the issues identified by the Court. The Court of Common Pleas in Perry County reviewed the new laws and, in a decision issued on February 26, 1999, determined they are not sufficiently responsive to the constitutional issues raised under the "thorough and efficient" clause of the Ohio Constitution. The State appealed the decision made by the Court of Common Pleas to the Ohio Supreme Court. On May 11, 2000, the Ohio Supreme Court rendered an opinion on this issue. The Court concluded, "the mandate of the Ohio Constitution has not been fulfilled." The Court's majority recognized efforts by the Ohio General Assembly taken in response to the Court's March 24. 1997, decision, however, it found seven ".major areas warrant further attention, study, and development by the General Assembly," including the State's reliance on local property tax funding, the state's basic aid formula, the school foundation program, as discussed above, the mechanism for, and adequacy of, funding for school facilities, and the existence of the State's School Solvency Assistance Fund, which the Court found took the place of the unconstitutional emergency school loan assistance program.

The Court decided to maintain jurisdiction over these issues and continued the case at least until June 15, 2001.

As of the date of these financial statements, the District is unable to determine what effect, if any, this ongoing litigation will have on its future State funding under this program and on its financial operations.

19. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In March 2000, the District issued \$6,249,421 in school improvement bonds for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new elementary school to serve the entire District, and constructing, furnishing, and equipping additions to, and renovating, rehabilitating, and otherwise improving the junior/senior high school. Ground breaking for the new elementary building took place in October 2000.



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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, Defiance County, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2000. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2000-10625-001. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated December 19, 2000.

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 19, 2000.

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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 19, 2000

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2000

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

FINDING NUMBER 2000-10625-001.

Finding Repaid Under Audit

Ohio Revised Code § 9.39 states that all public officials are liable for all public money received or collected by them or by their subordinates under color of office. Money collected and deposited for the choir sausage and cheese fund-raiser in fiscal year 2000 was \$669.06 less than what should have been collected as indicated by the vendor. Based on the foregoing facts a Finding for Recovery is hereby issued against Eric West, choir director, and Western Surety Company, holder of the District's public employee honesty blanket bond, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$669.06, in favor of the District treasury.

The District received reimbursement from Eric West in the amount of \$669.06 which was documented on receipt number 10333 and deposited to the bank 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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED
JANUARY 18, 2001