

Audit Report

July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000



NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STARK COUNTY



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We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Northwest Local School District, Stark County, prepared by Moore Stephens Apple, for the audit period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 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 Northwest Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

JIM PETRO
Auditor of State

December 28, 2000

**Northwest Local School District - Stark County
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Report of Independent Auditors

To the Board of Education
Northwest Local School District
Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Northwest Local School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Northwest Local School 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 general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose 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 Northwest Local School District as of June 30, 2000 and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund types 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 6, 2000 on our consideration of the Northwest Local School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Northwest Local School District, taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Moore Stephens Apple

Akron, Ohio
December 6, 2000

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Northwest Local School District
 Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types			Account Groups			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Expendable Trust and Agency	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Obligations	Totals				
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS:													
Assets:													
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$2,765,954	\$190,952	\$0	\$87,171	\$145,923	\$62,558	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,252,558			
Receivables													
Taxes	5,798,103	0	41,960	142,124	0	0	0	0	0	5,982,187			
Accounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Interest	16,189	180	0	450	1,032	0	0	0	0	17,851			
Intergovernmental	7,050	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,050			
Materials and Supplies													
Inventory	15,697	0	0	0	9,733	0	0	0	0	25,430			
Prepaid Items	3,774	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,774			
Restricted Assets:													
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	262,838	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	262,838			
Fixed Assets (Net where applicable, of Accumulated Depreciation)	0	0	0	0	38,629	0	11,031,898	0	0	11,070,527			
Other Debits:													
Amount Available for Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Obligations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Total Assets and Other Debits	\$8,869,505	\$191,132	\$41,960	\$229,745	\$195,317	\$62,558	\$11,031,898	\$1,563,795	\$1,563,795	\$22,186,010			

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

Northwest Local School District
 Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types		Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Expendable Trust and Agency	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Obligations	
LIABILITIES, FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS:									
Liabilities:									
Accounts Payable	\$306,601	\$67,569	\$0	\$79,095	\$553	\$6,756	\$0	\$0	\$460,574
Accrued Wages and Benefits	1,136,482	21,084	0	0	27,552	0	0	0	1,185,118
Compensated Absences	100,712	0	0	0	17,262	0	0	1,161,976	1,279,950
Intergovernmental Payable	249,396	2,194	0	0	18,779	0	0	77,555	347,924
Due to Others	0	0	0	0	0	55,802	0	0	55,802
Capitalized Lease Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	324,264	324,264
Deferred Revenue	5,517,997	0	41,960	135,190	0	0	0	0	5,695,147
Note Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonds Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	7,311,188	90,847	41,960	214,285	64,146	62,558	0	1,563,795	9,348,779

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Northwest Local School District
 Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Groups			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Agency	Expendable Trust and	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Obligations		
Fund Equity and Other Credits:											
Investment in											
General Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,031,898	0	0	11,031,898
Retained Earnings-Unreserved	0	0	0	0	131,171	0	0	0	0	0	131,171
Fund Balances											
Reserved for Property Tax	280,106	0	0	6,934	0	0	0	0	0	0	287,040
Reserved for Encumbrances	254,662	52,826	0	5,258	0	0	0	0	0	0	312,746
Reserved for Inventory	15,697	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,697
Reserved for Prepaid Items	3,774	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,774
Reserved for Textbooks and Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reserved for Stabilization	262,838	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	262,838
Unreserved - Undesignated	741,340	47,459	0	3,268	0	0	0	0	0	0	792,067
Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	1,558,417	100,285	0	15,460	131,171	0	0	11,031,898	0	0	12,837,231
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits	\$8,869,605	\$191,132	\$41,960	\$229,745	\$195,317	\$62,558	\$11,031,898	\$1,563,795	\$22,186,010		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**Northwest Local School District
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
 and Changes in Fund Balances
 All Governmental Fund Types and Similar Trust Funds
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000**

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	Special	Debt	Capital	Expendable		
	General	Revenue	Service	Trust		
REVENUES:						
Taxes	\$5,254,388	\$0	\$41,960	\$129,456	\$0	\$5,425,804
Tuition and Fees	208,966	0	0	0	0	208,966
Intergovernmental	7,162,919	514,555	0	17,502	0	7,694,976
Interest	216,198	1,646	0	3,018	0	220,862
Extracurricular Activities	1,403	201,881	0	0	0	203,284
Other	23,254	34,228	0	0	0	57,482
Classroom Materials & Fees	29,371	0	0	0	0	29,371
Total Revenues	12,896,499	752,310	41,960	149,976	0	13,840,745
EXPENDITURES:						
Current						
Instruction						
Regular	6,836,774	132,543	0	6,731	1,437	6,977,485
Special	1,047,269	144,025	0	0	0	1,191,294
Vocational	210,118	0	0	0	0	210,118
Other	145,529	0	0	0	0	145,529
Support Services						
Pupil	517,936	118,906	0	0	0	636,842
Instructional Staff	187,080	0	0	0	0	187,080
Board of Education	58,737	0	0	2	0	58,739
Administration	1,044,277	12,873	0	0	0	1,057,150
Fiscal	323,885	0	0	860	0	324,745
Operation and Main- tenance of Plant	1,110,870	500	0	186,826	0	1,298,196
Pupil Transportation	894,801	1,534	0	0	0	896,335
Central	158,998	151,185	0	0	0	310,183
Community Services	0	108,627	0	0	0	108,627
Extracurricular Activities	216,784	85,746	0	0	0	302,530
Debt Service						
Principal and Interest Retirement	0	0	136,970	0	0	136,970
Building Acquisition and Construction						
	326,655	0	0	0	0	326,655
Total Expenditures	13,079,713	755,939	136,970	194,419	1,437	14,168,478
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(183,214)	(3,629)	(95,010)	(44,443)	(1,437)	(327,733)

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Northwest Local School District
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
 and Changes in Fund Balances
 All Governmental Fund Types and Similar Trust Funds
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Sale of Fixed Assets	16,203	0	0	0	0	16,203
Operating Transfers - In	0	0	53,050	0	0	53,050
Operating Transfers - Out	(53,050)	0	0	0	0	(53,050)
Other Sources	0	0	0	80,000	0	80,000
Refund of Prior Year's Expenses	(102)	0	0	0	0	(102)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(36,949)	0	53,050	80,000	0	96,101
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(220,163)	(3,629)	(41,960)	35,557	(1,437)	(231,632)
Fund Balances (Deficit) at Beginning of Year	1,783,588	103,914	41,960	(20,097)	1,437	1,910,802
Increase in Reserve for Inventory	(5,008)	0	0	0	0	(5,008)
Fund Balances (Deficit) at End of Year	\$1,558,417	\$100,285	\$0	\$15,460	\$0	\$1,674,162

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Northwest Local School District
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balances - Budget Basis and Actual
All Governmental Fund Types and Similar Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

	General Fund		
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
Taxes	\$ 5,182,581	\$ 5,182,581	\$ -
Tuition and Fees	208,966	208,966	-
Intergovernmental	7,158,399	7,158,399	-
Interest	212,862	212,862	-
Extracurricular Activities	1,403	1,403	-
Classroom Materials & Fees	29,377	29,377	-
Other	24,599	24,599	-
Total Revenues	<u>12,818,187</u>	<u>12,818,187</u>	<u>-</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Current			
Instruction			
Regular	6,806,048	6,806,048	-
Special	1,085,560	1,085,560	-
Vocational	214,732	214,732	-
Other	148,020	148,020	-
Support Services			
Pupil	558,695	558,695	-
Instructional Staff	193,395	193,395	-
Board of Education	40,975	40,975	-
Administration	1,099,448	1,099,448	-
Fiscal	312,128	312,128	-
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,193,849	1,193,849	-
Pupil Transportation	975,857	975,857	-
Central	155,866	155,866	-
Community Services	33,313	33,313	-
Food Service Operations	-	-	-
Extracurricular Activities	219,588	219,588	-
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Service	2,819,098	437,222	2,381,876
Capital Outlay	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-
Principal Retirement and Interest	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>15,856,572</u>	<u>13,474,696</u>	<u>2,381,876</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(3,038,385)</u>	<u>(656,509)</u>	<u>2,381,876</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Sale of Fixed Assets	16,353	16,353	-
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	(102)	(102)	-
Refund of Prior Year Receipt	-	-	-
Operating Transfers - In	-	-	-
Operating Transfers - Out	(53,050)	(53,050)	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(36,799)</u>	<u>(36,799)</u>	<u>-</u>
Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>(3,075,184)</u>	<u>(693,308)</u>	<u>2,381,876</u>
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	2,922,932	2,922,932	-
Prior Year Encumbrances	415,091	415,091	-
Fund Balances at End of Year	<u>\$ 262,839</u>	<u>\$ 2,644,715</u>	<u>\$ 2,381,876</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

Special Revenue Fund			Debt Service Fund		
Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,960	\$ 41,960	\$ -
514,555	514,555	-	-	-	-
1,466	1,466	-	-	-	-
201,881	201,881	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
34,228	34,228	-	-	-	-
<u>752,130</u>	<u>752,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,960</u>	<u>41,960</u>	<u>-</u>
150,704	138,105	12,599	-	-	-
147,228	147,228	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
118,543	118,543	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
10,130	9,130	1,000	-	-	-
3,821	3,291	530	-	-	-
9,000	9,000	-	-	-	-
1,528	1,528	-	-	-	-
191,933	165,194	26,739	-	-	-
143,391	124,909	18,482	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
110,409	96,910	13,499	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	136,970	136,970	-
<u>886,687</u>	<u>813,838</u>	<u>72,849</u>	<u>136,970</u>	<u>136,970</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>(134,557)</u>	<u>(61,708)</u>	<u>72,849</u>	<u>(95,010)</u>	<u>(95,010)</u>	<u>-</u>
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	53,050	53,050	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	<u>53,050</u>	<u>53,050</u>	<u>-</u>
(134,557)	(61,708)	72,849	(41,960)	(41,960)	-
87,783	87,783	-	41,960	41,960	-
46,774	46,774	-	-	-	-
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 72,849</u>	<u>\$ 72,849</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**Northwest Local School District
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
 in Fund Balances - Budget Basis and Actual
 All Governmental Fund Types and Similar Trust Funds
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000**

	Capital Projects Fund		
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
Taxes	\$ 127,976	\$ 127,976	\$ -
Tuition and Fees	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	17,502	17,502	-
Interest	2,770	2,770	-
Extracurricular Activities	-	-	-
Classroom Materials & Fees	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Revenues	148,248	148,248	-
EXPENDITURES:			
Current			
Instruction			
Regular	7,314	7,314	-
Special	-	-	-
Vocational	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Support Services			
Pupil	-	-	-
Instructional Staff	-	-	-
Board of Education	3	3	-
Administration	-	-	-
Fiscal	860	860	-
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	197,877	192,081	5,796
Pupil Transportation	-	-	-
Central	-	-	-
Community Services	-	-	-
Food Service Operations	-	-	-
Extracurricular Activities	-	-	-
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Service	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-
Principal Retirement and Interest	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	206,054	200,258	5,796
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(57,806)	(52,010)	5,796
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	-	-	-
Refund of Prior Year Receipt	-	-	-
Operating Transfers - In	-	-	-
Operating Transfers - Out	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-
Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(57,806)	(52,010)	5,796
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	20,733	20,733	-
Prior Year Encumbrances	37,073	37,073	-
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$ -	\$ 5,796	\$ 5,796

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

Expendable Trust Fund			Totals (Memorandum Only)		
Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,352,517	\$ 5,352,517	\$ -
-	-	-	208,966	208,966	-
-	-	-	7,690,456	7,690,456	-
-	-	-	217,098	217,098	-
-	-	-	203,284	203,284	-
-	-	-	29,377	29,377	-
-	-	-	58,827	58,827	-
-	-	-	13,760,525	13,760,525	-
1,794	1,794	-	6,965,860	6,953,261	12,599
-	-	-	1,232,788	1,232,788	-
-	-	-	214,732	214,732	-
-	-	-	148,020	148,020	-
-	-	-	677,238	677,238	-
-	-	-	193,395	193,395	-
-	-	-	40,978	40,978	-
-	-	-	1,109,578	1,108,578	1,000
-	-	-	316,809	316,279	530
-	-	-	1,400,726	1,394,930	5,796
-	-	-	977,385	977,385	-
-	-	-	347,799	321,060	26,739
-	-	-	176,704	158,222	18,482
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	329,997	316,498	13,499
-	-	-	2,819,098	437,222	2,381,876
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	136,970	136,970	-
1,794	1,794	-	17,088,077	14,627,556	2,460,521
(1,794)	(1,794)	-	(3,327,552)	(867,031)	2,460,521
-	-	-	16,353	16,353	-
-	-	-	(102)	(102)	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	53,050	53,050	-
-	-	-	(53,050)	(53,050)	-
-	-	-	16,251	16,251	-
(1,794)	(1,794)	-	(3,311,301)	(850,780)	2,460,521
736	736	-	3,074,144	3,074,144	-
1,058	1,058	-	499,996	499,996	-
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 262,839	\$ 2,723,360	\$ 2,460,521

Northwest Local School District
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in
 Retained Earnings - All Proprietary Fund Types
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

Enterprise

OPERATING REVENUES:

Sales	\$382,943
Charges for Services	<u>3,720</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>386,663</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Salaries and Wages	146,208
Fringe Benefits	109,170
Contract Services	8,799
Cost of Sales	250,838
Depreciation	8,734
Maintenance and Repairs	<u>2,926</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>526,675</u>
Operating Loss	<u>(140,012)</u>

NON-OPERATING REVENUES:

Donated Commodities	37,743
Operating Grants	84,310
Interest Income	<u>10,271</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>132,324</u>

Net Income (Loss)	(7,688)
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Retained Earnings at Beginning of Year	<u>138,859</u>
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Retained Earnings at End of Year	<u><u>\$131,171</u></u>
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**Northwest Local School District
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
 in Fund Equity - Budget Basis and Actual
 Proprietary Fund Types
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000**

	Enterprise Funds		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Food Services	\$ 382,943	\$ 382,943	\$ -
Classroom Materials and Fees	3,720	3,720	-
Total Operating Revenues	<u>386,663</u>	<u>386,663</u>	<u>-</u>
EXPENSES:			
Salaries	175,676	175,676	-
Employees' Benefits	77,876	77,876	-
Purchased Services	8,839	8,839	-
Supplies and Materials	214,373	212,174	2,199
Capital Outlay	175,288	35,291	139,997
Other	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	<u>652,052</u>	<u>509,856</u>	<u>142,196</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>(265,389)</u>	<u>(123,193)</u>	<u>142,196</u>
NON OPERATING REVENUE			
Interest	9,859	9,859	-
Intergovernmental Grants	95,214	95,214	-
Net Excess of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses	(160,316)	(18,120)	142,196
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	152,788	152,788	-
Prior Year Encumbrances	7,528	7,528	-
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 142,196</u>	<u>\$ 142,196</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**Northwest Local School District
 Combined Statement of Cash Flows
 All Proprietary Fund Types
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000**

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Operating loss	\$ (140,012)
Adjustments to reconcile operating (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	
Depreciation	8,734
Donated commodities in cost of sales	37,924
Change in assets and liabilities that increase (decrease) cash flow from operations	
Interest receivable	(412)
Intergovernmental receivable	10,351
Material and supplies inventory	(7,464)
Accounts payable	553
Accrued wages and benefits	4,246
Intergovernmental payable	3,742
Compensated absences	<u>2,330</u>
 Net cash used in operating activities	 <u>(80,008)</u>
Cash flows from non-capital financing and investing activities:	
Operating grants received	84,310
Purchased fixed assets	(28,965)
Other non-operating revenue	<u>10,271</u>
 Net cash provided by non-capital financing and investing activities	 <u>65,616</u>
 Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	 (14,392)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	<u>160,315</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	<u>\$ 145,923</u>
 Noncash capital investing and related financing activities:	
Donated commodities received	\$ 37,743

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies followed in the preparation of these financial statements are summarized below. These policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for local governmental units prescribed in the statements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and other recognized authoritative sources.

1. *Description of the Entity*

The Northwest Local School District (the School District) is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. Northwest Local School District is a local district as defined by Section 3311.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. The School District operates under an elected Board of Education (5 members) and is responsible for the provision of public education to residents of the School District.

Average daily membership (ADM) as of October 1, 1999 was 2,496. The School District employed 151 certified employees and 83 non-certified employees.

The School District's reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity". When applying GASB Statement No. 14, management has considered all potential component units. The basic, but not the only, criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the School District's ability to exercise significant oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependence. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of the governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and the accountability for fiscal matters.

The second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criteria involves considering whether the activity benefits the School District and/or its citizens. A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the School District is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Based upon the application of these criteria, the School District has no component units.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

1. *Description of the Entity* – Continued

The School District is associated with certain organizations which are defined as Jointly Governed Organizations and Public Entity Risk Pools. These organizations include the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium (SPARCC), the Stark County Government's Risk Sharing Pool and The Stark County Government's Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan.

2. *Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting*

The School District uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain School District functions or activities.

A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and changes therein, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations. An account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

For financial statement presentation purposes, the various funds of the School District are grouped into the following generic fund types under the broad fund categories governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

Governmental Fund Types:

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the School District are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the School District's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities (except those accounted for in proprietary funds) are accounted for through governmental funds. The following are the School District's governmental fund types:

General Fund - This fund is the operating fund of the School District and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

2. *Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting - Continued*

School District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Special Revenue Funds - These funds are established to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditure for specified purposes.

Debt Service Fund - This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

Capital Projects Fund - This fund is 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 trust funds).

Proprietary Fund Types:

Proprietary funds are used to account for the School District's ongoing activities which are similar to those found in the private sector. The following are the School District's proprietary fund types:

Enterprise Funds - These funds are 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 costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

Internal Service Fund - This fund accounts for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to another department or agency of the School District on a cost-reimbursement basis.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

2. *Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting - Continued*

Fiduciary Fund Types:

Fiduciary Funds are used to account for assets held by the School District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units and other funds. These include expendable trust and agency funds. Expendable trust funds are accounted for in essentially the same manner as governmental funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Account Groups:

To make a clear distinction between fixed assets related to specific funds and those of general government, and between long-term liabilities related to specific funds and those of a general nature, the following account groups are used:

General Fixed Assets Account Group - This account group is established to account for all fixed assets of the School District, other than those accounted for in the proprietary or trust funds.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - This account group is established to account for all long-term obligations of the School District except those accounted for in the proprietary or trust funds.

3. *Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting*

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

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

3. *Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting* - Continued

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Fund equity (i.e., net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total assets.

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

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed for the governmental, expendable trust and agency funds. Under this basis, revenues are recognized in the accounting period when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current fiscal year or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. The available period for the School District is thirty days after year end. In applying the accrual concept under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are deemed both measurable and available: investment earnings, tuition, grants and entitlements.

The School District reports deferred revenues on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise in the governmental funds when a potential revenue does not meet with the measurable and available criteria for recognition in the current period. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized. Property taxes measurable as of June 30, 2000 and delinquent property taxes, whose availability is indeterminate, and which are intended to finance fiscal year 2001 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue as more fully described in Note C.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due or when amounts have been accumulated in the debt

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

3. *Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting* - Continued

service fund for payments to be made early in the following year, and the costs of accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave are reported as fund liabilities in the period in which they will be liquidated with available financial resources rather than in the period earned by employees. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds.

The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes by the proprietary fund types. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and become measurable, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred, if measurable. Unbilled service charges receivable are recognized as revenue at year end. The fair value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the operating statement as an expense with a like amount reported as donated commodities nonoperating revenue.

4. *Budgetary Process*

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriation resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified. All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The legal level of budgetary control is at the object level within each function. Any budgetary modification at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education.

Tax Budget:

Prior to January 15, the Superintendent and Treasurer submit 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. Public hearings are publicized and conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. The express purpose of this budget document is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

4. *Budgetary Process* - Continued

By no later than January 20, the Board-adopted budget is filed with the Stark County Budget Commission for rate determination.

Estimated Resources:

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. Prior to June 30, the School District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the Certificate of Estimated Resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the Certificate is amended to include any unencumbered cash balances from the preceding year.

The Certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the School District Treasurer. The amounts reported in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the final Amended Certificate issued during fiscal year 2000.

Appropriations:

By October 1, the annual appropriation resolution must be legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund, function, and object level of expenditures, which are the legal levels of budgetary control. Prior to the passage of the annual appropriation resolution, the Board may pass a temporary resolution to meet the ordinary expenses of the School District. Appropriations by fund must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission, and the total of expenditures and encumbrances may not exceed the appropriation at any level of control. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriation or alter total function appropriations within a fund, or alter object appropriations within functions, must be approved by the Board of Education. The Board may pass supplemental fund appropriations so long as the total appropriations by fund does not exceed the amounts set forth in the most recent Certificate of Estimated Resources. During the year, several supplemental fund appropriations were legally enacted, however, the amount of the increases were not significant. The budget figures which appear in the statements of budgetary comparisons represent the final appropriation amounts, including all amendments and

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

4. *Budgetary Process* – Continued

modifications. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds, consistent with statutory provisions.

Encumbrances:

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are encumbered and recorded as the equivalent of expenditures on the non-GAAP budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. On the GAAP basis, encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as a reservation of fund balances for subsequent year expenditures for governmental funds and reported in the notes to the financial statements for proprietary funds.

Lapsing of Appropriations:

At the close of each year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriation. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated.

Budgetary Basis of Accounting:

While the School District is reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP basis), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements. The Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget Basis and Actual - All Governmental Fund Types and Similar Trust Funds and the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Equity - Budget Basis and Actual - All Proprietary Fund Types are presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget and to demonstrate compliance with state statute. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are:

1. Revenues are reported when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

4. *Budgetary Process* - Continued

Budgetary Basis of Accounting: - Continued

2. Expenditures/expenses are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures/expenses for all funds (budget basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance for governmental fund types and as note disclosure for proprietary fund types (GAAP basis).
4. For proprietary funds, the acquisition and construction of capital assets are reported on the operating statement (budget basis) rather than as balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis).

The following tables summarize the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP and budgetary basis statements by fund type:

**Revenues and Other Financing Sources
Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
Governmental Fund Types and Similar Trust Funds**

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust
GAAP Basis	\$(220,163)	\$ (3,629)	\$ (41,960)	\$ 35,557	\$ (1,437)
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	(78,312)	(180)	0	(1,728)	0
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	(394,683)	(57,899)	0	(5,839)	(357)
Adjustment for Other Sources	(150)	0	0	(80,000)	0
Budget Basis	<u>\$(693,308)</u>	<u>\$ (61,708)</u>	<u>\$ (41,960)</u>	<u>\$ (52,010)</u>	<u>\$ (1,794)</u>

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

4. *Budgetary Process* - Continued

Budgetary Basis of Accounting: - Continued

**Net Income (Loss)/Revenue Over (Under)
Expenses, Advances and Operating Transfers
Proprietary Fund Types**

	Enterprise
GAAP Basis	\$ (7,688)
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	10,492
Commodities Received	(37,743)
Net Adjustment for Expense Accruals	(29,839)
Commodities Used	37,924
Depreciation	8,734
Budget Basis	\$ (18,120)

5. *Pooled Cash and Investments*

The School District maintains a cash and investment pool used by all funds.

The amounts of this pooled investment are reflected on the Combined Statement of Cash, Investments, and Fund Cash Balances as Cash, Cash Equivalents and/or Other Investments.

For purposes of the combined statement of cash flows and for presentation on the combined balance sheet, investments of the cash investment pool are considered to be cash equivalents.

Legal Requirements:

Statutes require the classification of moneys held by the School District into three categories.

Category A consists of "active" moneys, those moneys required to be kept in a "cash" or a "near cash" status for immediate use by the School District. Such moneys must be maintained either as cash in the School District treasury or negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

5. *Pooled Cash and Investments* – Continued

Legal Requirements: - Continued

Category B consists of "inactive" moneys, those moneys not required for use within the current two-year period of designation of depositories. Inactive moneys may be deposited or invested only as certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories.

Category C consists of "interim" moneys, those moneys which are not needed for immediate use, but which will be needed before the end of the current period of depositories. Interim moneys may be invested or deposited 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 or interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, included but not limited to, the federal national mortgage association, federal home loan bank, federal farm credit bank, federal home loan mortgage corporation, government national mortgage association, and student loan marketing association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of 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 only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio);

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

5. *Pooled Cash and Investments* – Continued

Legal Requirements: - Continued

7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time, and
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least nationally recognized rating agencies.

Investment in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature 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.

Protection of the School District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), 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.

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 or transfer from the custodian.

Deposits:

At year end, the carrying amount of the School District's cash deposits was \$69,282 and the bank balance was \$833,521. Of the bank's balance:

1. \$100,000 was covered by the federal depository insurance.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

5. *Pooled Cash and Investments* – Continued

Deposits: - Continued

2. \$733,521 was covered by collateral held by third-party trustees pursuant to Section 135.181 of the Ohio Revised Code in collateralization pools securing all public funds on deposit with specific depository institutions.

Statutory provisions require that collateral pledged for deposits be held in trust by an institution other than the pledging bank.

Investments:

The School District's investments are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at year end.

1. Securities held by the entity or its agent in the entity's name (Category 1).
2. Securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the entity's name (Category 2).
3. Securities are held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but not in the entity's name (Category 3).

Statutory provisions require that all securities acquired by the School District be held by the School District treasurer or deposited with a qualified trustee unless the counterparty is a designated depository of the School District for the current period of designation of depositories, in which case the securities may be held in trust by the depository.

The School District has invested funds in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAROhio) during 2000. STAROhio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAROhio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAROhio are valued at STAROhio's share prices, which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2000. This is an unclassified investment since it is not evidenced by

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

5. Pooled Cash and Investments - Continued

Investments: - Continued

securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

	Category 3	Carrying Value	Fair Value
Repurchase Agreement	\$255,000	\$ 255,000	\$ 255,000
STAROhio	0	3,191,114	3,191,114
Totals	<u>\$255,000</u>	<u>\$3,446,114</u>	<u>\$3,446,114</u>

The classification of cash and cash equivalents and investments on the combined balance sheet is based on criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 9. A reconciliation between the classifications of cash and investments on the combined balance sheet and the classification per GASB Statement No. 3 is as follows:

	Cash and Cash Equivalents/ Deposits	Investments
GASB Statement 9	\$ 3,515,396	\$ 0
Investments:		
Repurchase Agreement	(255,000)	255,000
STAROhio	(3,191,114)	3,191,114
GASB Statement 3	<u>\$ 69,282</u>	<u>\$3,446,114</u>

6. 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 and are maintained on the district computer system. Inventory in governmental funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The costs of inventory items are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund types when purchased and as expenses in the proprietary fund types when used. Reported materials and supplies inventory are equally offset by a fund balance reserve in the governmental funds which indicates that it does not

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6. *Inventory – Continued*

constitute available spendable resources even though it is a component of net current assets. Inventory in the enterprise funds consists of purchased food, donated commodities and school supplies held for resale and are expensed when used.

7. *Fixed Assets And Depreciation*

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in governmental funds and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. Fixed assets utilized in the proprietary funds are capitalized in the respective fund. All fixed assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for the cost of additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date donated. The School District has established a capitalization threshold for fixed assets at \$500. Books, records, movies, and other learning aids kept at the School District Library are also included for reporting purposes. The School District does not possess any infrastructure.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets, as applicable. The School District's policy is not to capitalize interest costs incurred as part of construction.

Assets in the general fixed assets account group are not depreciated. Depreciation of furniture and equipment in the proprietary fund types is computed using the straight-line basis over an estimated useful life of five to ten years.

8. *Intergovernmental Revenues*

For governmental funds, intergovernmental revenue, such as grants awarded on a non-reimbursement basis and entitlements, are recorded as receivables and revenues when measurable and available. Reimbursement-type grants are recorded as receivables and revenues when the related expenditures are incurred. Other than commodities, grants and entitlements received for proprietary fund operating purposes are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable. The School District

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

8. *Intergovernmental Revenues* - Continued

currently participates in several State and Federal programs, categorized as follows:

Entitlements

General Fund

State Foundation Program

Non-Reimbursable Grants

Special Revenue Funds

Title I

Chapter II

Drug Free Schools

Special Education - Title 6B - Handicapped Children

9. *Prepaid Items*

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2000 are recorded as prepaid items.

10. *Short-Term, Interfund Assets/Liabilities*

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds." Short-term interfund loans are classified as interfund receivables/payables.

11. *Compensated Absences*

Employees earn vacation at rates specified by the Union Contractual Agreement based on credited service. Administrative and 260 day employees are entitled to vacation ranging from 10 to 20 days.

All employees are entitled to a sick leave credit equal to one and one-quarter days for each month of service. 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 a certified employee upon retirement is limited to

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

11. *Compensated Absences* – Continued

twenty-five percent of the value of the first 120 days plus one tenth of the excess of 147 days not to exceed 267 days. The total maximum is 45 days. The amount paid to a classified employee upon retirement is limited to twenty-five percent of the first 120 days of sick leave plus one tenth of the excess of 147 days not to exceed 267 days. The total maximum is 45 days. At June 30, 2000, a current liability of \$100,712, and \$17,262 in the general and enterprise funds, respectively, has been provided for earned but unused sick leave severance.

The School District adopted GASB No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences," effective July 1, 1994. As a result, the School District has recorded an estimated long-term liability of \$1,161,976 for severance pay and sick leave payable at June 30, 2000. The amount has been recorded in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group since the liability will not require the use of current expendable available financial resources.

12. *Long-Term Debt*

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 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 debt account group. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from proprietary fund operations are accounted for in those funds.

Under Ohio Law, a debt retirement fund must be created and used for the payment of all debt principal and interest. Generally accepted accounting principles require the allocation of the debt liability among the debt service fund and the general long-term debt account group, with principal and interest payments on matured general long-term debt reported in the debt service fund. To comply with GAAP reporting requirements, the School District's debt retirement fund has been split among the appropriate funds and account group. Debt service fund resources used to pay both the principal and interest have also been allocated accordingly.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

13. *Interfund Transactions*

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

14. *Fund Equity*

The School District records reservations for portions of fund equity which are legally segregated for specific future use or which do not represent available, spendable resources and, therefore, are not available for expenditure. Undesignated fund balance indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for reappropriation in future periods. Fund equity reserves are established for encumbrances, inventory, prepaid items, taxes, budget stabilization and textbooks and supplies.

15. *Proprietary Fund Accounting*

Under the guideline of GASB Statement No. 20, "Accounting and Financial Reporting and Other Governmental Entities that use Proprietary Fund Accounting", the School District has elected not to apply Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989 to its proprietary activities.

16. *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 could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

17. *Total Columns On General Purpose Financial Statements*

Total columns on the general purpose financial statements are captioned (Memorandum Only) to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or cash flows in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE B - OTHER REQUIRED INDIVIDUAL FUND DISCLOSURES - FUND DEFICITS

Fund balances at June 30, 2000 included the following individual fund deficits:

DEFICIT FUND BALANCES

Special Revenue Funds

Teacher Development	\$ 67
Title VI-B	843
M.I.S. Fund	79
Title 1	17,599
Chapter II	77
Ohio Reads Program	291
Drug Free Schools	6

The special revenue deficit fund balances resulted from adjustments for accrued liabilities. The general fund is liable for any deficit in these funds and provides operating transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur.

NOTE C - PROPERTY TAX

Real property tax is levied each January 1 on the assessed value listed on the prior September 1 for all real property located in the School District. Assessed values are established by the County Auditor at 35% of current market value. Reappraisal of all property is required every six years with triennial updates. The last update was completed for the tax year 1998 for Stark County and 1998 for Summit County and Wayne County.

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NOTE C - PROPERTY TAX - Continued

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

The full tax rate applied to real property for tax year 1999 was \$58.70 for Wayne, Summit and Stark Counties per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. After adjustment of the rate for inflationary increases in property values, the effective tax rate was \$32.08 for Wayne, Summit and Stark Counties per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for real property classified as residential/agricultural and \$32.14 for Wayne, Summit and Stark Counties per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for all other real property. Real property owners' tax bills are further reduced by homestead and rollback deductions, when applicable. The amount of these homestead and rollback reductions is reimbursed to the School District by the State of Ohio.

Owners of tangible personal property are required to file a list of such property, including costs, by April 30 of each year. The property is assessed for tax purposes at varying statutory percentages of cost. The tax rate applied to tangible personal property for tax year 2000 was \$58.70 for Wayne, Summit and Stark Counties per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

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Real Property - 1999 Valuation	
Residential/Agricultural	\$144,796,180
Commercial/Industrial	18,483,170
Tangible Personal Property - 2000 Valuation	
General	12,098,552
Public Utilities	12,957,400
Total Valuation	\$188,335,302

The respective County Treasurers collect property tax on behalf of all taxing districts within the county. The respective County Auditors periodically remit to the taxing districts their portions of the taxes collected.

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NOTE C - PROPERTY TAX - Continued

Accrued property taxes receivable represent delinquent taxes outstanding and real property, personal property and public utility taxes which became measurable as of June 30, 2000. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount available as an advance at June 30 is intended to finance current year operations. The receivable is therefore offset by a credit to deferred revenue for that portion not intended to finance current year operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30 of \$287,040, is recognized as revenue.

NOTE D - INSURANCE

1. *Property Insurance*

The School District maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for real property, building contents and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. Real property and contents are 90% coinsured.

2. *Health Benefits Program*

The School District is a member of the Stark County Schools Council (the Council), through which a cooperative Health Benefit Program was created for the benefit of its members. The Health Benefit Program (the Program) is an employee health benefit plan which covers the participating members' employees. The Council acts as a fiscal agent for the cash funds paid into the program by the participating school districts. These funds are pooled together for the purposes of paying health benefit claims of employees and their covered dependents, administrative expenses of the program and premiums for stop-loss insurance coverage. The School District accounts for the premiums paid as expenditures in the general or applicable fund.

3. *Group Insurance Pool*

The Stark County Council of Governments has created a group insurance pool for the purpose of creating a group rating plan for workers' compensation. The group is comprised of the treasurers of the members who have been appointed by the respective governing body of each member.

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NOTE D – INSURANCE – Continued

3. *Group Insurance Pool - Continued*

The intent of the pool is to achieve a reduced rate for the School District by the grouping with other members of the groups. The injury claim history of all participating members is used to calculate a common rate for the group. An annual fee is paid to Comp Management, Inc. to administer the group and to manage any injury claims. Premium savings created by the group are prorated to each member entities annually based on its payroll percent of the group.

NOTE E - FIXED ASSETS

A summary of the enterprise funds' fixed assets at June 30, 2000 follows:

Furniture and Equipment	\$ 121,744
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(83,115)
Net Fixed Assets	\$ 38,629

A summary of the changes in general fixed assets during fiscal year 2000 follows:

	Balance July 1, 1999	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2000
Land and Buildings	\$ 5,107,218	\$ 356,768	\$ 0	\$ 5,463,986
Furniture and Equipment	4,156,253	431,347	281,917	4,305,683
Vehicles	1,284,315	82,914	105,000	1,262,229
Total	\$10,547,786	\$ 871,029	\$ 386,917	\$ 11,031,898

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NOTE F - LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term obligations of the School District as of June 30, 2000 were as follows:

	Outstanding July 1, 1999	Additions	Reductions	Outstanding June 30, 2000
SERS Payable	\$ 63,463	\$ 77,555	\$ 63,463	\$ 77,555
Capital Lease Payable	0	324,264	0	324,264
Energy Conservative Improvement Bonds, 1991, 6.10%	50,000	0	50,000	0
Compensated Absences	1,041,620	120,356	0	1,161,976
Totals	<u>\$ 1,155,083</u>	<u>\$522,175</u>	<u>\$ 113,463</u>	<u>\$ 1,563,795</u>

NOTE G - LEASING ARRANGEMENTS

The School District leases the following equipment under noncancelable operating leases: copier machines — 60-month leases.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments required under the above operating leases as of June 30, 2000:

Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2001	\$ 48,580
2002	46,013
2003	46,013
2004	25,565
2005	5,117

Rental expense amounted to \$59,533 for the year ended June 30, 2000.

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NOTE H - NOTES PAYABLE

The School District issued a tax anticipation note totaling \$160,000 which matured in fiscal year 2000. This note was retired at June 30, 2000.

NOTE I – CAPITAL LEASES – LESSEE DISCLOSURE

The District has entered into a capitalized lease for 216 computers and 46 printers on August 4, 1999. These leases meet the criteria of a capital lease as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13, "Accounting for Leases," which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. There were no capital lease payments for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000.

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the capital leases and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2000.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001	\$116,748
2002	116,748
2003	116,748
Total	<u>350,244</u>
Less: Amount Representing Interest	(25,980)
Present Value of Net Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$324,264</u>

NOTE J - RETIREMENT PLANS

Northwest Local School District provides retirement benefits to all certified employees under the State Teachers' Retirement System and to all noncertified employees under the School Employees Retirement System. Both are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans.

1. *State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS)*

The Northwest Local School District contributes to the State Teachers' Retirement System of Ohio (STRS), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system administered by the State Teachers' Retirement Board. STRS provides basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly

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NOTE J - RETIREMENT PLANS - Continued

1. *State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) – Continued*

available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for STRS. The report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers' Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771.

Plan members are required to contribute 9 percent of their annual covered salary and the Northwest Local School District is required to contribute 14 percent; 14 percent was the portion to fund pension obligations. The contribution rates are not determined actuarially, but are established by STRS Retirement Board within the rates allowed by State statute. The adequacy of the contribution rates is determined annually. The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000, 1999 and 1998 were \$988,128, \$902,316, and \$917,330, respectively; 84 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2000 and 100 percent for the fiscal years 1999 and 1998. \$162,400, representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2000, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

2. *School Employees Retirement System (SERS)*

The Northwest Local School District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system administered by the School Employees Retirement Board. SERS provides basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for SERS. The report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 45 North Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3634.

Plan members are required to contribute 9 percent of their annual covered salary and the Northwest Local School District is required to contribute 14 percent; 14 percent was the portion to fund pension obligations. The contribution rates are not determined actuarially, but are established by SERS's Retirement Board within the rates allowed by State statute. The adequacy of the contribution rates is determined annually. The School District's required contributions for the pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000, 1999 and 1998 were \$243,834, \$227,796, and \$212,520, respectively; 55 percent has been

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NOTE J - RETIREMENT PLANS – Continued

2. *School Employees Retirement System (SERS) - Continued*

contributed for fiscal year 2000 and 100 percent for the fiscal years 1999 and 1998. \$134,100, representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2000, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds and the general long-term debt account group.

3. *Post-Employment Benefits*

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

For STRS, all benefit recipients are required to pay a portion of health care cost in the form of monthly premiums. By Ohio law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS funds shall be included in the employer contributions rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. The board currently allocates employer contributions equal to two percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund for which payments for health care benefits are paid. For the School District, this amount equaled \$138,749 during the 1999 fiscal year. As of July 1, 1999, eligible benefit recipients totaled 95,796. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$249,929,000.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more fiscal 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.

For the fiscal year, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 4.98 percent of covered payroll. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 1999, the minimum pay has been established at \$12,400. For the district, the amount to fund health care benefits, including surcharge, equaled \$111,018 during the 1999

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NOTE J - RETIREMENT PLANS – Continued

3. *Post-Employment Benefits*

fiscal year. The number of participants currently receiving health care benefits is 50,000. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999, net health care costs paid by SERS were \$111.9 million.

NOTE K - FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS (Intergovernmental Receipts)

During the year ended June 30, 2000, the School District received grants-in-aid from federal and state sources amounting to \$428,097 and \$7,357,573, respectively, for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies or their designee. Such audits could lead to a request for reimbursement to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under terms of the grant. Based on prior experience, the School District's management believes such disallowances, if any, would be immaterial.

NOTE L - SEGMENT INFORMATION FOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS

The District maintains two enterprise funds, food service and uniform school supplies, which are operated on a sales basis. The table below reflects, in a summarized format, the more significant financial data relating to the enterprise funds of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000:

	Food Service	Uniform School Supplies	Total
Operating Revenues	\$ 382,943	\$ 3,720	\$ 386,663
Operating Expenses Before			
Depreciation	513,753	4,188	517,941
Depreciation	8,734	0	8,734
Operating loss	(139,544)	(468)	(140,012)
Interest Income	10,271	0	10,271
Operating Grants	84,310	0	84,310
Donated Commodities	37,743	0	37,743

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NOTE L - SEGMENT INFORMATION FOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS - Continued

Net Non-Operating Revenue/Expenses	132,324	0	132,324
Net Loss	(7,220)	(468)	(7,688)
Net Working Capital	90,343	2,199	92,542
Total Assets	191,597	3,720	195,317
Total Equity	127,451	3,720	131,171
Reserve for Encumbrances	7,528	0	7,528

NOTE M - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION

Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium (SPARCC):

SPARCC is a jointly governed organization created as a regional council of governments made up of public school districts and county boards of education from Stark, Portage, and Carroll Counties. The primary function of SPARCC is to provide data processing services to its member districts with the major emphasis being placed on accounting, inventory control and payroll services. Other areas of service provided by SPARCC include student scheduling, registration, grade reporting, and test scoring. Each member district pays an annual fee for the services provided by SPARCC. SPARCC is governed by a board of directors comprised of each Superintendent within the Consortium. The Stark County Educational Service Center serves as the fiscal agent of the consortium and receives funding from the State Department of Education. Each district has one vote in all matters and each member district's control over budgeting and financing of SPARCC is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the board of directors. The continued existence of SPARCC is not dependent on the District's continued participation and no equity interest exists.

NOTE N – OTHER REQUIRED FUND DISCLOSURES

A. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets in the general fund represent cash and cash equivalents set aside to establish a budget stabilization and textbook and material reserve. This reserve is required by State statute and can be used only after receiving approval from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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June 30, 2000

NOTE N – OTHER REQUIRED FUND DISCLOSURES - Continued

B. Set-Aside Requirements

State of Ohio House Bill 412 requires the School District to set aside a portion of the general operating resources for future use. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, the following table discloses the required set-asides.

	<u>Textbooks</u>	<u>Capital Acquisition</u>	<u>Budget Stabilization</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Set-aside Cash Balance as of June 30, 1999	\$ 3,447	\$ 0	\$ 162,616	\$ 166,063
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	300,666	300,666	100,222	701,554
Current Year Offsets	0	0	0	0
Qualifying Disbursements	<u>(304,113)</u>	<u>(320,211)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(624,324)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (19,545)</u>	<u>\$ 262,838</u>	
Cash Balance Carried Forward to FY 2001	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 262,838</u>	262,838
Total Restricted Assets				<u>\$ 262,838</u>

NOTE O - STATE SCHOOL FUNDING DECISIONS

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 School District. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, the School District received \$6,134,272 of school foundation support for its general fund.

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June 30, 2000

NOTE O - STATE SCHOOL FUNDING DECISIONS - Continued

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 has 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 Assistant 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 School 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.

**Northwest Local School District - Stark County
Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards
for the Year Ended June 30, 2000**

Federal Grantor/Sub Grantor Program Title	CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Receipts	Non-Cash Receipts	Disbursements	Non-Cash Disbursements
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>						
Passed through the State Department of Education						
Title 1 - Education Consolidated Improvement Act of 19981	84.010	049908-C1-S1	\$ 137,025	\$ -	\$ 148,814	\$ -
Total Title 1			137,025	-	148,814	-
Title VI-B - Education Handicapped Childred Act	84.027	049908-6B-SF	133,925	-	133,925	-
Total Title VI-B			133,925	-	133,925	-
Title VI - Education Consolidation Improvement Act	84.298	049908-C2-S1	14,741	-	14,741	-
Total Title VI			14,741	-	14,741	-
Drug Free Schools Grant	84.186	049908-DR-S1	10,198	-	10,198	-
Total Drug Free Schools Grant			10,198	-	10,198	-
Goals 2000 Subsidy	84.276	N/A	-	-	9,004	-
Total Goals 2000 Subsidy			-	-	9,004	-
Class Size Reduction	84.340	N/A	36,073	-	22,944	-
Total U.S. Department of Education			331,962	-	339,626	-

Northwest Local School District - Stark County
Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards - Continued
for the Year Ended June 30, 2000

Federal Grantor/Sub Grantor Program Title	CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Receipts	Non-Cash Receipts	Disbursements	Non-Cash Disbursements
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>						
Passed through the State Department of Education						
Child Nutrition Cluster: Food Distribution Program	10.550	049908	(A) \$ -	\$ 37,743	\$ -	\$ 37,924
National School Lunch Program	10.555	049908	(B) <u>91,265</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,265</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Department of Agriculture			<u>91,265</u>	<u>37,743</u>	<u>91,265</u>	<u>37,924</u>
Total Federal Financial Assistance			<u>\$ 423,227</u>	<u>\$ 37,743</u>	<u>\$ 430,891</u>	<u>\$ 37,924</u>

(A) Valued at fair market value less cost to the School District. Assumed expended on a first-in, first-out basis.

(B) Commingled with state and local funds. Assumed expended on a first-in, first-out basis.

This schedule is prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

**Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over
Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of General Purpose Financial Statements
Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards**

To the Board of Education
Northwest Local School District
Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Northwest Local School District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000 and have issued our report thereon dated December 6, 2000. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audit contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

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

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Northwest Local School District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose 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 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 the Board of Education, management, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and the Auditor of State and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Moore Stephens Apple

Akron, Ohio
December 6, 2000

**Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with Requirements
Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control Over
Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133**

To the Board of Education
Northwest Local School District
Canal Fulton, OH 44614

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Northwest Local School District with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2000. Northwest Local School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Northwest Local School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Northwest Local School District's compliance based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, Northwest Local School District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2000.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Northwest Local School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Northwest Local School District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMBCircular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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

Moore Stephens Apple

Akron, Ohio
December 6, 2000

Northwest Local School District - Stark County
Schedule of Finding and Questioned Costs

June 30, 2000

1. Summary of Auditors' Results

Unqualified opinion was issued on the financial statements.

Material control weaknesses at the financial statement level - none noted.

Other reportable control weaknesses at the Financial Statement level – none noted.

There was no material non-compliance at the financial statement level.

Reportable control weaknesses for major federal programs - none noted.

For those items tested, there was no material non-compliance for major federal programs.

Unqualified opinion was issued on major programs compliance.

The audit disclosed no findings under OMB Circular A-133.

The District's major program tested was Title I - CFDA #84.010.

There were no Type A Programs (\$300,000) and Type B programs were all other programs.

The Auditee was low risk.

2. There were no audit findings or questioned costs for federal awards during the year ended June 30, 2000.
3. There were no audit findings related to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards for the year ended June 30, 2000.

Northwest Local School District - Stark County

Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

June 30, 2000

The prior audit report of the Northwest Local School District, issued as of June 30, 1999, included no citation and no recommendations.



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NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STARK 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
JANUARY 16, 2001**