

GENOA AREA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002





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Genoa Area Local School District  
300 Susan Street  
Clay Center, Ohio 43408

We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Genoa Area Local School District, Ottawa County, prepared by Weber O'Brien, LTD, for the audit period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. 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 Genoa Area Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Auditor of State

January 21, 2003

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# GENOA AREA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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GENOA AREA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 ELECTED OFFICIALS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL  
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

Title Name	Term of Office or Contract Period	Surety	Amount
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>			
President:			
Les Wyse	1/1/00 to 12/31/03	(A)	\$20,000
Other Members:			
George Cicak	1/1/02 to 12/31/05	(A)	\$20,000
Paul Henry	1/1/00 to 12/31/03	(A)	\$20,000
Ernie Cothrell	1/1/02 to 12/31/05	(A)	\$20,000
Alan Brown	1/1/02 to 12/31/05	(A)	\$20,000

**STATUTORY LEGAL COUNSEL**

County Prosecuting Attorney:  
 Mark E. Mulligan  
 62 Grande Lake Drive  
 Port Clinton, OH 43452

**RETAINED LEGAL COUNSEL**

Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP  
 North Courthouse Square  
 1000 Jackson Avenue  
 Toledo, OH 43624-1573

**ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL**

Treasurer:			
Michael Weis	1/1/02 to 12/31/05	(A)	\$20,000
2868 N. Scott Ct Genoa, OH 43430			
Superintendent:			
Dennis Mock	8/1/01 to 7/31/06	(A)	\$20,000
2964 N. Huss Blvd. Genoa, OH 43430			

(A) Nationwide Insurance

GENOA AREA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OTTAWA COUNTY  
INDEX OF FUNDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

**GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE:**

General Fund Type:

General Fund

Special Revenue Fund Type:

Public School Support Fund

Jennings Foundation Grant Fund

Janet Philips Memorial Fund

District Managed Student Activities Fund

Emergency Levy Fund

Disadvantaged Pupils Program Fund

Excellence in Education Fund

Education Management Information System Fund

Public School Preschool Grant Fund

DPLA Restricted Grants-in-Aid Fund

Northwest Ohio Regional Teacher Training Center Fund

Migrant Education Basic State Formula Grant Fund

Title VI-B - Education of The Handicapped Act Fund

Chapter 1 - Education and Consolidation Improvement Act of 1981

Chapter 2 - Education Consolidation and Improvement Act of 1981

Drug Free Grant Fund

Debt Service Fund Type:

Bond Retirement Fund

Capital Projects Fund Type:

Permanent Improvement Fund

School Net

Athletic Complex

**PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE:**

Enterprise Fund Type:

Food Service Fund

Uniform School Supplies Fund

Continuing Education Fund

Internal Service Fund Type:

Rotary Camp Trip Fund

**FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE:**

Trust Fund Type:

Expendable Trust Funds:

Junior High Flower Fund

High School Flower Fund

Agency Fund:

Student Activity Fund

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Education  
Genoa Area Local School District  
300 Susan Street  
Clay Center, OH 43408

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Genoa Area Local School District ("District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States 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 Genoa Area Local School District as of June 30, 2002, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 31, 2002 on our consideration of the Genoa Area 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.

Weber O'Brien, LTD.

October 31, 2002

GENOA AREA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OTTAWA COUNTY  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
June 30, 2002

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUPS		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Service	Trust and Agency	General Fixed Assets	General Long Term Obligations	
<b>Assets and Other Debits:</b>										
<b>Assets:</b>										
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 3,095,898	\$ -	\$ 202,367	\$ 339,101	\$ 66,508	\$ -	\$ 30,998			\$ 3,734,872
Receivables:										
Taxes	3,141,531	232,484	312,568	243,764	-	-	-			3,930,347
Interfund	42,983	-	36,391	-	-	-	-			79,374
Other	13,100	-	-	-	8,612	-	-			21,712
Prepaid Items	51,228	-	-	3,143	-	-	-			54,371
Materials and Supplies Inventory	21,376	-	-	-	517	-	-			21,893
Fixed Assets (Net, Where Applicable, of Accumulated Depreciation)	-	-	-	-	44,852	-	-	\$ 12,562,635		12,607,487
Restricted Assets:										
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	44,853	-	-	-	-	-	-			44,853
<b>Other Debits:</b>										
Amount in debt service fund to be Provided from General Government Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		\$ 5,900,229	5,900,229
<b>Total Assets and Other Debits</b>	<b>\$ 6,410,969</b>	<b>\$ 232,484</b>	<b>\$ 551,326</b>	<b>\$ 586,008</b>	<b>\$ 120,489</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 30,998</b>	<b>\$ 12,562,635</b>	<b>\$ 5,900,229</b>	<b>\$ 26,395,138</b>

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GENOA AREA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OTTAWA COUNTY  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS, CONTINUED  
June 30, 2002

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUPS		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Service	Trust and Agency	General Fixed Assets	General Long Term Obligations	
<b>Liabilities:</b>										
Accounts Payable	4,698	\$ 4,894	\$ -	41,727	\$ -	\$ -	295			\$ 51,614
Interfund Payable	-	39,090	-	40,380	-	-	-			79,470
Accrued Wages and Benefits	892,434	24,188	-	-	5,948	-	-			922,570
Compensated Absences Payable	211,737	-	-	5,144	-	-	-		\$ 823,357	1,040,238
Deferred Revenue	2,702,725	152,193	259,947	205,887	-	-	-		1,196,872	3,320,752
Capital Lease Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		3,880,000	1,196,872
General Obligation - Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		3,880,000	3,880,000
Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,606			30,606
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>3,811,594</b>	<b>220,365</b>	<b>259,947</b>	<b>293,138</b>	<b>5,948</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,901</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,900,229</b>	<b>10,522,122</b>
<b>Fund Equity and Other Credits:</b>										
Investment in General Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,562,635		12,562,635
Retained Earnings:										
Unreserved	-	-	-	-	114,541	-	-			114,541
Fund Balance:										
Reserved for Encumbrances	15,170	25,193	-	161,886	-	-	-			202,249
Reserved for Inventory	21,376	-	-	-	-	-	-			21,376
Reserved for Prepaid Items	51,228	-	-	-	-	-	-			51,228
Reserved for Budget Stabilization	44,853	-	-	-	-	-	-			44,853
Reserved for Property Taxes	438,806	97,724	52,621	37,877	-	-	-			627,028
Unreserved:										
Designated for Budget Stabilization	420,290	-	-	-	-	-	-			420,290
Undesignated	1,607,652	(110,798)	238,758	93,107	-	-	97			1,828,816
<b>Total Fund Equity and Other Credits</b>	<b>2,599,375</b>	<b>12,119</b>	<b>291,379</b>	<b>292,870</b>	<b>114,541</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>12,562,635</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,873,016</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits</b>	<b>\$ 6,410,969</b>	<b>\$ 232,484</b>	<b>\$ 551,326</b>	<b>\$ 586,008</b>	<b>\$ 120,489</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 30,998</b>	<b>\$ 12,562,635</b>	<b>\$ 5,900,229</b>	<b>\$ 26,395,138</b>

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GENOA AREA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OTTAWA COUNTY  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
- ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE Expendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects		
REVENUES						
Local Sources:						
Taxes	\$ 3,342,710	\$ 651,229	\$ 334,240	\$ 262,869		\$ 4,591,048
Earnings on Investments	179,226	-	-	-		179,226
Extracurricular Activities	-	250,112	-	-		250,112
Miscellaneous Receipts	18,813	46,792	-	16,653	\$ 507	82,765
State Sources:						
Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	6,113,349	85,925	38,845	42,764		6,280,883
Restricted Grants-in-Aid	-	202,741	-	87,028		289,769
Federal Sources:						
Restricted Grants-in-Aid	-	220,960	-	-		220,960
TOTAL REVENUES	9,654,098	1,457,759	373,085	409,314	507	11,894,763
EXPENDITURES						
Instruction:						
Regular	4,973,077	287,446	-	971,659		6,232,182
Special and Vocational Education	878,476	271,690	-	32,336		1,182,502
Support Services:						
Pupils	396,315	281,956	-	-		678,271
Instructional Staff	195,170	281,108	-	-		476,278
Board of Education	13,709	-	-	-		13,709
Administration	860,964	36,160	-	-		897,124
Fiscal	312,573	1,750	-	5,354		319,677
Business	6,627	-	-	-		6,627
Operation and Maintenance - Plant	858,198	13,222	-	343,670		1,215,090
Pupil Transportation	362,096	96,104	-	201,364		659,564
Central	270,958	23,977	-	-	455	295,390

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GENOA AREA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OTTAWA COUNTY  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
- ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS, CONTINUED  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE Expendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects		
EXPENDITURES, Continued						
Extracurricular Activities:						
Academic and Subject Oriented	-	16,168	-	-		16,168
Occupation Oriented	46,941	530	-	-		47,471
Sports Oriented	-	223,571	-	-		223,571
Co-curricular Activities	173,208	8,128	-	-		181,336
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services:						
Building Acquisition and Construction				1,241,151		1,241,151
Debt Service - Interest	21,169	-	216,184	7,687	-	245,040
Debt Service - Principal	15,503	-	70,000	24,413		109,916
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,384,984	1,541,810	286,184	2,827,634	455	14,041,067
TOTAL REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	269,114	(84,051)	86,901	(2,418,320)	52	(2,146,304)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Proceeds from Capital Lease Transactions				1,236,788		1,236,788
Transfers-in	17,329	50,782	-	1,687,060		1,755,171
Transfers-out	(1,755,220)	-	-	-		(1,755,220)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(1,737,891)	50,782	-	2,923,848		1,236,739
NET REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING (USES)	(1,468,777)	(33,269)	86,901	505,528	52	(909,565)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	4,068,152	45,388	204,478	(212,658)	45	4,105,405
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 2,599,375	\$ 12,119	\$ 291,379	\$ 292,870	\$ 97	\$ 3,195,840

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GENOA AREA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 CANTON COUNTY  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGET BASIS)  
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES										EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS				Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	General		Special Revenue		Capital Projects		Debt Service		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)		Revised Budget		Actual		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES:</b>																
Taxes	\$3,298,209	\$3,417,472	\$ (40,237)	\$ 718,603	\$ 642,414	\$ (76,189)	\$ 330,000	\$ 270,515	\$ (79,485)	\$ 345,916	\$ (41,024)	\$ 5,213,752	\$ 4,676,317	\$ (537,435)		
Intergovernmental	6,121,683	6,185,177	33,494	407,310	484,090	76,780	40,940	117,436	76,496	41,024	41,024	6,569,933	6,797,727	227,794		
Interest	334,463	210,760	(123,703)									334,463	210,760	(123,703)		
Tuition and Fees	15,000		(15,000)	541,000		(541,000)						356,000		(356,000)		
Extracurricular Activities	80,000	5,712	(74,288)	270,000	250,112	(19,888)			10,358			270,000	250,112	(19,888)		
Miscellaneous	10,309,255	9,789,121	(520,234)	1,849,611	1,423,409	(426,202)	390,940	390,309	7,669	386,940	0	13,036,846	11,998,286	(1,038,560)		
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>																
Current:																
Instruction:	5,200,000	4,929,575	270,425	550,000	285,411	264,589	1,500,000	1,453,062	46,938			7,250,000	6,688,048	561,952		
Regular	1,010,000	859,623	150,377	300,000	267,886	32,514						1,310,000	1,127,109	182,891		
Special and Vocational	10,000		10,000									10,000		10,000		
Support Services:																
Pupils	525,000	411,371	113,629	300,000	281,756	18,244						825,000	693,127	131,873		
Instructional Staff	230,000	194,989	35,011	295,000	275,985	19,015						525,000	470,974	54,026		
Board of Education	15,000	13,709	1,291									15,000	13,709	1,291		
Administration	900,000	842,890	57,110	75,000	36,159	38,841	10,000	5,353	4,647			975,000	879,049	95,951		
Fiscal	375,000	306,980	68,020	4,958	1,750	3,208						388,968	313,488	75,465		
Business	155,000	6,627	148,373									155,000	6,627	148,373		
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	860,000	852,573	7,427	19,500	13,133	6,367	345,000	331,553	13,447			1,244,500	1,197,259	47,241		
Plant Transportation	350,000	348,869	1,131	110,000	98,104	11,896	300,000	284,508	15,492			760,000	695,302	64,698		
Central	300,000	288,128	11,872	30,000	23,976	6,024						350,000	310,284	39,716		
Extracurricular Activities	290,000	219,884	70,116	303,000	247,517	55,483						593,000	467,201	125,799		
Non-Instructional Services	10,000	1,456	8,544				2,500	2,470	30			12,500	1,456	11,044		
Capital Outlay																
Debt Service																
Total Expenditures	10,250,000	9,273,905	976,095	2,007,458	1,529,277	478,181	2,160,000	1,996,946	163,054	286,184	286,184	14,703,642	13,086,872	1,616,770		
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	59,355	515,216	455,861	(57,847)	(105,868)	(48,021)	(1,769,060)	(1,596,637)	170,423	100,756	0	(1,666,796)	(1,088,186)	578,610		
Other Financing Sources (Uses):																
Operating Transfers In																
Advances In																
Gifts and Donations																
Operating Transfers Out																
Advances Out																
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,600,000)	(1,755,125)	(155,125)	7,510	(6,815)	(6,815)	1,649,060	1,625,410	(23,650)	100,756	0	56,570	(37,954)	94,524		
Excess of Revenue and Other Financing Sources (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(1,540,645)	(1,204,611)	336,034	(50,337)	(49,405)	932	(120,000)	26,773	146,773	100,756	0	(1,610,226)	(1,126,140)	484,086		
Fund Balances (Deficit) at Beginning of Year	4,357,426	4,357,426	0	87,879	87,879	0	750,364	750,364	0	83,051	83,051	5,278,765	5,278,765	0		
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	15,170	15,170		25,191	25,191		161,886	161,886				202,247	202,247			
Fund Balances (Deficit) at End of Year	\$ 2,831,951	\$ 3,167,985	\$ 336,034	\$ 62,733	\$ 63,665	\$ 932	\$ 792,250	\$ 999,023	\$ 146,773	\$ 183,807	\$ 183,807	\$ 4,354,872	\$ 4,354,872	\$ 484,086		

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GENOA AREA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 OTTAWA COUNTY  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS -  
 ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES  
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES		TOTALS
	Enterprise	Internal Service	(Memorandum Only)
OPERATING REVENUES			
Food Services	\$353,007	-	\$353,007
Extracurricular Activities	-	\$ 23,176	23,176
Total Operating Revenues	353,007	23,176	376,183
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Personal Services - Salaries	176,244	-	176,244
Employees' Retirement and Insurance	64,481	-	64,481
Purchased Services	3,216	23,393	26,609
Supplies and Materials	173,672	-	173,672
Operation and Maintenance - Plant	7,451	-	7,451
Depreciation	4,979	-	4,979
Loss on disposal of assets	10,755	-	10,755
Total Operating Expenses	440,798	23,393	464,191
OPERATING LOSS	(87,791)	(217)	(88,008)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES			
Earnings on Investments	2,772	-	2,772
State Sources:			
Restricted Grants- in-Aid	2,729	-	2,729
Federal Sources:			
Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	75,655	-	75,655
Total Non-operating Revenues	81,156	-	81,156
NET REVENUES UNDER EXPENSES BEFORE INTERFUND TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES	(6,635)	(217)	(6,852)
Transfers/Advances	-	49	49
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(6,635)	(168)	(6,803)
RETAINED EARNINGS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	121,176	168	121,344
RETAINED EARNINGS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 114,541	\$ -	\$ 114,541

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GENOA AREA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 OTTAWA COUNTY  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS -  
 ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES  
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	<u>PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES</u>		<u>TOTAL (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Internal Service</u>	
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Net Operating Loss	\$ (87,791)	\$ (217)	\$ (88,008)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:			
Depreciation	4,979		4,979
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	10,755		10,755
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities that Increase (Decrease) Cash Flows:			
Accounts Receivable	(8,612)		(8,612)
Inventory	(87)		(87)
Fixed Assets	(6,350)		(6,350)
Accrued Expense	5,888		5,888
Total Adjustments	<u>6,573</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,573</u>
NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(81,218)	(217)	(81,435)
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING</u>			
Transfers In		49	49
Cash received from operating grants	78,384		78,384
NET CASH PROVIDED BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING	78,384	49	78,433
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Interest received on investments	2,772	0	2,772
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>2,772</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,772</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS	(62)	(168)	(230)
EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>66,570</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>66,738</u>
EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 66,508</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 66,508</u>

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description of the Entity

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

Management believes the financial statements included in this report represent all of the funds of the District over which the District has the ability to exercise direct operating control.

Basis of Accounting

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

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

All enterprise funds and the internal service fund 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. Enterprise funds operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets.

Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

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The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental fund types, expendable trust funds and agency funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transactions can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Those revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, intergovernmental revenue, interest revenue, and charges for services.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On the modified accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied and the resources are available. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been met and the resources are available.

The District reports deferred revenues on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the measurable and available criteria for recognition in the current period. In the subsequent period, 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, 2002 and delinquent property taxes, whose availability is indeterminable and which are intended to finance fiscal year 2003 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue. Delinquent property taxes measurable and available (received within 60 days) are recognized as revenue.

The enterprise and the internal service fund types are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable; expenses are recognized in the period incurred, if measurable. The fair value of donated commodities used during the year is reported on the operating statement as an expense with a like amount reported as donated commodities revenue.

On the accrual basis of accounting, revenue from nonexchange transactions, such as grants, entitlements and donations, is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been met. The proprietary funds receive no revenue from property taxes.

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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.

Fund Accounting

The District maintains its accounting records in accordance with the principles of "fund" accounting. Fund accounting is a concept developed to meet the needs of governmental entities in which legal or other restraints require the recording of specific receipts and disbursements.

The transactions of each fund are reflected in a self-balancing group of accounts, an accounting entity which stands separate from the activities reported in other funds. The restrictions associated with each class of funds are as follows:

Governmental Funds

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

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

Debt Service Fund - Debt Service Funds account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs. According to governmental accounting principles, the debt service fund accounts for the payment of long-term debt for governmental funds only. Under Ohio law, the debt service fund might also be used to account for the payment of the long term debt of the proprietary funds and the short-term debt of both governmental and proprietary funds. For purposes of this report, these funds have been classified into the proper groups, if practicable.

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Capital Projects Funds - Capital Projects Funds 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 Funds**

Enterprise Funds - Enterprise Funds account for operations:

a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods and services to the residents of the District on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or

b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purpose.

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

**Fiduciary Funds**

Trust and Agency Funds - These Funds, which include Expendable Trust Funds and Agency Funds, account for assets held by a governmental unit in a trustee capacity.

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 ordinances. The tax budget, certificate of estimated resources and appropriation ordinances are prepared on the budgetary basis as required by the County Budget Commission. Under the budgetary basis of accounting, revenues are recognized upon receipt and

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expenses are recorded as disbursed and outstanding year end encumbrances are treated as expenditures/expenses. This differs from the modified accrual and accrual bases of accounting.

Budget

A budget of estimated cash receipts and disbursements is submitted to the County Auditor, as secretary of the county budget commission, by January 20 of each year, for the period July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Estimated Resources

The county budget commission certifies its actions to the District by April 1. As part of this certification, the District receives the official certificate of estimated resources which states the projected receipts of each fund. On or about July 1, this certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year. By July 1, the annual appropriation report on resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education, at the fund level of expenditures, which are the legal level of budgetary control. Prior to June 30, the District must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from a fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The certificate of estimated resources is subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that all changes require action by the Board of Education.

The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure. Budget receipts as shown in the accompanying financial statements do not include July 1, 2002, unencumbered fund balances. However, those fund balances are available for appropriations.

Appropriations

A temporary appropriation measure to control cash disbursements may be passed on or about July 1 of each year for the period July 1 to September 30. An annual appropriation measure must be passed by October 1 of each year for the period July 1 to June 30. The appropriation measure may be amended or supplemented during the year as new information becomes available. Appropriations may not exceed estimated resources.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued

Encumbrances

The District is required to use the encumbrance method of accounting by virtue of Ohio law. Under this system, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the 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. On the modified accrual basis of accounting, encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as a reservation of fund balance and retained earnings for subsequent year expenditures for governmental funds and enterprise funds, respectively.

Fund Balance Reservations

The School District records reservations for portions of fund equity which are legally segregated for specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and therefore are not available for appropriation for expenditure. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund equity reserves are established for encumbrances, inventories of supplies and materials, property taxes, and budget stabilization.

The reserve for property taxes represents taxes recognized as revenue under generally accepted accounting principles but not available for appropriations under State statute. The reserve for budget stabilization represents monies required to be set aside by State statute to protect against cyclical changes in revenues and expenditures.

The District reserves portions of fund balances that are legally segregated for specific future uses or that do not represent available, spendable resources and therefore are not appropriable for expenditures. Undesignated fund balances are not reserved nor designated and are appropriable in future periods.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES Continued

Cash and Investments

All cash received by the District is pooled in a central bank account. Cash balances of most district funds are pooled and invested. The investments of pooled cash, which are stated at cost which approximates market value, consist primarily of certificates of deposit at local banks and investments in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAROhio). Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records.

Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, and investment contracts and money market investments that had a remaining maturity of one year or less at the time of purchase, investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices. The District does not hold any investments as of June 30, 2002 that are required to be reported at fair value. Investment contracts and money market investments that had a remaining maturity of one year or less at the time of purchase are recorded at cost or amortized cost.

The District has invested funds in STAROhio. 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 price which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2002.

For purposes of the combined statement of cash flows and for presentation 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 an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at cost (first in, first out) and consist of expendable supplies for student instruction. The costs of the governmental fund-type inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased (purchase method) rather than when consumed.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued

Fixed Assets

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction costs are reflected as expenditures in governmental funds, and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. Interest on debt issued to construct general fixed assets is not capitalized in the account group. Fixed assets utilized in the proprietary funds are capitalized in the respective fund. All fixed assets are valued at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of three hundred dollars.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful life of the related fixed asset.

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

Depreciation in the proprietary fund and in the general fixed assets account group is computed using the straight-line method.

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets in the general fund represent cash and cash equivalents set aside to establish a budget stabilization reserve. This reserve is required by State statute and can be used only after receiving approval from the State superintendent of Public Instruction (See Note 16).

Compensated Absences

Vested or accumulated vacation leave is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources and is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. Vested or accumulated vacation leave of proprietary funds is recorded as an expense and liability of those funds as the benefits accrue to employees. In accordance with the provisions of Government Accounting Standards Board No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences", no liability is recorded for nonvesting accumulating rights to receive sick pay benefits.



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The General-Long Term Obligations Account Group and Proprietary Funds have a Service Retirement liability recognized for employees with over ten years in government service and are age 50 or over. The Service Retirement is based on employees' accrued but unused sick leave days and is paid at retirement based on 35% for certified and administrative staff and 27% for support staff, of the value of a 280 day maximum for certified and administrative staff and 210 day maximum for support staff.

A long-term liability has also been recognized in compensated absences for vested severance pay for those certified and administrative employees who become vested after five years of service and have the option to utilize the District's early retirement incentive plan. Upon early retirement, each vested employee receives an amount equal to \$400 per year of service, up to a maximum of 25 years of credited service, as determined by the State Teachers' Retirement System of Ohio.

Long-Term Obligations

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities are reported as obligations of the funds regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences, pension obligations and special termination benefits that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the general long-term obligations account group to the extent that they will not be paid with current available expendable financial resources. Bonds, capital leases and long-term loans are reported as a liability of the general long-term obligations account group until due.

Long-term debt and other obligations financed by proprietary funds are reported as liabilities in the appropriate fund.

Intergovernmental Revenue

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

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued

Fund Balance Designation

The Board has authorized the non-BWC rebate money of \$420,290 in the budget reserve to be designated by the Board to be used for budget stabilization purposes under ORC 5705.13.

Total Columns on Financial Statements

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

NOTE 2 - POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Legal Requirements

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 withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits 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 accounts, including passbook accounts.

Protection of the 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

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NOTE 2 - POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, Continued

institution to secure the repayment of all public money deposited with the institution.

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

1. Bonds, notes, or other obligations of or guaranteed by the United States, or those for which the faith of the United States is pledged for the payments of principal and interest;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency;
3. Repurchase agreements in the securities enumerated above, assuming certain conditions are met;
4. Interim deposits in the eligible institutions applying for interim money;
5. Bond and other obligations of the State of Ohio; and
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio).

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

Deposits

At year-end, the carrying amount of the Genoa Area Local School District's deposits was \$3,634,661 and the bank balance was \$3,728,183, respectively. The entire bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance, by collateral held by the District, or by collateral held by a qualified third party trustee in the name of the District.

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NOTE 2 - POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, Continued

Investments

The Genoa Area Local School District's investments are required to be categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the District at 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. The Genoa Area Local School District's investment, which is in STAROhio, is not categorized or assigned a risk category because it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Funds on Deposit with STAROhio	\$ <u>145,064</u>	\$ <u>145,064</u>
Reconciliation to Balance Sheet:		
Certificates of Deposit		\$1,450,000
District's Deposits		2,184,661
Star Ohio		<u>145,064</u>
Total Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments		<u>\$3,779,725</u>
Classification in Balance Sheet:		
Unrestricted		\$3,734,872
Restricted		<u>44,853</u>
Total Per Balance Sheet		<u>\$3,779,725</u>

NOTE 3 - PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes are levied on assessed values which equal 35 percent of appraised value. The County Auditor reappraises all real property every six years with a triennial update. The last appraisal was completed for tax year 2000.

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NOTE 3 – 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 February 10 with the remainder payable by July of the following year. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

The full tax rate applied to real property for the 2002 tax year was \$67.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. After adjustment of the rate for inflationary increases in property values, the effective tax rate was \$34.44 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for real property classified as residential/agricultural and \$42.87 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 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 the 2002 tax year was \$67.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuations. The assessed valuations are as follows:

Tangible Personal Property	
General	\$ 10,481,698
Public Utilities	7,227,310
Real Property - 2001 Valuation	
Residential/ Agricultural	108,942,950
Commercial/Industrial	11,388,470
Public Utilities	<u>123,730</u>
Total Valuation	<u>\$138,164,158</u>

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

Accrued property taxes receivable represent delinquent taxes outstanding and real property, personal property and public utility taxes which became measurable as of June 30, 2002. 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, 2002 was \$627,000 and is recognized

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NOTE 3 - PROPERTY TAX, Continued

as revenue, \$438,800 was available to the general fund, \$97,700 was available to the special revenue funds, \$37,900 was available to the permanent improvement fund, and \$52,600 was available to the debt service fund.

NOTE 4 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Receivables at June 30, 2002 consisted of taxes, interest, reimbursements and intergovernmental receivables arising from grants, entitlements and shared revenues. All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the principal items of receivables follows:

<u>Receivables</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>General Fund:</u>	
Taxes - Current	\$ 438,806
Taxes - Deferred	2,702,725
Other Receivables	13,100
 <u>Special Revenue Funds:</u>	
Taxes - Current	97,724
Taxes - Deferred	134,760
 <u>Capital Projects:</u>	
Taxes - Current	37,877
Taxes - Deferred	205,887
 <u>Debt Service Fund</u>	
Taxes - Current	52,621
Taxes - Deferred	259,947
 <u>Enterprise Fund</u>	
Other Receivables	8,612

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NOTE 5 - FIXED ASSETS

The following is a summary of the general fixed assets account group activity during the fiscal year:

	General Fixed Assets <u>6/30/01</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Transfers In (Out)</u>	General Fixed Assets <u>6/30/02</u>
Land and Improvements	\$ 824,268	\$ - 0-	\$ 10,164	\$ - 0-	\$ 814,104
Buildings and Improvements	4,267,891	2,138,618	428,856	6,234,558	12,212,211
Construction in Progress	6,234,558	31,759	-0-	(6,234,558)	31,759
Furniture and Equipment	2,351,349	548,969	287,333	- 0-	2,612,985
Books	426,811	-0-	-0-	- 0-	426,811
Moving Vehicles	<u>1,112,185</u>	<u>125,386</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>- 0-</u>	<u>1,237,571</u>
Total General Fixed Assets	15,217,062	2,844,732	726,353	-0-	17,335,441
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	( <u>4,762,017</u> )	( <u>562,289</u> )	( <u>551,500</u> )	<u>-0-</u>	( <u>4,772,806</u> )
Net General Fixed Assets	<u>\$10,455,045</u>	<u>\$2,282,443</u>	<u>\$174,853</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$12,562,635</u>

The following is a summary of proprietary fund-type fixed assets at June 30, 2002:

	<u>Food Service</u>
Machinery and Equipment	\$172,678
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	( <u>127,826</u> )
Net Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 44,852</u>

The general fixed asset account group assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives ranging from 3 years to 50 years. The proprietary fund type - fixed assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over a 20 year estimated useful life.

NOTE 6 - STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The School District participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system administered by the State Teachers Retirement Board. STRS provides basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. 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 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771.

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NOTE 6 - STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, Continued

Plan members are required to contribute 9.3 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute 14 percent; 6 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. 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 required contributions for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000 were \$781,000, \$709,000 and \$678,000 respectively. All required contributions were made to STRS before these respective year ends.

NOTE 7 - 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, 300 East Broad St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 or by calling (614) 222-5853.

The Genoa Area Local School District Board of Education provides an employee share pick-up for all employees covered under SERS equal to 9 percent of the employees' gross salary. The District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. For fiscal years 2002 and 2001, the portion used to fund pension obligation was 5.46 percent and 5.50 percent respectively. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS Retirement Board. Contribution rates are established by SERS, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates. The adequacy of the contribution rates is determined annually. The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2002, 2001, and 2000 were \$342,000, \$282,000, and \$282,000, respectively. All required contributions were made to SERS before each respective year end.



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NOTE 8 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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

The State Teacher's Retirement Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Most benefit recipients are required to pay a portion of health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. By Ohio Law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS funds shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. The Board currently allocates employer contributions equal to 8 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve fund from which payments for health care benefits are paid. For the School District, this amount equaled approximately \$418,000 during the 2002 fiscal year.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. The balance in the fund was \$3.256 billion at June 30, 2001 (the latest information available). For the year ended June 30, 2001 (the latest information available), net health care costs paid by STRS were \$300,772,000 and STRS had 102,132 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more fiscal years of qualifying service credit, and 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 this year and the prior fiscal year, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 8.54 percent and 8.45 percent of covered payroll respectively. 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 2002, the minimum pay has been established at \$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.

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NOTE 8 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, Continued

The target level for the health care reserve is 150 percent of annual health care expenses. SERS health care expenses at June 30, 2002, were \$182,946,777 and the target level was \$274.4 million. At June 30, 2002 SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$335.2 million. SERS has approximately 50,000 participants currently receiving health care benefits. For the School District, the amount to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge, equaled approximately \$114,800 during the 2002 fiscal year.

The District provides compensation sick leave absences to its employees. At retirement and after five (5) years of full-time service, a portion of an employee's accumulated days of sick leave is payable upon written request as an additional retirement benefit. This benefit is calculated at the employee's daily base rate of pay at the time of retirement. For certified teachers, this benefit is calculated as 35% of the employee's accumulated days of sick leave (220 days maximum), or a maximum of 77 days retirement benefit.

For full-time, permanent non-certified employees, the benefit is calculated as 33% of the employee's accumulated days of sick leave (210 days maximum), or a maximum of 70 days retirement benefit.

NOTE 9 - OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS

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

The plan Agreement states that the District and the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board have no liability for losses under the plan with the exception of fraud or wrongful taking.

NOTE 10 - LEASES

Operating Leases

The District leases certain operating equipment and building under noncancelable operating leases.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum rental payments required under

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NOTE 10 - LEASES, Continued

these operating leases that have an initial or remaining noncancelable lease term in excess of one year as of June 30, 2002:

Year Ending <u>June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2003	\$ 51,300
2004	51,300
2005	51,300
2006	<u>21,400</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$175,300</u>

Total rent expense for the year ended June 30, 2002 was \$66,700.

Capital Leases

The Genoa Local School District has entered into lease agreements as lessee for financing the acquisition for an athletic facility, new sign, and fitness equipment.

The 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 benefit and risks of ownership to the lessee. Capital lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the general purpose financial statements. These expenditures are reflected as program/function expenditures on a budgetary basis.

The District leases its athletic facility from Genoa Athletic Boosters Facility Company, LLC, a company in which an officer of the company is also and officer of the District under a non-cancelable fifteen year capital lease expiring on January 18, 2018 for \$9,650 per month. The total amount of payments made in 2002 is \$28,950.

The District's monthly lease payments for the sign and fitness equipment are \$702 and \$4,586 per month, respectively. The total amount of payments made in 2002 for both leases is \$39,822.

Fixed assets acquired by the leases have been capitalized in the general fixed assets account group. A corresponding liability was recorded in the general long-term obligations account group.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments under these capital leases, and the present value of the net minimum lease payments at June 30, 2002:

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NOTE 10 - LEASES, Continued

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2003	\$ 188,903
2004	179,253
2005	147,152
2006	124,223
2007	116,502
2008 and thereafter	<u>1,103,970</u>
Total minimum lease payments	1,860,003
Less: amount representing interest	( 663,131)
Present value of future minimum lease	<u>\$1,196,872</u>

The following is an analysis of fixed assets leased under capital leases as of June 30, 2002.

<u>General Fixed Assets</u>	
Building & Building Improvements	\$1,094,669
Furniture & Equipment	142,119
Less Accumulated Depreciation	( 38,204)
Net amount	<u>\$1,198,584</u>

NOTE 11 - RECONCILIATIONS OF BUDGETARY BASIS TO GAAP BASIS OF  
ACCOUNTING

Adjustments necessary to convert the excess of revenue and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses on the budgetary basis of accounting to the GAAP basis are as follows:

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Projects</u>	<u>Debt</u> <u>Service</u>	<u>Expendable</u> <u>Trust</u>
Budgetary Basis	(\$1,204,611)	(\$49,405)	\$26,773	\$100,756	\$347
Revenue Accruals	(135,023)	34,350	11,005	(13,855)	-0-
Expense Accruals	(144,313)	(43,407)	305,864	-0-	(295)
Encumbrances	<u>15,170</u>	<u>25,193</u>	<u>161,886</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
GAAP Basis	<u>(\$1,468,777)</u>	<u>(\$33,269)</u>	<u>\$505,528</u>	<u>\$ 86,901</u>	<u>\$ 52</u>

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NOTE 12 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2002.

B. School Funding Decision

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

- A change in the school districts that are used as the basis for determining the base cost support amount. Any change in the amount of funds distributed to school districts as a result of this change must be retroactive to July 1, 2001, although a time line for distribution is not specified.
- Fully funding parity aid no later than the beginning of fiscal year 2004 rather than fiscal year 2006.

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

The State of Ohio, in a motion filed September 17, 2001, asked the Court to reconsider and clarify the parts of the decision changing the school districts that are used as the basis for determining the base cost support amount and the requirement that changes be made retroactive to July 1, 2001. In November, 2001, the Court granted the request for consideration, but also ordered the parties to participate in a settlement conference with a court appointed mediator. On March 21, 2002, the mediator issued his final report indicating that the conference was unable to produce a settlement. The case is now under reconsideration by the Court.

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

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NOTE 12 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES, Continued

C. Litigation

In the normal course of operations, the District may be subject to litigation and claims. While the outcome of such matters cannot presently be determined, management believes that their ultimate resolution will not have a material effect on the financial statements.

D. Commitments

The District is obligated to complete the construction of a Board of Education building totaling approximately \$644,000.

NOTE 13 - ENTERPRISE SEGMENT INFORMATION

The enterprise fund type consists of the Food Service Fund, Uniform School Supplies Fund, and the Continuing Education Fund. The Food Service Fund comprises the majority of the assets and retained earnings, and substantially all of the operations, of the enterprise fund type.

NOTE 14 - LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Section 117.11(A) of the Revised Code, Weber • O'Brien Ltd. performed tests of compliance with various provisions of local, state and/or federal laws, as deemed appropriate.

NOTE 15 - INSURANCE

The District maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for real property, building contents, general liability and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. Real property and contents are fully insured. Settled claims have not exceeded the commercial coverage each of the past three years. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from last year.

The District participates with other school districts in the San-Ott Consortium (the Pool) in a jointly funded risk financing program administered by the Huntington Bank Trust Company. The Pool includes nine member school districts and the Ottawa County Education Center. The program is for employee benefits and Continued includes life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance,

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NOTE 15 - INSURANCE, Continued

health insurance, prescription drug insurance, dental insurance and vision insurance. Each member district has an option on the coverage it has elected for its employees. The District provides to its employees all available options offered by the Pool.

A third party, Group Health Care and Medical Mutual of Ohio headquartered in Toledo, Ohio, reviews all claims which are then paid by the Pool. As of June 30, 2002, the Pool has cash reserves of \$3,703,000, which, in the opinion of San-Ott Consortium management, is adequate for any claims against the Pool.

During the fiscal year the District paid \$557,900 into the Pool for coverage. These costs are paid by the fund that pays the salary for the covered employees. The Pool purchases insurance coverage for excess claims to limit the potential loss to its members. The amount of risk retained within the Pool is an annual aggregate limit of \$100,000 per individual and claims exceeding that limit are covered by stop-loss insurance provided by a commercial insurer. The members, including the District, may be liable for any claims which exceed the Pool's assets and are less than the excess claims amount, which could be charged to members at a pro-rata share of the individual member's premium to the total Pool premiums. Financial information relating to the Pool may be obtained by writing to San-OTT Consortium, c/o Vanguard, 1306 Cedar Street, Fremont, OH 43420.

NOTE 16 - SET-ASIDES

The following cash basis information identifies the changes in the fund balance reserves for textbooks, capital improvements, and budget stabilization during fiscal year 2002:

	<u>Textbooks</u>	<u>Capital Acquisition</u>	<u>Budget Stabilization</u>
Set-Aside Cash Balance as of July 1, 2001	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$44,853
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	203,229	203,229	-0-
Current Year Offsets	-0-	-0-	-0-
Qualifying Disbursements	<u>352,035</u>	<u>572,817</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total	<u>(\$148,806)</u>	<u>(\$369,588)</u>	<u>\$44,853</u>
Cash Balance Carried Forward to FY 2003			<u>44,853</u>
Total Restricted Assets			<u>\$44,853</u>

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NOTE 16 - SET-ASIDES, Continued

Am. Sub Senate Bill 345 (SB 345), effective April 10, 2001, eliminated the requirement for the budget reserve set-aside established by HB 412. According to SB 345, any money on hand in a school district's budget reserve set-aside as of April 10, 2001, may at the discretion of the board be returned to the district's general fund or may be left in a budget reserve account as authorized by ORC 5705.13 for use by the board to offset any budget deficit the district may experience in future years. The statute also authorizes the school district to use all or part of the funds formerly included in the budget reserve for the purpose of providing the district's portion of the basic project costs of any project undertaken in accordance with ORC 3318, Classroom Facilities. SB 345 places special conditions on any Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) monies remaining in the budget reserve set-aside as of April 10, 2001. Any portion of the budget reserve set-aside consisting of refunds or rebates from BWC that were previously required by law to be deposited into the budget reserve may be used solely for the specified purposes.

If the school district deposits (or spends) monies into the textbook and instructional material set-aside in excess of the required deposit for that year, the board may deduct the excess amount of money from the required deposit in future fiscal years. The Board has elected to not carry forward these excess amounts for use in future years.

NOTE 17 - LONG-TERM DEBT

The District has issued bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of equipment and facilities and are general obligations of the District for which the full faith and credit of the District is pledged for repayment. Accordingly, such unmatured obligations of the District are accounted for in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group. Payments of principal and interest relating to these liabilities are recorded as expenditures in the Debt Service Fund.

The following is a description of the District's bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2002:

	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Bonds Outstanding At 7/1/01</u>	<u>New Issues During 2002</u>	<u>Retired In 2002</u>	<u>Bonds Outstanding At 6/30/02</u>
Building Improvements	4.9 -5.5%	7/1/99	12/1/27	\$3,950,000	-0-	\$70,000	\$3,880,000



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NOTE 17 - LONG-TERM DEBT, Continued

The following is a summary of the District's future annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation bonds as of June 30, 2002:

Year Ending <u>June 30</u>	Principal on General <u>Obligation</u>	Interest on General <u>Obligation</u>	<u>Total</u>
2003	\$ 70,000	\$ 205,697	\$ 275,697
2004	75,000	201,711	276,711
2005	80,000	197,446	277,446
2006	85,000	192,909	277,909
2007	90,000	188,097	278,097
2008 and Thereafter	<u>3,480,000</u>	<u>2,302,718</u>	<u>5,782,718</u>
Total	<u>\$3,880,000</u>	<u>\$3,288,578</u>	<u>\$7,168,578</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2002 the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group. Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employee is paid.

	Balance at <u>7/1/01</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	Balance at <u>6/30/02</u>
Capital Lease	\$ -0-	\$1,236,788	\$39,916	\$1,196,872
Compensated Absences	\$ 661,165	162,192	-0-	823,357
General Obligation Bonds	<u>3,950,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>3,880,000</u>
Total	<u>\$4,611,165</u>	<u>\$1,398,980</u>	<u>\$109,916</u>	<u>\$5,900,229</u>

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NOTE 18 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A. Penta County Vocational School

The District is a participating school district in the Penta County Vocational School, which is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio and is not considered to be a part of the District. Penta provides vocational and special education needs of the student and is operated under the direction of a Board consisting of eleven members, each appointed for a term of two years, to serve the sixteen participating school districts. The Board possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information write to the Penta County Vocational School, Carrie Herringshaw, who serves as Treasurer, at 30095 Oregon Road, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551-4594.

B. Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association

The District is a participant in the Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association (NOECA), which is a computer consortium. NOECA is an association of 42 educational entities, primarily school districts, located in Crawford, Erie, Huron, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wood 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. NOECA is governed by its participating members, which consists of a representative from each member entity and a representative from the fiscal agent. Financial information can be obtained from Erie-Ottawa County Educational Service Center, from Betty Schwiesert, who serves as Treasurer, at 2900 S. Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870.



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

Board of Education  
Genoa Area Local School District  
300 Susan Street  
Clay Center, Ohio 43408

We have audited the financial statements of Genoa Area Local School District ("District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated October 31, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

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

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.

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

W. O'Brien, LTD.

October 31, 2002





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**GENOA AREA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
FEBRUARY 4, 2003**