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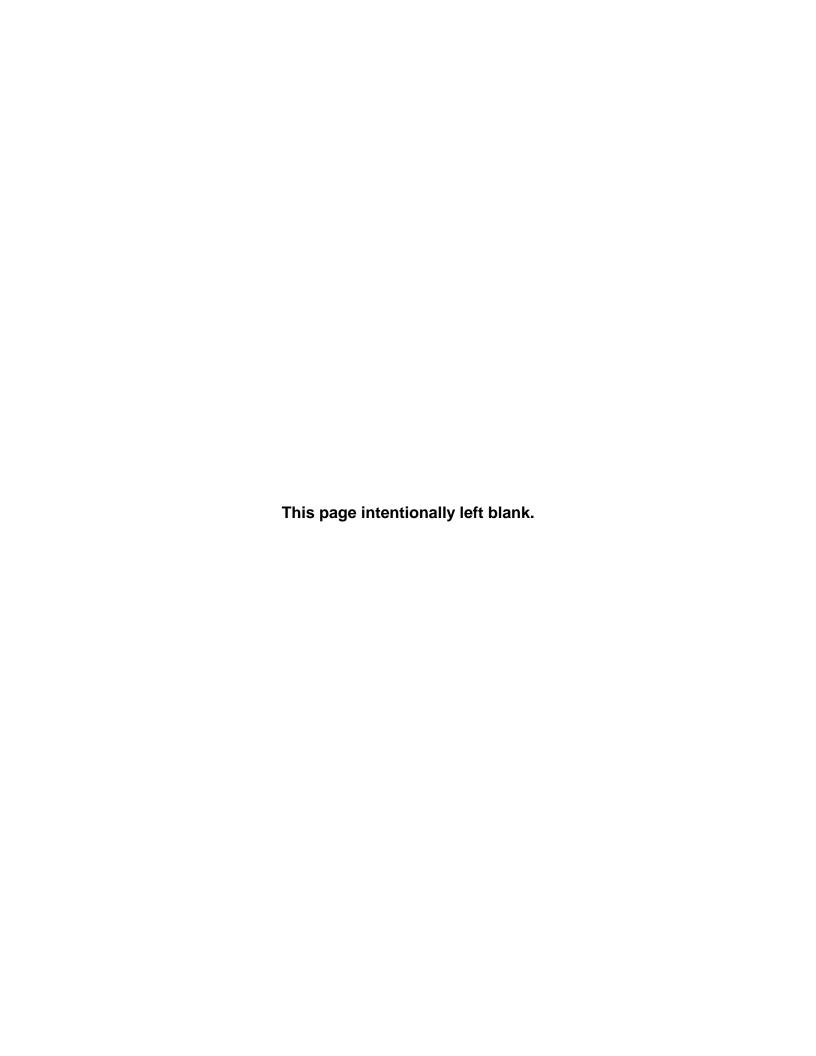
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Sandy Valley Local School District Stark County 5362 State Route 183, N.E. Magnolia, Ohio 44643

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Sandy Valley Local School District, Stark County, Ohio, (the 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 of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Sandy Valley Local School District, Stark County, Ohio as of June 30, 2002, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund type for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 27, 2002 on our consideration of the Government'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.

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We performed our audit to form an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the District, taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Receipts and 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. We subjected this information to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, it is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

November 27, 2002

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS AS OF JUNE 30, 2002

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES					ES
	GENERAL			SPECIAL REVENUE		CAPITAL PROJECTS
Assets and Other Debits						
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	\$	3,663,072	\$	214,627	\$	105,034
Receivable (Net Allowances for Uncollectables)						
Taxes - Current		3,329,402		-		156,627
Taxes - Delinquent		222,416		-		10,603
Accounts		-		-		-
Due From Other Governments		5,799		14,339		-
Prepaid Items		6,536		-		-
Interfund Receivable		17,062		-		-
Inventory Held for Resale		-		-		-
Materials and Supplies Inventory		-		-		-
Property, Plant and Equipment						
(Net of Accumulated Depreciation)		-		-		-
Amount to be provided for general						
government resources		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Total Assets and Other Debits	\$	7,244,287	\$	228,966	\$	272,264

	PRIETARY ND TYPE		OUCIARY FUNDS		ACCOUNT	GRO	I IDC	TOTALS	
ENTERPRISE		TRI	TRUST AND AGENCY		ACCOUNT GROUPS GENERAL GENERAL FIXED LONG-TERM ASSETS OBLIGATIONS		GENERAL FIXED		(MEMO- RANDUM ONLY)
\$	8,767	\$	34,136	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 4,025,636	
	_		_		-		_	3,486,029	
	-		-		-		-	233,019	
	-		372		-		-	372	
	15,508		-		-		-	35,646	
	-		-		-		-	6,536	
	-		-		-		-	17,062	
	4,012		-		-		-	4,012	
	317		-		-		-	317	
	42,085		-		8,389,875		-	8,431,960	
					<u>-</u>		1,101,954	 1,101,954	
\$	70,689	\$	34,508	\$	8,389,875	\$	1,101,954	\$ 17,342,543	

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS AS OF JUNE 30, 2002 (Continued)

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES					
Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS			
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Accounts Payable Accrued Wages and Benefits Compensated Absences Payable Due To Other Governments Deferred Revenue Due To Students General Obligation Bonds Payable Interfund Payable	\$ 41,760 731,896 22,553 151,734 3,429,360	\$ 10,741 64,262 - 12,209 7,801 - -	\$ 4,222 - - 162,318 - -			
Total Liabilities	4,377,303	95,013	166,540			
Equity and Other Credits						
Investment in General Fixed Assets Retained Earnings: Unreserved Fund Balances:	-	-	-			
Reserved for Encumbrances	378,383	51,839	2,590			
Reserved for Prepaids	6,536	-	-			
Reserved for Property Taxes	122,457	- 02.114	4,912			
Unreserved - Undesignated	2,359,608	82,114	98,222			
Total Equity and Other Credits	2,866,984	133,953	105,724			
Total Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits	<u>\$ 7,244,287</u>	\$ 228,966	<u>\$ 272,264</u>			

FUI	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE		FIDUCIARY FUNDS TRUST AND AGENCY		ACCOUNT GENERAL FIXED ASSETS		GROUPS GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS		TOTALS (MEMO- RANDUM ONLY)
\$	22,502 13,449 6,068 3,363 - 17,062	\$	515 - - - 27,342 - - - 27,857	\$	- - - - - - -	\$	553,499 63,455 - 485,000 - 1,101,954	\$	57,238 818,660 589,501 233,466 3,602,842 27,342 485,000 17,062 5,831,111
	- 8,245 - - -		6,651		8,389,875 - - - -		- - - - - -		8,389,875 8,245 432,812 6,536 127,369 2,546,595
s	8,245 70,689	<u> </u>	6,651 34,508	\$	8,389,875 8,389,875	<u> </u>	- 1,101,954	\$	11,511,432

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

		GOVERNI	MENTAL	FUND TYPES		
		SPEC	CIAL	DEBT	(CAPITAL
	GENERAL	REVE	ENUE	SERVICE	P	ROJECTS
Revenues						
Taxes	\$ 3,432,952	\$	-	\$ -	\$	165,822
Tuition and Fees	246,751		-	-		-
Earnings on Investments	108,709		389	-		-
Intergovernmental	6,407,469		640,316	-		74,966
Classroom Materials and Fees	34,914		-	-		-
Extracurricular Activities	-		168,941	-		_
Miscellaneous	 105,058		24,641			2,100
Total Revenues	 10,335,853		834,287			242,888
Expenditures						
Instruction:						
Regular	4,135,262		68,451	-		59,431
Special	1,547,888		416,587	-		-
Vocational	292,974		-	-		4,222
Other	78,396		126,435	-		3,813
Support Services:						
Pupils	845,717		21,446	-		5,878
Instructional Staff	125,505		4,906	-		-
Board of Education	7,388		-	-		-
Administration	821,180		41,124	-		-
Fiscal	221,675		-	-		1,508
Business	10,073		-	-		-
Operations and Maintenance	687,519		840	-		81,739
Pupil Transportation	668,324		2,583	-		-
Central	22,345		5,813	-		-
Extracurricular Activities	202,453		106,155	-		-
Facilities Acquisition	42,256		-	-		452,389
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	-		75,541	-		-
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement	-		-	40,000		-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	 			30,575		
Total Expenditures	\$ 9,708,955	\$	869,881	\$ 70,575	\$	608,980

FIDUC	IARY FUND		TOTALS
EXPE	ENDABLE	(MEI	MORANDUM
T	RUST		ONLY)
\$	_	\$	3,598,774
	_		246,751
	_		109,098
	-		7,122,751
	-		34,914
	-		168,941
	4,000		135,799
	4,000		11,417,028
	-		4,263,144
	-		1,964,475
	-		297,196
	4,208		212,852
	-		873,041
	-		130,411
	-		7,388
	-		862,304
	-		223,183
	-		10,073
	_		770,098
	_		670,907
	_		28,158
	_		308,608
	_		494,645
	-		75,541
	_		40,000
	_ _		30,575
		-	30,373
\$	4,208	\$	11,262,599

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

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		GOVEI	RNN	MENTAL FUND	TYPI	ES		
	GENERAL		SPECIAL		DEBT		CAPITAL	
		JENEKAL		REVENUE	- 51	ERVICE	P	ROJECTS
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues								
Over (Under) Expenditures	\$	626,898	\$	(35,594)	\$	(70,575)	\$	(366,092)
Other Financing Sources/ (Uses)								
Operating Transfers In		74,056		316		70,575		57,191
Operating Transfers Out		(195,284)		(30)		-		(10,124)
Refund of Prior Year Expenditure		4,933		-		-		-
Proceeds of Notes			_					452,988
Total Other Financing Sources/ (Uses)		(116,295)		286		70,575	1	500,055
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other								
Financing Uses		510,603		(35,308)		-		133,963
Fund Balances - July 1, 2001		2,356,381		169,261		<u> </u>	_	(28,239)
Fund Balances - June 30, 2002	\$	2,866,984	\$	133,953	\$	<u> </u>	\$	105,724

FIDUCL	ARY FUND		
T	YPE		ΓOTALS
EXPE	NDABLE	(MEN	MORANDUM
T	RUST		ONLY)
\$	(208)	\$	154,429
			202 120
	-		202,138
	-		(205,438) 4,933
	-		452,988
	<u>-</u>		432,988
	<u>-</u>		454,621
	(208)		609,050
	6,859		2,504,262
\$	6,651	\$	3,113,312

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, BUDGET (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) - ACTUAL ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

		GENERAL FUND	
			VARIANCE
	REVISED	A COTTLANT	FAVORABLE /
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	(UNFAVORABLE)
Revenues	** • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
Taxes	\$3,374,608	\$3,533,841	\$ 159,233
Tuition and Fees	266,000	263,053	(2,947)
Earnings on Investments	120,000	108,709	(11,291)
Extracurricular Activities		- 407.460	155.705
Intergovernmental	6,251,764	6,407,469	155,705
Classroom Materials and Fees Other Revenues	30,000	34,914	4,914
	112,500	107,885	(4,615)
Total Revenues	10,154,872	10,455,871	300,999
Expenditures Instruction:			
Regular Instruction	4,147,557	4,147,557	
Special Instruction	1,619,468	1,610,168	9,300
Vocational Instruction	299,299	299,299	9,300
Other Instruction	84,078	84,078	-
Support Services:	04,076	04,076	-
Pupils	843,907	843,907	_
Instructional Staff	136,824	136,824	
Board of Education	7,388	7,388	
School Administration	846,952	846,952	
Fiscal	246,917	246,864	54
Business	10,073	10,073	54
Operations and Maintenance	937,643	937,596	47
Pupil Transportation	721,489	718,493	2,996
Central	22,345	22,345	2,270
Operation of Non-Instructional	22,5 15	22,3 13	_
Facilities Acquisition	47,206	47,206	-
Extracurricular Activities	203,637	203,637	_
Debt Service:	,	,	
Principal Retirement	_	_	_
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-		
Total Expenditures	\$ 10,174,785	\$ 10,162,387	\$ 12,397

	SPE	CIAL REVENUE FU	NDS		Γ	DEBT SERVICE FUN	ND
	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE / (UNFAVORABLE)		REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE / (UNFAVORABLE)
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -
	-	200	- (40.611)		-	-	-
	50,000	389	. , ,		-	-	-
	195,160 652,519	168,095 672,636	(27,065) 20,116		-	-	-
	032,319	0/2,030	20,110		-	-	-
	25,900	25,895			-	-	-
-	923,579	867,014		-			
	725,517		(30,300)	_	_		
	72.544	72.544					
	73,544 452,154	73,544	-		-	-	-
	432,134	452,154	-		-	-	-
	130,977	130,977	-		-	-	-
	21,444	21,444	-		-	-	-
	5,006	5,006	-		-	-	-
	-	-	-		-	-	-
	40,973	40,973	-		-	-	-
	-	-	-		-	-	-
	-	-	-		-	-	-
	840	840			-	-	-
	2,583 5,813	2,583 5,813			-	-	-
	68,471	68,471	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>
	-	-	- -		- -	-	- -
	119,944	119,944	-		-	-	-
	-	-	-		88,982	88,982	-
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	_	26,538	26,538	
\$	921,747	\$ 921,747	\$	\$	115,520	\$ 115,520	\$ -

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, BUDGET (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) - ACTUAL ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

(Continued)

	GENERAL FUND						
	REVISED BUDGET			ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE / (UNFAVORABLE)		
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(19,913)	\$	293,484	\$	313,396	
Other Financing Sources/ (Uses)							
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures Operating Transfers In Operating Transfers Out Advances-In Advances-Out		72,200 (195,284) 41,467 (36,403)		168 74,056 (195,284) 49,004 (36,403)		(168) (1,856) - (7,537)	
Total Other Financing Sources/ (Uses)		(118,020)		(108,460)		(9,560)	
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses		(137,933)		185,024		322,956	
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated		260,303		260,303		-	
Fund Balances - July 1, 2001		2,787,598		2,787,598		<u>-</u>	
Fund Balances - June 30, 2002	\$	2,909,968	\$	3,232,925	\$	322,956	

SPEC	CIAL REVENUE FUN	IDS	D	EBT SERVICE FUN	ID
REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE / (UNFAVORABLE)	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE / (UNFAVORABLE)
\$ 1,832	\$ (54,733)	\$ (56,566)	<u>\$ (115,520)</u>	\$ (115,520)	<u>\$</u>
(30)	316 (30)	(316)	- 116,396 -	- 115,520 -	- 876 -
 (200)	(200)	-		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
 (230)	86	(316)	116,396	115,520	876
1,602	(54,647)	(56,250)	876	-	876
44,315	44,315	-	-	-	-
 165,384	165,384				
\$ 211,301	\$ 155,052	\$ (56,250)	\$ 876	\$ -	\$ 876

SANDY VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STARK COUNTY

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, BUDGET (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) - ACTUAL ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

(Continued)

	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND							
	REVISED BUDGET			ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE / (UNFAVORABLE)			
Revenues								
Taxes	\$	164,739	\$	135,957	\$	(28,782)		
Tuition and Fees		-		-		-		
Earnings on Investments		-		-		-		
Extracurricular Activities Intergovernmental		68,306		74,966		6,660		
Classroom Materials and Fees		08,300		/4,900		0,000		
Other Revenues		-		2,100		2,100		
Total Revenues		233,045		213,023		(20,022)		
Total Revenues		233,043		213,023		(20,022)		
Expenditures								
Instruction:		50.421		50.421				
Regular Instruction Special Instruction		59,431		59,431		-		
Vocational Instruction		11,206		11,206		-		
Other Instruction		3,813		3,813		-		
Support Services:		3,613		3,613		-		
Pupils		5,878		5,878		_		
Instructional Staff		3,070		5,676		_		
Board of Education		_		_		_		
School Administration		-		_		_		
Fiscal		1,508		1,508		-		
Business		´ -				-		
Operations and Maintenance		81,739		81,739		-		
Pupil Transportation		-		-		-		
Central		-		-		-		
Operation of Non-Instructional		-		-		-		
Facilities Acquisition		452,389		452,389		-		
Extracurricular Activities		-		-		-		
Debt Service:								
Principal Retirement		-		-		-		
Interest and Fiscal Charges		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		
Total Expenditures	\$	615,965	\$	615,965	\$	<u>-</u>		

	EXPI	ENDABLE TR	UST FU	NDS			TOTAL	S (M	EMORANDUM	ONLY)	
-				VARIA	ANCE	VARIA				ARIANCE	
REV	/ISED			FAVOR	ABLE /	R	EVISED			FAV	ORABLE /
BUI	DGET	ACTUA	A L	(UNFAVO	ORABLE)	E	BUDGET		ACTUAL	_(UNF.	AVORABLE)
\$	_	\$	_	\$	-		\$3,539,347	\$	3,669,798	\$	130,451
	_		_		_		266,000		263,053		(2,947)
	_		_		_		170,000		109,098		(60,902)
	_		-		_		195,160		168,095		(27,065)
	_		-		_		6,972,589		7,155,071		182,482
	_		-		_		30,000		34,914		4,914
	4,000		4,000		-		142,400		139,879		(2,521)
	4,000		4,000		-		11,315,496		11,539,908		224,412
	-		_		_		4,280,532		4,280,532		-
	-		-		-		2,071,622		2,062,321		9,300
	-		-		-		310,504		310,504		-
	4,208		4,208		-		223,077		223,077		-
	_		_		_		871,229		871,229		_
	_		_		_		141,830		141,830		-
	_		_		_		7,388		7,388		-
	_		-		_		887,925		887,925		_
	_		-		_		248,426		248,372		54
	-		-		-		10,073		10,073		-
	-		-		-		1,020,222		1,020,175		47
	-		-		-		724,072		721,076		2,996
	-		-		-		28,158		28,158		-
	-		-		-		68,471		68,471		-
	-		-		-		499,596		499,596		-
	-		-		-		323,581		323,581		-
	_		_		-		88,982		88,982		-
	<u>-</u>						26,538		26,538		
\$	4,208	\$	4,208	\$	<u> </u>	\$	11,832,225	\$	11,819,827	\$	12,397

SANDY VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STARK COUNTY

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, BUDGET (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) - ACTUAL ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

(Continued)

	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND						
	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE / (UNFAVORABLE)				
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (382,919)	\$ (402,942)	<u>\$</u> (20,022)				
Other Financing Sources/ (Uses)							
Proceeds from Sale of Notes Operating Transfers In	-	452,988	(452,988)				
Operating Transfers Out Advances-In Advances-Out	(10,124) - (10,104)	(10,124) 10,104 (10,104)	(10,104)				
Total Other Financing Sources/ (Uses)	(20,227)	442,864	(463,092)				
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(403,146)	39,923	443,070				
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	38,017	38,017	-				
Fund Balances - July 1, 2001	20,280	20,280	<u>-</u>				
Fund Balances - June 30, 2002	\$ (344,849)	\$ 98,220	\$ 443,070				

EXPEN	DABLE TRUST FUNI	OS	TOTAL	S (MEMORANDUM	ONLY)
REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE / (UNFAVORABLE)	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE / (UNFAVORABLE)
\$ (208)	\$ (208)	<u>\$</u>	\$ (516,728)	\$ (279,919)	\$ 236,809
- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- 188,596 (205,438) 41,467 (46,706)	59,107	(453,156) (1,295) - (17,640)
			(22,081)		(472,091)
(208)	(208) 9	- -	(538,809) 342,644	170,091 342,644	(235,282)
6,851 \$ 6,652	6,851 \$ 6,652	- \$ -	2,980,113 \$ 2,783,948	2,980,113 \$ 3,492,848	<u> </u>

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	ENTERI FUN			
Operating Revenues				
Tuition and Fees	\$	2,463		
Food Services		308,732		
Total Operating Revenues		311,195		
Operating Expenses				
Salaries		164,248		
Fringe Benefits		74,926		
Purchased Services		7,376		
Depreciation		7,262		
Materials and Supplies		233,135		
Other Operating Expenses		1,619		
Total Operating Expenses		488,566		
Operating Loss		(177,371)		
Nonoperating Revenues				
Other Non Operating Revenues		5,040		
Intergovernmental Revenues		129,318		
Donated Commodities		22,041		
Transfers In		15,833		
Total Nonoperating Revenues		172,232		
Net Loss		(5,139)		
Retained Earnings - July 1, 2001		13,384		
Retained Earnings - June 30, 2002	\$	8,245		

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	ENTERPRIS FUNDS	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities Operating Loss	\$	(177,371)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used In Operating Activities:		
Depreciation Expense Donated Commodities		7,262 22,041
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:		
Due from other governments Inventory held for resale Materials and supplies inventory		2,942 (1,052) (32)
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities:		
Accrued salaries and benefits payable Compensated absences payable Deferred revenues Interfund Payable Accounts Payable Due to other governments Total Adjustments		624 55 1,133 (12,401) (176) (2,482) 17,914
Net cash used in operating activities		(159,457)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities Other Non Operating Revenues Intergovernmental revenues Transfers In		5,040 129,318 15,833
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities		150,191
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities Capital asset acquisitions		(3,855)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities		(3,855)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(13,121)
Cash and cash equivalents - July 1, 2001		21,888
Cash and cash equivalents - June 30, 2002	\$	8,767

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

Noncash activities: During the year, the District received \$22,041 of federal donated commodities.

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1. <u>Description of the School District and Reporting Entity</u>

The Sandy Valley Local School District (the District) is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is governed by a five-member board of education (the Board) elected by its citizens. The Board controls the District's five school buildings, bus garage, warehouse, and administration building staffed by administrators, teachers, and non-certified personnel providing educational opportunities to its students.

The Reporting Entity

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the general purpose financial statements of the District are not misleading.

The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the District. The District has no component units.

The District is involved with Stark-Portage Area Regional Computer Consortium (SPARCC), which is defined as a jointly governed organization. Additional information concerning SPARCC is presented in Note 14.

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

The following organizations are not part of the reporting entity and are excluded from the accompanying financial statements:

<u>Non-Public Schools</u> - Within the District's boundaries, St. Phillip and James Catholic School is operated by the Catholic Diocese. Current state legislation provides funding to these schools. The monies are received and disbursed on behalf of the non-public schools by the Treasurer of the District. The accounting for these state monies is reflected as part of the District's Special Revenue Funds.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The general purpose financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as it applies to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Under the guidelines of

2. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 20, <u>Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Units That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting</u>, the District has elected not to apply Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, to its proprietary activities. The adoption of this approach to accounting for proprietary activities by the District has required no change from prior years.

The District's significant accounting policies are described below.

A. <u>Basis of Presentation</u>

Fund Accounting

The 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 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 restrictions or limitations. An account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net available resources. For financial statement presentation purposes, the various funds of the 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 District are financed. The acquisition, use, and balances of the District's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities (except those accounted for in proprietary funds and trust funds) are accounted for through governmental funds. The following are the District's governmental fund types:

General Fund

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

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

A. <u>Basis of Presentation</u> (Continued)

<u>General Fund</u> (Continued)

The General Fund balance is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds are used 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

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for financial resources for, and the payment of, general long-term obligation principal, interest, and related costs.

Capital Projects Fund

The Capital Projects 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 or trust funds.

Proprietary Fund Type

Proprietary Funds are used to account for the District's ongoing activities, which are similar to those found in the private sector. The following is the District's Proprietary Fund Type:

Enterprise Fund

Enterprise Funds are used to account for District activities that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where it has been 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.

2. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

A. <u>Basis of Presentation</u> (Continued)

Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary Fund Types account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent on behalf of others. Fiduciary fund types are as follows:

Expendable Trust Fund

The Expendable Trust Fund is used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. The Expendable Trust Fund is accounted for in essentially the same manner as the Governmental Funds.

Agency Funds

The Agency Fund is used to account for assets held by the District as an agent. Agency Funds are custodial in nature (Assets equal Liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Account Groups

To make a clear distinction between fixed assets related to specific funds and those of the 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 District, other than those accounted for in the Proprietary Fund.

General Long-Term Obligations Account Group

This account group is established to account for all long-term obligations of the District except those accounted for in the Proprietary Fund.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement Focus

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All Governmental and Expendable Trust Fund Types 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 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 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 combined balance sheet. Fund equity (i.e., net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Proprietary Fund operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets.

Basis of Accounting

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 District is 60 days after fiscal year end.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Non-exchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. (See Note 5). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when the use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

In applying the susceptible to accrual concept under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are deemed both measurable and available: interest, tuition, grants, and student fees.

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.

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 related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. 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 Type. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned, and expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. 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. Unused donated commodities are reported as deferred revenue

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NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. 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 by the County Auditor.

All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The primary level of budgetary control is at the fund level. Any budgetary modifications 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. 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 rates as determined by the County Budget Commission and receives the commission's Certificate of Estimated Resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to June 30, the 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 District Treasurer. The amounts reported in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the final Amended Certificate issued during fiscal year 2002.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Budgetary Process (Continued)

<u>Appropriations</u>

Upon receipt from the County Auditor of an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources based on final assessed values and tax rates or a certificate saying no new certificate is necessary, the annual appropriation resolution must be legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund level of expenditures, which is the legal level of budgetary control. Prior to the passage of the annual appropriation measure, the Board may pass a temporary appropriation measure to meet the ordinary expenses of the District. The Appropriation Resolution, 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 totals at the fund level of control. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriation must be approved by the Board of Education.

The Board may pass supplemental fund appropriations so long as the total appropriations by fund do not exceed the amounts set forth in the most recent Certificate of Estimated Resources. During the year, several supplemental appropriations were legally enacted.

The budget figures, which appear in the statements of budgetary comparisons, represent the final appropriation amounts, including all supplemental appropriations. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds other than Agency Funds, consistent with statutory provisions.

Encumbrances

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are 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. Expenditures plus encumbrances may not legally exceed appropriations. On the GAAP basis, encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year end are reported as a reservation of fund balance for subsequent year end expenditures of Governmental Funds

Lapsing of Appropriations

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 appropriation. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and are not reappropriated.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, all cash received by the District is pooled in various accounts at a central bank. Monies for all funds, including proprietary funds, are maintained in these accounts or temporarily used to purchase short term investments. Individual fund integrity is maintained through District records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the combined balance sheet.

During fiscal year 2002, investments were limited to STAR Ohio. Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited during fiscal year 2002 amounted to \$109,098.

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 an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are considered to be cash equivalents.

The District has invested funds in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio) during 2002. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the state to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price, which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2002.

E. Estimates

The preparation of the 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.

F. Inventory

Inventories are valued at cost (first in, first out) and are determined by physical count. Inventory in Proprietary Funds consist of expendable supplies held for consumption and food service items held for resale. The cost has been recorded as an expense at the time individual inventory items were consumed.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

G. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

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.

Fixed assets utilized in the Proprietary Funds are capitalized in those funds. All fixed assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$500. The District does not have any infrastructure.

The costs 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.

Assets in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not depreciated. Depreciation of furniture and equipment in the Enterprise Fund is computed using the straight-line method over an estimated useful lives of 8 to 20 years.

H. <u>Interfund Assets and Liabilities</u>

Receivables and payables resulting from transactions between funds for services provided or goods received are classified as "Interfund Receivable" or "Interfund Payable". Long-term interfund loans are recorded as reservation of fund balance to indicate that they do not constitute available expendable resources since they are not a component of net current assets.

I. Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the District has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future, in accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 16, <u>Accounting for Compensated Absences</u>. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at fiscal year end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the District's termination policy.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

I. <u>Compensated Absences</u> (Continued)

For Governmental Funds, the District records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time when earned for all employees with more than one year of service. The District records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave for both classified and certified employees once they meet the eligibility requirements for retirement from one of the State retirement systems. The current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using available expendable resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "Compensated Absences Payable" in the fund from which the employees are paid. The remainder is reported in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group. In Proprietary Funds, the entire amount of compensated absences is reported as a fund liability.

J. Accrued Liabilities and 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, contractually required pension contributions, 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 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 of those funds.

K. <u>Interfund Transactions</u>

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues and 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, with the exception of Agency Funds, which do not show transfers of resources as operating transfers.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

L. Fund Balance Reserves

The 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 or 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, prepaids, and property taxes. The reserve for property taxes represents taxes recognized as revenue under generally accepted accounting principles but not available for appropriations under State statute.

M. Total Columns on General Purpose Financial Statements

Total columns on the general purpose financial statements are captioned "Total-(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 aggregation of this data.

3. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

While the District is reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance/retained earnings on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances, Budget (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) -Actual - All Governmental and Expendable Trust Funds is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the Budgetary basis and GAAP basis are that:

- 1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (Budgetary basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
- 2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (Budgetary basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
- 3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditure equivalents for all funds (Budgetary basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance for governmental fund types (GAAP basis).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the Budgetary and GAAP basis statements by fund type.

3. <u>Budgetary Basis of Accounting</u> (Continued)

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

		Special	Capital	Expendable
	General	Revenue	Projects	Trust
Budget Basis	\$ 185,024	\$(54,647)	\$ 39,923	\$ (208)
Adjustments for Revenue Accruals	(120,018)	(32,727)	29,865	-
Adjustments for Expenditure Accruals	23,293	(7,714)	173	(515)
Adjustments for Other Financing Sources/Uses	(7,835)	200	57,190	-
Adjustments for Encumbrances	430,139	59,580	6,812	<u>515</u>
GAAP Basis	<u>\$510,603</u>	\$ (35,308)	<u>\$ 133,963</u>	<u>\$ (208)</u>

The Debt Service Fund is not reflected in this presentation as its basis was zero under both the Budgetary and GAAP bases.

4. Deposits and Investments

State statutes classify monies held by the District into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the District Treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board of Education has identified as not required for use within the current two year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing no later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit, or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Protection of District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the Treasurer by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

4. <u>Deposits and Investments</u> (Continued)

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

- 1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States;
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- 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 2 percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed 30 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 (STAR Ohio);
- 7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper noted for a period not to exceed 180 days in an amount not to exceed 25 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 two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

<u>Cash on Hand</u>: At fiscal year-end, the District had \$1,125 in undeposited cash on hand, which is included on the combined balance sheet of the District as part of "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents."

4. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

The following information classifies deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined in GASB Statement No 3, <u>Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments and Reverse Repurchase Agreements</u>.

<u>Deposits</u>: At year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$2,020,506 and the bank balance was \$2,065,746. Of the bank balance:

- 1. \$200,000 was covered by federal depository insurance; and
- 2. \$1,865,746 was collateralized with securities held by the financial institution's trust department or agent in the entities name.

<u>Investments:</u> The District's investments are categorized below to give an indication of the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the District at fiscal year end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the District or its agent in the District's name. Category 2 includes insured 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 District's investment in STAR Ohio, an investment pool operated by the Ohio State Treasurer, is unclassified since it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. The carrying and fair value of the District's investment in STAR Ohio at year end was \$2,004,005.

5. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis while the District fiscal year operates from July through June. Real property tax collections by the County are remitted to the District a year after they are assessed by the County. Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility, and tangible personal (used in business) property located in the District. Real property taxes are levied after April 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1, the lien date. Public utility property taxes attached as a lien on December 31 of the prior year, were levied after April 1 and are collected with real property taxes. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. All property is required to be revalued every six years. Public utility property taxes are assessed on tangible personal property at 88 percent of true value. Tangible personal property taxes are levied after April 1 on the value listed as of December 31 of the current year. Tangible personal property assessments are 25 percent of true value.

5. <u>Property Taxes</u> (Continued)

Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established. Tangible personal property taxes paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20.

The District receives property taxes from Stark, Tuscarawas, and Carroll Counties. These County Auditors periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2002, are available to finance fiscal year 2003 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable represents delinquent taxes outstanding and real property, tangible 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 fiscal year operations. The receivable is therefore offset by a credit to a deferred revenue for that portion not intended to finance current year operations. The amount available to the District as an advance at June 30, 2002, was \$122,457 and \$4,912 in the General and Capital Projects Funds, respectively.

6. Interfund Activity

At June 30, 2002, outstanding interfund balances consisted of the following.

	Interfund	Interfund
	<u>Receivables</u>	<u>Payables</u>
General Fund	\$ 17,062	\$ -
Enterprise Fund - Food Service	<u> </u>	17,062
Total	\$ 17,062	\$ 17,062

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7. <u>Fixed Assets</u>

A summary of the changes in the General Fixed Asset Account Group during the fiscal year is as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	7/1/01	Additions	Disposals	6/30/02
Land and Land				
Improvements	\$ 736,012	\$ 494,646	\$ -	\$ 1,230,658
Buildings and Building				
Improvements	3,128,414	44,333	-	3,172,747
Furniture, Fixtures,				
And Equipment	2,664,883	212,497	-	2,877,380
Vehicles	966,988	142,102	<u> </u>	1,109,090
Totals	<u>\$ 7,496,297</u>	\$ 893,578	<u>\$ - </u>	<u>\$ 8,389,875</u>

A summary of the Enterprise Funds' fixed assets at June 30, 2002 is as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	7/1/01	Additions	Disposals	6/30/02
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	\$ 186,364	\$ 3,855	\$ -	\$ 190,219
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(140,872)	(7,262)		(148,134)
Net Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 45,492</u>	<u>\$ (3,407)</u>	<u>\$ - </u>	<u>\$ 42,085</u>

8. Long-Term Debt and Other Obligations

Debt outstanding at June 30, 2002 consisted of the following:

General Obligation Bonds

Principal Outstanding	\$40,000
Interest Rate	5.05%
Issue Date	12/93
Maturity Date	06/03

Tax Anticipation Note

Principal Outstanding	\$445,000
Interest Rate	4.50%
Issue Date	11/01
Maturity Date	12/06

New Permanent Improvement Levy Tax Anticipation Notes were issued by the District during fiscal year 2002 for the purchase of land.

8. <u>Long-Term Debt and Other Obligations</u> (Continued)

Outstanding general obligation bonds consist of an energy conservation bond issue. All bonds outstanding 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 when due and payable.

The annual requirements to amortize all bond and note indebtedness as of June 30, 2002, including interest payments of \$2,020 and \$51,864, respectively, are as follows:

Year ending	General	Tax Anticipation
<u>June 30</u>	Obligation Bonds	Note
2003	\$ 42,020	\$ 98,225
2004	-	99,513
2005	-	100,575
2006	-	101,413
2007		<u>97,138</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 42,020</u>	<u>\$496,864</u>

The District has utilized trustees to service the bonds. Payments are recorded as disbursements in the year deposited with the trustee.

Long-term debt and other obligations at June 30, 2002 and the related transactions for the year are summarized as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	7/1/01	Additions	Reductions	6/30/02
G.O. Bonds Payable	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Tax Anticipation Note	57,191	445,000	57,191	445,000
Compensated Absences Payable	363,894	189,605	-	553,499
Due to Other Governments	67,333		3,878	63,455
Total	<u>\$ 568,418</u>	<u>\$634,605</u>	<u>\$101,069</u>	<u>\$1,101,954</u>

9. <u>Compensated Absences</u>

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave components are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn 10 to 20 days of vacation per fiscal year, depending upon the length of service. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

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9. <u>Compensated Absences</u> (Continued)

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at a rate of 1.25 days per month. A liability for sick leave is based on the accumulated sick leave at the balance sheet date by those employees who are currently eligible to receive severance benefits. The District's severance liability has been calculated using the pay rates in effect at June 30, 2002 and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contracts (52 days for classified, and 42 or 69 days for certified employees based on length of service), plus any additional salary related payments.

10. Risk Management

<u>Comprehensive</u> - The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2002, the District contracted with private carriers for property and fleet insurance, liability insurance, and inland marine coverage. Coverage provided by these carriers is as follows:

Building and Contents-replacement cost - \$24,214,608 (\$5,000 deductible)

Inland Marine Coverage - (\$100 deductible)

Boiler and Machinery - (\$1,000 deductible)

Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 (\$500 deductible)

Uninsured Motorists - \$1,000,000 (\$500 deductible)

General Liability - \$2,000,000 per occurrence/ \$5,000,000 aggregate

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years.

<u>Workers Compensation</u> - For fiscal year 2002, the District participated in a program with the Stark County Schools Council of Government to obtain workers' compensation coverage. This program is administered by CompManagement, Inc. The experience of each of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience rate and applied to all participants in the program. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State's Bureau of Workers' Compensation based on this calculation. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the program. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the program. This "equity pooling" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the program. Participation in the program is limited to school districts that can meet its selection criteria.

10. Risk Management (Continued)

<u>Health Insurance</u> - The District is a participant in the Stark County Schools Council of Government (COG) for the purpose of obtaining benefits at a reduced premium for health care. The program for health care is administered by Mutual Health Services Company and Aultcare. Payments are made to the COG for the monthly attachment point, monthly stop-loss premiums, and administrative charges. The fiscal officer of the COG is the Treasurer of the Stark County Educational Service Center. The fiscal agent pays Mutual Health Services and Aultcare monthly for the actual amount of claims processed, the stop-loss premium, and the administrative charges.

11. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

A. School Employees Retirement System

The District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (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 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, 300 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746, or by calling (614) 222-5853.

Plan members are required to contribute 9 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The contribution rate is 14 percent of the annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2002, 2001, and 2000 were \$197,962, \$188,236, and \$168,018, respectively. 51% has been contributed for the fiscal year 2002 and 100% for fiscal years 2001 and 2000. \$97,872 representing the unpaid contribution for the fiscal year 2001, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds and the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

The District also 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 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, or by calling (614) 277-4090.

11. Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System (Continued)

Plan members are required to contribute 9.3 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent; 9.5 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 \$768,989, \$725,627, and \$646,104, respectively. 84% has been contributed for the fiscal year 2002 and 100% for the fiscal years 2001 and 2000. \$122,908 representing the unpaid contribution for the fiscal year 2002, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

12. Post Employment 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 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 a monthly premium. By Ohio law, the cost of coverage paid from the STRS funds shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. The board currently allocates employer contributions equal to 4.5% percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund for which payments for health care benefits are paid. The balance in the Health Care Reserve Fund at year end was \$3.256 billion on June 30, 2001. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001 (the latest information available), and net health care costs paid by STRS were \$300,772 million and STRS had 102,132 eligible benefit recipients.

12. Post Employment Benefits (Continued)

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 25 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 fiscal year, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 8.54 percent of covered payroll, a decrease of 1.26 percent from fiscal year 2001. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between a minimum pay and the members' pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2002, the minimum pay was established at \$12,400. The surcharge rate added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001 (the latest information available), net health care costs paid by SERS were \$161,440 million and the target level was \$242.2 million. Net assets available for payment as of June 30, 2001 by the Retirement System were \$315.7 million. The number of participants currently receiving health care benefits is approximately 50,000. The portion of the District's contributions that were used to fund postemployment benefits was \$138,573.

13. <u>Segment Information for Enterprise Funds</u>

The District maintains two enterprise funds to account for the operations of food service and adult education. The table below reflects the more significant financial data relating to the enterprise funds of the District as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002.

	Food Service	Adult Education	Total
Operating Revenues	\$ 308,732	\$ 2,463	\$ 311,195
Operating Expenses			
Before Depreciation	472,360	6,944	481,304
Depreciation	7,262	-	7,262
Operating Income(Loss)	(172,890)	(4,481)	(177,371)
Nonoperating Revenues	167,192	5,040	172,232
Net Income (Loss)	(5,698)	559	(5,139)
Fixed Assets Additions	3,855	-	3,855
Net Working Capital	(12,036)	8,707	(3,329)
Total Assets	61,982	8,707	70,689
Total Equity	(462)	8,707	8,245

14. Jointly Governed Organization

The District is a member of the Stark-Portage Area Computer Consortium (SPARCC), a jointly governed organization which provides computer services to the school districts within the boundaries of Stark and Portage counties. Each District's superintendent serves as a representative on the Board which consists of approximately 31 member districts. However, SPARCC is primarily governed by a five member executive Board which is made up of two representatives from Stark County, two from Portage County, and a Treasurer. The Board meets monthly to address any current issues.

15. Contingencies and Commitments

Grants

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

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 required 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.

15. <u>Contingencies and Commitments</u> (Continuing)

In general, it is expected that the decision would result in an increase in State funding for most Ohio school districts. However, as of October 1, 2002, the Ohio General Assembly is still analyzing the impact this Supreme Court decision will have on funding for individual school districts. Further, the State of Ohio, in a motion filed September 17, 2001, asked the Court to reconsider and clarify the parts of the decision changing the school districts that are used as the basis for determining the base for determining the base cost support amount and the requirement that changes be made retroactive to July 1, 2001.

On November 2, 2001, the Court granted this motion for reconsideration, 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 District is unable to determine what effect, if any, this decision will have on its future State funding and on its financial operations.

16. <u>Statutory Reserves</u>

The District is required by State statute to annually set aside in the general fund an amount based on a statutory formula for the purchase of textbooks and other instructional materials and an equal amount for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by year-end or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at year-end and carried forward to be used for the same purpose in future years. Set-aside requirements for fiscal year 2002 are as follows:

		Capital	
	<u>Textbooks</u>	<u>Acquisition</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Set-Aside Cash Balance as of June 30,		_	
2001	\$ (19,996)	\$ -	\$ (19,996)
Current Year Set-Aside Requirements	204,953	204,593	409,546
Offsets for the Current Year	-	(135,957)	(135,957)
Qualifying Disbursements	(370,242)	(535,637)	(905,879)
Total	<u>\$(185,285)</u>	<u>\$(467,001)</u>	(652,286)
Cash Balance Carried Forward to			
Fiscal Year 2003	<u>\$(185,285)</u>		\$(185,285)

The District had qualifying disbursements during the fiscal year that reduced the textbook set-aside amount below zero. The extra amount may be used to reduce the set-aside requirements of future fiscal years.

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SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

Federal Grantor/ Passed Through Grantor/ Program Title	Pass Through Grantor Number	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Non-Cash Receipts	Expenditures	Non-Cash Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture (Passed through the Ohio Department of Education)						
Nutrition Cluster:						
Food Donation National School Breakfast Program National School Lunch Program	N/A N/A N/A	10.550 10.553 10.555	\$0 8,263 116,817	\$22,041 0 0	\$0 8,263 116,817	\$22,041 0 0
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture - Nutrition Cluster			125,080	22,041	125,080	22,041
U.S. Department of Education (Passed Through the Ohio Department of Education)						
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	C1-S1 2001 C1-S1 2002	84.010	37,259 332,539	0	88,330 297,348	0 0
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			369,798	0	385,678	0
Special Education Cluster: Special Education Grants to States	6B-SF 2001 6B-SF 2002	84.027	0 104,407	0	4,586 64,479	0
Total Special Education Cluster			104,407	0	69,065	0
Eisenhower Professional Development State Grants	MS-S1 2000 MS-S1 2001 MS-S1 2002	84.281	0 726 8,473	0 0 0	307 6,860 2,095	0 0 0
Total Eisenhower Professional Development State Grants			9,199	0	9,262	0
Safe & Drug Free Schools and Communities State Grant	DR-S1 2000 DR-S1 2001 DR-S1 2002	84.186	0 0 5,084	0 0 0	1,194 4,394 2,962	0 0 0
Total Safe & Drug Free Schools and Communities State Grant			5,084	0	8,550	0
Innovative Educational Program Strategies	C2-S1-2001 C2-S1-2002	84.298	0 8,705	0	2,245 8,040	0
Total Innovative Educational Program Strategies			8,705	0	10,285	0
Class Size Reduction	CR-S1 2001 CR-S1 2002	84.340	0 47,496	0	7,962 36,233	0
Total Class Size Reduction			47,496	0	44,195	0
Total U.S. Department of Education			544,689	0	527,035	0
Totals		:	\$669,769	\$22,041	\$652,115	\$22,041

See the accompanying Notes to Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

NOTE B - FOOD DONATION

Non-monetary assistance is reported in the Schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed. Monies are commingled with state grants. It is assumed federal monies are expended first. At June 30, 2002, the District had no significant food commodities in inventory.



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

Sandy Valley Local School District Stark County 5362 State Route 183, N.E. Magnolia, Ohio 44643

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of the Sandy Valley Local School District, Stark County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated November 27, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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*.

However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated November 27, 2002.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated November 27, 2002.

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

Jim Petro Auditor of State

November 27, 2002



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

Sandy Valley Local School District Stark County 5362 State Route 183, N.E. Magnolia, Ohio 44643

To the Board of Education:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Sandy Valley Local School District, Stark County, Ohio, (the District) with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2002. The District's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2002.

Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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Compliance In Accordance with OMB Circular A-133
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Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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

Jim Petro Auditor of State

November 27, 2002

SANDY VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STARK COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505 JUNE 30, 2002

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other reportable control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material non- compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under § .510?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	CFDA # 84.010, Title 1 – Grants to Local Educational Agencies
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

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

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None



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SANDY VALLEY 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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JANUARY 9, 2003