

**JOHNSTOWN-MONROE
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

***BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(AUDITED)***

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2004

TAMMY WOODS, TREASURER



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

Board of Trustees
Johnstown–Monroe Local School District
Johnstown, Ohio

We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Johnstown–Monroe Local School District, Licking County, prepared by Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc. for the audit period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. 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 Johnstown–Monroe Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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BETTY MONTGOMERY
Auditor of State

March 23, 2005

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Independent Auditor’s Report

Board of Education
Johnstown-Monroe Local School District
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, its major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District, Licking County, (the “District”), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District’s management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these 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 the 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 opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, its major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District, Licking County, as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As disclosed in Note 3 to the financial statements, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management’s Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments, GASB Statement No. 37, Basic Financial Statements and Management’s Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments: Omnibus, GASB Statement No. 38, Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures; GASB Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units; GASB Interpretation No. 6 Recognition and Measurement of Certain Liabilities and Expenditures in Governmental Fund Financial Statements, and GASB Statement No. 41, Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Perspective Differences for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. In addition, the District had a prior period adjustment to restate capital assets for errors and omissions as disclosed in Note 9A.

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Johnstown-Monroe Local School District
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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 18, 2005, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 12 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc.
February 18, 2005

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004
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The management's discussion and analysis of the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District's (the "District") financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2004 are as follows:

- In total, net assets of governmental activities increased \$459,290 which represents a 24.69% increase from 2003.
- General revenues accounted for \$9,318,946 in revenue or 87.21% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$1,366,648 or 12.79% of total revenues of \$10,685,594.
- The District had \$10,226,304 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$1,366,648 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services and sales, grants or contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$9,318,946 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's only major governmental fund is the general fund. The general fund had \$9,636,348 in revenues and other financing sources and \$9,116,700 in expenditures and other financing uses. During fiscal year 2004, the general fund's fund balance increased \$519,648 from \$119,475 to \$639,123.

Using these Basic Financial Statements

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the District as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The *Statement of Net Assets* and *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the District's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the District, the general fund is by far the most significant fund, and the only governmental fund reported as a major fund.

Reporting the District as a Whole

Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the District to provide programs and activities, the view of the District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2004?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include *all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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These two statements report the District's *net assets* and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader that, for the District as a whole, the *financial position* of the District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the District's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs and other factors.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, the Governmental Activities include the District's programs and services, including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, extracurricular activities, and food service operations.

The District's statement of net assets and statement of activities can be found on pages 13-14 of this report.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the District's major governmental fund begins on page 9. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's major funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's only major governmental fund is the general fund.

Governmental Funds

Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other *financial assets* than can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed *short-term* view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental *activities* (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental *funds* is reconciled in the basic financial statements. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 15-19 of this report.

Reporting the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its scholarship programs. This activity is presented as a private-purpose trust fund. The District also acts in a trustee capacity as an agent for individuals or other entities. These activities are reported in agency funds. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in separate Statements of Fiduciary Net Assets and Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets on pages 20 and 21. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the District to finance its operations.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 22-49 of this report.

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The District as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Assets provides the perspective of the District as a whole. This is the first year for government-wide financial statements using the full accrual basis of accounting; therefore a comparison with prior years is not available. A comparative analysis will be provided in future years when prior year information is available.

The table below provides a summary of the District's net assets for 2004.

	Net Assets
	Governmental Activities 2004
<u>Assets</u>	
Current and other assets	\$ 5,368,802
Capital assets	2,541,094
Total assets	7,909,896
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Current liabilities	4,304,483
Long-term liabilities	1,285,957
Total liabilities	5,590,440
<u>Net Assets</u>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,962,844
Restricted	283,049
Unrestricted	73,563
Total net assets	\$ 2,319,456

Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2004, the District's assets exceeded liabilities by \$2,319,456. Of this total, \$73,563 is unrestricted in use.

At year-end, capital assets represented 32.13% of total assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment and vehicles. Capital assets, net of related debt to acquire the assets at June 30, 2004, were \$1,962,844. These capital assets are used to provide services to the students and are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

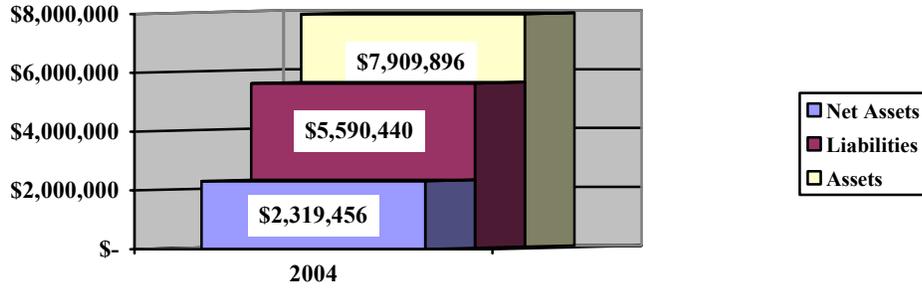
A portion of the District's net assets, \$283,049, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets of \$73,563 may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to the students and creditors.

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The table below illustrates the District's assets, liabilities and net assets at June 30, 2004:

Governmental Activities



The table below shows the change in net assets for fiscal year 2004. Since this is the first year the District has prepared government-wide financial statements using the full accrual basis of accounting, revenue and expense comparisons to fiscal year 2003 are not available. A comparative analysis will be provided in future years when prior year information is available.

Change in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities <u>2004</u>
<u>Revenues</u>	
Program revenues:	
Charges for services and sales	\$ 802,589
Operating grants and contributions	520,707
Capital grants and contributions	43,352
General revenues:	
Property taxes	3,971,052
School district income taxes	173,675
Grants and entitlements	5,106,314
Investment earnings	16,338
Miscellaneous	<u>51,567</u>
 Total revenues	 <u>10,685,594</u>

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Change in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities <u>2004</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Program expenses:	
Instruction:	
Regular	\$ 4,938,724
Special	831,760
Vocational	218,160
Support services:	
Pupil	513,963
Instructional staff	332,868
Board of education	45,041
Administration	717,970
Fiscal	291,079
Operations and maintenance	822,206
Pupil transportation	633,100
Central	86,006
Food service operations	304,007
Operations of non-instructional services	1,633
Extracurricular activities	445,284
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>44,503</u>
Total expenses	<u>10,226,304</u>
Change in net assets	459,290
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>1,860,166</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u><u>\$ 2,319,456</u></u>

Governmental Activities

Net assets of the District's governmental activities increased \$459,290. Total governmental expenses of \$10,226,304 were offset by program revenues of \$1,366,648 and general revenues of \$9,318,946. Program revenues supported 13.36% of the total governmental expenses.

The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from property taxes, income taxes, and grants and entitlements. These revenue sources represent 86.57% of total governmental revenue.

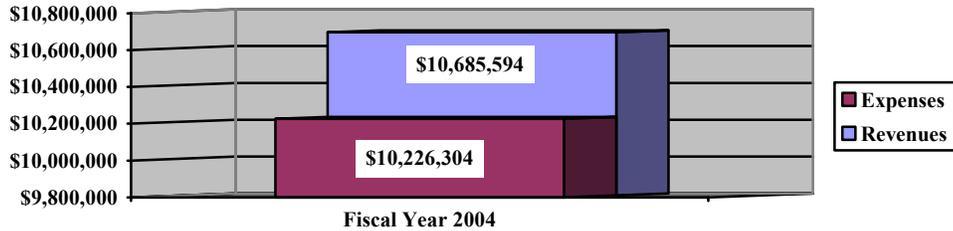
The largest expense of the District is for instructional programs. Instruction expenses totaled \$5,988,644 or 58.56% of total governmental expenses for fiscal 2004.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue and expenses for fiscal year 2004.

Governmental Activities - Revenues and Expenses



The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State grants and entitlements. Comparisons to 2003 have not been presented since they are not available.

Governmental Activities

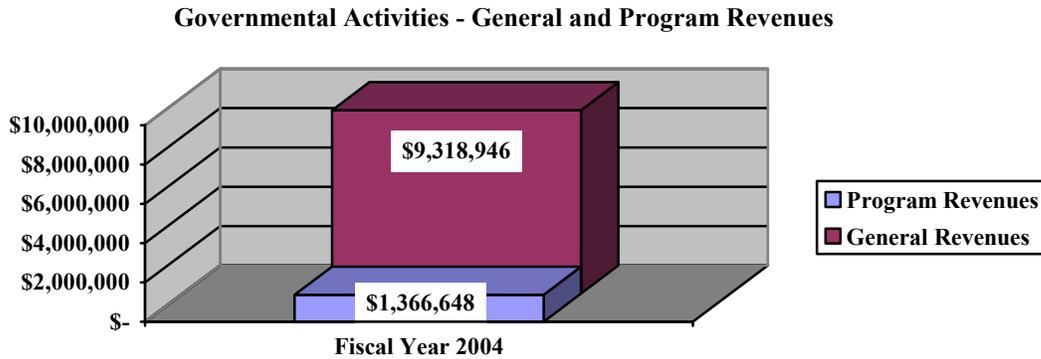
	Total Cost of Services <u>2004</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2004</u>
Program expenses		
Instruction:		
Regular	\$ 4,938,724	\$ 4,411,625
Special	831,760	647,026
Vocational	218,160	195,400
Support services:		
Pupil	513,963	481,221
Instructional staff	332,868	307,251
Board of education	45,041	45,041
Administration	717,970	717,970
Fiscal	291,079	291,079
Operations and maintenance	822,206	818,475
Pupil transportation	633,100	633,100
Central	86,006	60,217
Food service operations	304,007	(5,356)
Operations of non-instructional services	1,633	1,426
Extracurricular activities	445,284	210,678
Interest and fiscal charges	44,503	44,503
Total expenses	<u>\$ 10,226,304</u>	<u>\$ 8,859,656</u>

The dependence upon tax and other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, 87.74% of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 86.64%. The District's taxpayers, as a whole, are by far the primary support for District's students.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue for fiscal year 2004.



The District's Funds

The District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$883,702, which is higher than last year's total of \$410,471. The June 30, 2003 fund balances have been restated as described in Note 3.A. to the basic financial statements. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2004 and 2003.

	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2004</u>	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2003</u>	Increase <u>(Decrease)</u>	Percentage <u>Change</u>
General	\$ 639,123	\$ 119,475	\$ 519,648	434.94 %
Other Governmental	<u>244,579</u>	<u>290,996</u>	<u>(46,417)</u>	(15.95) %
Total	<u>\$ 883,702</u>	<u>\$ 410,471</u>	<u>\$ 473,231</u>	115.29 %

General Fund

The District's general fund balance increased \$519,648 (after a restatement to the June 30, 2003, fund balance which is detailed in Note 3.A. to the basic financial statements). The increase in fund balance can be attributed to several items related to increasing revenues and increased expenditures. Revenues exceed expenditures for fiscal year 2004 by \$561,780. On March 3, 2004 the Governor of the State of Ohio issued an executive order to reduce funding to school districts to help offset the state's fiscal year deficit. The table that follows assists in illustrating the financial activities and fund balance of the general fund.

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	<u>2004</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2003</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Taxes	\$ 4,110,922	\$ 3,595,435	\$ 515,487	14.34 %
Tuition	299,734	186,803	112,931	60.45 %
Earnings on investments	15,374	29,102	(13,728)	(47.17) %
Intergovernmental	5,100,597	4,799,217	301,380	6.28 %
Other revenues	<u>108,879</u>	<u>69,273</u>	<u>39,606</u>	57.17 %
 Total	 <u>\$ 9,635,506</u>	 <u>\$ 8,679,830</u>	 <u>\$ 955,676</u>	 11.01 %
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Instruction	\$ 5,536,413	\$ 5,249,518	\$ 286,895	5.47 %
Support services	3,211,127	3,329,219	(118,092)	(3.55) %
Extracurricular activities	219,169	221,680	(2,511)	(1.13) %
Facilities acquisition and construction	35,939	37,489	(1,550)	(4.13) %
Debt service	<u>71,078</u>	<u>71,078</u>	<u>-</u>	- %
 Total	 <u>\$ 9,073,726</u>	 <u>\$ 8,908,984</u>	 <u>\$ 164,742</u>	 1.85 %

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The District's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the general fund.

During the course of fiscal 2004, the District amended its general fund budget several times. For the general fund, original budgeted revenues and other financing sources were \$8,880,266 and final budgeted revenues and other financing sources were \$9,288,717. Actual revenues and other financing sources for fiscal 2004 was \$9,290,012. This represents a \$1,295 increase over final budgeted revenues.

General fund original appropriations (appropriated expenditures including other financing uses) of \$9,203,689 were decreased to \$9,177,763 in the final appropriations. The actual budget basis expenditures for fiscal year 2004 totaled \$9,173,355, which was \$4,408 less than the final budget appropriations.

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Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal 2004, the District had \$2,541,094 invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment and vehicles. This entire amount is reported in governmental activities. The following table shows fiscal 2004 balances compared to 2003:

**Capital Assets at June 30
(Net of Depreciation)**

	Governmental Activities	
	2004	(Restated) 2003
Land	\$ 280,961	\$ 280,961
Land improvements	55,194	94,387
Building and improvements	1,057,798	1,097,367
Furniture and equipment	1,096,648	1,199,722
Vehicles	50,493	72,934
Total	\$ 2,541,094	\$ 2,745,371

The overall decrease in capital assets of \$204,277 is due to depreciation expense of \$288,106 and disposals of \$13,860 (net of accumulated depreciation) exceeding capital outlays of \$97,689 in the fiscal year.

See Note 9 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's capital assets.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2004, the District had \$150,000 in general obligation bonds and \$309,745 in energy conservation notes, and \$118,505 in a capital lease outstanding. Of this total, \$145,919 is due within one year and \$432,331 is due in more than one year. The following table summarizes the bonds and notes outstanding.

Outstanding Debt, at Year End

	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities
	2004	2003
General obligation bonds	\$ 150,000	\$ 225,000
Energy conservation notes	309,745	336,553
Capital lease	118,505	177,063
Total	\$ 578,250	\$ 738,616

At June 30, 2004, the District's overall legal debt margin was \$16,341,226, and an unvoted debt margin of \$181,571 and an energy conservation debt margin of \$1,324,398.

See Note 11 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's debt administration.

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Current Financial Related Activities

Overall, the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District is financially strong. As the preceding information shows, the District relies heavily upon property taxes, income taxes, and grants and entitlements. An increase in tax revenue is expected in fiscal year 2006 due to the increased tax valuation caused by reaching full collection on the 1% income tax, the triennial valuation update in 2005, and planned growth in the District tax base. This additional tax revenue, along with the District's cash balance, will provide the District with the necessary funds to meet its operating expenses in fiscal year 2006. However, the future financial stability of the District is not without challenges.

The District currently has a sufficient cash balance to meet operating expenses through fiscal year 2009. Unfortunately, in fiscal year 2007, operating expenses are projected to exceed operating revenues. The next challenge facing the District is the rapid increase in enrollment over the next several years. These projected increases are due to planned residential growth in the District. If the proposed building bond levy slated for the May 2005 ballot does not pass, the District will be struggling to afford the cost of additional space to house the increased number of students. The last challenge facing the District is the future of state funding. The State of Ohio was found by the Ohio Supreme Court in March 1997 to be operating an unconstitutional educational system, one that was neither "adequate" nor "equitable". Since 1997, the State has directed its tax revenue growth toward school districts with little property tax wealth. On September 6, 2001, the Ohio Supreme Court issued its latest opinion regarding the State's school funding plan and granted a motion for reconsideration on November 2, 2001. At this time, the 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. The District does not anticipate a significant growth in State revenue.

In conclusion, the District has committed itself to financial excellence for many years.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizen's taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Ms. Tammy Woods, Treasurer, Johnstown-Monroe Local School District, 441 S. Main Street, Johnstown, Ohio 43031.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents.	\$ 986,628
Receivables:	
Taxes	4,305,058
Accounts	10,810
Intergovernmental	24,337
Accrued interest	822
Prepayments	17,367
Materials and supplies inventory	23,780
Capital assets:	
Land	280,961
Depreciable capital assets, net	2,260,133
Capital assets, net.	<u>2,541,094</u>
 Total assets.	 <u>7,909,896</u>
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable.	22,371
Accrued wages and benefits	753,664
Pension obligation payable.	180,617
Intergovernmental payable	20,197
Deferred revenue	3,322,946
Accrued interest payable	4,688
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year.	229,235
Due in more than one year	1,056,722
Total liabilities	<u>5,590,440</u>
Net Assets:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt.	1,962,844
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	1,200
Debt service.	152,346
Other purposes	129,503
Unrestricted.	<u>73,563</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 2,319,456</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
					Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$ 4,938,724	\$ 365,592	\$ 131,507	\$ 30,000	\$ (4,411,625)
Special	831,760	-	184,734	-	(647,026)
Vocational	218,160	-	22,760	-	(195,400)
Support services:					
Pupil	513,963	-	32,742	-	(481,221)
Instructional staff	332,868	-	25,617	-	(307,251)
Board of education	45,041	-	-	-	(45,041)
Administration	717,970	-	-	-	(717,970)
Fiscal	291,079	-	-	-	(291,079)
Operations and maintenance	822,206	-	3,731	-	(818,475)
Pupil transportation	633,100	-	-	-	(633,100)
Central	86,006	-	25,789	-	(60,217)
Operation of non-instructional services:					
Food service operations	304,007	217,222	92,141	-	5,356
Other non-instructional services	1,633	-	207	-	(1,426)
Extracurricular activities	445,284	219,775	1,479	13,352	(210,678)
Interest and fiscal charges	44,503	-	-	-	(44,503)
Total governmental activities	\$ 10,226,304	\$ 802,589	\$ 520,707	\$ 43,352	(8,859,656)

General Revenues:

Property taxes levied for:

General purposes	3,923,133
Debt service	47,919
School district income taxes	173,675
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs	5,106,314
Investment earnings	16,338
Miscellaneous	51,567
Total general revenues	9,318,946
Change in net assets	459,290
Net assets at beginning of year	1,860,166
Net assets at end of year	\$ 2,319,456

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 757,137	\$ 229,491	\$ 986,628
Receivables:			
Taxes	4,250,710	54,348	4,305,058
Accounts	10,634	176	10,810
Intergovernmental	1,097	23,240	24,337
Accrued interest	822	-	822
Interfund receivable	3,401	-	3,401
Prepayments	12,694	4,673	17,367
Materials and supplies inventory	17,400	6,380	23,780
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,053,895</u>	<u>\$ 318,308</u>	<u>\$ 5,372,203</u>
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 20,736	\$ 1,635	\$ 22,371
Accrued wages and benefits	733,570	20,094	753,664
Compensated absences payable	66,767	-	66,767
Pension obligation payable	120,938	1,676	122,614
Intergovernmental payable	19,751	446	20,197
Interfund payable	-	3,401	3,401
Deferred revenue	3,453,010	46,477	3,499,487
Total liabilities	<u>4,414,772</u>	<u>73,729</u>	<u>4,488,501</u>
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for encumbrances	109,094	18,289	127,383
Reserved for materials and supplies inventory	17,400	6,380	23,780
Reserved for prepayments	12,694	4,673	17,367
Reserved for property tax unavailable for appropriation	484,163	6,916	491,079
Reserved for debt service	-	142,877	142,877
Unreserved:			
Designated for budget stabilization	15,772	-	15,772
Undesignated (deficit), reported in:			
Special revenue funds	-	65,444	65,444
Total fund balances	<u>639,123</u>	<u>244,579</u>	<u>883,702</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 5,053,895</u>	<u>\$ 318,308</u>	<u>\$ 5,372,203</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2004

Total governmental fund balances		\$ 883,702
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:</i>		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		2,541,094
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.		
Taxes	\$ 175,719	
Accrued interest	822	
Total		176,541
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Compensated absences	(640,940)	
Pension obligation payable	(58,003)	
Energy conservation notes	(309,745)	
General obligation bonds payable	(150,000)	
Capital lease obligation	(118,505)	
Accrued interest payable	(4,688)	
Total		(1,281,881)
Net assets of governmental activities		\$ 2,319,456

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:			
From local sources:			
Taxes	\$ 4,110,922	\$ 47,417	\$ 4,158,339
Tuition	299,734	740	300,474
Transportation fees	29,670	-	29,670
Earnings on investments	15,374	149	15,523
Charges for services	-	217,222	217,222
Extracurricular	-	190,105	190,105
Classroom materials and fees	50,098	7,527	57,625
Other local revenues	29,111	29,949	59,060
Intergovernmental - Intermediate	-	8,000	8,000
Intergovernmental - State	5,100,597	94,037	5,194,634
Intergovernmental - Federal	-	424,387	424,387
Total revenues	<u>9,635,506</u>	<u>1,019,533</u>	<u>10,655,039</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	4,703,225	126,110	4,829,335
Special	640,965	181,576	822,541
Vocational	192,223	21,244	213,467
Support services:			
Pupil	471,562	33,133	504,695
Instructional staff	300,362	25,081	325,443
Board of education	45,253	-	45,253
Administration	662,501	-	662,501
Fiscal	282,681	56	282,737
Operations and maintenance	782,623	25,000	807,623
Pupil transportation	611,003	795	611,798
Central	55,142	30,864	86,006
Food service operations	-	305,954	305,954
Other non-instructional services	-	1,386	1,386
Extracurricular activities	219,169	221,701	440,870
Facilities acquisition and construction	35,939	-	35,939
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	58,558	101,808	160,366
Interest and fiscal charges	12,520	34,216	46,736
Total expenditures	<u>9,073,726</u>	<u>1,108,924</u>	<u>10,182,650</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>561,780</u>	<u>(89,391)</u>	<u>472,389</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	-	42,974	42,974
Transfers (out)	(42,974)	-	(42,974)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	842	-	842
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(42,132)</u>	<u>42,974</u>	<u>842</u>
Net change in fund balances	519,648	(46,417)	473,231
Fund balances at beginning of year (restated)			
	119,475	290,996	410,471
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 639,123</u>	<u>\$ 244,579</u>	<u>\$ 883,702</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	473,231
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</i>		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense (\$288,106) exceeds capital outlays (\$97,689) in the current period.		(190,417)
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, disposals, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net assets.		(13,860)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		(12,797)
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net assets.		160,366
Governmental funds report expenditures for interest when it is due. In the statement of activities, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. The additional interest reported in the statement of activities is due to the accrued interest on bonds and additional accumulated accreted interest on the capital appreciation bonds.		2,233
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences and pension obligations, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		40,534
		40,534
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$	459,290

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Taxes	\$ 3,593,364	\$ 3,758,642	\$ 3,759,166	\$ 524
Tuition	286,514	299,692	299,734	42
Transportation fees	28,362	29,666	29,670	4
Earnings on investments	14,972	15,661	15,663	2
Classroom materials and fees	47,888	50,091	50,098	7
Other local revenues	11,793	12,335	12,337	2
Intergovernmental - State	4,882,262	5,106,823	5,107,535	712
Total revenues	<u>8,865,155</u>	<u>9,272,910</u>	<u>9,274,203</u>	<u>1,293</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	4,715,076	4,701,804	4,699,546	2,258
Special	650,350	648,519	648,208	311
Vocational	191,141	190,603	190,511	92
Support services:				
Pupil	472,420	471,090	470,864	226
Instructional staff	308,071	307,204	307,056	148
Board of education	37,414	37,309	37,291	18
Administration	732,727	730,664	730,313	351
Fiscal	281,923	281,129	280,994	135
Operations and maintenance	837,192	834,835	834,434	401
Pupil transportation	614,265	612,536	612,242	294
Central	55,324	55,168	55,142	26
Extracurricular activities	222,978	222,350	222,243	107
Facilities acquisition and construction	38,220	38,112	38,094	18
Total expenditures	<u>9,157,101</u>	<u>9,131,323</u>	<u>9,126,938</u>	<u>4,385</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(291,946)</u>	<u>141,587</u>	<u>147,265</u>	<u>5,678</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Refund of prior year expenditure	8,754	9,157	9,158	1
Refund of prior year receipts	(42)	(42)	(42)	-
Transfers (out)	(43,133)	(42,995)	(42,974)	21
Advances in	5,735	5,999	6,000	1
Advances (out)	(3,413)	(3,403)	(3,401)	2
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	622	651	651	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(31,477)</u>	<u>(30,633)</u>	<u>(30,608)</u>	<u>25</u>
Net change in fund balance	(323,423)	110,954	116,657	5,703
Fund balance at beginning of year	432,262	432,262	432,262	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	81,345	81,345	81,345	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 190,184</u>	<u>\$ 624,561</u>	<u>\$ 630,264</u>	<u>\$ 5,703</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2004

	Private-Purpose Trust	
	Scholarship	Agency
Assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 45,512	\$ 43,825
Total assets.	45,512	\$ 43,825
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable.	71	\$ -
Due to students	-	43,825
Total liabilities	71	\$ 43,825
Net Assets:		
Held in trust for scholarships	45,441	
Total net assets	\$ 45,441	

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Private-Purpose Trust
	Scholarship
Additions:	
Interest	\$ 49
Gifts and contributions.	40,123
Total additions.	40,172
Deductions:	
Scholarships awarded	23,335
Change in net assets	16,837
Net assets at beginning of year	28,604
Net assets at end of year	\$ 45,441

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004**

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Johnstown-Monroe Local School District (the “District”) is located in Licking County in Johnstown, Ohio. The District was established in 1813 through the consolidation of existing land areas and school districts. The District currently serves an area of approximately 49 square miles and includes all of the Village of Johnstown and portions of Monroe, Liberty and Jersey Townships in Licking County and Harlem Township in Delaware County.

The District was organized in accordance with Sections 2 and 3, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. Under such laws, there is no authority for a school district to have a charter or adopt local laws. The legislative power of the District is vested in the Board of Education, consisting of five members elected at large for staggered four-year terms.

The District currently operates 4 instructional buildings, 1 administrative building and 1 garage. The District employs 38 non-certified and 102 certified (including administrative) full-time and part-time employees to provide services to approximately 1,478 students in grades K through 12 and various community groups, which ranks it 376th out of 613 public school districts in Ohio.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (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’s significant accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, “The Financial Reporting Entity” as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, “Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units.” The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the basic 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, foods service, preschool and student related activities of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization’s governing board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization’s resources; or (3) the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Based upon the application of this criteria, the District has no component units. The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include only those of the District (the primary government). The following organizations are described due to their relationship to the District:

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Licking Area Computer Association (LACA)

LACA is a jointly governed organization among 13 school districts. 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 districts. Each of the member districts support LACA based upon a per pupil charge, dependent upon services utilized. LACA is governed by a board of directors consisting of one superintendent or his/her designee from each of the participating members. The degree of control exercised by any participating district is limited to its representation on the Board. In the event of the dissolution of LACA, the participants will share in net obligations or asset liquidations in a ratio proportionate to their last 12 months' financial contributions and likewise shall participate in proceeds from the sale of assets upon liquidation. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, the District does not have an equity interest in LACA because the residual interest in the net resources of a joint venture upon dissolution is not equivalent to an equity interest. The Licking County Joint Vocational School District is the fiscal agent for LACA. Financial statements for LACA can be obtained from Licking County Joint Vocational School District administrative offices at 150 Price Road, Newark, Ohio 43055.

Licking County Joint Vocational School District

The Licking County Joint Vocational School District is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board of Education consisting of one representative from each of the nine participating school districts' elected boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. Financial statements can be obtained from Licking County Joint Vocational School District administrative offices at 150 Price Road, Newark, Ohio 43055.

INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (the "GRP") was established through the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) as a group purchasing pool.

B. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following is the District's major governmental fund:

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

General Fund - The general fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Other governmental funds of the District are used to account for (a) the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs; (b) financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities other than those financed by fiduciary funds; and (c) for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Proprietary funds are used to account for the District's ongoing activities which are similar to those often found in the private sector. The District has no proprietary funds.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net assets. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the District's own programs. The District's only trust fund is a private-purpose trust which accounts for scholarship programs for students. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The District's agency fund accounts for student activities.

C. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements - The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the governmental activities of the District. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include amounts paid by the recipient of goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the District are included on the statement of net assets.

Fund Financial Statements - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column, and all nonmajor funds are aggregated into one column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The private-purpose trust fund is reported using the economic resources measurement focus. Agency funds do not report a measurement focus as they do not report operations.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenues - Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions - Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year-end.

Nonexchange 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 6).

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 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 nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: property taxes available as an advance, interest, tuition, grants, student fees and rentals.

Deferred Revenue - Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2004, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2005 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as deferred revenue.

**JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have also been reported as deferred revenue.

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The fair value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances as an expenditure with a like amount reported as intergovernmental 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. Allocation of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

E. Budgets

The District is required by state statute to adopt an annual appropriated cash basis budget for all funds. The specific timetable for fiscal year 2004 is as follows:

1. Prior to January 15 of the preceding year, 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 expressed purpose of this budget document is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.
2. By no later than January 20, the board-adopted budget is filed with the Licking County Budget Commission for tax rate determination.
3. Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission and receives the Commission's Certificate of Estimated Resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. 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 a basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the Certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year as reported by the District Treasurer. The Certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The budget figures, as shown in the accompanying budgetary statement, reflect the amounts set forth in the final Amended Certificate issued for fiscal year 2004.
4. By July 1, the annual appropriation resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund level of expenditures, which is the legal level of budgetary control. State statute permits a temporary appropriation to be effective until no later than October 1 of each year. Although the legal level of budgetary control was established at the fund level of expenditures, the District has elected to present budgetary comparison statements at the fund and function level of expenditures. Resolution appropriations by fund must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission and the total of expenditures may not exceed the appropriation totals.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

5. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriation must be approved by the Board of Education.
6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds consistent with the general obligation bond indenture and other statutory provisions. All funds completed the year within the amount of their legally authorized cash basis appropriation.
7. Appropriations amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Education through the year by supplemental appropriations, which either reallocated or increased the original appropriated amounts. All supplemental appropriations were legally enacted by the Board prior to June 30, 2004, however, none of these amendments were significant. The budget figures, as shown in the accompanying budgetary statement, reflect the final appropriation amounts including all amendments and modifications.
8. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund level.

F. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled in a central bank account. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" in the basic financial statements.

During fiscal year 2004, investments were limited to the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio), repurchase agreements, and non-negotiable certificates of deposit. Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices. Nonparticipating investment contracts such as repurchase agreements are reported at cost.

The District has invested funds in STAR Ohio during fiscal 2004. 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, 2004.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. By policy of the Board of Education, investment earnings are assigned to the general fund and the private-purpose trust funds. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2004 amounted to \$15,374, which includes \$4,043 assigned from other funds.

For presentation on the basic financial statements, 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.

An analysis of the Treasurer's investment account at year-end is provided in Note 4.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

G. Inventory

On government-wide and fund financial statements, inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used. Inventories are accounted for using the consumption method.

Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption, donated food and purchased food.

H. Capital Assets

Governmental capital assets are those assets that are generally related to governmental activities. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$1,200. Improvements are capitalized; 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. The District does not possess infrastructure.

All reported capital assets except land are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Governmental Activities <u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land improvements	5 - 20 years
Buildings and improvements	20 - 50 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	5 - 10 years

I. Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column on the Statement of Net Assets.

J. Compensated Absences

Compensated absences of the District consist of vacation leave and severance liability to the extent that payments to the employee for these absences are attributable to services already rendered and are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the District and the employee.

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In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, “Accounting for Compensated Absences”, a liability for vacation leave is accrued if a) the employees’ rights to payment are attributable to services already rendered; and b) it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or other means, such as cash payment at termination or retirement. A liability for severance is accrued using the vesting method; i.e., the liability is based on the sick leave accumulated at June 30, 2004, by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination (severance) payments, as well as those employees expected to become eligible in the future. For purposes of establishing a liability for severance on employees expected to become eligible to retire in the future, all employees with at least five years of service were considered expected to become eligible to retire in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16.

The total liability for vacation and severance payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at June 30, 2004, and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus any applicable additional salary related payments.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the account “compensated absences payable” in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported.

K. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences, and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year.

L. Fund Balance Reserves

The District reserves those portions of fund equity which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and therefore are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund equity reserves have been established for encumbrances, materials and supplies inventory, prepayments, debt service and property tax revenue unavailable for appropriation. The reserve for property taxes unavailable for appropriation represents taxes recognized as revenue under GAAP but not available for appropriation under state statute. A portion of fund balance has been designated for budget stabilization.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

M. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

The District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

N. Prepayments

Certain payments to vendors reflect the costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the balance sheet using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of the purchase and the expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

O. Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

P. Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the basic financial statements.

Q. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal year 2004.

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Changes in Accounting Principles and Restatement of Fund Balance

For fiscal year 2004, the District has implemented GASB Statement No. 34, "Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments", GASB Statement No. 37, "Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments: Omnibus", GASB Statement No. 38, "Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures", GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units", GASB Statement No. 41, "Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Perspective Differences", and GASB Interpretation No. 6, "Recognition and Measurement of Certain Liabilities and Expenditures in Governmental Fund Financial Statements". At June 30, 2003, there was no effect on fund balance as a result of implementing GASB Statements Nos. 37, 38, 39 and 41.

GASB Statement No. 37 clarifies certain provisions of Statement No. 34, including the required content of the Management Discussion and Analysis, the classification of program revenues and the criteria for determining major funds. GASB Statement No. 38, modifies, establishes and rescinds certain financial statement note disclosures. GASB Statement No. 39 further defines the guidelines of GASB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity."

GASB Statement No. 41 allows the presentation of budgetary schedules as required supplementary information based on the fund, organization or program structure that the government uses for its legally adopted budget when significant budgetary perspective differences result in the school district not being able to present budgetary comparison for the general and each major special revenue fund.

GASB Interpretation No. 6 clarifies the application of standards for modified accrual recognition of certain liabilities and expenditures in areas where differences have arisen, or potentially could arise, in interpretation and practice.

The government-wide financial statements show the District's programs for governmental activities. The beginning net asset amount for governmental activities reflects the change in fund balance for governmental funds at June 30, 2003, caused by the conversion to the accrual basis of accounting.

Governmental Activities - Fund Reclassification and Restatement of Fund Balance - Certain funds have been reclassified to properly reflect their intended purpose in accordance with the Standards of GASB Statement No. 34. It was also determined that GASB Interpretation No. 6 had an effect on fund balance as previously reported at June 30, 2003.

The fund reclassifications and the implementation of GASB Interpretation No. 6 had the following effect on the District's governmental fund balances as previously reported:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund balance June 30, 2003	\$ 111,732	\$ 265,849	\$ 377,581
Fund reclassifications	-	25,147	25,147
Implementation of GASB Interpretation No. 6	<u>7,743</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,743</u>
Restated fund balance, June 30, 2003	<u>\$ 119,475</u>	<u>\$ 290,996</u>	<u>\$ 410,471</u>

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

The transition from governmental fund balance to net assets of the governmental activities is presented as follows:

	<u>Total</u>
Restated fund balance, June 30, 2003	\$ 410,471
GASB 34 adjustments:	
Long-term (deferred) assets	189,338
Capital assets	2,745,371
Accrued interest payable	(6,921)
Pension obligation	(58,975)
Long-term liabilities	(1,419,118)
Governmental activities net assets, June 30, 2003	\$ 1,860,166

B. Deficit Fund Balances

Fund balances at June 30, 2004 included the following individual fund deficits:

	<u>Deficit</u>
<u>Nonmajor Funds</u>	
Ohio Reads	\$ 6
Miscellaneous State Grants	4

These funds complied with Ohio state law, which does not permit a cash basis deficit at year-end. The general fund is liable for any deficits in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. These deficit fund balances are a result of adjustments for accrued liabilities.

NOTE 4 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The District maintains a cash and investment pool used by all funds. Each fund's portion of this pool is reported in the basic financial statements as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents". Statutes require the classification of 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 five-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.

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NOTE 4 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - (Continued)

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

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

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal 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% and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);
7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed 180 days in an amount not to exceed 25% of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt instrument rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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.

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

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NOTE 4 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - (Continued)

Deposits: At year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$168,981 and the bank balance was \$253,975. Both amounts include \$302,119 in non-negotiable certificates of deposit. Of the bank balance:

1. \$202,119 was covered by federal deposit insurance deposited with the District; and
2. \$51,856 was uninsured and unregistered as defined by GASB although it was secured by collateral held by third party trustees, pursuant to section 135.181 Ohio Revised Code, in collateralized pools securing all public funds on deposit with specific depository institutions; these securities not being in the name of the District. Although all State statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, non-compliance with federal requirements would potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

Collateral is required for demand deposits and certificates of deposit in excess of all deposits not covered by federal deposit insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies, obligations of the State of Ohio and its municipalities, and obligations of the other states. Obligations pledged to secure deposits must be delivered to a bank other than the institution in which the deposit is made. Written custodial agreements are required.

Investments: The District's investments are categorized below to give an indication of the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the entity at fiscal year-end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or securities held by the District. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities 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, but not in the District's name. Investments in STAR Ohio are not categorized as they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

	<u>Category 3</u>	<u>Reported Amount</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Repurchase agreement	<u>\$ 161,421</u>	\$ 161,421	\$ 161,421
	<u>\$ 161,421</u>		
Investment in STAR Ohio		<u>745,563</u>	<u>745,563</u>
Total investments		<u>\$ 906,984</u>	<u>\$ 906,984</u>

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

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NOTE 4 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - (Continued)

	<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents/Deposits</u>	<u>Investments</u>
GASB Statement No. 9	\$ 1,075,965	\$ -
Investments of the cash management pool:		
Repurchase agreement	(161,421)	161,421
Investment in STAR Ohio	<u>(745,563)</u>	<u>745,563</u>
GASB Statement No. 3	<u>\$ 168,981</u>	<u>\$ 906,984</u>

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

- A. Interfund balances at June 30, 2004 as reported on the fund statements, consist of the following individual interfund loans receivable and payable:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Nonmajor governmental funds	\$ 3,401

The primary purpose of the interfund balances is to cover costs in specific funds where revenues were not received by June 30. These interfund balances will be repaid once the anticipated revenues are received. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

Interfund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements; therefore, no internal balances at June 30, 2004 are reported on the Statement of Net Assets.

- B. Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2004, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund financial statements:

Transfers from General fund to:		
Nonmajor governmental funds		\$ 42,974

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis while the District fiscal year runs from July through June. First half tax collections are received by the District in the second half of the fiscal year. Second half tax distributions occur in the first half of the following fiscal year.

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible personal property (used in business) located in the District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar 2004 represents collections of calendar year 2003 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2004 were levied after April 1, 2003, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2003, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by state law at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. 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.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar 2004 represents collections of calendar year 2003 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2004 became a lien December 31, 2002, were levied after April 1, 2004 and are collected in 2004 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at thirty-five percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

Tangible personal property tax revenue received during calendar 2004 (other than public utility property) represents the collection of 2004 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2004 were levied after April 1, 2003, on the value as of December 31, 2003. Tangible personal property is currently assessed at twenty-five percent of true value for capital assets and twenty-four percent of true value for inventory. Payments 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. Tangible personal property taxes paid by April 30 are usually received by the District prior to June 30.

The District receives property taxes from Licking County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2004, are available to finance fiscal year 2004 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and tangible personal property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2004 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is reported as revenue at fiscal year-end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred revenue.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2004 was \$484,163 in the general fund and \$6,916 in the debt service fund. This amount has been recorded as revenue. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2003 was \$370,918 in the general fund and \$4,114 in the debt service fund.

On a full accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue, while on a modified accrual basis the revenue has been deferred.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2004 taxes were collected are:

	2003 Second Half Collections		2004 First Half Collections	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/residential and other real estate	\$ 159,111,300	92.63	\$ 168,564,430	92.84
Public utility personal	5,451,730	3.17	5,607,240	3.09
Tangible personal property	<u>7,201,170</u>	<u>4.20</u>	<u>7,399,810</u>	<u>4.07</u>
Total	<u>\$ 171,764,200</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 181,571,480</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation:				
Operations	\$ 41.30		\$ 42.10	
Debt Service	2.90		2.90	

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2004 consisted of taxes, accounts (billings for user services charged and student fees), intergovernmental grants and entitlements, and accrued interest. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of state programs and the current year guarantee of federal funds. A summary of the principal items of receivables reported on the Statement of Net Assets follows:

Governmental Activities:

Taxes	\$ 4,305,058
Accounts	10,810
Intergovernmental	24,337
Accrued interest	<u>822</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,341,027</u>

Receivables have been disaggregated on the face of the basic financial statements. All receivables are expected to be collected with the subsequent year.

NOTE 8 - INCOME TAXES

The District levies a voted income tax of one percent on the income of residents and on estates for general operations of the District. The income tax became effective on January 1, 2004 and is in effect for a period of five years, until December 31, 2008. Employers of residents are required to withhold income tax on employee compensation and then remit that income tax to the State, and taxpayers are required to file an annual return. The State makes quarterly distributions to the District after withholding amounts for administrative fees and estimated refunds. Income tax revenue is credited to the general fund and amounted to \$173,675 for fiscal year 2004. Taxes receivable reported in the basic financial statements includes \$176,320 of income tax receivable.

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NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS

- A. The capital asset balances of the governmental activities have been restated due to adjustments for fund reclassifications and errors and omissions in prior years.

	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/03</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Restated</u> <u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/03</u>
Governmental Activities			
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>			
Land	\$ -	\$ 280,961	\$ 280,961
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>-</u>	<u>280,961</u>	<u>280,961</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>			
Land improvements	280,961	604,621	885,582
Buildings and improvement	4,569,072	(860,356)	3,708,716
Furniture and equipment	2,723,460	247,855	2,971,315
Vehicles	<u>305,587</u>	<u>38,015</u>	<u>343,602</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>7,879,080</u>	<u>30,135</u>	<u>7,909,215</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,444,805)</u>	<u>(5,444,805)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 7,879,080</u>	<u>\$ (5,133,709)</u>	<u>\$ 2,745,371</u>

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NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS - (Continued)

B. Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, was as follows:

	Restated Balance <u>06/30/03</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance <u>06/30/04</u>
Governmental Activities				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 280,961	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280,961
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>280,961</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280,961</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	885,582	5,825	-	891,407
Buildings and improvements	3,708,716	18,347	-	3,727,063
Furniture and equipment	2,971,315	73,517	(31,913)	3,012,919
Vehicles	<u>343,602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>343,602</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>7,909,215</u>	<u>97,689</u>	<u>(31,913)</u>	<u>7,974,991</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation</i>				
Land improvements	(791,195)	(45,018)	-	(836,213)
Buildings and improvements	(2,611,349)	(57,916)	-	(2,669,265)
Furniture and equipment	(1,771,593)	(162,731)	18,053	(1,916,271)
Vehicles	<u>(270,668)</u>	<u>(22,441)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(293,109)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,444,805)</u>	<u>(288,106)</u>	<u>18,053</u>	<u>(5,714,858)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,745,371</u>	<u>\$ (190,417)</u>	<u>\$ (13,860)</u>	<u>\$ 2,541,094</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:

Regular	\$ 139,258
Special	3,792
Vocational	2,955

Support Services:

Pupil	914
Instructional staff	10,471
Administration	39,165
Fiscal	1,758
Operations and maintenance	22,146
Pupil transportation	21,302
Operation of non-instructional services	247
Extracurricular activities	41,781
Food service operations	4,159
Facilities acquisition and construction	<u>158</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 288,106</u>

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NOTE 10 - CAPITAL LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

In prior fiscal years, the District entered into lease agreements for copier equipment, a telephone system, and a voice mail system. These lease agreements meet the criteria of a capital lease as defined by FASB Statement No. 13, "Accounting for Leases", which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers the benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. Capital lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the basic financial statements for the governmental funds. These expenditures are reported as function expenditures on the budgetary statements.

Capital assets consisting of equipment have been capitalized in the amount of \$289,993. This amount represents the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. A corresponding liability is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. Principal payments in fiscal year 2004 totaled \$58,558 paid by the general fund.

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2004:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2005	\$ 50,846
2006	46,800
2007	<u>35,100</u>
Total minimum lease payments	132,746
Less amount representing interest	<u>(14,241)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 118,505</u>

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NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

- A.** The balance of the District's governmental activities long-term obligations at June 30, 2003 has been restated. The compensated absences liability has been restated by \$38,142 from \$631,120 to \$669,262 due to the implementation of GASB Interpretation No. 6 and the fund reclassifications described in Note 3.A. In addition, the pension obligations of \$44,707 at June 30, 2003 are not reported as a component of governmental activities long-term obligations as they are paid within one year of fiscal year-end and are reported separately on the statement of net assets. The total effect on governmental activities long-term obligations was a decrease of \$6,565 from \$1,444,443 to \$1,437,878.
- B.** General obligation bonds and energy conservation notes are general obligations of the District for which the full faith and credit of the District is pledged for repayment. Payments of principal and interest relating to these liabilities are recorded as expenditures in the debt service fund. The source of payment is derived from a current 2.90 mill bonded debt tax levy for the auditorium renovation bond and from current operating revenue for the energy conservation notes.

The following is a description of the District's bonds and notes outstanding as of June 30, 2004:

	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Balance Outstanding 06/30/03	Additions	Reductions	Balance Outstanding 06/30/04	Amounts Due in One Year
Governmental Activities:							
General obligation bonds	9.25%	12/01/05	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ (75,000)	\$ 150,000	\$ 75,000
Energy conservation note	4.90%	04/22/13	<u>336,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(26,808)</u>	<u>309,745</u>	<u>28,136</u>
Total long-term obligations, governmental activities			<u>\$ 561,553</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$(101,808)</u>	<u>\$ 459,745</u>	<u>\$ 103,136</u>

- C.** The following is a summary of the District's future annual debt service requirements to maturity for the energy conservation note and general obligation bonds:

Year Ending June 30	Principal on General Obligation Bond	Interest on General Obligation Bond	Principal on HB 264 Energy Conservation Note	Interest on HB 264 Energy Conservation Note	Total
2005	\$ 75,000	\$ 10,406	\$ 28,136	\$ 14,837	\$ 128,379
2006	75,000	3,469	29,533	13,441	121,443
2007	-	-	30,998	11,977	42,975
2008	-	-	32,535	10,439	42,974
2009	-	-	34,149	8,825	42,974
2010 - 2013	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,394</u>	<u>17,503</u>	<u>171,897</u>
Total	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,875</u>	<u>\$ 309,745</u>	<u>\$ 77,022</u>	<u>\$ 550,642</u>

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NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

D. During the year ended June 30, 2004, the following changes occurred in the District's long-term obligations. The general obligation bonds and the energy conservation notes are being paid out of the debt service fund. The capital lease is being retired from the general fund. Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employee is paid.

	Restated				
	Balance			Balance	Amounts
	Outstanding			Outstanding	Due in
	<u>06/30/03</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>06/30/04</u>	<u>One Year</u>
Governmental Activities:					
Compensated absences	\$ 669,262	\$ 57,375	\$ (18,930)	\$ 707,707	\$ 83,316
Retirement incentive	30,000	-	(30,000)	-	-
General obligation bonds	225,000	-	(75,000)	150,000	75,000
HB 264 energy					
conservation notes	336,553	-	(26,808)	309,745	28,136
Capital lease	<u>177,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(58,558)</u>	<u>118,505</u>	<u>42,783</u>
Total long-term obligations, governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,437,878</u>	<u>\$ 57,375</u>	<u>\$ (209,296)</u>	<u>\$ 1,285,957</u>	<u>\$ 229,235</u>

E. Legal Debt Margin

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the District shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the District. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District.

The effects of these debt limitations at June 30, 2004 are a voted debt margin of \$16,341,226, an unvoted debt margin of \$181,571 and an energy conservation debt margin of \$1,324,398.

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NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Comprehensive

The District does not have a "self-insurance" fund with formalized risk management programs. The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, injuries to employees and natural disasters.

During fiscal year 2004, the District contracted with various commercial insurance carriers for the following coverages:

<u>Type of Coverage</u>	<u>Deductible</u>	<u>Coverage Limitations</u>
Building and Contents - replacement cost	\$1,000	\$ 19,128,148
Vehicle Liability	500	2,000,000
Umbrella Liability	none	1,000,000
Uninsured Motorists	1,000	12,500/25,000
Crime	none	2,500/10,000
Boiler and Machinery	1,000	8,200,000
Electronic Equipment	100	233,214
General Liability:		
Per occurrence	none	2,000,000
Total per year		4,000,000
Errors and omissions		1,000,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has been no significant reduction in the amounts of insurance coverage from fiscal 2003.

B. Employee Health

The District provides medical/surgical benefits insurance to its employees through United Health Care, a fully funded program. The District has elected to provide employee dental insurance through Core Source, another fully funded program. The District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through Unum Insurance Company.

Post employment health care is provided to plan participants or their beneficiaries through the respective retirement systems discussed in Note 13. As such, no funding provisions are required by the District.

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NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

C. Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2004, the District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings of the GRP. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund". This "equity pooling" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the GRP. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Gates McDonald & Co. provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the GRP.

NOTE 13 - 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 provided by State Statute Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3476, or by calling (614) 222-5853.

Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current District rate is 14% of annual covered payroll. A portion of the District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal year 2004, 9.09% of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2003, 8.17% of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to a statutory maximum amount, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The adequacy of the contribution rates is determined annually. The District's required contributions to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2004, 2003, and 2002 were \$116,821, \$113,650, and \$100,742, respectively; 49.69% has been contributed for fiscal year 2004 and 100% for the fiscal years 2003 and 2002. \$58,776 represents the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2004.

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System

The District contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by the State Teachers Retirement Board. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death and survivor benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly available, stand-alone 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, or by calling (614) 227-4090.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on member contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds times an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5% of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the Defined Benefit Plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current District rate is 14% of annual covered payroll. A portion of the District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal years 2004 and 2003, 13% of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10% for members and 14% for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employee contributions. The District's required contributions to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2004, 2003, and 2002 were \$651,730, \$619,377, and \$545,909, respectively; 84.46% has been contributed for fiscal year 2004 and 100% for the fiscal years 2003 and 2002. \$101,298 represents the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2004. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal 2004 were \$295 made by the District and \$14,664 made by plan members.

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by SERS or STRS have an option to choose Social Security or SERS/STRS. As of June 30, 2004, certain members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The District's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

NOTE 14 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The District provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through STRS, and to retired non-certified employees and their dependents through SERS. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs, and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by STRS and SERS based on authority granted by state statute. Both STRS and SERS are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The State Teachers Retirement Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Most benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost 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% of covered payroll. For this fiscal year, the State Teachers Retirement Board allocated employer contributions equal to 1% of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve fund. For the District, this amount equaled \$46,552 during fiscal 2004.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve fund. The balance in the Health Care Reserve fund was \$3.1 billion at June 30, 2004. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$268.739 million and STRS had 111,853 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with 10 or more years of qualifying service credit, and disability and survivor benefit recipients. Effective January 1, 2004, all retirees and beneficiaries are required to pay a portion of their health care premium. The portion is based on years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status. A safety net is in place for retirees whose household income falls below federal poverty levels. Premiums are reduced by 50% for those who apply.

For this fiscal year, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 4.91% of covered payroll. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14% of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2004, the minimum pay has been established at \$25,400. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund.

The target level for the health care reserve is 150% of annual health care expenses, before premium deduction. Gross expenses for health care at June 30, 2004 were \$223.444 million and the target level was \$335.2 million. At June 30, 2004, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$300.8 million and SERS had approximately 62,000 participants receiving health care benefits. For the District, the amount to fund health care benefits, including surcharge, equaled \$58,858 during the 2004 fiscal year.

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NOTE 15 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of GAAP, the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

The Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) presented for the general fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Revenues and other financing sources are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis);
- (b) Expenditures and other financing uses are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis);
- (c) In order to determine compliance with Ohio law, and to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, total outstanding encumbrances (budget basis) are recorded as the equivalent of an expenditure, as opposed to a reservation of fund balance for that portion of outstanding encumbrances not already recognized as an account payable (GAAP basis).

The adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations for the year on the budget basis to the GAAP basis for the general fund is as follows:

Net Change in Fund Balance

	<u>General Fund</u>
Budget basis	\$ 116,657
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	361,303
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(73,661)
Net adjustment for other sources/uses	(11,524)
Adjustment for encumbrances	<u>126,873</u>
GAAP basis	<u>\$ 519,648</u>

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NOTE 16 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The District receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, state and local 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 are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the District. However in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the District.

B. Litigation

The District is involved in no material litigation as either plaintiff or defendant.

C. State School Funding Decision

On December 11, 2002, the Ohio Supreme Court issued its latest opinion regarding the state's school funding plan. The decision reaffirmed earlier decisions that Ohio's current school funding plan is unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court relinquished jurisdiction over the case and directed "...the Ohio General Assembly to enact a school funding scheme that is thorough and efficient...". The District is currently unable to determine what effect, if any, this decision will have on its future state funding and its financial operations.

NOTE 17 - STATUTORY RESERVES

The District is required by state law to set-aside certain general fund revenue amounts, as defined by statute, into various reserves. These reserves are calculated and presented on a cash basis. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, the reserve activity was as follows:

	<u>Textbooks</u>	<u>Capital Acquisition</u>	<u>Budget Stabilization</u>
Set-aside cash balance as of June 30, 2003	\$ (66,629)	\$ 10,156	\$ 89,329
Current year set-aside requirement	198,059	198,059	-
Qualifying disbursements	<u>(143,438)</u>	<u>(244,815)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ (12,008)</u>	<u>\$ (36,600)</u>	<u>\$ 89,329</u>
Cash balance/carried forward to FY 2005	<u>\$ (12,008)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 89,329</u>

The District had qualifying disbursements during the year that reduced the textbooks and capital acquisition set-aside amounts to below zero. The District may, and has chosen to, carry forward the excess amount for the textbooks set-aside to offset set-aside requirements of future years. The excess qualifying disbursements for capital acquisition may not be carried forward to offset future year requirements. The Budget Stabilization has been reduced to \$15,772, as \$73,557 was allocated to the District's negative fund balance.

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NOTE 18 - SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Tammy Woods became Treasurer effective January 10, 2005.

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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

Board of Education
Johnstown-Monroe Local School District
441 S. Main Street
Johnstown, Ohio 43031

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, its major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District, Licking County, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 18, 2005. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, the Johnstown Monroe Local School District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management’s Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments; GASB Statement No. 37, Basic Financial Statements and Management’s Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments: Omnibus; GASB Statement No. 38, Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures; GASB Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units; GASB Interpretation No. 6, Recognition and Measurement of Certain Liabilities and Expenditures in Governmental Fund Financial Statements, and GASB Statement No. 41, Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Perspective Differences. In addition, the District restated capital assets for errors and omission as disclosed in Note 9. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Johnstown-Monroe Local School District’s internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion 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 that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable 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 caused by error or fraud 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 we have reported to the management of Johnstown-Monroe Local School District, in a separate letter dated February 18, 2005.

Board of Education
Johnstown-Monroe Local School District

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Johnstown-Monroe Local School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, 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*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, Board of Education of Johnstown-Monroe Local School District, Licking County, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc.".

Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc.
February 18, 2005



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JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

LICKING COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
APRIL 5, 2005**