# HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SENECA COUNTY AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005



# Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Board of Education Hopewell-Loudon Local School District 290 North County Road 7 P.O. Box 400 Bascom, Ohio 44809

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Hopewell-Loudon Local School District, Seneca County, prepared by LublinSussman Group LLP, for the audit period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2006. 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 Hopewell-Loudon Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

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April 24, 2007



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education Hopewell-Loudon Local School District Seneca County Bascom, Ohio 44809-0400

We have audited the accompanying combined statements of cash and cash equivalents and fund cash balances, cash receipts, cash disbursements, and changes in fund cash balances, receipts - budget and actual, and disbursements and encumbrances compared with expenditure authority for each fund of the Hopewell-Loudon Local School District, Seneca County (the District) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits 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 combined financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Auditor of State requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. However, as discussed in Note 1, the accompanying combined financial statements and notes have been prepared on an accounting basis not in accordance with these generally accepted accounting principles. The accompanying combined financial statements and notes omit entity wide statements, and assets, liabilities, fund equities, and disclosures that, we believe are material, but are not readily determinable.

In our opinion, the accompanying combined financial statements do not present fairly the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows, where applicable, of the District as of and for the years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The District has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 16, 2006, 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. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and

the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and should be read in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audits.

December 16, 2006

Toledo, Ohio

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL FUND TYPES AS OF JUNE 30

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ <u>3,050,008</u>	\$ <u>2,938,901</u>
Governmental Fund Types:		
General Fund	\$ 1,781,750	\$ 1,627,544
Special Revenue Fund	169,569	193,797
Debt Service Fund	202,670	219,133
Capital Projects Funds	215,843	226,943
Proprietary Fund Types:		
Enterprise Funds	74,201	84,574
Internal Service Fund	501,141	491,735
Fiduciary Funds Types:		
Expendable Trust Funds	28,204	30,091
Agency Funds	<u>76,630</u>	65,084
Total	\$ <u>3,050,008</u>	\$ <u>2,938,901</u>

# HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SENECA COUNTY COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

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		Governmental Fund Types	Fund Types		Fund Type	
		Special	Debt	Capital	Expendable	Totals
Cash Receipts:	Gerrera	Revellue	Service	Flojecis	Lust	(Memo, Only)
Local Sources:						-
Taxes	\$ 2,458,382	97	\$ 81,263 \$	0	0	\$ 2,539,645
Tuition	1,073,473	0	0	0	0	1,073,473
Earnings on Investment	84,549	0	0	0	892	85,441
Miscellaneous Receipts	89,094	24,474	0	0	200	114,068
Extracuricular Activities	0	181,017	0	0	400	181,417
Classroom Materials and Fees	37,044	0	0	0	0	37,044
Intergovernmental - State	2,336,032	19,858	7,883	0	0	2,363,773
Intergovernmental - Federal	0	321,391	0	0	0	321,391
Total Cash Receipts	6,078,574	546,740	89,146	0	1,792	6,716,252
Cash Disbursements:						
Instruction:						
Regular	3,287,084	142,406	0	39,179	200	3,469,169
Special	382,406	300,269	0	0	0	682,675
Vocational Education	90,905	0	0	0	0	90,905
Adult/Continuing	0	(111)	0	0	0	(111)
Other	14,687	0	0	0	0	14,687
Support Services:						
Pupils	236,206	5,416	0	0	0	241,622
Instructional Staff	77,728	6,307	0	0	0	84,035
Board of Education	19,946	0	0	0	0	19,946
Administration	486,584	1,337	0	0	0	487,921
Fiscal Services	227,234	0	1,759	0	0	228,993
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	442,666	3,552	0	131,921	0	578,139
Pupil Transportation	245,549	14,095	0	0	0	259,644
Community Service	0	4,695	0	0	0	4,695
Extracurricular Activities	171,858	147,221	0	0	3,179	322,258
Principal Payments	19,634	0	80,000	0	0	99,634
Interest and Fiscal Charges	8,026	0	23,850	0	0	31,876
Total Cash Disbursements	5,710,513	625,187	105,609	171,100	3,679	6,616,088
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	368,061	(78,447)	(16,463)	(171,100)	(1,887)	100,164

See Notes to Financial Statements

HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SENECA COUNTY

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 (CONTINUED)

ary ÿpe	lable Totals (Memo. Only)	0 \$ 244,000	0 14,991	0 364	0 (244,000)	0 (14,991)	0 364	(1,887) 100,528	30,091 2,297,508	28,204 \$ 2,398,036
Fiduciary Fund Type	<u>Expendable</u> Trust	↔	_	_	_					<del>69</del>
	Capital Projects	160,000	O	O	O	J	160,000	(11,100)	226,943	215,843
und Types	<u>Debt</u> Service	9	0	0	0	0	0	(16,463)	219,133	\$ 202,670
Governmental Fund Types	<u>Special</u> Revenue	64,000 \$	2,605	0	0	(12,386)	54,219	(24,228)	193,797	169,569 \$
)	General	20,000 \$	12,386	364	(244,000)	(2,605)	(213,855)	154,206	1,627,544	\$ 1,781,750 \$ 169,569 \$ 202,670 \$ 215,843
		Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfers - In	Advances - In	Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	Transfers - Out	Advances - Out	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Disbursements and Other Financing Uses	Fund Cash Balances, July 1, 2005	Fund Cash Balances, June 30, 2006

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Proprietary	Fund Types	Fiduciary Fund	
	<u>Enterprise</u>	Internal <u>Service</u>	<u>Agency</u>	Totals (Memo. Only)
Operating Receipts:			0 404.004	<b>6</b> 404.004
Extracurricular Activities	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 104,861	\$ 104,861
Food Services	197,381	0	0	197,381
Classroom Materials and Fees	5,491	0	0	5,491
Total Operating Cash Receipts	202,872	0	<u>104,861</u>	307,733
Operating Expenses:				
Employees Salaries and Wages	93,098	0	123	93,221
Employee Retirement and Insurance	24,507	25,099	15	49,621
Purchased Services	3,903	555,400	17,434	576,737
Supplies and Materials	136,507	0	44,743	181,250
Capital Outlay	19,550	0	706	20,256
Other Objects	496	0	<u>32,211</u>	32,707
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	<u>278,061</u>	<u>580,499</u>	<u>95,232</u>	<u>953,792</u>
Operating Income (loss)	<u>(75,189</u> )	<u>(580,499</u> )	9,629	<u>(646,059</u> )
Nonoperating Receipts:				
Earnings on Investment	2,307	14,351	0	16,658
State Sources	1,550	0	0	1,550
Federal Sources	60,606	0	0	60,606
Miscellaneous	<u>353</u>	<u>575,554</u>	<u> </u>	577,824
Total Nonoperating Cash Receipts	64,816	<u>589,905</u>	1,917	<u>656,638</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements Before Interfund Transfers	(10,373)	9,406	11,546	10,579
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Net Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	(10,373)	9,406	11,546	10,579
Fund Cash Balances at July 1, 2005	84,574	<u>491,735</u>	65,084	641,393
Fund Cash Balances at June 30, 2006	\$ <u>74,201</u>	\$ <u>501,141</u>	\$ <u>76,630</u>	\$ <u>651,972</u>

# HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SENECA COUNTY COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

		Governmental Fund Types	nental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	
		Special	Debt	Capital	Expendable	Totals
Cash Receipts: Local Sources:	General	Revenue	Service	Projects	Trust	(Memo. Only)
Taxes	\$ 2,562,349	\$ 0	\$ 89,406 \$	0	O \$	\$ 2,651,755
Tuition	915,104	0	0	0	0	915,104
Earnings on Investment	44,744	0	0	0	519	45,263
Miscellaneous Receipts	111,500	8,271	0	22,000	1,250	143,021
Extracurricular Activities	0	210,671	0	0	393	211,064
Classroom Materials and Fees	36,795	0	0	0	0	36,795
Intergovernmental - State	2,289,725	35,366	8,022	8,505	0	2,341,618
Intergovernmental - Federal	0	237,381	0	0	0	237,381
Total Cash Receipts	5,960,217	491,689	97,428	30,505	2,162	6,582,001
Cash Disbursements:						
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Negural	708,101,6	92,827	>	43,038	>	3,297,822
Special	358,967	251,974	0	0	0	610,941
Vocational Education	79,120	0	0	0	0	79,120
Adult/Continuing	0	3,593	0	0	0	3,593
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Support Services:						
Pupils	253,760	6,767	0	0	0	260,527
Instructional Staff	93,027	8,649	0	8,500	0	110,176
Board of Education	16,091	0	0	0	0	16,091
Administration	489,601	1,180	0	0	0	490,781
Fiscal Services	244,804	0	1,970	0	0	246,774
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	512,782	2,301	0	203,476	000'9	724,559
Pupil Transportation	277,164	12,120	0	0	0	289,284
Community Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extracurricular Activities	165,128	189,105	0	0	2,499	356,732
Principal Payments	18,563	0	80,000	0	0	98,563
Interest and Fiscal Charges	960'6	0	30,450	0	0	39,546
Total Cash Disbursements	5,680,060	568,516	112,420	255,014	8,499	6,624,509
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	280,157	(76,827)	(14,992)	(224,509)	(6,337)	(42,508)

See Notes to Financial Statements

HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SENECA COUNTY
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005 (CONTINUED)

Fiduciary

		Governmenta	Governmental Fund Types		Fund Type	
	General	<u>Special</u> Revenue	<u>Debt</u> Service	<u>Capital</u> Projects	Expendable Trust	<u>Totals</u> (Memo, Only)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):	\$ 15.545	8.500	€.	167 000	€.	101 045
Advances - In	0	12,386	, o	0	, ,	12.386
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers - Out	(188,500)	(4)	0	(5)	(951)	(189,460)
Advances - Out	(12,386)	0	0	0	· O	(12,386)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(185,341)	20,882	0	166,995	(951)	1,585
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Disbursements and Other Financing Uses	94,815	(55,945)	(14,992)	(57,514)	(7,288)	(40,924)
Fund Cash Balances, July 1, 2004	1,532,729	249,742	234,125	284,457	37,379	2,338,432
Fund Cash Balances, June 30, 2005	\$ 1,627,544	\$ 193,797	\$ 219,133	\$ 226,943	\$ 30,091	\$ 2,297,508

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	Proprietary	y Fund Types	Fiduciary Fund	
	<u>Enterprise</u>	Internal <u>Service</u>	<u>Agency</u>	Totals (Memo. Only)
Operating Receipts:				
Extracurricular Activities	\$ 0	•	\$ 157,453	\$ 157,453
Food Services	188,933		0	188,933
Classroom Materials and Fees	6,396		0	6,396
Total Operating Cash Receipts	<u>195,329</u>	0	<u>157,453</u>	<u>352,782</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Employees Salaries and Wages	83,669		188	83,857
Employee Retirement and Insurance	25,412		20	60,252
Purchased Services	1,496	399,124	29,295	429,915
Supplies and Materials	120,567	0	103,195	223,762
Capital Outlay	4,368	0	1,150	5,518
Other Objects	497	0	21,044	21,541
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	236,009	433,944	154,892	824,845
Operating Income (loss)	(40,680)	(433,944)	2,561	(472,063)
Nonoperating Receipts:				
Earnings on Investment	1,362	3,603	0	4,965
State Sources	(2,934)	) 0	0	(2,934)
Federal Sources	54,878	0	0	54,878
Miscellaneous	296	621,550	0	621,846
Total Nonoperating Cash Receipts	53,602		0	678,755
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash				
Disbursements Before Interfund Transfers	12,922	191,209	2,561	206,692
Transfers In	4,810	0	0	4,810
Transfers Out	(6,201)	(125)	<u>(70</u> )	(6,396)
Net Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	11,531	191,084	2,491	205,106
Fund Cash Balances at July 1, 2004	<u>73,043</u>	300,651	62,593	436,287
Fund Cash Balances at June 30, 2005	\$ <u>84,574</u>	\$ <u>491,735</u>	\$ <u>65,084</u>	\$ <u>641,393</u>

# HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# SENECA COUNTY COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS BUDGET AND ACTUAL COMPARISON ALL GOVERNMENTAL, PROPRIETARY, AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30

		2006			2005	
			Variance: Favorable			Variance: Favorable
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	(Unfavorable)
Governmental Fund Types: General Fund	\$ 5.787.239	\$ 6.098.938	\$ 311,699	\$ 5,786,714	\$ 5,975,762	\$ 189,048
Special Revenue Funds	605,000	610,740	5,740	605,000	500,189	(104,811)
Debt Service Fund	83,500	89,146	5,646	83,500	97,428	13,928
Capital Projects Funds	180,000	160,000	(20,000)	180,000	197,505	17,505
Proprietary Fund Types:		000	0000	000	0.00	0
Enterprise Funds	230,000	707,088	37,000	700,000	147,007	0,74
Internal Service Funds	000'009	589,905	(10,095)	550,000	625,153	75,153
Fiduciary Fund Types:						
Trust and Agency Funds	228,150	108,570	(119,580)	218,500	159,615	(58,885)
Total	\$ 7,713,889	\$ 7,924,987	\$ 7,924,987 \$ 211,098	\$ 7,673,714	\$ 7,809,393	\$ 135,679

# HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SENECA COUNTY INED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS AND ENCUMBRANC

COMBINED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS AND ENCUMBRANCES COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY ALL GOVERNMENTAL, PROPRIETARY, AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

Variance: Favorable <u>Unfavorable</u> )	274,542 37,555 891 8,761	8,439 429,501	4,376	764,065
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Total	6,031,239 646,549 105,609 218,183	278,061 580,499	108,793	\$ 7,968,933
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Encumbrances Outstanding at <u>6/30/06</u>	76,726 21,362 0 47,083		9,882	155,053
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Actual 2006 Disbursements	5,954,513 625,187 105,609 171,100	278,061 580,499	98,91	\$ 7,813,880
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Total	6,305,781 684,104 106,500 226,944	286,500 1,010,000	113,169	\$ 8,732,998
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2006 Appropriations	6,200,000 670,161 106,500 203,193	286,480 1,010,000	106,647	8,582,981
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Prior Year Carryover <u>Appropriations</u>	105,781 13,943 0 23,751	20	6,522	150,017
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Governmental Fund Types.	General Fund Special Revenue Funds Debt Service Fund Capital Projects Funds	Proprietary Fund Types: Enterprise Funds Internal Service Funds	Fiduciary Fund Types: Trust and Agency Funds	Total

THE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

# HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SENECA COUNTY
COMBINED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS AND ENCUMBRANCES
COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY
ALL GOVERNMENTAL, PROPRIETARY, AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

i i	App	Prior Year Carryover <u>Appropriations</u>	App	2005 Appropriations	Ħ	Total	Actual 2005 <u>Disbursements</u>		Encumbrances Outstanding at <u>6/30/05</u>	w +-	Total	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)	(e)
Governmental Fund Types: General Fund Special Revenue Funds Debt Service Funds Capital Projects Funds	↔	73,049 14,107 0 15,271	↔	6,000,000 611,536 115,000 277,662	&	6,073,049 625,643 115,000 292,933	\$ 5,868,560 568,520 112,420 255,019	560 520 420 019	105,781 13,943 0 23,751	€	5,974,341 582,463 112,420 278,770	\$ 98,708 43,180 2,580 14,163	98,708 13,180 2,580 14,163
Proprietary Fund Types: Enterprise Funds Internal Service Funds		700		248,834 466,326	(4.4	249,534 466,326	242,210 434,069	210 069	20		242,230 434,069	7,304	304 257
Fiduciary Fund Types: Trust and Agency Funds		1,490	1	178,316		179,806	164,412	412	6.522	1	170,934	8,8	8,872
Total	₩	104,617	မှာ	7.897,674	\$ 8,002,291	02,291	\$ 7,645,210		\$ 150,017		\$ 7,795,227	\$ 207,064	064

THE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY**

The Hopewell-Loudon Local School District, Seneca County, (the District) is a local school district as defined by § 3311.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District operates under an elected Board of Education and is responsible for providing public education to the residents of the District.

The District operates one instructional facility and provides educational services to students from grades Kindergarten through grade 12.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is accountable.

### (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Although required by Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03 (B) to prepare its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the District chooses to prepare its financial statements on an accounting basis not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This basis of accounting is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements omit entity wide statements, and assets, liabilities, fund equities, and required note disclosures.

### **FUND ACCOUNTING**

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions or activities. For financial statement presentation purposes, the various funds of the District are grouped into the following generic fund types under the broad fund categories governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

### **GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES**

Government funds are those through which most governmental functions of the District are financed. The following are the District's governmental fund types:

### **General Fund**

The general fund is the operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

### Special Revenue Funds

Special revenue funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than capital projects or trust funds) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005

### (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### **Debt Service Fund**

The debt service fund accounts for financial resources to be used for the repayment of debt issued by the District.

### Capital Projects Funds

Capital project funds account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds or trust funds).

### PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES

Proprietary funds are used to account for the District's ongoing activities which are similar to those found in the private sector.

### **Enterprise Funds**

Enterprise funds account for operations which are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises and for which the District intends to support a material portion of the operating costs with user charges.

### **Internal Service Funds**

Internal service funds account for operations of the self insurance health, life, vision, and dental program.

### FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. The District's fiduciary funds included expendable trust and agency funds.

### **BUDGETARY PROCESS**

### A. Budget

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

Advances in and Advances out are not required to be budgeted since they represent a temporary cash flow resource and are intended to be repaid.

### HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SENECA COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005

### (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### B. Tax Budget

Prior to January 15, the Superintendent and Treasurer submit to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing for all funds. Public hearings are publicized and conducted to obtain taxpayer's comments. The express purpose of this budget document is to reflect the need for existing or increased tax rates. By no later than January 20, the Board-adopted budget is filed with the County Budget Commission for rate determination.

### C. Estimated Resources

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 the basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate is amended to include any unencumbered cash balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer.

Estimated receipts reported in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the final amended certificate issued during the fiscal years 2006 and 2005 and do not include the unencumbered fund balances as of July 1, 2004. However, those fund balances are available for appropriations.

### D. Appropriations

Upon receipt from the County Auditor of an amended certificate of estimated resources based on final assessed values and tax rates or a certificate saying no new certificate is necessary, the annual appropriation resolution must be legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund, level of expenditures, which is the legal level of budgetary control. Prior to the passage of the annual appropriation measure, the Board may pass a temporary appropriation measure to meet the ordinary expenses of the District. The appropriation resolution, by fund, must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005

### (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### E. Encumbrances

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded as the equivalent of expenditures on the budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. Encumbrances plus expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the legal level of control. In the budgetary financial statements, encumbrances are included in budgetary expenditures. The budgetary fund balance is cash minus outstanding encumbrances.

### F. Lapsing of Appropriations

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

### PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

Acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

### UNPAID VACATION AND SICK LEAVE

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the basis of accounting used by the District.

### TOTAL COLUMNS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Total columns on the financial statements are captioned "Total-(Memo. Only)" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. This data is not comparable to a consolidation.

### **CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through District records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

During fiscal year 2006 and 2005, the District's investments included a non-negotiable certificate of deposit and STAR Ohio. 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 are recorded at cost. Investment earnings are allocated as authorized by State Statute and Board resolution.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005

### (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments of the District's cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of twelve months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more then twelve months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts.

### (2) CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

For fiscal years 2006 and 2005, the School District has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure".

GASB Statement No. 40 establishes and modifies the disclosure requirements related to investment risks. The implementation of this statement did not result in any change to the School District's financial statements.

### (3) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Monies held by the District are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the District's treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the District's 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 had identified as not required for use with 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 or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005

### (3) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

- 1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States.
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the federal national mortgage association, federal home loan bank, federal farm credit bank, federal home loan mortgage corporation, government national mortgage association, and student loan marketing association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities.
- 3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2 percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- 4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
- No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- 6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
- 7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred and eighty days in an amount not to exceed 25 percent of the interim money available for investment at any one time; and,
- 8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Investments 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 also prohibited. An investment must mature with 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, if the securities are not represented by a certificate upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005

### (3) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

### **DEPOSITS**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At fiscal years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, \$2,045,742 and \$2,190,580, respectively, of the District's bank balance of \$1,845,742 and \$1,990,580, respectively, was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the District's name.

The District has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statue. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the District or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured.

### **INVESTMENTS**

As of June 30, 2006 and 2005, the District had the following investments:

	•	June 30, <u>2006</u>		June 30, <u>2005</u>	<u>Maturity</u>
STAR Ohio	\$	883,189	\$	643,998	Six Months or Less
Certificate of Deposit	_	200,000	_	200,000	Twelve Months
Total Investments	\$_	<u>1,083,189</u>	\$	843,998	

Interest Rate Risk: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to state law, the District's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less. State statute requires that an investment mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and that an investment must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held 180 days from the date of purchase. Repurchase agreements are limited to 30 days and the market value of the securities must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2% and be marked to market daily.

Credit Risk: Standard & Poor's has assigned STAR Ohio an AAAm money market rating. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service and that the money market mutual fund be rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005

### (3) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

### **INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

Concentration of Credit Risk: The District places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer, however state statute limits investments in commercial paper and bankers' acceptances to 25% of the interim monies available for investment at any one time. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the District at June 30, 2006 and 2005:

	June 30, <u>2006</u>		June 30, <u>2005</u>	
STAR Ohio	\$ 883,189	82%	\$ 643,998	76%
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 200,000	18%	\$ 200,000	24%
Total Investments	\$ <u>1,083,189</u>		\$ <u>843,998</u>	

## RECONCILIATION OF INVESTMENTS TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND FUND CASH BALANCES

The following is a reconciliation of investments as reported above to cash and cash equivalents as reported on the statement of cash and cash equivalents and fund cash balances as of June 30, 2006 and 2005:

Cash and Investments	June 30, <u>2006</u>	June 30, <u>2005</u>
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 1,966,819	\$ 2,094,903
Investments	\$ <u>1,083,189</u>	\$ 843,998
Total	\$ <u>3,050,008</u>	\$ <u>2,938,901</u>

### (4) PROPERTY TAX

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis. Second half distributions occur in a new fiscal year. Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility, and tangible personal (used in business) property located in the District. Real property taxes are levied after April 1 on the assessed value listed as of January 1, the lien date. Public utility property taxes attached as a lien on December 31 of the prior year, are levied April 1 and are collected with real property taxes. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. All property is required to be revalued every six years.

### HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SENECA COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005

### (4) PROPERTY TAX (CONTINUED)

Public utility property taxes are assessed on tangible personal property at eighty-eight percent of true value (with certain exceptions) and on real property at thirty-five percent of true value. Tangible personal property taxes are levied after April 1 on the value listed as of December 31 of the current year. Tangible personal property assessments are twenty-five percent of 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. Tangible personal property taxes paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20.

The District receives property taxes from Seneca County. The Seneca County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of the District. The Seneca County Auditor periodically remits to the District its portion of the taxes collected. These tax "advances" are based on statutory cash flow collection rates. Final "settlements" are made each February and August.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the District.

### (5) 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 public employee retirement system administered by the School Employees Retirement Board. SERS provides basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for SERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For fiscal years 2006 and 2005, plan members contributed 9.3 percent of their annual-covered salary and the District contributed 14 percent. Contributions amounted to \$104,988 and \$96,348 for the years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The District has paid all contributions required through June 30, 2006 and 2005.

### HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SENECA COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005

### (5) 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 basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for STRS. That report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Board Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771.

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 percent 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. Existing members with less than five years of service credit as of June 30, 2001, were given the option of making a one time irrevocable decision to transfer their account balances from the existing DB Plan into the DC Plan or the Combined Plan. This option expired on December 31, 2001. 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.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For fiscal years 2006 and 2005 members of STRS contributed 10 percent of their wages to the STRS. The District contributed an amount equal to 14 percent of their wages with 13 percent used to fund the pension obligation. Contributions amounted to \$394,776 and \$411,480 for the years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The District has paid all contributions required through June 30, 2006 and 2005.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005

### (6) RISK MANAGEMENT

### A. Commercial Insurance

The District had obtained commercial insurance for comprehensive property and general liability, vehicles, and errors and omissions.

### B. Self Insurance

The District was self insured for dental and vision benefits to employees. The District established a Self Insurance internal service fund to account for and finance the dental and vision benefits program. Under the program, the Self Insurance fund provides coverage up to a maximum of \$1,000 per individual, per year for dental insurance and various limits of coverage per individual, per year for vision insurance based on the service provided. The District reimburses the individuals for dental and vision services received up to their maximum limits.

A comparison of Self Insurance Fund cash and investments to the actuary-measured liability as of June 30, 2006 and 2005 follows:

	<u> 2006</u>	<u> 2005</u>
Cash and investments	\$ 24,921	\$ 31,711
Actuarial liabilities	3,926	4,073

### C. Health and Life Insurance Programs

The District entered into an agreement with the Ohio Mid Eastern Regional Education Service Agency (OME-RESA) for its self insured medical and life programs. OME-RESA provides jointly administrated benefit programs for schools. OME-RESA has designated Self Funded Plans, Inc. of Cleveland as their claim administrator. Interfund rates are charged based on claims approved by the claims administrator.

A comparison of Self Insurance Fund cash and investments to the actuary-measured liability as of June 30, 2006 and 2005 follows:

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	**	<u> 2006</u>	<u> 2005</u>
Cash and investments		\$ 476,221	\$ 460,024
Actuarial liabilities		167,575	127,576

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005

### (7) PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL

### Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

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

The Plan's business and affairs are conducted by a three member Board of Directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect, and the Immediate Past President of the OSBA. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the Plan. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the Plan to cover the costs of administering the program.

### (8) STATE SCHOOL FUNDING DECISION

On December 11, 2003, 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 School District is currently unable to determine what effect, if any, this decision will have on its future State funding and its financial operations.

### (9) NONCOMPLIANCE

The debt covenant for the Ohio Energy Conservation Financing Program requires the District to prepare, and an independent Ohio registered architect or engineer to certify, an annual report documenting the reduction in energy consumption and cost savings attributed to energy conservation measures. The District did not prepare this report.

### (10) SET-ASIDE CALCULATIONS AND FUND RESERVES

The District is required by State statute to annually set aside in the general fund an amount based on a statutory formula for the purchase of textbooks and other instructional materials and an equal amount for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. The amount set-aside may be reduced by offset credits, which are monies received and restricted for the same specific purpose. Amounts not spent by year-end or reduced by offset credits must be held in cash at year-end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future years.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005

### (10) SET-ASIDE CALCULATIONS AND FUND RESERVES (CONTINUED)

The following cash basis information describes the change in the year-end set-aside amounts for textbooks, capital maintenance, and budget stabilization. Disclosure of this information is required by State statute.

	<u>Textbooks</u>	Capital <u>Acquisitions</u>	Budget <u>Stabilization</u>
Set Aside Cash Balance as of June 30, 2005 Fiscal Year 2006 Set-Aside Requirement	\$ (21,649) 125,277	\$ 125,277	\$ 13,000 20,000
Qualifying Disbursements Balance June 30, 2006	(143,687) \$ (40,059)	(209,042) \$ (83,765)	\$ 33,000
Cash Balance Carried Forward to Fiscal Year 2007	\$ <u>(40,059</u> )	\$ <u>(86,786</u> )	\$ 33,000
Set Aside Cash Balance as of June 30, 2004 Fiscal Year 2005 Set-Aside Requirement	Textbooks \$ (18,226) 126,487	Capital Acquisitions \$ 126,487	Budget Stabilization \$ 92,894 13,000

The District had qualifying disbursements during the years that reduced the set-aside amounts below zero for the textbook/instructional materials reserve. This extra money may be used to reduce the set-aside requirement for future years. The negative amounts are therefore presented as being carried forward to the next fiscal year.

Although the District had qualifying disbursements during the years that reduced the set-aside requirements below zero for the capital acquisitions reserve, these extra moneys may not be used to reduce the set-aside requirement for future years. The negative amounts are therefore not presented as being carried forward to the next fiscal year.

### (11) LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The District had the following long term debt obligations at June 30, 2006 and 2005:

### FY 1987 School Building Addition Bonds

On July 1, 1986, the District issued \$1,800,000 in voted general obligation bonds for constructing a building addition. The bonds were issued under the authority of Ohio Revised Code § 133.09 for a twenty-two year period, with final maturity in fiscal year 2009. The bonds are being retired through the debt service fund. An \$80,000 principal payment is due each December 1, plus semiannual interest payments at 8.25%. No assets are pledged to secure these bonds.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005

### 11) LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

### FY 2001 Energy Conservation Loan

On November 1, 2000, the District obtained a loan in the amount of \$200,000 from Fifth Third Bank to provide energy conservation measures for the District. The loan was issued under the authority of H.B. 264 amended, Ohio Revised Code § 133.06G and 3313.372-373 for a ten year period, with final maturity in fiscal year 2011. Quarterly payments are \$6,915, including interest at 70% of the prime rate, 5.6% at June 30, 2006. Prior to November 1, 2005, the interest rate was 6.65%. No assets are pledged to secure this note.

The following is a description of the District's general obligation debt outstanding as of June 30, 2006 and 2005.

	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Outstanding 7/1/05	Retired	Outstanding 6/30/06	Amounts Due Within <u>One Year</u>
G.O. Bonds Payable Energy Conservation Loan	8.25 % 5.60 %	\$ 320,000 125,990	\$ (80,000) (19,634)	\$ 240,000 106,356	\$ 80,000 <u>23,206</u>
Total		\$ <u>445,990</u>	\$ <u>(99,634</u> )	\$ <u>346,356</u>	\$ <u>103,206</u>
	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Outstanding 7/1/04	Retired	Outstanding 6/30/05	Amounts Due Within One Year
G.O. Bonds Payable Energy Conservation Loan		•	Retired \$ (80,000)	<u>6/30/05</u>	Due Within

The following is a summary of the District's future annual debt service requirements to maturity for the general obligation debt:

		BONDS	ENERGY		
	<u>PAY</u>	<u>ABLE</u>	CONSERVATION LOAN		
Fiscal					
Year Ending	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2007	\$ 80,000	\$ 16,500	\$ 23,206	\$ 4,454	
2008	80,000	9,900	23,491	4,169	
2009	80,000	3,300	24,835	2,825	
2010	0	0	26,255	1,405	
2011	0	0	<u>8,569</u>	120	
Totals	\$ <u>240,000</u>	\$ <u>29,700</u>	\$ <u>106,356</u>	\$ <u>12,973</u>	

### HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SENECA COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005

### (12) JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION

### Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association

The Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association (NOECA) is a jointly governed organization, which is a computer consortium. NOECA is an association of 41 public school districts formed for the purpose of applying modern technology (with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment) to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. The NOECA Board of Directors consists of two representatives from each county in which participating school districts are located, the chairman of each of the operating committees, and a representative from the fiscal agent. Financial information can be obtained from Betty Schwiefert, who serves as Controller, 2900 South Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870.

### (13) CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, based on prior experience, management believes such refunds, if any, would not be material.

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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

Hopewell-Loudon Local School District Seneca County 290 North County Road 7 P.O. Box 400 Bascom, OH 44809-0400

### To the Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of Hopewell-Loudon Local School District (the District) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated December 16, 2006, in which we noted that the District prepares its financial report on a basis of accounting formally prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. 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 the District's internal control over financial reporting 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. 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.

### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 instances of noncompliance that we must report under Government Auditing Standards which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2006-001 and 2006-002.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of Hopewell-Loudon Local School District in a separate letter dated December 16, 2006.

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

December 16, 2006

Toledo, Ohio

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

### **FINDING NUMBER 2006-001**

### **Noncompliance Citation**

Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 provides that each public office shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office. Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03 further clarifies the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code § 117.38.

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. However, the District prepares its financial statements in accordance with standards established by the Auditor of State for governmental entities not required to prepare annual reports in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The accompanying financial statements and notes omit assets, liabilities, fund equity, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. Pursuant the Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 the District may be fined and subject to various other administrative remedies for its failure to file the required financial report.

We recommend the District take the necessary steps to ensure that the annual financial report is prepared on a generally accepted accounting principles basis.

Response: The School District understands this requirement but feels there are no cost-benefits to converting to GAAP.

### **FINDING NUMBER 2006-002**

### **Noncompliance Citation**

Ohio Energy Conservation Financing Program (HB 264-1985), see also Ohio Revised Code §§133.06 and 3313.372 includes a debt covenant requiring the District to prepare and maintain an annual report documenting the reduction in energy consumption and cost savings attributed to the above program. This report must be reviewed and certified by an independent Ohio registered architect or engineer.

The District failed to prepare the aforementioned annual report. We recommend the District prepare and submit the required report.

Response: The initial annual report was not prepared due to circumstances beyond the School District's control. Subsequent reports are unable to be prepared as a result of this.

### HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SENECA COUNTY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS June 30, 2006

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2004-001	ORC § 117.38 - District did not report on GAAP basis.	No	Not corrected. Repeated as Finding 2006- 001
2004-002	Ohio Energy Conservation Financing Program. Failure to submit annual report.	No	Not corrected. Repeated as Finding 2006- 002
2004-003	Student Activity - Sales Project Potential Forms were not prepared for thirty percent of fundraising activities.	Yes	Student Activity Sales Project Potential Forms were prepared for all fundraising activities selected for testing.



# Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

### HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### **SENECA COUNTY**

### **CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED MAY 10, 2007