



ALEXANDER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHENS COUNTY

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Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Alexander Local School District Athens County 6091 Ayers Road Albany, Ohio 45710

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Alexander Local School District, Athens County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

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, as discussed in Note 2, the accompanying financial statements and notes follow the cash accounting basis. This is a comprehensive accounting basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. The accompanying financial statements and notes omit assets, liabilities, fund equities, and disclosures that, while material, we cannot determine at this time.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Alexander Local School District, Athens County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in cash financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting Note 2 describes.

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 27, 2007, 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*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's discussion and analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

We conducted our audit to opine on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures is required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations,* and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. We subjected the Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements. In our opinion, this information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

November 27, 2007

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

The discussion and analysis of the Alexander Local School District's (the District) financial performance provides an overview and analysis of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review our notes to the basic financial statements and the financial statements themselves to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 "Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments" issued in June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at June 30, 2007 by \$4,210,983. This balance was comprised of a \$2,338,660 balance in net asset amounts restricted for specific purposes and a balance of \$1,872,323 in unrestricted net assets.
- In total, net assets of governmental activities increased by \$544,021, which represents a 14.83 percent increase from 2006.
- General receipts accounted for \$14,013,304 or 78.61 percent of all receipts. Program specific receipts in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$3,811,482 or 21.39 percent of total receipts of \$17,824,786.
- The District had \$17,280,765 in disbursements related to governmental activities; \$3,811,482 of these disbursements were offset by program specific charges for services and sales, grants or contributions. General receipts (primarily taxes and grants and entitlements) of \$14,013,304 were used to provide for the remainder of these programs.
- The District recognizes four major governmental funds: the General, Bond Retirement, Classroom Facilities Maintenance and Ohio School Facilities Construction Project Funds. In terms of dollars received and spent, the General Fund is larger than any of the other funds of the District. The General Fund had \$13,771,244 in receipts and \$13,433,395 in disbursements in fiscal year 2007.

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are presented following the requirements of GASB Statement No. 34, and 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.

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: the government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

Reporting the District as a Whole

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to private-sector business. 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. These statements include assets using the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's receipts and disbursements based on when cash is received or paid.

The statement of net assets presents information on the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases and decreases in net assets are important because they serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District as a whole is improving or deteriorating. The cause of this change may be the result of several factors, some financial and some not. Nonfinancial factors include the District's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting receipts growth, facility conditions, required but unfunded educational programs, and other factors. Ultimately, the District's goal is to provide services to our students, not to generate profits as commercial entities do.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as cash received or paid. Thus, receipts and disbursements are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in the current fiscal period.

In both of the government-wide financial statements, the District activities are shown as governmental activities. All of the District's programs and services are reported here including instructional services, support services, operation of non-instructional services, and extracurricular activities. These services are funded primarily by taxes, tuition and fees, and intergovernmental receipts including federal and state grants and other shared receipts.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

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 major governmental funds are the General, Bond Retirement, Classroom Facilities Maintenance and Ohio School Facilities Construction Project Funds.

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objective. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into one of two categories: governmental and fiduciary funds.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on inflows and outflows of spendable cash, as well as on balances of spendable cash available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term requirements. These funds are reported using an accounting method called the cash basis of accounting.

Fiduciary Fund

The District's only fiduciary fund is an agency fund. We exclude these activities from the District's other financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. Fiduciary funds use the cash basis of accounting.

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.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Recall that the statement of net assets provides the perspective of the District as a whole, showing assets, liabilities, and the difference between them (net assets). Table 1 provides a summary of the District's net assets for 2007 compared to fiscal year 2006:

Table 1
Net Assets at Year End

	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Activities</u>
	2007 20	
Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,534,790	\$3,221,497
Restricted Cash	676,193	445,465
Total Assets	\$4,210,983	\$3,666,962
Net Assets:		
Restricted	\$2,338,660	\$2,007,959
Unrestricted	1,872,323	1,659,003
Total Net Assets	\$4,210,983	\$3,666,962

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Cash and cash equivalents increased \$544,021 from fiscal year 2006 due to the receipt of additional grants, increased interest rates on invested funds, and conservative spending.

The District's smallest portion of net assets is unrestricted assets. These net assets represent resources that may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to its students and creditors.

The remaining balance of \$2,338,660 is restricted net assets. The restricted net assets are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2007 and comparisons to fiscal year 2006.

Table 2
Changes in Net Assets

Changes in			
	Governmental Activities		
	2007	2006	
Receipts:			
Program Receipts:			
Charges for Services and Sales	\$1,097,332	\$1,045,301	
Operating Grants and Contributions	2,714,150	2,611,800	
Capital Grants and Contributions	0	17,280	
General Receipts:			
Property Taxes	4,438,007	4,304,623	
Unrestricted Grants and Entitlements	9,308,526	9,112,413	
Investment Earnings	154,014	43,498	
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets	2,181	0	
Miscellaneous	110,576	75,584	
Total Receipts	17,824,786	17,210,499	
<u>Disbursements:</u> Program Disbursements: Instruction:			
Regular	5,871,695	6,090,831	
Special	1,603,314	1,647,719	
Vocational	141,599	224,373	
Other	1,457,248	1,398,728	
		(Continued)	

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

Table 2
Changes in Net Assets

	2007	2006
Support Services: Pupils	747,942	811,341
Instructional Staff	929,452	871,665
Board of Education	77,739	95,430
Administration	1,296,628	1,261,216
Fiscal	362,803	330,719
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,447,269	1,460,378
Pupil Transportation	1,331,098	1,186,642
Central	239,589	228,353
Operation of Non-Instructional Services: Food Service	595,604	675,954
Other	64,994	11,926
Extracurricular Activities	350,781	314,494
Capital Outlay	147,582	261,447
Principal Retirement	296,029	288,029
Interest and Fiscal Charges	319,399	330,061
Total Disbursements	17,280,765	17,489,306
Change in Net Assets	544,021	(278,807)
Net Assets – Beginning of Year	3,666,962	3,945,769
Net Assets – End of Year	\$4,210,983	\$3,666,962

The most significant program disbursements for the District are Regular Instruction, Special Instruction, Operation and Maintenance of Plant, Other Instruction, Administration, and Pupil Transportation. These programs account for 75.27 percent of the total governmental activities. Regular Instruction, which accounts for 33.98 percent of the total, represents costs associated with providing general educational services. Special Instruction, which represents 9.28 percent of the total, represents costs associated with providing educational services for handicapped, disadvantaged and other special needs students. Operation and Maintenance of Plant, which represents 8.37 percent of the total, represents costs associated with the operating and maintaining the District's facilities. Other Instruction, which represents 8.44 percent of the total, represents costs associated with the instruction of students that cannot be defined as regular, special or vocational instruction. Administration, which represents 7.50 percent of the total, represents costs associated with the overall administrative responsibility for each building and the District as a whole. Pupil Transportation, which represents 7.70 percent of the total cost, represents costs associated with transporting students to and from school, as well as to activities.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

As noted previously, the net assets for the governmental activities increased \$544,021 or 14.83 percent. This is a change from last year when net assets decreased \$278,807 or 7.07 percent. Total receipts increased \$614,287 or 3.56 percent from last year and disbursements decreased \$208,541 or 1.19 percent over last year.

The District had program receipts increases of \$137,101, as well as increases in general receipts of \$477,186. The increase in program receipts is mostly due to the District receiving additional grants during fiscal year 2007. There were three significant increases in general receipts. Property taxes increased \$133,384 or 3.09 percent due to increases in the assessed values; unrestricted grants and entitlements increased \$196,113 or 2.10 percent due to the District receiving additional grants during fiscal year 2007; and investment earnings increased \$110,516 or 254.07 percent due to the District having better interest rates for the year.

The total disbursements for governmental activities decreased due to the District's conservative spending.

The majority of the funding for the most significant programs indicated above is from property taxes and grants and entitlements not restricted for specific programs. Property taxes and grants and entitlements not restricted for specific programs accounts for 77.12 percent of total receipts.

Governmental Activities

Over the past several fiscal years, the District has remained in stable financial condition. This has been accomplished through strong voter support and good fiscal management. The District is heavily dependent on property taxes and intergovernmental receipts and, like most Ohio schools, is hampered by a lack of receipts growth. Property taxes made up 24.89 percent and intergovernmental receipts made up 67.44 percent of the total receipts for the governmental activities in fiscal year 2007.

The Ohio Legislature passed H.B. 920 (1976) and changed the way property taxes function in the State. The overall receipts generated by a levy will not increase solely as a result of inflation. As an example, the District would receive from a home valued at \$100,000 and taxed at 1.0 mill, \$35.00 annually. If three years later the home were reappraised and the value increased to \$200,000 (and this increase in value is comparable to other property owners) the effective tax rate would become 0.5 mill and the District would still receive \$35.00 annually. Therefore, the District must regularly return to the voters to maintain a constant level of service.

The District's intergovernmental receipts consist of school foundation basic allowance, homestead and rollback property tax allocation, and federal and state grants. During fiscal year 2007, the District received \$8,696,151 through the State's foundation program, which represents 48.7 percent of the total receipts for the governmental activities. The District relies heavily on this state funding to operate at the current levels of service.

Instruction accounts for 52.5 percent of governmental program disbursements. Support services disbursements make up 37.22 percent of governmental disbursements. The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and charges for services and grants offsetting those services.

Table 3 shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services for fiscal year 2007 and comparisons to fiscal year 2006. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax receipts and unrestricted State entitlements.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

Table 3
Net Cost of Governmental Activities

,	Total Cost of Services			Net Cost of Services
	2007	2007	2006	2006
Program Disbursements: Instruction	\$9,073,856	\$6,960,912	\$9,361,651	\$7,154,217
Support Services	6,432,520	5,324,733	6,245,744	5,448,460
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	660,598	132,604	687,880	104,453
Extracurricular Activities	350,781	288,024	314,494	228,258
Capital Outlay	147,582	147,582	261,447	261,447
Principal Retirement	296,029	296,029	288,029	288,029
Interest and Fiscal Charges	319,399	319,399	330,061	330,061
Total Disbursements	\$17,280,765	\$13,469,283	\$17,489,306	\$13,814,925

The District's Funds

The District's governmental funds are accounted for using the cash basis of accounting. (See Note 2 for discussion of significant accounting policies). All governmental funds had total receipts and other financing sources of \$18,594,654 and total disbursements and other financing uses of \$18,050,633.

Total governmental funds fund balance increased by \$544,021. The increase in fund balance for the year was most significant in the General Fund, where an increase of \$229,434 occurred as a result of the receipts exceeding disbursements during fiscal year 2007.

The District should remain stable in fiscal years 2008 through 2010. However, projections beyond fiscal year 2010 show the District may be unable to meet inflationary cost increases in the long-term without additional tax levies or a meaningful change in state funding of public schools as directed by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Budget Highlights - General Fund

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

During the course of fiscal year 2007, the District amended its General Fund budget several times. The District uses a modified site-based budget technique that is designed to control site budgets while providing building administrators and supervisors flexibility for site management. The District prepares and monitors a detailed cashflow plan for the General Fund. Actual cashflow is compared to monthly and year-to-date estimates, and a monthly report is prepared for top management and the Board of Education.

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For the General Fund, the final budget basis receipts were \$13,748,043 representing a \$180,701 decrease from the original budget estimates of \$13,928,744. The final budget reflected a 1.2 percent decrease from the original budgeted amount. This difference was due to the fact that actual funding was less than originally anticipated, therefore receipt estimates were decreased throughout the year. For the General Fund, the final budget basis disbursements were \$14,962,500 representing an increase of \$668,454 from the original budget estimates of \$14,294,046. The final budget reflected a 4.6 percent increase from the original budgeted amount.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2007, the District had \$6,154,604 in general obligation debt outstanding with \$249,029 due within one year. Table 4 summarizes loans and bonds outstanding for fiscal year 2007 compared to fiscal year 2006.

Table 4
Outstanding Debt, Governmental Activities at Year End

	Governmental Activities		
Purpose	2007	2006	
Energy Conservation Loan	\$0	\$57,000	
Asbestos Removal Loan	49,604	58,633	
General Obligation Bonds	6,105,000	6,335,000	
Total	\$6,154,604	\$6,450,633	

More detailed information pertaining to the District's long-term debt activity can be found in the notes to the basic financial statements.

Current Issues

Although considered a mid-wealth district, Alexander Local School District is financially stable, and has been over the past several years. As indicated in the preceding financial information, the District is dependent on property taxes. Property tax revenue does not increase solely as a result of inflation. Therefore, in the long-term, the current program and staffing levels will be dependent on increased funding to meet inflation. Careful financial planning has permitted the District to provide a quality education for our students.

As indicated in the preceding financial information, the District relies on the State's foundation program for nearly half of their funding. In the spring of 2002, the Ohio Supreme Court issued its fourth split decision regarding the State's school funding plan. The majority opinion identified aspects of the current plan that require modification if the plan is to be considered constitutional. However, in December of 2002 the Court again ruled in a split decision that the State's plan was not acceptable. The Ohio Supreme Court now has two new Justices and the new court may be called upon to address the issue. At this time there can be no reasonable estimate of the decision or its impact on school funding.

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

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

The State Legislature has also made several significant changes impacting local taxes:

In 2004 the Ohio Legislature modified the provisions of the 1999 HB283. This bill was designed to reduce the assessed valuation of the inventory component of personal property tax from 25 percent to 0 percent by 2031. The modification speeds up the reduction of assessed valuation to be completed in half the original time.

Effective January 1, 2001 non-municipal owned electric utilities and rural cop-ops were deregulated in the State of Ohio. All electric company personal property were reduced from 100 percent assessed value (from 50 percent for rural co-ops) to 25 percent. (Distribution and transmission of personal property will continue to be assessed at 88 percent.) This significantly reduced receipts to certain school districts and moderately affects others.

Effective May 1, 2001 a kilowatt hour (KWH) tax began being collected. 37.8 percent of these new dollars would be deposited in a new Property Tax Replacement Fund (PTRF). 70 percent of the PTRF will be paid to school districts that lost receipts as determined by the Ohio Department of Taxation. First, distribution will be made to cover costs of fixed sum levies such as debt issues and emergency levies. Next, fixed rate levies would be replaced through 2006; after this a phase out formula would begin.

The District does not anticipate any meaningful growth or loss in receipts as a result of these changes. Based on these factors, the Board of Education and the administration of the District must maintain careful financial planning and prudent fiscal management in order to preserve the financial stability of the District.

Residential growth has not eluded the District over the past few years. Increasing numbers of housing developments are being approved by the townships. The new developments are attracting young families to the area as evidenced by the residential permits issued in the townships. Residential/agricultural property contributes 77 percent of the District's real estate valuation.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, 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 received. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information contact the Aaron Schirm, Treasurer of the Alexander Local School Board of Education, 6091 Ayers Road, Albany, Ohio 45710.

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Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis June 30, 2007

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,534,790
Restricted Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	676,193
Total Assets	\$4,210,983
Net Assets:	
Restricted for:	
Capital Projects	\$576,826
Debt Service	905,468
Other Purposes	856,366
Unrestricted	1,872,323
Total Net Assets	\$4,210,983

Statement of Activities - Cash Basis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

		Program	Receipts	Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets
	Disbursements	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:				
Instruction:	ΦE 071 C05	¢720.670	074 (12	(04.176.412)
Regular	\$5,871,695	\$720,670	\$974,612	(\$4,176,413)
Special	1,603,314	0	417,662	(1,185,652)
Vocational	141,599	0	0	(141,599)
Other	1,457,248	0	0	(1,457,248)
Support Services:	- 4 - 04 -		* 0.00 *	(*****
Pupils	747,942	0	59,892	(688,050)
Instructional Staff	929,452	0	711,507	(217,945)
Board of Education	77,739	0	0	(77,739)
Administration	1,296,628	55,447	142,716	(1,098,465)
Fiscal	362,803	0	0	(362,803)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,447,269	0	0	(1,447,269)
Pupil Transportation	1,331,098	0	129,225	(1,201,873)
Central	239,589	0	9,000	(230,589)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:				
Food Service	595,604	258,546	269,448	(67,610)
Other	64,994	0	0	(64,994)
Extracurricular Activities	350,781	62,669	88	(288,024)
Capital Outlay	147,582	0	0	(147,582)
Principal	296,029	0	0	(296,029)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	319,399	0	0	(319,399)
Total Governmental Activities	\$17,280,765	\$1,097,332	\$2,714,150	(13,469,283)
	<u>General Receipts:</u> Property Taxes Lev			
	General Purposes	S		3,665,087
	Debt Service			707,339
	Capital Outlay		65,581	
	Grants and Entitlem	ents not Restricted	to Specific Programs	9,308,526
	Proceeds from Sale	of Capital Assets		2,181
	Investment Earning	S		154,014
	Miscellaneous		_	110,576
	Total General Rece	ipts	_	14,013,304
	Change in Net Asse	ets		544,021
	Net Assets at Begins	ning of Year	_	3,666,962
	Net Assets at End o	f Year	=	\$4,210,983

Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

	General	Bond Retirement	Classroom Facilities Maintenance	Ohio School Facilities Construction Project	All Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:	¢1,000,277	¢005.469	\$426.267	\$57.C 92.C	¢527,852	£2.524.700
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents Restricted Assets:	\$1,098,377	\$905,468	\$426,267	\$576,826	\$527,852	\$3,534,790
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	676,193	0	0	0	0	676,193
Total Assets	\$1,774,570	\$905,468	\$426,267	\$576,826	\$527,852	\$4,210,983
Fund Balances:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$39,297	\$0	\$4,980	\$46,300	\$55,240	\$145,817
Reserved for Textbooks and Instructional Materials	366,815	0	0	0	0	366,815
Reserved for Capital Improvements	309,378	0	0	0	0	309,378
Unreserved, Undesignated, Reported in:						
General Fund	1,059,080	0	0	0	0	1,059,080
Special Revenue Funds	0	0	421,287	0	472,612	893,899
Debt Service Fund	0	905,468	0	0	0	905,468
Capital Projects Funds	0	0	0	530,526	0	530,526
Total Fund Balances	\$1,774,570	\$905,468	\$426,267	\$576,826	\$527,852	\$4,210,983

Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

Receipts:	General	Bond Retirement	Classroom Facilities Maintenance	Ohio School Facilities Construction Project	All Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Property Taxes	\$3,665,087	\$707,339	\$65,581	\$0	\$0	\$4,438,007
Intergovernmental	9,190,053	70,513	47,960	0	2,697,381	12,005,907
Interest	149,899	70,513	47,500	312	3,803	154,014
Tuition and Fees	687,501	0	0	0	33,169	720,670
Extracurricular Activities	087,301	0	0	0	118,116	118,116
Charges for Services	0	0	0	0	258,546	258,546
Gifts and Donations	5,721	0	0	0	16,769	22,490
Miscellaneous	72,983	0	0	0	31,872	104,855
Total Receipts	13,771,244	777,852	113,541	312	3,159,656	17,822,605
<u>Disbursements:</u> Current:						
Instruction:	1.056.695	0	0	0	015 010	5 971 605
Regular	4,956,685	0	0	0	915,010	5,871,695
Special	1,186,687	0	0	0	416,627	1,603,314
Vocational	141,599	0	0	0	0	141,599
Other	1,442,031	0	0	0	15,217	1,457,248
Support Services:	501 500			0	66.400	545.042
Pupils	681,509	0	0	0	66,433	747,942
Instructional Staff	304,048	0	0	0	625,404	929,452
Board of Education	77,739	0	0	0	0	77,739
Administration	1,078,807	2,512	224	0	215,085	1,296,628
Fiscal	346,851	14,559	1,393	0	0	362,803
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,427,963	0	19,087	0	219	1,447,269
Pupil Transportation	1,238,024	0	0	0	93,074	1,331,098
Central	206,465	0	0	0	33,124	239,589
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	62,110	0	0	0	598,488	660,598
Extracurricular Activities	269,027	0	0	0	81,754	350,781
Capital Outlay	13,850	0	0	133,732	0	147,582
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement	0	296,029	0	0	0	296,029
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	319,399	0	0	0	319,399
Total Disbursements	13,433,395	632,499	20,704	133,732	3,060,435	17,280,765
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	337,849	145,353	92,837	(133,420)	99,221	541,840
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Proceeds from the Sale of Capital Assets	2,181	0	0	0	0	2,181
Advances In	240,804	0	0	0	63,500	304,304
Advances Out	(63,500)	0	0	0	(240,804)	(304,304)
Transfers In	0	68,682	0	0	396,882	465,564
Transfers Out	(287,900)	0	0	0	(177,664)	(465,564)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(108,415)	68,682	0	0	41,914	2,181
Net Change in Fund Balances	229,434	214,035	92,837	(133,420)	141,135	544,021
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	1,545,136	691,433	333,430	710,246	386,717	3,666,962
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$1,774,570	\$905,468	\$426,267	\$576,826	\$527,852	\$4,210,983

Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis) General Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Positive (Negative)
Receipts:			7 Tetuar	(reguire)
Property Taxes	\$3,453,000	\$3,678,498	\$3,665,087	(\$13,411)
Intergovernmental	9,616,476	9,165,069	9,190,053	24,984
Interest	40,000	140,000	149,899	9,899
Tuition and Fees	766,768	688,500	687,501	(999)
Gifts and Donations	1,200	6,000	5,721	(279)
Miscellaneous	51,300	69,976	72,983	3,007
Total Receipts	13,928,744	13,748,043	13,771,244	23,201
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	5,224,583	5,474,539	4,957,964	516,575
Special	1,250,814	1,252,582	1,186,687	65,895
Vocational	215,670	188,218	141,599	46,619
Other	1,406,500	1,443,500	1,442,031	1,469
Support Services:				
Pupils	664,898	737,126	681,964	55,162
Instructional Staff	357,918	387,680	304,412	83,268
Board of Education	87,644	113,123	77,739	35,384
Administration	1,112,655	1,095,255	1,078,907	16,348
Fiscal	349,035	361,391	346,951	14,440
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,544,740	1,706,986	1,446,956	260,030
Pupil Transportation	1,348,755	1,349,168	1,238,024	111,144
Central	265,622	291,822	206,632	85,190
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	64,394	66,179	62,110	4,069
Extracurricular Activities	287,818	291,911	269,027	22,884
Capital Outlay	113,000	203,020	31,689	171,331
Total Disbursements	14,294,046	14,962,500	13,472,692	1,489,808
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(365,302)	(1,214,457)	298,552	1,513,009
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Proceeds from the Sale of Capital Assets	0	2,181	2,181	0
Advances In	0	240,804	240,804	0
Advances Out	0	(63,500)	(63,500)	0
Transfers Out	(127,425)	(286,546)	(287,900)	(1,354)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(127,425)	(107,061)	(108,415)	(1,354)
Excess of Receipts and Other Financing Sources Over				
(Under) Disbursements and Other Financing Uses	(492,727)	(1,321,518)	190,137	1,511,655
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	1,545,136	1,545,136	1,545,136	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$1,052,409	\$223,618	\$1,735,273	\$1,511,655

Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis) Classroom Facilities Maintenance For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Budgeted A	Budgeted Amounts		Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Positive (Negative)
Receipts:				
Property Taxes	\$66,200	\$67,700	\$65,581	(\$2,119)
Intergovernmental	7,600	48,263	47,960	(303)
Total Receipts	73,800	115,963	113,541	(2,422)
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Support Services:				
Administration	550	570	224	346
Fiscal	1,000	1,300	1,393	(93)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	70,000	70,000	24,067	45,933
Capital Outlay	250,000	250,000	0	250,000
Total Disbursements	321,550	321,870	25,684	296,186
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(247,750)	(205,907)	87,857	293,764
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	333,430	333,430	333,430	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$85,680	\$127,523	\$421,287	\$293,764

Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets - Cash Basis Fiduciary Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Agency
Assets: Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$52,929
Total Assets	\$52,929
<u>Liabilities:</u> Due to Students	\$52,929
Total Liabilities	\$52,929

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

Description of the School District

Alexander Local School District (the "District") is organized under Article VI, Section 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The District provides educational services as authorized by State statute and/or federal guidelines. The District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four year terms. The Board controls the District's facilities staffed by 92 classified and 123 teaching personnel and 8 administrative employees providing education to approximately 1,662 students.

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to insure that the financial statements of the District are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the District, this includes general operations, food service and student related activities.

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; the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or 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. The District has no component units.

The parent teacher organizations and booster clubs perform activities within the District's boundaries for the benefit of its residents but are excluded from the accompanying financial statements because the District is not financially accountable for them nor are they fiscally dependent on the District.

The District is associated with six organizations, four of which are defined as jointly governed organizations, one as an affiliated organization and one as a group purchasing pool. These organizations are the Southeastern Ohio Voluntary Education Cooperative, the Southeastern Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center, the Tri-County Career Center, the Athens County School Employees Health and Welfare Benefit Association, the Alexander Future Foundation and the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan. These organizations are presented in Notes 13, 14 and 15 to the basic financial statements.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with a comprehensive basis of accounting (OCBOA) other than generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units. Although Ohio Administration Code Section 117-2-03(B) requires the District's financial report to follow generally accepted accounting principles, the District chooses to prepare its financial statements and notes in accordance with cash basis of accounting. The District recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

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

A. Basis of Presentation

The District's basic financial statement consists of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

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 statements distinguish between those activities of the District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. The District has no business-type activities.

The statement of net assets presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct disbursements and program receipts for each program or function of the District's governmental activities. Direct disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Receipts which are not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general receipts of the District.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the District segregates transactions related to certain District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

B. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the District fall within two categories: governmental and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the District are financed. Governmental funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

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

The following are the District's major governmental funds:

<u>General Fund</u> - This fund is the operating fund of the District and is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

<u>Bond Retirement Fund</u> - This fund is used for the retirement of bonds and loans. All revenue derived from general or special levies, either within or exceeding the ten-mill limitation, which is levied for debt charges on bonds or loans, shall be paid into this fund.

<u>Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for monies received and expended in connection with contracts entered into by the District and the Ohio Department of Education for the building and equipping of classroom facilities.

<u>Ohio School Facilities Construction Project Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures related to Ohio School Facilities Grant funding in the District to construct a new K-12 facility. Expenditures of the fund represent the costs of acquiring capital facilities including real property.

The other governmental funds of the District accounts for grants and other resources of the District whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

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. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The District's only fiduciary fund is an agency fund which is used to account for student managed activities.

C. Measurement Focus

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus, and measures receipts and disbursements when cash is received or paid.

Fund Financial Statements

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

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

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide, governmental funds and fiduciary fund financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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 the District records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the financial statements.

During the fiscal year 2007, the District's investments were limited to the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAROhio).

Except for investment contracts and money market investments that had a remaining maturity of one year or less at the time of purchase, investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices. Investment contracts and money market investments that had a remaining maturity of one year or less at the time of purchase are reported at cost or amortized cost.

STAROhio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAROhio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAROhio are valued at STAROhio's share price which is the price the investments could be sold for on June 30, 2007.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2007 amounted to \$149,899, which includes \$85,422 assigned from other District funds.

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 presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents.

F. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors or laws of other governments or imposed by enabling legislation. The District first applies restricted assets for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted assets are available.

G. Inventory and Prepaid Items

On the cash-basis of accounting, inventories of supplies and food service items are reported as disbursements when purchased.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

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

H. Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. The financial statements do not report these assets.

I. Compensated Absences

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the District's cash basis of accounting.

J. Long-term Obligations

These cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds and other long-term obligations. These statements report proceeds of debt when cash is received and debt service disbursements for debt principal payments.

K. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. 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 when a disbursement is paid for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

L. Fund Balance Reserves

The District reserves those portions of fund balance 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, textbooks and instructional material, and capital improvements.

The reserves for textbooks and instructional materials, and capital improvements represents money required to be setaside by statute and are explained in more detail in Note 12.

M. Interfund Transactions

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash from one 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 to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

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

N. Budgetary Process

All funds, other than the agency fund, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the appropriation resolution and the certificate of estimated resources, which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amounts that the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriation resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at a level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board of Education at the fund level. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriations must be approved by the Board of Education.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the District Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the certificate when the appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the final amended certificate issued during fiscal year 2007.

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment by the Board throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations may not exceed estimated receipts. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation for that fund that covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried over from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the year.

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY BASIS FUND BALANCES

Differences between the budgetary basis fund balances and fund cash balances are due to encumbrances. The table below presents those differences for the District:

	General Fund	Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund
Budgetary Basis Fund Balances	\$1,735,273	\$421,287
Encumbrances	39,297	4,980
Fund Cash Balances	\$1,774,570	\$426,267

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board has identified as not required for use within the current two year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must be either 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 moneys. Interim moneys are those moneys 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.

Public depositories must give security for all public funds on deposit. Protection of the District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the Treasurer by the financial institution, or by a single collateral pool established by the financial 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 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 fair value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to fair value daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- (4) Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
- (5) No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section, and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- (6) The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio);
- (7) Certain banker's acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the date of purchase in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of interim monies available for investment at any time; and
- (8) Under limited circumstances, debt interests rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

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 investment 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 by categories of risk as defined in GASB Statement No. 3, "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments and Reverse Repurchase Agreements" and GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures."

<u>Deposits:</u> Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the District. The District's investment policy does not address custodial credit risk for deposits.

At June 30, 2007, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$4,263,912. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2007, \$4,349,546 of the District's bank balance of \$4,449,546 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed above while \$100,000 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance. The \$4,349,546 exposed to custodial risk was collateralized with securities held by the District or its agency in the District's name.

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES

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 the prior January 1, the lien date. Public utility property taxes attached as a lien on December 31, of the prior year, were levied April 1 and are collected with real property taxes. Assessed values for real property is required to be revalued every six years. Public utility property taxes are assessed on tangible personal property at 88 percent of true value (with certain exceptions) and on real property at 35 percent of true value. Tangible personal property taxes are levied after April 1 on the value listed as of December 31. Tangible personal property assessments are 25 percent of true value.

Real property taxes are paid by taxpayers annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31, unless extended; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20, unless extended. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits earlier or later 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.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

The District receives property taxes from Athens, Meigs and Vinton Counties. The County Auditors periodically advance to the District their portion of the taxes collected. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2007 taxes were collected are:

	2006 Second- Half Collections		2007 First- Half Collections		
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	
Agricultural/Residential and Other Real Estate	\$125,872,860	77.29%	\$125,874,980	76.90%	
Public Utility Personal	35,215,060	21.62%	35,215,060	21.51%	
Tangible Personal Property	1,775,643	1.09%	2,593,200	1.59%	
Total Assessed Value	\$162,863,563	100.00%	\$163,683,240	100.00%	
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$-	42.06	\$42.06	ó	

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2007, the District contracted with Ohio School Plan for property and fleet insurance, liability insurance, inland marine coverage, and public official bonds. Coverages provided are as follows:

Building and Contents - replacement cost (\$5,000 deductible)	\$36,973,163		
Inland Marine Coverage (\$1,000 deductible)	50,000		
Musical Instruments (\$1,000 deductible)	158,216		
Automobile Liability - Single Limit	1,000,000		
Uninsured Motorists:			
Per Person	1,000,000		
Per Accident	1,000,000		
General Liability:			
Per Occurrence	1,000,000		
Total Per Year	3,000,000		
Public Official Bonds:			
Treasurer	20,000		
Superintendent/Board President (each)	20,000		

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has been no significant change in coverage from last year.

For fiscal year 2007, the District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (the "Plan"), a group purchasing pool (Note 15). The intent of the Plan is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the Plan. 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 Plan. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the Plan. 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 Plan. Participation in the Plan is limited to school districts that can meet the Plan's selection criteria. The firm of Gates McDonald & Co., provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the Plan.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

NOTE 7 - <u>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS</u>

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 43215-3746 or by calling toll free (800) 878-5853. It is also posted on SERS' website, www.ohsers.org, under Forms and Publications.

Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14 percent 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 2007, 10.68 percent of annual covered salary was used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS Retirement Board. The District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007, 2006, and 2005 were \$248,905, \$278,346, and \$245,365, respectively; 24.07 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2007 and 100 percent for the fiscal years 2006 and 2005.

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. The report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771, by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7787, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at www.strsoh.org.

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.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent. For fiscal year 2007, 13 percent of the District's contribution was used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by STRS, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. The District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007, 2006, and 2005 were \$787,842, \$887,407, and \$878,981, respectively; 75.76 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2007 and 100 percent for the fiscal years 2006 and 2005.

Social Security Systsem

Effective June 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System have an option to choose Social Security or the School Employees Retirement System/State Teachers Retirement System. As of June 30, 2007, two members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

NOTE 8 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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

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 percent of covered payroll. For fiscal year 2007, the Board allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. For the District, this amount equaled \$60,560 during fiscal year 2007.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The balance in the Fund was \$3.5 billion at June 30, 2006 (the latest information year available). For the year ended June 30, 2006, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$282,743,000 and STRS had 119,184 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying service credit, and disability and survivor benefit recipients. Members returning on or after August 1, 1989, with less than twenty-five years of service credit must pay a portion of their premium for health care. The portion is based on years of service up to a maximum of 75 percent of the premium.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

NOTE 8 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

For fiscal year 2007, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 3.32 percent of covered payroll. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2007, the minimum pay has been established at \$35,800. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund.

The target level for the health care reserve is 150 percent of annual health care expenses. Expenses for health care at June 30, 2006 (the latest information year available), were \$158,751,207 and the target level was \$238.2 million. At June 30, 2006, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$295.6 million. The number of participants currently receiving health care benefits is approximately 59,492. For the District, the amount to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge, equaled \$125,316 during the 2007 fiscal year.

NOTE 9 - <u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>

Health Care Benefits

The District has elected to provide employee medical/surgical benefits, dental and prescription drug benefits through the Athens County School Employee Health and Welfare Benefit Association. The employees share the cost of the monthly premium with the Board. The premium varies with employee depending on the terms of the union contract. See Note 13 for more information concerning the Athens County School Employee Health and Welfare Benefit Association.

NOTE 10 - <u>LONG-TERM OBLIGA</u>TIONS

Changes in the long-term obligations of the District during the 2007 fiscal year were as follows:

	Issue Date	Interest Rate	Principal Outstanding at July 1, 2006	Additions	Deductions	Principal Outstanding at June 30, 2007	Amount Due In One Year
Governmental Activities:							
Energy Conservation Loan	1997	6.00%	\$57,000	\$0	\$57,000	\$0	\$0
Asbestos Removal Loan	1995	N/A	58,633	0	9,029	49,604	9,029
General Obligation Bonds	2001	3.50 - 5.60%	6,335,000	0	230,000	6,105,000	240,000
Total Governmental Activities Long-Term Obligations			\$6,450,633	\$0	\$296,029	\$6,154,604	\$249,029

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

General obligation bonds were issued in the amount of \$7,270,000 in April 2001, as a result of the District being approved for \$20,297,652 school facilities funding through the State Department of Education for the renovation of the high school building and to consolidate kindergarten through grade 12 into one building. The District issued the general obligation bonds to provide a partial cash match to the school facilities funding. As a requirement of the school facilities funding program, the District passed a 5.06 mill levy in November 2000. Of the 5.06 mill levy, 4.56 mills is used for the retirement of the bonds that were issued and are in effect for twenty-three years. The remaining .5 mill is used for repairs and maintenance of the facility. As a part of this funding process, the District must submit a maintenance plan to the Ohio School Facilities Commission every five years until the twenty-three year period expires. If the District's adjusted valuation per pupil increase above the state-wide median adjusted valuation during the twenty-three year period, the District may become responsible for repayment of a portion of the State's contribution.

The bonds and loans are paid from the Bond Retirement Debt Service Fund.

The District's voted legal debt margin was \$7,671,420 with an unvoted debt margin of \$163,683 at June 30, 2007.

Principal requirements to retire the asbestos removal loan at June 30, 2007 are as follows:

	Ending ne 30	Principal
2	2008	\$9,029
2	2009	9,029
2	2010	9,029
2	2011	9,029
2	2012	9,029
2	2013	4,459
Total		\$49,604

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

Principal and interest requirements to retire the general obligation bonds at June 30, 2007 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest
2008	\$240,000	\$307,011
2009	250,000	296,534
2010	260,000	285,441
2011	275,000	273,668
2012	285,000	260,923
2013-2017	1,650,000	1,061,871
2018-2022	2,140,000	545,346
2023-2024	1,005,000	52,147
Total	\$6,105,000	\$3,082,941

NOTE 11 - <u>INTERFUND ACTIVITY</u>

As of June 30, 2007, interfund cash advances were as follows:

Fund	Advances Out	Advances In
General Fund	\$63,500	\$240,804
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds:		
Title I Fund	17,340	0
Title VI-B Fund	106,637	0
Title II-A Fund	15,301	0
Handicapped Preschool Fund	3,500	3,500
Title II-D Fund	2,621	0
Miscellaneous Federal Grants Fund	95,405	60,000
Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	240,804	63,500
Total	\$304,304	\$304,304

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

Transfers To

NOTE 11 - INTERFUND ACTIVITY - (Continued)

During fiscal year 2007, interfund transfers were as follows:

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Transfers From	Bond Retirement	Nonmajor Special Revenue	Total
General	\$68,682	\$219,218	\$287,900
Nonmajor Special Revenue	0	177,664	177,664

Transfers are used to (1) move receipts from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted receipts collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

\$68,682

\$396,882

\$465,564

NOTE 12 - STATUTORY SET-ASIDES

Total

The following changes occurred in the District's set-aside reserve accounts during fiscal year 2007:

	Textbooks	Capital Improvements	Totals
Set-Aside Balance as of July 1, 2006	\$293,198	\$152,267	\$445,465
Current Year Set-Aside Requirement	253,600	253,600	507,200
Current Year Offset	0	(65,581)	(65,581)
Qualifying Disbursements	(179,983)	(30,908)	(210,891)
Total	366,815	309,378	676,193
Set-Aside Balance as of June 30, 2007	\$366,815	\$309,378	
Total Restricted Assets			\$676,193

Qualifying disbursements in excess of current year or accumulated set-aside requirements for textbooks and instructional materials may be used to reduce set-aside requirements of future years. Actual cash balances in excess of set-aside requirements for both textbooks and instructional materials, and capital improvements may be used to offset set-aside requirements of future years.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

NOTE 13 - <u>JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS</u>

Southeastern Ohio Voluntary Education Cooperative

The Southeast Ohio Voluntary Education Cooperative (SEOVEC), is a jointly governed organization created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State statutes. SEOVEC has 35 participants consisting of 26 school districts and 9 county boards of education. SEOVEC provides financial accounting services, educational management information, and cooperative purchasing services to member districts. Each member district pays a fee annually for services provided by SEOVEC. SEOVEC is governed by a governing board which is selected by the member districts. Each district has one vote in all matters, and each member of the district's control over budgeting and financing of SEOVEC is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the governing board. SEOVEC operates with its own Treasurer. The continued existence of SEOVEC is not dependent on the District's continued participation and no equity interest exists. SEOVEC has no outstanding debt. Financial statements for SEOVEC can be obtained from the Southeast Ohio Voluntary Educational Consortium, 221 North Columbus Road, Athens, Ohio 45701. The District paid SEOVEC \$23,673 in fiscal year 2007.

Southeastern Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center

The Southeastern Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center (SERRC) is a special education service center which selects its own board, adopts its own budget and receives direct Federal and State grants for its operation. The jointly-governed organization was formed for the purpose of initiating, expanding and improving special education programs and services for children with disabilities and their parents.

The SERRC is governed by a board composed of superintendents of participating schools, parents of children with disabilities, representatives of chartered nonpublic schools, representatives of county boards of MR/DD, Ohio University and the Southeast Regional Professional Development Center whose terms rotate every year. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. The Alexander Local School District's Superintendent is an alternate on the SERRC Board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Bryan Swann, Treasurer, at the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center, 507 Richland Avenue, Suite 108, Athens, Ohio 45701.

Tri-County Career Center

The Tri-County Career Center is a jointly governed organization providing vocational services to its eight member districts. The Career Center is governed by a board of education comprised of eleven members appointed by the participating districts. The board controls the financial activity of the Career Center and reports to the Ohio Department of Education and the Auditor of State of Ohio. The continued existence of the Career Center is not dependent on the District's continued participation and no equity interest exists. During fiscal year 2007, the District made no contributions to the Career Center. Financial information can be obtained from the Tri-County Career Center, 15676 State Route 691, Nelsonville, Ohio 45764.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

NOTE 13 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS - (Continued)

Athens County School Employee Health and Welfare Benefit Association

The District is a participant in a consortium of seven districts to operate the Athens County School Employee Health and Welfare Benefit Association. The Association was created to provide health care and dental benefits for the employees and eligible dependents of employees of participating districts. The Association has contracted with Anthem Insurance Company to be the health care provider for medical benefits as well as to provide aggregate and specific stop loss insurance coverage, and Coresource to provide administration for its dental benefits. The Association is governed by a board of directors consisting of one representative from each of the participating districts. Financial information for the Association can be obtained from the administrators at Combs & Associates, P.O. Box 735, Kenton, OH 43326.

NOTE 14 - AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION

Alexander Future Foundation

The District is affiliated with the Alexander Future Foundation to provide educational support to students of the Alexander Local School District. The Foundation is a non-profit organization that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation is governed by a board of trustees which consists of not more than twenty nor less than twelve members. The District's Superintendent and Treasurer and the PTO representative are continuous members of the Board; however, the other members must be elected. One is elected from the faculty or staff members of the District and the remainder are elected from members of the District's Community.

NOTE 15 - GROUP PURCHASING POOL

Ohio School Boards Association Worker's Compensation Group Rating Plan

The District participates in a group rating plan for worker's compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio School Boards Association Worker's Compensation Group Rating 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 program. Each year, the participating school districts pay a enrollment fee to the Plan to cover the costs of administering the program.

NOTE 16 - CONTINGENCIES

Grants

The District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2007.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

NOTE 17 - <u>SUBSEQUENT EVENTS</u>

On August 15, 2007, the District issued a \$2,654,997 refunding bond for the purpose of refunding a portion of the 2001 General Obligation Bonds.

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SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass-through Grantor Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Number	Receipts	Noncash Receipts	Disbursements	Noncash Disbursements
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Passed through Ohio Department of Education: Food Donation	10.550	N/A	\$	\$ 19,367	\$	\$ 19,367
Nutrition Cluster: School Breakfast Program	10.553	05PU-2006 05PU-2007	10,967 48,748		10,967 48,748	
Total School Breakfast Program			59,715	0	59,715	0
National School Lunch Program	10.555	LLP4-2006 LLP4-2007	35,172 161,766		35,172 161,766	
Total National School Lunch Program			196,938	0	196,938	0
Total Nutrition Cluster			256,653	19,367	256,653	19,367
Total United States Department of Agriculture			256,653	19,367	256,653	19,367
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Passed through Ohio Department of Education: Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	C1S1-2006 C1S1-2007 C1SD-2007 C1SK-2006 C1SK-2007	43,992 275,591 50,225 6,460		59,551 269,296 50,225 2,725 750	
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			376,268	0	382,547	0
Special Education Cluster: Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	6BSF-2006 6BSF-2007	105,593 383,576		83,258 368,208	
Total Special Education - Grants to States			489,169	0	451,466	0
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	PGS1-2006 PGS1-2007	(15) 17,367		239 15,302	
Total Special Education - Preschool Grants			17,352	0	15,541	0
Total Special Education Cluster			506,521	0	467,007	0
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - State Grants	84.186	DRS1-2006 DRS1-2007	7,795		1,217 7,205	
Total Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - State Gra	ants		7,795	0	8,422	0
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers Grant	84.287	T1S1-2006 T1S1-2007	124,627 227,533		89,221 197,613	
Total Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers Grant			352,160	0	286,834	0
Innovative Education Program Strategies	84.298	C2S1-2006 C2S1-2007	2,442		75 2,409	
Total Innovative Education Program Strategies		0201-2007	2,442	0	2,484	0
Technology State Formula Grants	84.318	TJS1-2006	1,016		1,686	
Total Technology State Formula Grants		TJS1-2006	2,853 3,869	0	3,454 5,140	0
Reading First State Grants	84.357	RSS1-2006	40,073		30,378	
Total Reading First State Grants		RSS1-2007	465,396 505,469	0	463,871 494,249	0
Improving Teacher Quality State Grant	84.367	TRS1-2006	21,206		24,716	
Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grant		TRS1-2007	85,218 106,424	0	81,633 106,349	0
Total United States Department of Education			1,860,948	0	1,753,032	0
Total Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures			\$ 2,117,601	\$ 19,367	\$ 2,009,685	\$ 19,367

The Notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures are an integral part of this Schedule.

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

NOTE B - FOOD DONATION

Program regulations do not require the School District to maintain separate inventory records for purchased food and food received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This non-monetary assistance (expenditures) is reported in the Schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received.

NOTE C - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

Cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture are commingled with State grants. It is assumed federal monies are expended first.



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Alexander Local School District Athens County 6091 Ayers Road Albany, Ohio 45710

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Alexander Local School District, Athens County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 27, 2007, wherein we noted the District uses a comprehensive accounting basis 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the District's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the District's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

We noted a certain matter that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated November 27, 2007.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as items 2007-001 and 2007-002.

We also noted certain noncompliance or other matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated November 27, 2007.

The District's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. We did not audit the District's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board of Education, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

November 27, 2007



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

Alexander Local School District Athens County 6091 Ayers Road Albany, Ohio 45710

To the Board of Education:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Alexander Local School District, Athens County, Ohio (the District), with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that apply to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2007. The Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings identifies the District's major federal programs. The District's management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each major federal program. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit.

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

As described in item 2007-003 in the accompanying Schedule of Findings, the District did not comply with requirements regarding subrecipient monitoring that apply to its Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers Grant (CFDA #84.287). Compliance with such a requirement is necessary, in our opinion, for the District to comply with requirements applicable to that program.

In our opinion, because of the effect of the noncompliance described in the preceding paragraph, the District did not comply, in all material respects, with the requirement referred to above applying to its Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers Grant (CFDA #84.287), a major federal program, for the year ended June 30, 2007. Also, in our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that apply to each of its other major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2007.

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Internal Control over Compliance

The District's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the District's internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses as defined below. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A control deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the District's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the District's internal control will not prevent or detect more-than-inconsequential noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as finding 2007-003 to be a significant deficiency.

A material weakness is significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that result in more than a remote likelihood that the District's internal control will not prevent or detect material noncompliance with a federal program's compliance requirements. We consider finding 2007-003 described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be a material weakness.

The District's response to the finding we identified is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. We did not audit the District's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board of Education, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

November 27, 2007

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other reportable conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Qualified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under §.510?	Yes
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies – CFDA #84.010
		Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers Grant –
		CFDA #84.287
		Reading First State Grants –
		CFDA #84.357
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	No

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 (Continued)

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

FINDING NUMBER 2007-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. 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 Admin. Code § 117-2-03 further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38.

Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the District to file its annual financial report pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles. However, the District prepared 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 equities, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. Pursuant to Ohio Rev. 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.

Officials' Response:

The School District has chosen to use the most cost-effective financial reporting system available. The additional cost associated with the GAAP financial statements would be a direct burden upon instructional resources.

FINDING NUMBER 2007-002

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.36 allows all subdivisions to request increased amended certificates of estimated resources and reduced amended certificates upon determination by the fiscal officer that revenue to be collected will be greater or less than the amount in the official certificate of estimated resources.

An increased amended certificate must be obtained from the Budget Commission if the legislative authority intends to appropriate and expend the excess revenue. A reduced amended certificate must be obtained if the amount of the deficiency will reduce available resources below the current level of appropriation.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 (Continued)

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

FINDING NUMBER 2007-002 (Continued)

Noncompliance Citation - Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.36 (Continued)

The total appropriations made during a fiscal year from any fund must not exceed the amount contained in the certificate of estimated resources or the amended certificate of estimated resources which was certified prior to making the appropriation or supplemental appropriation.

At June 30, 2007, estimated receipts exceeded actual receipts, causing actual resources to fall below the level of appropriation. The required amendments were not obtained for those funds as follows:

Fund Name	Appropriations Actual Resources		al Resources	Resources Variance		
516 IDEA Part B	\$	619,747	\$	573,471	\$	(46,276)
572 Title I		508,795		413,785		(95,010)
599 Misc. Federal Grants		966,731		825,873		(140,858)

We recommend the Treasurer reduce appropriations and correspondingly obtain a reduced amended certificate of estimated resources upon determination that the amount of the deficiency will reduce available resources below the current level of appropriation.

Officials' Response:

No fund encountered appropriations in excess of available resources. This was strictly due to the grant proceeds being received after the expenditures have occurred.

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

Noncompliance Citation/Material Weakness - Subrecipient Monitoring

Finding Number	2007-003
CFDA Title and Number	Twenty First Century Community Learning Centers Grant – CFDA # 84.287
Federal Award Number/Year	T1S1-2006; T1S1-2007
Federal Agency	United States Department of Education
Pass-Through Agency	Ohio Department of Education

OMB Circular A-133 §_.400(d) states that a pass-through entity shall perform the following for the Federal awards it makes:

(1) Identify Federal awards made by informing each subrecipient of CFDA title and number, award name and number, award year, if the award is R&D, and name of the Federal agency. When some of this information is not available, the pass-through entity shall provide the best information available to describe the Federal award:

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 (Continued)

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS (Continued)

FINDING NUMBER 2007-003 (Continued)

Noncompliance Citation/Material Weakness – Subrecipient Monitoring – OMB Circular A-133 §_.400(d) (Continued)

- (2) Advise subrecipients of requirements imposed on them by Federal laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements as well as any supplemental requirements imposed by the pass-through entity;
- (3) Identify Federal awards made by informing each subrecipient of CFDA title and number, award name and number, award year, if the award is R&D, and name of the Federal agency. When some of this information is not available, the pass-through entity shall provide the best information available to describe the Federal award:
- (4) Advise subrecipients of requirements imposed on them by Federal laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements as well as any supplemental requirements imposed by the pass-through entity;
- (5) Monitor the activities of subrecipients as necessary to ensure that Federal awards are used for authorized purposes in compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements and that performance goals are achieved;
- (6) Ensure that subrecipients expending \$500,000 or more in Federal awards during the subrecipient's fiscal year have met the audit requirements of this part for that fiscal year.
- (7) Issue a management decision on audit findings within six months after receipt of the subrecipient's audit report and ensure that the subrecipient takes appropriate and timely corrective action:
- (8) Consider whether subrecipient audits necessitate adjustment of the pass-through entity's own records; and.
- (9) Require each subrecipient to permit the pass-through entity and auditors to have access to the records and financial statements as necessary for the pass-through entity to comply with this part.

The contract between Ohio University, the subrecipient, and the District, the pass-through entity, identified the responsibilities listed above. However, we noted during our testing that the District received a letter from Ohio University stating that their audit had been completed and was available on-line for review. We inquired of the administration and staff involved in the Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers grant to determine if they were aware that this report was received or available to review on-line. The Treasurer indicated that he had read the report, but there was no evidence presented indicating anyone else had seen it or read it. This indicated to us that this monitoring step was not followed completely. Accordingly, the District was neither able to issue a management decision on audit findings, if any, within six months after the subrecipient's audit report was received, nor able to consider if the subrecipient's audit necessitated adjustment of the pass-through entity's own records. We also noted during our testing that no reports concerning the progress of the work had been received or requested by the District. In addition, the District did not have procedures in place to ensure they were properly monitoring their subrecipient.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 (Continued)

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS (Continued)

FINDING NUMBER 2007-003 (Continued)

Noncompliance Citation/Material Weakness – Subrecipient Monitoring – OMB Circular A-133 §_.400(d) (Continued)

We recommend the District develop official written policies and procedures that establish:

- Procedures for communication of Federal award requirements to subrecipients;
- Responsibilities for monitoring subrecipients;
- Process and procedures for monitoring;
- Methodology for resolving findings of subrecipient noncompliance or weaknesses in internal control; and
- Requirements for and processing subrecipient audits, including appropriate adjustment of pass-through entity accounts.

We further recommend the District establish a tracking system to assure timely submission of required reporting, such as: financial reports, performance reports, audit reports, on-site monitoring reviews of subrecipients, and timely resolution of audit findings, if any.

Officials' Response and Corrective Action Plan:

The Treasurer did review the audit of Ohio University and the Twenty-First Century Grant to ensure that there were no findings or adjustments to our own records necessary. In the future, the District will continue to improve the monitoring of subrecipients.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .315(b) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2006-001	A material noncompliance citation was issued under Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-03(B) for not reporting on a GAAP basis.	No	Not Corrected: This item is repeated in the current audit as Finding 2007-001.
2006-002	A material noncompliance citation was issued under Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(B) for expenditures exceeding appropriations.	Yes	
2006-003	A material noncompliance citation/material weakness issued under OMB Circular A-133 §400(d) for not monitoring the subrecipient of the Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers Grant.	No	Non Corrected: This item is repeated in the current audit as Finding 2007-003.



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ALEXANDER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATHENS COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JANUARY 10, 2008