



## STEUBENVILLE CITY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT JEFFERSON COUNTY

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# Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Steubenville City School District Jefferson County 1400 West Adams Street PO Box 189 Steubenville, Ohio 43952

#### 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 Steubenville City School District, Jefferson 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.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Steubenville City School District, Jefferson County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2007, and the changes in financial position thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 11, 2008, 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.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 federal awards expenditure schedule is required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations* and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. We subjected the federal awards expenditure schedule 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

January 11, 2008

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

The discussion and analysis of the Steubenville City School District's financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

#### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for the fiscal year 2007 are as follows:

- Net assets of governmental activities increased \$1,625,977.
- General revenues accounted for \$15,513,890 in revenue or 64 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, grants, and contributions accounted for \$8,621,101 or 36 percent of total revenues of \$24,134,991.
- Total assets increased \$3,264,068. Current assets decreased by \$6,712,923 primarily due to a decrease in intergovernmental receivables from the Ohio School Facilities Grant which was offset by an increase in cash and cash equivalents and investments from the local share of the classroom facilities project. Capital assets also increased \$9,976,991 due to increased construction in progress from the facilities project which was offset by annual depreciation expense on depreciable capital assets.
- The School District had \$22,509,014 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$8,621,101 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants, and contributions. General revenues of \$15,513,890 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The School District has four major funds, the general fund, debt service fund, permanent improvement capital projects fund, and classroom facilities capital projects fund. The general fund had \$16,409,744 in revenues and other financing sources and \$17,006,792 in expenditures and other financing uses. The general fund's balance decreased \$597,048. The debt service fund had \$1,418,795 in revenues and other financing sources and \$1,114,180 in expenditures. The debt service fund's balance increased \$304,615. The permanent improvement fund had \$575,000 in revenues and other financing sources and \$336,378 in expenditures. The permanent improvement fund's balance increased \$238,622. The classroom facilities fund had \$17,302,249 in revenues and \$10,420,378 in expenditures. The classroom facilities fund balance increased \$6,881,871.

#### **Using this Annual Financial Report**

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

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole School District, presenting both an aggregate view of the School District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for

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future spending. The fund financial statements also look as the School District's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in one column.

#### Reporting the School District as a Whole

Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities

While this document contains information about the large number of funds used by the School District to provide programs and activities for students, the view of the School District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during fiscal year 2007?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, the School District's activities are all considered to be Governmental Activities.

Governmental Activities – All of the School District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operation of non-instructional services, bond service operations, and extracurricular activities.

#### Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

#### Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the School District's major funds begins on page 8. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multiple of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds. The School District's major governmental funds are the general fund, debt service fund, permanent improvement fund, and classroom facilities fund.

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

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#### The School District as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Assets provides the perspective of the School District as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net assets for 2007 compared to 2006.

Table 1 Net Assets

	Governmental Activities				
	2007	2006	Change		
Assets					
Current and Other Assets	\$41,477,794	\$48,190,717	(\$6,712,923)		
Capital Assets	31,669,879	21,692,888	9,976,991		
Total Assets	73,147,673	69,883,605	3,264,068		
Liabilities					
Long-Term Liabilities	13,794,924	14,282,802	(487,878)		
Other Liabilities	8,698,830	6,572,861	2,125,969		
Total Liabilities	22,493,754	20,855,663	1,638,091		
Net Assets					
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	24,262,003	13,572,442	10,689,561		
Restricted	22,557,661	31,289,660	(8,731,999)		
Unrestricted	3,834,255	4,165,840	(331,585)		
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	\$50,653,919	\$49,027,942	\$1,625,977		

Total assets increased \$3,264,068. Current assets decreased by \$6,712,923 primarily due to a decrease in intergovernmental receivables from the Ohio School Facilities Grant which was offset by an increase in cash and cash equivalents and investments from the local share of the classroom facilities project. Capital assets also increased \$9,976,991 due to increased construction in progress from the facilities project which was offset by annual depreciation expense on depreciable capital assets.

Total liabilities increased \$1,638,091, due primarily to an increase for contracts and retainage payable related to the construction project as well as an increase in accrued wages and benefits which was offset by a decrease in long-term liabilities due to principal repayments of long-term obligations.

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

#### Table 2 Changes in Net Assets

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>			
	2007	2006	Change	
Revenues				
Program Revenues				
Charges for Services	\$2,605,411	\$2,651,106	(\$45,695)	
Operating Grants and Contributions	5,995,302	5,963,500	31,802	
Capital Grants and Contributions	20,388	41,267	(20,879)	
Total Program Revenues	8,621,101	8,655,873	(34,772)	
General Revenues				
Property Taxes	4,960,921	4,867,571	93,350	
Grants and Entitlements -				
Classroom Facilities	0	19,087,355	(19,087,355)	
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted				
to Specific Programs	9,161,760	12,828,888	(3,667,128)	
Others	1,391,209	1,013,677	377,532	
Total General Revenues	15,513,890	37,797,491	(22,283,601)	
Total Revenues	24,134,991	46,453,364	(22,318,373)	
Program Expenses				
Instruction				
Regular	9,203,206	8,979,594	223,612	
Special	3,017,101	3,125,412	(108,311)	
Vocational	890,246	831,625	58,621	
Support Services	,	,	,	
Pupil	1,134,605	999,484	135,121	
Instructional Staff	730,879	556,687	174,192	
Board of Education	29,900	26,082	3,818	
Administration	1,726,958	1,760,792	(33,834)	
Fiscal	370,730	453,672	(82,942)	
Business	209,999	164,798	45,201	
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,249,915	2,275,022	(25,107)	
Pupil Transportation	321,295	363,564	(42,269)	
Central	18,696	21,381	(2,685)	
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	620,239	478,086	142,153	
Food Service Operations	770,308	848,945	(78,637)	
Extracurricular Activities	608,765	645,794	(37,029)	
Interest and Fiscal Charges	606,172	611,400	(5,228)	
Total Expenses	22,509,014	22,142,338	366,676	
Increase in Net Assets	1,625,977	24,311,026	(22,685,049)	
Net Assets Beginning of Year	49,027,942	24,716,916	24,311,026	
Net Assets End of Year	\$50,653,919	\$49,027,942	\$1,625,977	

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In 2007, 21 percent of the School District's revenues were from property taxes, and 38 percent were from unrestricted grants and entitlements. The primary change in revenues from 2006 to 2007 was for the classroom facilities project.

Instructional programs comprise approximately 58 percent of total governmental program expenses and reflected a \$173,922 increase from fiscal year 2006. Overall, program expenses of the School District increased by \$366,676, with the largest increases being reflected in regular instruction, support service pupils, and operation of non-instructional services. These increases were offset by reductions in special education, fiscal, and food service operation.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services, grants, contributions, and interest earnings offsetting those services. Table 3 shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services for fiscal year 2007 compared to fiscal year 2006. In other words, it identifies the cost of those services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted entitlements.

Table 3
Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of	Services	Net Cost of	Services
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Instruction				
Regular	\$9,203,206	\$8,979,594	\$5,209,349	\$5,055,739
Special	3,017,101	3,125,412	1,362,028	1,148,592
Vocational	890,246	831,625	749,463	672,887
Support Services				
Pupil	1,134,605	999,484	731,328	643,999
Instructional Staff	730,879	556,687	209,308	162,232
Board of Education	29,900	26,082	29,900	26,082
Administration	1,726,958	1,760,792	1,537,554	1,580,801
Fiscal	370,730	453,672	368,679	451,708
Business	209,999	164,798	209,999	150,953
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,249,915	2,275,022	2,210,377	2,193,156
Pupil Transportation	321,295	363,564	310,834	359,869
Central	18,696	21,381	11,088	6,794
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	620,239	478,086	72,646	36,758
Food Service Operations	770,308	848,945	(14,241)	35,900
Extracurricular Activities	608,765	645,794	283,429	349,595
Interest and Fiscal Charges	606,172	611,400	606,172	611,400
Total Expenses	\$22,509,014	\$22,142,338	\$13,887,913	\$13,486,465

The dependence upon tax revenues and state subsidies for governmental activities is apparent as 62 percent of expenses are supported through taxes and other general revenues.

#### **The School District Funds**

Information about the School District funds starts on page 14. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Total Governmental funds had \$42,017,109 in revenues and other financing sources and \$34,574,794 in expenditures and other financing uses. Total Governmental fund's balance increased \$7,442,315.

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#### General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

During the course of fiscal 2007 the School District amended its general fund appropriations, and the budgetary statement reflects both the original and final appropriated amounts. There no were significant changes between the original and final budget. The actual results of operations were significantly different than budgeted amounts as spending in most categories were lower than budgeted appropriations.

#### **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

#### Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2007, the School District had \$31,669,879 invested in land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. See note 8 for more detailed information of the School District's capital assets.

#### Debt

At June 30, 2007, the School District had \$12,688,543 in bonds outstanding.

## Table 4 Outstanding Debt at Year End Governmental Activities

	2007	2006
1993 High School Addition and Improvement Serial Bonds	\$605,000	\$640,000
1998 Refunding Bonds-Serial, Term, and Capital Appreciation Bonds	5,447,706	5,794,559
2000 School Facilities Serial, Term, and Capital Appreciation Bonds	2,705,597	2,810,315
2005 Qualified Zone Academy Bonds	3,930,240	3,930,240
Capital Leases	0	1,167
Total	\$12,688,543	\$13,176,281

See note 15 for more detailed information on the School District's debt.

#### **Economic Factors**

In fiscal year 2006-2007, the Steubenville City School District continued implementing its transition plan for the educational remodeling and restructuring of its buildings and programs. In July of 2005, the District approved an Ohio School Facility Commission (OSFC) Project Agreement and accepted a master plan for Project B.E.S.T. (Building Excellent Schools for Tomorrow). Plans were laid into place when the Steubenville City School District issued a Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB), an interest-free loan for 16 years, in the amount of \$3,930,240. Through QZAB funds, as well as through additional funds received from donations and District allocation, the District was able to meet the local share of funding needed to proceed with the OSFC project. Project B.E.S.T. entails not only the remodeling of the high school, but also consolidation of the elementary schools and restructuring of the middle school.

In August of 2006, the District entered into agreement with Bank of America and US Bank for the purpose of acquiring funding for the QZAB. Funds are earmarked for the renovation of the two

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qualifying schools, Garfield East Elementary and Steubenville High School. Additionally, using allocated District monies, property at the west end of town was purchased from the City of Steubenville and will be the future site of the Pugliese West Elementary School. Construction for the East Elementary School is scheduled for completion in December of 2007. Steubenville High and West Elementary Schools are slated for completion in December of 2008 and August of 2008, respectively.

To allow for renovations and new construction at the East Elementary School site, the elementary school was officially closed for classes in 2005, with students and staff from Garfield being transferred to Lincoln and Wells Schools. The District Administration Office was temporarily relocated to the Garfield Elementary building for one year to allow for the demolition of the former administration office building.

Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, first through fifth grade students and staff from McKinley School were relocated to Roosevelt School, and the District Office was moved to its present location at 1400 West Adams Street, the former McKinley Elementary School. Sharing building space with the District offices are regular preschool and preschool handicapped units.

In addition to the District restructuring, other renovations continued throughout the District during fiscal year 2007. Harding Stadium underwent renovation to a stadium retaining wall, and the bleachers at the lower field were re-located. A trophy case was donated by the Steubenville City Schools Foundation for "Heritage Hall" at Steubenville High School, and a "Wall of Classes" was initiated in the high school's commons area. The high school's Tech Prep classes will maintain and update this wall. A document management system, in cooperation with OMERESA services, was installed in September of 2006.

The District also entered into its third year of the Bureau of Worker's Compensation Premium Discount Plus (PDP+) Program. Through this program, the District has been able to receive annual discounts to reduce escalating worker's compensation costs.

Academic accolades for fiscal year 2007 went to Roosevelt Elementary School for being named a 2006 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. This marks the fourth consecutive year that the District has received this high honor. The District also earned an effective rating on the State Report Card, achieving twenty-three of the thirty indicators.

As a subsequent event: In April of 2006, the District was notified that its application for a second QZAB bond in the amount of \$700,000 was approved by the Ohio Department of Education. QZAB monies will be used to renovate the high school auditorium during the 2007-2008 school year. The District issued the bonds for this allocation on August 16, 2007. See Note 20 for further details.

#### **Contacting the School District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Theresa DeCaria, Treasurer/CFO at Steubenville City School District, 1400 West Adams Street, Steubenville, Ohio 43952.

Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2007

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$27,088,263
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agents	37,805
Accrued Interest Receivable	22,409
Intergovernmental Receivable	2,429,969
Investments	4,082,618
Materials in Supplies Inventory	20,389
Property Taxes Receivable	6,510,556
Investments with Fiscal and Escrow Agents	1,163,988
Deferred Charges	121,797
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	17,280,572
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	14,389,307
Total Assets	73,147,673
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	26,714
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	1,591,428
Contracts Payable	1,300,035
Vacation Benefits Payable	11,282
Intergovernmental Payable	493,868
Matured Severance Payable	34,019
Accrued Interest Payable	24,904
Retainage Payable	501,886
Claims Payable	244,054
Deferred Revenue	4,470,640
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	836,118
Due In More Than One Year	12,958,806
Total Liabilities	22,493,754
Net Assets	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	24,262,003
Restricted for:	
Debt Service	2,946,125
Capital Outlay	17,199,648
Set Asides	85,496
Bus Purchases	145,493
State Programs	15,962
Federal Programs	110,856
Food Service	190,849
Preschool Programs	233,741
Classroom Facilities Maintance	1,010,557
Other Purposes	618,934
Unrestricted	3,834,255
Total Net Assets	\$50,653,919

Steubenville City School District
Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

			Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$9,203,206	\$2,079,737	\$1,914,120	\$0	(\$5,209,349)
Special	3,017,101	0	1,647,639	7,434	(1,362,028)
Vocational	890,246	0	140,783	0	(749,463)
Support Services:					
Pupil	1,134,605	0	403,277	0	(731,328)
Instructional Staff	730,879	0	521,571	0	(209,308)
Board of Education	29,900	0	0	0	(29,900)
Administration	1,726,958	0	189,404	0	(1,537,554)
Fiscal	370,730	2,005	46	0	(368,679)
Business	209,999	0	0	0	(209,999)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,249,915	39,538	0	0	(2,210,377)
Pupil Transportation	321,295	0	0	10,461	(310,834)
Central	18,696	0	7,608	0	(11,088)
Operation of Non-Instructional Servic	620,239	0	545,100	2,493	(72,646)
Food Service Operations	770,308	158,795	625,754	0	14,241
Extracurricular Activities	608,765	325,336	0	0	(283,429)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	606,172	0	0	0	(606,172)
Total Governmental Activities	\$22,509,014	\$2,605,411	\$5,995,302	\$20,388	(13,887,913)
		General Revenues			
		Property Taxes Levied for	•		3,847,393
		Property Taxes Levied for			1,035,673
		Property Taxes Levied for			77,855
		Grants and Entitlements	not Restricted to Specif	ic Programs	9,161,760
		Gifts and Donations			136,848
		Investment Earnings			1,059,519
		Gain on Sale of Capital	Assets		895
		Miscellaneous			193,947
		Total General Revenues			15,513,890
		Change in Net Assets			1,625,977
		Net Assets Beginning of	Year		49,027,942
		Net Assets End of Year			\$50,653,919

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2007

	General	Debt Service	Permanent Improvement	Classroom Facilities	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets						
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents Investments In Segregated Accounts	\$3,560,333 0	\$1,433,315 0	\$1,905,387 0	\$13,670,980 4,082,618	\$2,936,426 0	\$23,506,441 4,082,618
Restricted Assets:						
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	230,989	0	0	464,081	0	695,070
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agents	0	0	0	37,805	0	37,805
Investments with Fiscal and Escrow Agents	0	1,163,988	0	0	0	1,163,988
Receivables:	5.012.520	1 400 140	0	0	07.660	6510.556
Property Taxes	5,012,739	1,400,148	0	0	97,669	6,510,556
Intergovernmental	129,234	0	0	2,239,009	61,726	2,429,969
Accrued Interest	22,409	0	0	0	0	22,409
Materials and Supplies Inventory	10,778	0	0	0	9,611	20,389
Total Assets	\$8,966,482	\$3,997,451	\$1,905,387	\$20,494,493	\$3,105,432	\$38,469,245
Liabilities and Fund Balances Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	\$10,987	\$0	\$13,445	\$0	\$2,282	\$26,714
Accrued Wages and Benefits	1,358,002	0	0	0	233,426	1,591,428
Contracts Payable	0	0	0	1,300,035	0	1,300,035
Intergovernmental Payable	445,244	0	0	0	48,624	493,868
Matured Severance Payable	34,019	0	0	0	0	34,019
Retainage Payable	0	0	0	501,886	0	501,886
Deferred Revenue	4,795,277	1,299,874	0	2,239,009	105,467	8,439,627
Total Liabilities	6,643,529	1,299,874	13,445	4,040,930	389,799	12,387,577
Fund Balances						
Reserved for Encumbrances	284,282	0	248,384	10,221,314	618,306	11,372,286
Reserved for Property Taxes	347,773	100,274	0	0	7,202	455,249
Reserved for Budget Stabilization	85,496	0	0	0	0	85,496
Reserved for Bus Purchases Unreserved:	145,493	0	0	0	0	145,493
Designated for Budget Stabilization	225,802	0	0	0	0	225,802
Designated for Textbooks	905,351	0	0	0	0	905,351
Designated for Capital Maintenance Undesignated, Reported in:	45,508	0	0	0	0	45,508
General Fund	283,248	0	0	0	0	283,248
Special Revenue Funds	0	0	0	0	2,041,871	2,041,871
Debt Service Funds	0	2,597,303	0	0	0	2,597,303
Capital Projects Funds	0	0	1,643,558	6,232,249	48,254	7,924,061
Total Fund Balances	2,322,953	2,697,577	1,891,942	16,453,563	2,715,633	26,081,668
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$8,966,482	\$3,997,451	\$1,905,387	\$20,494,493	\$3,105,432	\$38,469,245

Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to Net Assets of Governmental Activities June 30, 2007

<b>Total Governmental Fund Balances</b>		\$26,081,668
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are deferred in the funds.		31,669,879
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current- period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds:		
Grants Property Taxes Interest	2,383,243 1,584,667 1,077	-
Total		3,968,987
Unamortized issuance costs represent deferred charges which do not provide current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		121,797
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net assets.		2,642,698
Long-term liabilities, and accrued interest payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
General Obligation Bonds - Serial/Term General Obligation Bonds - CAB Qualified Zone Academy Bonds Accretion of Interest Compensated Absences Vacation Benefits Payable Accrued Interest Payable	6,670,000 797,935 3,930,240 1,290,368 1,106,381 11,282 24,904	-
Total		(13,831,110)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities		\$50,653,919

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

		Debt	Permanent	Classroom	Other Governmental	Total Governmental
	General	Service	Improvement	Facilities	Funds	Funds
Revenues						
Property Taxes	\$3,812,583	\$1,028,284	\$0	\$0	\$77,252	\$4,918,119
Intergovernmental	9,918,336	182,754	0	16,848,346	5,044,536	31,993,972
Interest	515,404	86,137	0	412,239	52,509	1,066,289
Tuition and Fees	2,048,421	0	0	0	31,316	2,079,737
Extracurricular Activities	0	0	0	0	298,616	298,616
Rent	13,819	0	0	0	19,033	32,852
Contributions and Donations	4,421	0	75,000	0	57,427	136,848
Charges for Services	0	0	0	0	194,206	194,206
Miscellaneous	95,865	0	0	41,664	56,418	193,947
Total Revenues	16,408,849	1,297,175	75,000	17,302,249	5,831,313	40,914,586
Expenditures						
Current:						
Instruction:						
Regular	7,102,831	0	5,660	0	1,943,803	9,052,294
Special	2,219,595	0	0	0	761,383	2,980,978
Vocational	847,949	0	0	0	9,274	857,223
Support Services:						
Pupil	700,685	0	0	0	409,929	1,110,614
Instructional Staff	180,105	0	0	0	514,216	694,321
Board of Education	29,476	0	0	0	0	29,476
Administration	1,540,015	0	0	0	202,624	1,742,639
Fiscal	349,466	25,158	0	0	3,889	378,513
Business	189,102	0	0	0	23,510	212,612
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,166,609	0	0	0	70,164	2,236,773
Pupil Transportation	295,706	0	0	0	0	295,706
Central	10,345	0	0	0	8,351	18,696
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	4,736 0	0	0	0	632,964	637,700
Food Service Operations Extracurricular Activities	234,491	0	0	0	779,946 330,093	779,946
Capital Outlay	34,053	0	330,718	10,420,378	4,905	564,584 10,790,054
Debt Service:	34,033	O	330,718	10,420,378	4,903	10,790,034
Principal Retirement	0	720,000	0	0	1,167	721,167
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	369,022	0	0	848	369,870
incress and rised charges		307,022			040	302,070
Total Expenditures	15,905,164	1,114,180	336,378	10,420,378	5,697,066	33,473,166
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	503,685	182,995	(261,378)	6,881,871	134,247	7,441,420
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers In	0	121,620	500,000	0	480,008	1,101,628
Sale of Capital Assets	895	0	0	0	0	895
Transfers Out	(1,101,628)	0	0	0	0	(1,101,628)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,100,733)	121,620	500,000	0	480,008	895
Net Change in Fund Balances	(597,048)	304,615	238,622	6,881,871	614,255	7,442,315
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	2,920,001	2,392,962	1,653,320	9,571,692	2,101,378	18,639,353
Fund Balances End of Year	\$2,322,953	\$2,697,577	\$1,891,942	\$16,453,563	\$2,715,633	\$26,081,668

Reconciliation of the Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds		\$7,442,315
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital asset additions exceeded depreciation in the current period. Capital Outlay  Depreciation  Total	10,840,646 (863,655)	9,976,991
Revenue in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenue in the funds.  Property Taxes Grants Interest Total	42,802 (16,816,522) (9,073)	(16,782,793)
Repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.  General Obligation Bonds Capital Leases Total	720,000 1,167	721,167
Interest is reported as an expenditure when due in the governmental funds, but is accrued on outstanding debt on the statement of activities, and the accretion of interest of capital appreciation bonds is reported in the statement of activities.  Accrued Interest Accretion of Interest Total	5,724 (233,429)	(227,705)
Issuance costs are reported as an expenditure when paid in governmental funds, but are allocated as an expense over the life of the outstanding debt on the statement of activities.		(8,597)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:  Vacation Benefits Payable  Compensated Absences  Total	(126) 140	14
The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of health insurance to individual funds is not reported in the statement of activities. Governmental fund expenditures and the related internal service fund revenues are eliminated. The net revenue (expense) of the internal service fund are allocated among governmental activities.	_	504,585
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities		\$1,625,977

Steubenville City School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual
General Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$3,924,414	\$3,800,304	\$3,800,304	\$0
Intergovernmental	10,359,667	9,918,336	9,918,336	0
Interest	418,565	501,597	501,650	53
Tuition and Fees	1,810,890	2,048,421	2,048,421	0
Rent	16,856	21,319	21,319	0
Contributions and Donations	5,733	4,421	4,421	0
Miscellaneous	103,654	95,864	95,864	0
Total Revenues	16,639,779	16,390,262	16,390,315	53
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	7,302,015	7,457,905	7,177,652	280,253
Special	2,220,498	2,358,320	2,239,941	118,379
Vocational	776,557	882,836	846,417	36,419
Support Services:	((0.172	777 520	711 070	(5 (5)
Pupil Instructional Staff	660,172	777,530	711,878	65,652
Board of Education	176,532 74,261	214,218 80,938	181,464 27,685	32,754 53,253
Administration	1,420,432	1,660,657	1,524,320	136,337
Fiscal	401,375	400,219	366,400	33,819
Business	223,685	258,034	208,142	49,892
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,448,007	2,707,456	2,294,903	412,553
Pupil Transportation	446,579	390,119	302,304	87,815
Central	11,000	19,050	19,028	22
Extracurricular Activities	239,910	269,437	211,518	57,919
Capital Outlay	4,301	34,701	34,053	648
Total Expenditures	16,405,324	17,511,420	16,145,705	1,365,715
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	234,455	(1,121,158)	244,610	1,365,768
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Sale of Capital Assets	5,000	895	895	0
Transfers Out	(1,990,680)	(1,244,226)	(1,101,628)	142,598
Advances Out	(432,000)	(61,000)	0	61,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(2,417,680)	(1,304,331)	(1,100,733)	203,598
Net Change in Fund Balance	(2,183,225)	(2,425,489)	(856,123)	1,569,366
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	4,063,338	4,063,338	4,063,338	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	290,948	290,948	290,948	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$2,171,061	\$1,928,797	\$3,498,163	\$1,569,366

Statement of Fund Net Assets Proprietary Fund June 30, 2007

	Governmental Activity
	Internal Service Fund
Current Assets Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,886,752
Current Liabilities Claims Payable	244,054
Net Assets Unrestricted	\$2,642,698

# Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets Proprietary Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

Governmental Activity
Internal Service Fund
T unu
\$2,888,807
435,816
1,950,709
2,386,525
502,282
2,303
504,585
2,138,113
\$2,642,698

Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Governmental Activity Internal Service
	Fund
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	Φ <b>2</b> 000 00 <b>7</b>
Cash Received from Interfund Services Provided	\$2,888,807 (435,816)
Cash Payments for Claims	* ' '
Cash Payments for Claims	(1,999,778)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	453,213
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Interest	2,303
interest	2,303
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	2,303
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	455,516
Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year	2,431,236
Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year	\$2,886,752
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Operating Income	\$502,282
Decrease in Claims Payable	(49,069)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$453,213
See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements	

Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets Fiduciary Funds June 30, 2007

	Private Purpose	
	Trust Funds	Agency
Assets		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$253,453	\$47,510
Investments in Segregated Accounts	95,844	0
Total Assets	349,297	\$47,510
Liabilities		
Due to Students	0	\$47,510
Total Liabilities	0	\$47,510
Net Assets		
Held in Trust for Scholarships	349,297	
Total Net Assets	\$349,297	

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets Fiduciary Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Private Purpose Trust Funds	
Additions		
Contributions and Donations	\$58,500	
Interest	57,958	
Miscellaneous	1,698	
Total Additions	118,156	
Deductions		
Scholarships Awarded	94,125	
Net Change in Fund Balance	24,031	
Net Assets Beginning of Year	325,266	
Net Assets End of Year	\$349,297	

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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

Steubenville City School District (the "School District") is organized under Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The School District operates under a locally-elected board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four year terms. The School District provides educational services as authorized by State statute and federal guidelines.

The School District was established in 1838. The School District serves an area of approximately 8.56 square miles in the City of Steubenville. It is located in Jefferson County on the Ohio River, thirty-seven miles west of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It is staffed by 97 non-certificated employees, 178 certificated full-time teaching personnel, and 17 administrative employees who provide services to 2,291 students and other community members. The School District currently operates 5 elementary schools, 1 middle school and 1 high school for instruction, and 1 administrative building.

#### Reporting Entity:

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

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the School District is financially accountable. The School District is financially accountable for an organization if the School District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the School District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the School District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the School District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the School District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the School District in that the School District approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes.

No separate governmental units meet the criteria for inclusion as a component unit. The following activity is included within the reporting entity:

**Parochial Schools:** Within the School District boundaries, Holy Rosary, All Saints Consolidated and Catholic Central High School are operated through the Steubenville Diocese. Current State legislation provides funding to these parochial schools. These monies are received and disbursed on behalf of the parochial schools by the Treasurer of the School District, as directed by the parochial schools. This activity is reflected as a governmental activity and as part of the nonmajor governmental funds for financial reporting purposes.

The School District is involved with the Jefferson County Joint Vocational School, the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency (OME-RESA), the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS), and the East Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center (ECOSERRC) which are defined as jointly governed organizations, and the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan which is defined as an insurance purchasing pool. These organizations are presented in Notes 16 and 17 to the financial statements.

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

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### A. Basis of Presentation

The School District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide 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 School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements usually distinguish between those activities of the School District that are governmental (primarily supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues) and those that are considered business-type activities (primarily supported by fees and charges). The School District, however; has no business-type activities. The activity of the internal service fund is eliminated to avoid "doubling up" revenues and expenses.

The statement of net assets presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the School District at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the School District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include 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 and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the School District. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School District.

Fund Financial Statements During the year, the School District segregates transactions related to certain School 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 School District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. The internal service fund is presented in a single column on the face of the proprietary fund statements. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

#### **B. Fund Accounting**

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

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

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

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

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

**Permanent Improvement Fund** - The Permanent Improvement Fund is used to account for donations and general fund transfers which are used to finance various capital projects in the School District.

*Classroom Facilities Fund* - The Classroom Facilities Fund is used to account for the local and state share of a school facilities project through the Ohio School Facilities Commission. The local share of the project is funded through qualified zone academy bond proceeds.

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

**Proprietary Fund Type** Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position and cash flows. Proprietary funds are classified as enterprise or internal service. The School district has no enterprise funds.

Internal Service Fund The internal service fund accounts for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the School District on a cost reimbursement basis. The School District's only internal service fund accounts for the operation of the School District's self-insurance program for employee medical, prescription drug and dental claims.

Fiduciary Fund Type 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. The School District's fiduciary funds include private-purpose trust and agency funds. Private-purpose trust funds are used to account for assets held by the School District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the School District's own programs. The School District has a private purpose trust which accounts for various college scholarships for students. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The School District's agency fund accounts for student activities.

#### C. Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the School District are included on the Statement of Net Assets. The statement of activities presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in the total net assets.

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

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

Like the government-wide statements, all proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of changes in fund net assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activity.

The private purpose trust fund is reported using the economic resources measurement focus.

#### **D.** Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary and fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

**Revenues - Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions** Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the School District, available means expected to be received within 60 days of fiscal year-end.

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

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

**Deferred Revenue** Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

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

Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2007, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2008 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as deferred revenue.

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

Expenses/Expenditures On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds.

#### E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

During fiscal year 2007, investments were limited to mutual funds, common stock, preferred stock, non-negotiable certificates of deposit, Federal Home Loan Bank Notes, money market mutual funds, and STAR Ohio.

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

Investments in common stock, preferred stock, and Federal Home Loan Bank Notes are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices. Mutual funds and money market mutual funds are reported at current share value. Certificates of deposit are reported at cost.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2007 amounted to \$515,404, which includes \$421,425, assigned from other School District funds.

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School District are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

#### F. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted assets when limitations on their use change the normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted assets in governmental funds represent unexpended revenues restricted for the purchase of buses, amounts in a debt service escrow account restricted by debt covenants for future debt service payments, amounts in classroom facilities accounts restricted for the payment of retainage and

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

amounts required by State Statute to be set-aside by the School District for budget stabilization. See Note 18 for additional information regarding set-asides.

#### **G.** Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2007, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

#### **H.** Inventory

Inventories are presented at cost on a first-in, first-out basis and are expended/expensed when used. Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption and purchased and donated food held for resale.

#### **I.** Capital Assets

The only capital assets of the School District are general capital assets. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The School District was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of assets by backtrending (i.e., estimating current replacement cost of the asset to be capitalized and using an appropriate price-level index to deflate the cost to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year). Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The School District maintains a capitalization threshold of five thousand dollars. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

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

Description	Estimated Lives
Land	N/A
<b>Buildings and Improvements</b>	20 - 50 Years
Furniture and Equipment	5-20 Years
Vehicles	8 Years

#### J. Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." These amounts are eliminated on the statement of net assets.

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#### **K.** Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The School District records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time when earned for vacation eligible employees with more than one year of service.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent it is probable that benefits will result in termination payments. The liability is an estimate based on the School District's past experience of making termination payments.

The entire sick leave benefit liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

On the government fund financial statements, sick leave benefits are recognized as liabilities and expenditures as payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the account "matured severance payable" in the fund from which the employee will be paid.

#### L. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

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

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

#### M. Bond Discounts, Premiums, and Issuance Costs

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are recorded as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

Bond discounts on the capital appreciation bonds are deferred and accreted over the term of the bonds.

Any difference (gain/loss) on refunding is allocated over the life of the old debt or the new debt whichever is shorter.

On the governmental fund financial statements, issuance costs, bond premiums, and bond discounts are recognized in the current period. The face amount of the debt issue is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources, while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

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#### **N. Interfund Activity**

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

#### O. Fund Balance Reserves/Designations

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

The reserve for property taxes represents taxes recognized as revenue under generally accepted accounting principles but not available for appropriations under State Statute. The reserve for budget stabilization represents money required to be set-aside by statute to protect against cyclical changes in revenues and expenditures. The reserve for bus purchases is for State grant funds required to be utilized for the purchase of school buses.

Fund balance designations may be established to indicate tentative planned expenditures of financial resources. The designations reflect the Board's plans, although they may be subject to change. Designations are reported as part of unreserved fund balance. The School District reports a fund balance designation on the balance sheet for additional money set-aside by the Board of Education above the required reserve for budget stabilization, the purchase of textbooks, and capital expenditures.

#### P. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the School District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Net assets restricted for other purposes include resources from local sources restricted for specified purposes. The government-wide statement of net assets reports \$22,557,661 of restricted net assets. Of the restricted net assets, none has resulted from enabling legislation.

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

#### **Q.** Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary fund. For the School District, these revenues are charges for services for self-insurance programs. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or service that is the primary activity of the fund. Revenues and expenses not meeting this determination are reported as non-operating.

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#### R. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

#### S. Estimates

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

#### T. Budgetary Data

All funds, other than agency funds, 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 set 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 for all funds of the School District. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education. The treasurer is given the authority to further allocate fund appropriations within all funds. Advances in/out are not required to be budgeted since they represent a temporary cash flow resource and are intended to be repaid.

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

Prior to year end, the appropriation resolution is subject to amendment by the Board throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations may not exceed estimated revenues. 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 fiscal year.

#### **NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

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

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).

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- 2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
- 3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (GAAP basis).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP and budgetary basis statements for the General Fund.

#### Net Change in Fund Balance

	General
GAAP Basis	(\$597,048)
Revenue Accruals	(18,534)
Expenditure Accruals	52,618
Encumbrances	(293,159)
Budget Basis	(\$856,123)

#### **NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

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

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

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

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

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

- 1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing

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Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;

- 3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above;
- 4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
- 5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
- 6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2);
- 7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).
- 8. Commercial paper and bankers acceptances if training requirements have been met.

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. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

#### **Deposits**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the School District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, \$21,155,564 of the School District's bank balance of \$21,593,369 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, non-compliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the School District to a successful claim by FDIC.

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

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#### **Investments**

As of June 30, 2007, the School District had the following investments; Star Ohio which is part of the internal investment pool, a Money Market Mutual Fund held in a segregated account that is restricted for construction, a Federal Home Loan Bank Note and a Money Market Mutual Fund that are held by a Fiscal Agent in an Escrow Account for future Debt Service, and mutual funds and stock that are donated assets which are held for the private purpose trust fund:

	Fair Value	Maturity	Percent of Total Investments	Rating	Rating Agency
Mutual Funds	\$1,713	**	0.01%	AAA	Fitch
Mutual Funds	12,449	**	0.10%	BBB	Fitch
Common Stock	17,165	N/A	0.14%	N/A	N/A
Common Stock	1,410	N/A	0.01%	N/A	N/A
Preferred Stock	50,123	N/A	0.42%	Baa1	S&P
Common Stock	10,098	N/A	0.08%	N/A	N/A
Common Stock	2,886	N/A	0.02%	N/A	N/A
Money Market Mutual Funds	4,083,483	**	34.02%	Aaa	Moody's
FHLB Note	1,163,123	8/15/2007 ^	9.69%	Aaa	Moody's
STAR Ohio	6,661,568	38.56 Days	55.51%	AAAm	S&P
Totals	\$12,004,018	:	100.00%		

<sup>\*\*</sup> Not available to the School District at June 30, 2007.

Interest Rate Risk. The School District's investment policy addresses interest rate risk to the extent that it allows the Treasurer to invest funds to a maximum maturity of five years, and allows for the withdrawal of funds from approved public depositories or sale of negotiable instruments prior to maturity. State statute requires that an investment mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School District, and that an investment must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Credit Risk. The credit ratings for the School District's securities are listed above. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service and that the money market mutual fund be rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The School District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. The investments in mutual funds and common stock are donated investments, and were not purchased by the School District.

Custodial Credit Risk. For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Federal Home Loan Bank Note is exposed to custodial credit risk as it is uninsured, unregistered, and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the School District's name. The School District has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in state statute that prohibits payment for

<sup>^ =</sup> See Subsequent Event Note 20.

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investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee.

Concentration of Credit Risk. The School District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. The percentage of total investments is listed in the table above.

#### **NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES**

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible personal property (used in business) located in the school district. Real property tax revenue received in calendar 2007 represents collections of calendar year 2006 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2007 were levied after April 1, 2006, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2006, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State Statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar 2007 represents collections of calendar year 2006 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2007 became a lien December 31, 2005, were levied after April 1, 2006 and are collected in 2007 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at thirty-five percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

Tangible personal property tax revenue received during calendar 2007 (other than public utility property tax) represents the collection of 2007 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2007 were levied after April 1, 2006, on the value listed as of December 31, 2006. In prior years, tangible personal property was assessed at twenty-five percent of true value for capital assets and twenty-three percent of true value for inventory. The tangible personal property tax is being phased out – the assessment percentage for all property including inventory for 2007 is 12.5 percent. This will be reduced to 6.5 percent for 2008, and zero for 2009. Payments by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20. Tangible personal property taxes paid by April 30 are usually received by the School District prior to June 30.

The School District receives property taxes from Jefferson County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2007, are available to finance fiscal year 2007 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and tangible personal property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2007 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is reported as revenue at fiscal year end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred revenue.

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The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2007 was \$347,773 in the general fund, \$100,274 in the debt service fund, and \$7,202 in the classroom facilities. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2006, was \$335,494 in the general fund, \$99,293 in the debt service fund, and \$7,906 in the classroom facilities special revenue fund.

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

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

	2006 Second		2007 First	
	Half Colle	ctions	Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Real Estate	\$143,516,960	79.21%	\$157,938,740	83.32%
Public Utility Personal	11,247,810	6.21%	10,923,340	5.76%
General Business Property	26,417,473	14.58%	20,691,469	10.92%
	\$181,182,243	100.00%	\$189,553,549	100.00%
Tax Rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation		\$35.35		\$35.35

#### **NOTE 6 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at June 30, 2007, consisted of property taxes and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds. Delinquent property taxes deemed collectible by the County Auditor and recorded as a receivable in the amount of \$1,584,667 may not be collected within one year. All other receivables with the exception of the Ohio School Facilities Commission receivable, which is a multiple year project, are expected to be collected within one year. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	Amounts
Governmental Activities	
Ohio School Facilities Receivable	\$2,239,009
Excess Cost Reimbursement	129,234
Idea Part B	15,000
Ohio C.O.R.E. Grant	46,726
Total	\$2,429,969

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#### **NOTE 7 – TRANSFERS**

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2007 consisted of the following:

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	Majo	r Funds	Other	
	Debt	Permanent	Non Major	
Transfer from	Service	Improvement	Governmental	Total
General Fund	\$121,620	\$500,000	\$480,008	\$1,101,628

Transfers were used to move receipts from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund for the annual debt service sinking payment to the QZAB escrow account. See the long term debt Note for further details. Transfers were used to move receipts from the General Fund to the Permanent Improvement Capital Projects Fund to finance future permanent improvements. In addition, the General Fund made transfers to School Facilities Local Fund initiatives for projects not covered by school facilities dollars.

#### **NOTE 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2007, was as follows:

	Balance 6/30/06	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/07
Nondepreciable Capital Assets:				
Land	\$5,905,900	\$299,976	\$0	\$6,205,876
Construction in Progress	822,497	10,252,199	0	11,074,696
Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets	6,728,397	10,552,175	0	17,280,572
Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Land Improvements	1,983,522	87,583		2,071,105
Buildings and Improvements	20,689,639	0	0	20,689,639
Furniture and Equipment	1,905,083	200,888	0	2,105,971
Vehicles	1,076,593	0	(80,516)	996,077
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	25,654,837	288,471	(80,516)	25,862,792
Accumulated Depreciation:				
Land Improvements	(1,016,394)	(88,966)	0	(1,105,360)
Buildings and Improvements	(7,848,479)	(535,805)	0	(8,384,284)
Furniture and Equipment	(941,600)	(187,727)	0	(1,129,327)
Vehicles	(883,873)	(51,157)	80,516	(854,514)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(10,690,346)	(863,655)	80,516	(11,473,485)
Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	14,964,491	(575,184)	0	14,389,307
Governmental Capital Assets, Net	\$21,692,888	\$9,976,991	\$0	\$31,669,879

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Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Instruction:	
Regular	\$385,561
Special	109,842
Vocational	59,719
Support Services:	
Pupil	16,074
Instructional Staff	48,291
Board of Education	424
Administration	77,008
Fiscal	7,368
Operation of Maintenance and Plant	27,630
Pupil Transportation	41,938
Extracurricular	57,711
Non Instructional Services	12,814
Food Service Operations	19,275
Total Depreciation Expense	\$863,655

#### **NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The School 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. The School District contracts with McBane Insurance Agency for general liability, errors and omissions, property, and fleet insurance. The general liability coverage has limits of liability of \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and an annual aggregate of \$2,000,000. The errors and omissions coverage has limits of liability of \$1,000,000 for each wrongful act with an annual aggregate of \$1,000,000. The property coverage carries a \$2,500 deductible with total coverage of \$54,560,328. The fleet coverage has limits of liability of \$1,000,000 for each accident and \$2,000 medical payments for each accident.

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

Medical/surgical, prescription drug and dental insurance is offered to employees through a self-insurance internal service fund. The School District contracts with Medical Mutual of Ohio to provide third-party administration services of the self insurance plan. Employees have a choice to participate in a traditional plan or a preferred provider plan. The Board pays 100 percent of the premiums which are \$1,515.46 per family and \$560.74 for single for the traditional plan, or \$1,414.19 for family and \$524.56 for single coverage for the preferred provider plan per month. The premium is paid from the fund that pays the salary of the covered employee.

The claims liability of \$244,054 reported in the internal service fund at June 30, 2007 is based on an estimate provided by the third party administrator and the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 30 which requires that a liability for unpaid claim costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. The estimate was not affected by incremental claim adjustment expenses and does not include other allocated or unallocated claim adjustment expenses.

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Changes in claims activity for the past two fiscal years are as follows:

	Balance at	Current Year	Claim	Balance at End
	Beginning of Year	Claims	Payments	of Year
2006	\$265,677	\$2,222,390	\$2,194,944	\$293,123
2007	293,123	1,950,709	1,999,778	244,054

For fiscal year 2007 the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 17). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Gates McDonald & Co. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

#### **NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

#### A. School Employee Retirement System

The School District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3476 or calling (614) 222-5853.

Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current School District rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the School 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 the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to a statutory maximum amount, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007, 2006, and 2005 were \$183,846, \$202,902, and \$202,912, respectively; 42.90 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2007 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2006 and 2005.

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#### **B.** State Teachers Retirement System

The School District participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3371, by calling (614) 227-4090, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at <a href="https://www.strsoh.org">www.strsoh.org</a>.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on member contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds times an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the Defined Benefit Plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan. Existing members with less than five years of service credit as of June 30, 2001, were given the option of making a one time irrevocable decision to transfer their account balances from the existing DB Plan into the DC Plan or the Combined Plan. This option expired on December 31, 2001. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The School District was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2006, the portion used to fund pension obligations was also 13 percent. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to the DB Plan for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007, 2006, and 2005 were \$1,304,265, \$1,261,267, and \$1,252,746 respectively; 82.10 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2007 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2006 and 2005. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2007 were \$1,645 made by the School District and \$8,653 made by the plan members.

#### C. Social Security System

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

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#### NOTE 11 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The School 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.

All STRS Ohio retirees who participated in the DB or combined plans and their dependents are eligible for health care coverage. The STRS Ohio Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care cost will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS Ohio funds is included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, the STRS Board allocated employer contributions equal to one percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. For the School District, this amount equaled \$98,579 for fiscal year 2007.

STRS Ohio pays health care benefits from the Health Care Stabilization Fund. At June 30, 2006, (the latest information available) the balance in the Fund was \$3.5 billion. 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 fiscal years of qualifying service credit, and to disability and survivor benefit recipients. All retirees and beneficiaries are required to pay a portion of their premium for health care. The portion is based on years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

After the allocation for basic benefits, the remainder of the employer's 14 percent contribution is allocated to providing health care benefits. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 3.32 percent of covered payroll, compared to 3.42 percent from fiscal year 2006. 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 was established at \$35,800. However, the surcharge is capped at two percent of each employer's SERS salaries. For the School District, the amount contributed to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge, during the 2007 fiscal year equaled \$83,552.

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 available) were \$158,751,207. At June 30, 2006, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$295.6 million. SERS has 59,492 participants receiving health care benefits.

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#### **NOTE 12 - OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

#### A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn ten to twenty days of vacation per fiscal year, depending upon length of service. Current policy permits vacation leave to be accumulated up to one year. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers and administrators who work less than 260 days do not earn vacation time. Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 220 days for all employees. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of accrued, but unused sick leave credit to a maximum of 55 days for all employees.

#### **B.** Other Insurance Benefits

The School District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through Medical Life in the amount of \$25,000 per employee.

#### NOTE 13 - CAPITAL LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

In prior years, the School District has entered into capitalized leases for copying equipment. These leases were fully repaid during fiscal year 2007.

The leases meet the criteria of a capital lease as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13, "Accounting for Leases," which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee.

Equipment acquired by lease has been capitalized in government wide statements governmental activities in the amount of \$14,065, which is equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. A corresponding liability was recorded in the government wide statements governmental activities. Assets acquired by governmental activities through capitalized leases are reported net of accumulated depreciation and were fully depreciated at June 30, 2007. Final principal payments in fiscal year 2007 totaled \$1,167 in the governmental funds.

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#### NOTE 14 – CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENT

As of June 30, 2007, the School District had contractual purchase commitments for the school facilities project. The amounts are as follows:

Contractor	Fund	Purchase Commitments	Amounts Paid as of June 30, 2007	Amounts Remaining on Contracts
CAPITALIZED CONTRACTS:				
High School:	OSEC (010)	\$2.957.416	\$444,793	\$2.412.622
Climatech, Inc - HVAC	OSFC (010) OSFC (010)	\$2,857,416	\$444,793 679,029	\$2,412,623
Ricciuitti, Balog, & Assoc Architect		881,856	,	202,827
Conti Corporation - Plumbing / Electrical	OSFC (010)	2,537,500	624,484	1,913,016
Desalvo Construction - General Trades	OSFC (010)	3,210,000	87,695	3,122,305
Flag Floors - Flooring	OSFC (010)	139,800	5,187	134,613
S.A. Comunale Co Fire Protection	OSFC (010)	326,500	64,464	262,036
East Elementary School:	0.070 (0.10)	0.40.000	50 <b>=</b> 445	474 - 40
ACJ Electrict - Electrical	OSFC (010)	842,089	687,446	154,643
Ricciuitti, Balog, & Assoc Architect	OSFC (010)	363,541	323,551	39,990
Flag Floors - Flooring	OSFC (010)	91,768	48,053	43,715
Kreidler Construction	OSFC (010)	2,887,564	2,261,299	626,265
Mansuetto - Roofing	OSFC (010)	231,051	224,476	6,575
Prout - Fire Protection, Plumbing, HVAC	OSFC (010)	1,287,525	1,040,575	246,950
West Elementary School:				
ACJ Electrict - Electrical	OSFC (010)	862,700	137,644	725,056
Ricciuitti, Balog, & Assoc Architect	OSFC (010)	385,299	300,533	84,766
DeGol Carpet - Flooring	OSFC (010)	152,776	0	152,776
Desalvo Construction - General Trades	OSFC (010)	3,998,172	1,236,667	2,761,505
Kalkreuth Roofing - Roofing	OSFC (010)	284,000	355	283,645
Komar Plumbing	OSFC (010)	318,000	171,325	146,675
Prout Boiler, Heating - HVAC	OSFC (010)	903,320	77,005	826,315
Fire Protection S.A. Communale	OSFC (010)	79,727	11,600	68,127
Combined:				
PCS - Construction Manager	OFSC (010)	1,454,824	687,264	767,560
Microman, Inc Video Distriution	OFSC (010)	317,998	14,332	303,666
Southeast Security - Access Control	OFSC (010)	282,440	34,348	248,092
Stanley Security Solutions - Clock System	OFSC (010)	317,000	0	317,000
Cabling/Data Network/Telephone	OFSC (010)	830,335	253,944	576,391
Miscellaneous Project Expense	OFSC (010)	168,085	168,085	0
Total		\$26,011,286	\$9,584,154	\$16,427,132

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

#### **NOTE 15 - LONG - TERM OBLIGATIONS**

The changes in the School District's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2007 were as follows:

	Principal			Principal	Amounts
	Outstanding			Outstanding	Due In
	6/30/06	Additions	Deductions	6/30/07	One Year
1993 High School Addition					
and Improvements, Series A					
Serial Bonds, \$951,384 @ 5.95%	\$640,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$605,000	\$40,000
1998 Refunding Bonds, \$10,515,000					
Serial/Term Bonds, \$8,130,000 @ 3.5%-5.25%	4,360,000	0	550,000	3,810,000	575,000
Capital Appreciation Bonds, \$512,935 @ 4.4%-4.55%	512,935	0	0	512,935	0
Accretion of Interest, \$1,872,065 @ 13.70-13.75%	921,624	203,147	0	1,124,771	0
2000 School Facilities Bonds, \$3,640,000					
Serial/Term Bonds, \$2,960,000 @ 4.4%-5.6%	2,390,000	0	135,000	2,255,000	140,000
Capital Appreciation Bonds, \$285,000 @ 5.25%-5.5%	285,000	0	0	285,000	0
Accretion of Interest, \$395,000 @ 7.022%-7.185%	135,315	30,282	0	165,597	0
2005 Qualified Zone Academy Bonds, \$3,930,240 @ 0%	3,930,240	0	0	3,930,240	0
Total Bonds	13,175,114	233,429	720,000	12,688,543	755,000
Capital Leases	1,167	0	1,167	0	0
Compensated Absences	1,106,521	182,206	182,346	1,106,381	81,118
Total General Long-Term Obligations	\$14,282,802	\$415,635	\$903,513	\$13,794,924	\$836,118

Compensated absences will be paid from the general, food service, miscellaneous state grants, and miscellaneous federal grants funds.

1993 Steubenville High School Addition and Improvement General Obligation Bonds - On January 1, 1993, the Steubenville City School District issued \$951,384 in Series A voted general obligation bonds, and \$9,698,616 in Series B voted general obligation bonds for the purpose of an addition and improvements to the high school building. The bonds were issued for a twenty-five year period with final maturity at December 1, 2017. The Series B bonds were refunded in 1998, while the Series A bonds remain outstanding.

1998 Refunding General Obligation Bonds - On September 30, 1998, the School District issued \$10,515,000 in general obligation bonds. The bonds refunded \$8,643,616 of outstanding 1993 Series B School Improvement General Obligation Bonds. The bonds were issued for a 23 year period with final maturity at December 1, 2022. Principal and accretion outstanding at June 30, 2007 amounted to \$5,447,706, including current year accretion of \$203,147. \$9,653,900 (including premium and after underwriting fees, and other issuance costs) was deposited in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the refunded 1993 Series B School Improvement Bonds. As of June 30, 2007 \$400,000 of the refunded bonds remain outstanding and are considered defeased.

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The 1998 bond issue consists of serial, term, and capital appreciation bonds. The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2016 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at 100 percent of the principal amount to be redeemed plus accrued interest to the date of redemption on December 1 in the years and in the respective principal amounts as follows:

	Principal Amount
Date	to be Redeemed
2012	\$600,000
2013	625,000
2014	660,000
2015	695,000

The remaining principal amount of such Current Interest Bonds (\$655,000) will mature at stated maturity on December 1, 2016.

The capital appreciation bonds for the 1998 issue mature December 1, 2008 through December 1, 2011. These bonds were purchased at a substantial discount at the time of issuance. At maturity all compounded interest is paid and the bond holder receives the face value of the bond. As the value of the bond increases, the accretion is reflected as principal liability. The maturity amount of the bonds is \$2,385,000. For fiscal year 2007, \$203,147 was accreted for a total bond liability of \$1,637,706.

2000 School Facilities General Obligation Bonds - On November 1, 2000, the School District issued \$3,640,000 in voted general obligation bonds which included capital appreciation bonds (deep discount bonds) to pay the local share of the school construction under the State of Ohio Classroom Facilities Assistance Program. The bonds were issued for a twenty-three year period with a final maturity at December 1, 2023. Principal and accretion outstanding at June 30, 2007 amounted to \$2,705,597 including current year accretion of \$30,282.

In connection with the passage of the bond issue, the School District also passed a half-mill levy for the maintenance of the new building.

The 2000 bond issue consists of serial, term, and capital appreciation bonds. The term bonds that mature December 1, 2015 through December 1, 2022 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. The mandatory sinking fund redemption is to occur on December 1, 2015 through December 1, 2022 as follows:

	Principal Amount		
Date	to be Redeemed		
2015	\$170,000		
2016	180,000		
2017	190,000		
2018	200,000		
2019	210,000		
2020	220,000		
2021	235,000		
2022	250,000		
	\$1,655,000		

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The capital appreciation bonds for the 2000 issue mature December 1, 2011 through December 1, 2014. These bonds were purchased at a substantial discount at the time of issuance. At maturity all compounded interest is paid and the bond holder receives the face value of the bond. As the value of the bond increases, the accretion is reflected as principal liability. The maturity amount of the bonds is \$680,000. For fiscal year 2007, \$30,282 was accreted for a total bond liability of \$450,597.

2005 Qualified Zone Academy Bonds – On August 21, 2005, the School District issued \$3,930,240 qualified zone academy bonds (QZAB), in accordance with Section 226 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-34), for use as the School District's local share of renovations to the High School and Garfield Elementary School through the Ohio School Facilities Commission. The QZAB matures in 2021, with the entire principal balance coming due at maturity. The QZAB does not bear interest. To satisfy escrow requirements of the program, the School District placed \$1.0 million in a debt service sinking escrow account for future payment of the bonds with US Bank, the fiscal agent. The escrow account will be invested with all of the proceeds to be used for the final payoff of the bonds in 2021. Along with the investment earnings of the escrow account, the School District is required to place \$120,810, annually into the debt service sinking escrow account that will be used for the final bond repayment in 2021. The value of the escrow account is recorded as restricted investments with fiscal and escrow agents in the debt service fund.

Annual requirements to retire general obligation debt, including loans outstanding at June 30, 2007 are as follows:

Principal and interest requirements to retire the 1993 High School Addition and Improvements 5.95% Series A Bonds outstanding at June 30, 2007 are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Dain sin si	T	T-4-1
Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2008	\$40,000	\$36,562	\$76,562
2009	40,000	34,062	74,062
2010	45,000	31,406	76,406
2011	45,000	28,594	73,594
2012	50,000	25,625	75,625
2013-2017	310,000	74,065	384,065
2018	75,000	2,344	77,344
Total	\$605,000	\$232,658	\$837,658

Principal and interest requirements to retire the 1998 Refunding Variable Interest Bonds outstanding at June 30, 2007, including accreted interest of \$1,872,065 are as follows:

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Fiscal Year				
Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total	
2008	\$575,000	\$181,913	\$756,913	
2009	154,623	610,215	764,838	
2010	135,428	629,410	764,838	
2011	119,622	650,216	769,838	
2012	103,262	661,576	764,838	
2013-2017	3,235,000	434,047	3,669,047	
Total	\$4,322,935	\$3,167,377	\$7,490,312	

Principal and interest requirements to retire the 2000 Classroom Facilities Variable Interest Bonds outstanding at June 30, 2007, including accreted interest of \$395,000 are as follows:

Fiscal Year		Accretion /	
Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2008	\$140,000	\$118,288	\$258,288
2009	145,000	111,518	256,518
2010	155,000	104,279	259,279
2011	160,000	96,600	256,600
2012	77,960	184,720	262,680
2013-2017	557,040	747,040	1,304,080
2018-2022	1,055,000	223,860	1,278,860
2023	250,000	7,000	257,000
Total	\$2,540,000	\$1,593,305	\$4,133,305

The School District's overall legal debt margin was \$10,145,943, with an unvoted debt margin of \$165,737, at June 30, 2007.

#### **NOTE 16 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS**

Jefferson County Joint Vocational School – The Jefferson County Joint Vocational School is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the seven participating school district's elected boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. During fiscal year 2006, the School District made no contributions to the Vocational School District. To obtain financial information write to the Jefferson County Joint Vocational School, Treasurer, at 1509 County Highway 22A, Bloomingdale, Ohio 43910.

Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency - The Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency (OME-RESA) was created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State statutes. OME-RESA has twelve participating counties consisting of Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana,

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Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum, Monroe, Noble, and Tuscarawas Counties. OME-RESA operates under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the participating school district's elected boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. OME-RESA provides financial accounting services, educational management information, and cooperative purchasing services to member districts. During fiscal year 2007, the total amount paid to OME-RESA from the School District was \$34,061 for services provided. The Jefferson County Educational Service Center serves as the fiscal agent and receives funding from the State Department of Education. To obtain financial information write to Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency, Treasurer, at 2023 Sunset Blvd., Steubenville, Ohio 43952.

Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS) - The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools is a jointly governed organization including over 100 school districts in southeastern Ohio. The Coalition is operated by a Board which is comprised of fourteen members. The board members are comprised of one superintendent from each county elected by the school districts within that county. The Council provides various in-service for school district administrative personnel; gathers data regarding conditions of education in the region; cooperates with other professional groups to assess and develop programs designed to meet the needs of member districts; and provides staff development programs for school district personnel. The Council is not dependent on the continued participation of the School District and the School District does not maintain an equity interest in or financial responsibility for the Council. The School District's membership fee was \$300 for fiscal year 2007.

East Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center (ECOSERRC) – The East Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center is a not-for-profit Council of Governments of various school districts and other organizations in east central Ohio. The ECOSERRC participates in services that assist the participants in complying with mandates of Public Law 101-476 and Public Law 99-457 for educating children with disabilities. There is no financial commitment made by the School District and the ECOSERRC is not financially dependent upon the continued participation of the School District. The School District does not maintain an equity interest in or financial responsibility for the ECOSERRC.

#### **NOTE 17 – PUBLIC ENTITY POOL**

#### **Insurance Purchasing Pool**

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan – The School District participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The GRP'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 an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

#### NOTE 18 - SET-ASIDE CALCULATIONS AND FUND RESERVES

The School District is required by State statute to annually set aside, in the General Fund, an amount based on a statutory formula for the purchase of textbooks and other instructional materials and an equal amount for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by year end or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at year end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future years.

Effective April 10, 2001, through Amended Substitute Senate Bill 345, the requirement for school districts to establish and appropriate money for the budget stabilization was deleted from law. A school

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

district may still establish reserve balance accounts consistent with Section 5705.13, Revised Code, if it so chooses; however, the requirement is no longer mandatory. In addition, any money on hand in a school district's budget reserve set-aside as of April 10, 2001, may at the discretion of the board be returned to the District's general fund or may be left in the account and used by the board to offset any budget deficit the district may experience in future years. The bill placed special conditions on any Bureau of Workers' Compensation monies remaining in the budget reserve.

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

		Capital	Budget
	Textbooks	Improvements	Stabilization
Set-aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2007	\$0	\$0	\$85,496
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	290,333	290,333	0
Current Year Offsets	0	(77,956)	0
Qualifying Transfers	0	(500,000)	0
Qualifying Disbursements	(303,537)	(284,874)	0
Totals	(\$13,204)	(\$572,497)	\$85,496
Allowable Carry Forward for Fiscal Year 2007	(13,204)	(30,403)	0
Allowable Carry Forward at June 30, 2006	(336,981)	(3,577,563)	0
Set-aside Balance Carried Forward to			
Future Fiscal Years	(\$350,185)	(\$3,607,966)	\$0
Set-aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2007	\$0	\$0	\$85,496

The School District had qualifying disbursements from the current and prior fiscal years that reduced the textbook set-aside amount below zero. This extra amount may be used to reduce the set-aside requirement of future years. The School District had offsets, transfers, and qualifying disbursements during the fiscal year that reduced the set-aside amount to below zero for the capital acquisition set-aside. The District also had current year and prior year capital expenditures from debt proceeds in connection with a school facilities project that may be carried forward to offset future set-aside requirements.

#### **NOTE 19 – CONTINGENCIES**

#### A. Grants

The School 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 are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2007.

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#### **B.** Litigation

The School District is currently not party to legal proceedings.

#### **NOTE 20 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

<u>Investments:</u> On August 15, 2007, the \$1,163,123 Federal Home Loan Bank Note held by the School District matured. The School District subsequently purchased a Federal National Mortgage Association Note with a par value of \$1,318,000 at 98.65% for \$1,300,252, which has a maturity date of February 15, 2008, and carries a credit rating of Aaa.

<u>2006 Qualified Zone Academy Bonds</u>: The School District made the required annual debt service sinking escrow payment that deposited in the Debt Service Escrow account in the amount of \$120,810 on July 2, 2007.

#### 2007 Qualified Zone Academy Bonds:

In order to meet the locally funded portion of the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program for renovations of the high school theater/auditorium, the School District issued \$700,000 of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs) on August 16, 2007.

As part of the issuance of the QZABs, the District transferred \$175,000 to an escrow account held at US Bank that will be restricted for future debt service. The \$175,000 transfer occurred on August 16, 2007. The District also paid \$28,000 in issuance costs on August 22, 2007.

## STEUBENVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT JEFFERSON COUNTY

## FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE JUNE 30, 2007

Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor Program Title	Pass-Through Entity No.	Federal CFDA No.	Receipts	Non-Cash Receipts	Expenditures	Non-Cash Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:  Nutrition Cluster:						
National School Breakfast	02-PU-02	10.553	\$152,394		\$152,394	
National School Lunch Program	04-PU-02	10.555	432,909		432,909	
Total Nutrition Cluster			585,303		585,303	
Food Distribution Program	03-PU-02	10.550		\$19,552		\$19,552
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			585,303	19,552	585,303	19,552
U.S. Department of Education  Passed Through Ohio Department of Education: Impact Aid		84.041	7,390			
			7,390		0	
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies (ESEA Title I)	C1-S1-2006 C1-S1-2007	84.010	954,202		714 929,198	
Title I D Delinquent	C1-SD-2006 C1-SD-2007		27,395		79 27,395	
Total Title I - Grants to Local Education Agencies			981,597		957,386	
Special Education Cluster:						
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA Part B)	6B-SF-2006 6B-SF-2007	84.027	706,160		4,248 689,623	
Special Education - Preschool Grant Parent Mentor	PG-S1-2007 FY 06	84.173	32,725		34,725 91	
Total Special Education Cluster			738,885		728,687	
Even Start Program	EV-S1-2006	84.213			415	
Total Even Start Program			0		415	
Innovative Education Program Strategies	C2-S1-2007	84.298	5,089		4,867	
Total Innovative Education Program			5,089		4,867	
Title II-A Improving Tchr Quality Program	TR-S1-2006 TR-S1-2007	84.367	15,380 233,950		15,380 228,515	
Total Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality Program			249,330		243,895	
Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities - State Grants	DR-S1-2007	84.186	19,902		19,494	
Total Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities - State Grants			19,902		19,494	
Education Technology State Grants Title II-D	TJ-S1-2007	84.318	9,927		9,927	
Total Education Technology State Grants Title II-D			9,927		9,927	
Total Department of Education			2,012,120		1,964,671	
Total Federal Awards			\$2,597,423	\$19,552	\$2,549,974	\$19,552

See the notes to the Federal Awards Expenditures schedule.

### STEUBENVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT JEFFERSON COUNTY

## NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES JUNE 30, 2007

#### A. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### **B.** 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.

#### C. FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Non monetary assistance, such as food received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is reported in the schedule at the fair value of the commodities received and consumed. Cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture are commingled with State grants. It is assumed federal monies are expended first. At June 30, 2007, the District had no significant food commodities in inventory.



## 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

Steubenville City School District Jefferson County 1400 W. Adams Street PO Box 189 Steubenville, Ohio 43952

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 Steubenville City School District, Jefferson County, (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 January 11, 2008. 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.

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Matters Required by Government Auditing Standards

#### **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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*..

We did note a certain noncompliance or other matter that we reported to the Districts management in a separate letter dated January 11, 2008.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, 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

January 11, 2008



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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

Steubenville City School District Jefferson County 1400 West Adams Street PO Box 189 Steubenville, Ohio 43952

To the Board of Education:

#### Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Steubenville City School District (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 its major federal program 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 program. 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 Government'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.

In our opinion, the Steubenville City School District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that apply to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2007.

#### **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.

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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.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results 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.

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

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, 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

January 11, 2008

#### STEUBENVILLE CITY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT JEFFERSON COUNTY JUNE 30, 2007

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 ' .505

#### 1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

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

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

None	

### 3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None	
l None	
1.0	



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#### STEUBENVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### **JEFFERSON 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 MARCH 6, 2008