

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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Berne Union Local School District
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of the Berne Union Local School District, Fairfield County, prepared by Wolfe, Wilson & Phillips, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Berne Union Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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January 29, 2009

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FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Education
Berne Union Local School District
Sugar Grove, Ohio 43155

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Berne Union Local School District, Fairfield County as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates, if any, made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Berne Union Local School District, Fairfield County as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity generally accepted accounting principles accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated December 16, 2008, on our consideration of Berne Union Local School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. It does not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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

We conducted our audit to opine of the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards expenditures present additional information and is required by U. S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. It 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.

Wolfe, Wilson, & Phillips, Inc.
Zanesville, Ohio
December 16, 2008

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BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Management's Discussion and Analysis
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The discussion and analysis of the Berne Union Local School District's financial performance provides an overview and analysis of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review our notes to the basic financial statements and the financial statements themselves to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

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

Financial Highlights

- ▶ The assets of Berne Union Local School District exceeded its liabilities at June 30, 2008 by \$7,823,941. This balance was comprised of a \$5,785,657 balance in capital assets net of related debt and net asset amounts restricted for specific purposes and a balance of \$2,038,284 in unrestricted net assets.
- ▶ In total, net assets of governmental activities increased by \$356,713, which represents a 4.78 percent increase from 2007.
- ▶ General revenues accounted for \$7,536,221 or 76.03 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$2,375,338 or 23.97 percent of total revenues of \$9,911,559.
- ▶ The District had \$9,544,846 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$2,375,338 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services and sales, grants or contributions. General revenues (primarily taxes and grants and entitlements) of \$7,536,221 were used to provide for the remainder of these programs.
- ▶ The District recognizes two major governmental funds: the General Fund and the Bond Retirement Fund. In terms of dollars received and spent, the General Fund is significantly larger than all the other funds of the District combined. The General Fund had \$8,326,495 in revenues and \$9,081,186 in expenditures in fiscal year 2008.

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are presented following the requirements of GASB Statement No. 34, and are organized so the reader can understand Berne Union Local School District as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

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

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Reporting the District as a Whole

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to private-sector business. The statement of net assets and statement of activities provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting which is 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.

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

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

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's major funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's two major governmental funds are the General Fund and Bond Retirement Fund.

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

Governmental Funds

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

Because the focus of the governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

Proprietary Funds

The District's only proprietary fund is an internal service fund. Since the internal service fund operates on a break-even, cost-reimbursement basis, the District reports it as a proprietary fund using the accrual basis of accounting. The internal service fund is included with governmental activities on the government-wide financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds

The District's fiduciary funds are the private purpose trust and agency funds. We exclude these activities from the District's other financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations. Private purpose trust funds are held in a trustee capacity for individuals, private organizations, or other governments while agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. Fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

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Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Recall that the statement of net assets provides the perspective of the District as a whole, showing assets, liabilities, and the difference between them (net assets). Table 1 provides a summary of the District's net assets for 2008 compared to fiscal year 2007:

Table 1
Net Assets

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	2008	2007
<u>Assets:</u>		
Current and Other Assets	\$7,059,967	\$7,064,023
Capital Assets, Net	8,433,243	7,671,534
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>15,493,210</u>	<u>14,735,557</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Long-Term Liabilities	4,037,627	3,218,516
Other Liabilities	3,631,642	4,049,813
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>7,669,269</u>	<u>7,268,329</u>
<u>Net Assets:</u>		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	4,907,953	4,910,169
Restricted	877,704	910,100
Unrestricted	2,038,284	1,646,959
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u><u>\$7,823,941</u></u>	<u><u>\$7,467,228</u></u>

Current and other assets decreased \$4,056 from fiscal year 2007. Capital assets increased by \$761,709 or 17.69 percent due to additions to buildings that exceeded current year depreciation.

Current (other) liabilities decreased by \$400,940 or 5.52 percent due mostly to a decrease in deferred revenue related to property taxes receivable.

Long-term liabilities increased \$819,111 due to the issuance of an energy loan in excess of the scheduled payments made on outstanding debt.

The District's largest portion of net assets is related to amounts invested in capital assets, net of related debt. The District used these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets themselves cannot be used to pay these liabilities.

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The District's smallest portion of net assets is restricted assets. The restricted net assets are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

The remaining balance of \$2,038,284 is unrestricted. These net assets represent resources that may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to its students and creditors.

Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2008 and provides a comparison to fiscal year 2007.

Table 2
Changes in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>		
<i>Program Revenues:</i>		
Charges for Services and Sales	\$1,049,698	\$1,033,244
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,325,640	1,180,803
<i>General Revenues:</i>		
Property Taxes	3,134,108	2,984,792
Income Taxes	857,583	759,479
Unrestricted Grants and Entitlements	3,312,626	3,350,401
Investment Earnings	160,191	163,459
Miscellaneous	<u>71,713</u>	<u>95,443</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>9,911,559</u>	<u>9,567,621</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>		
<i>Program Expenses:</i>		
<i>Instruction:</i>		
Regular	3,795,548	3,576,754
Special	1,193,780	1,048,432
Vocational	140,371	134,322
Adult/Continuing	0	7,208

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Table 2
Changes in Net Assets

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<i>Support Services:</i>		
Pupils	255,611	258,272
Instructional Staff	580,306	497,144
Board of Education	22,879	13,437
Administration	1,064,921	832,041
Fiscal	244,764	291,230
Business	5,909	35,760
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	931,002	801,255
Pupil Transportation	581,286	546,407
Central	61,456	36,807
<i>Operation of Non-Instructional Services:</i>		
Food Service	278,431	289,364
Extracurricular Activities	282,346	274,784
Interest and Fiscal Charges	<u>116,236</u>	<u>81,713</u>
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>9,544,846</u>	<u>8,724,930</u>
<i>Change in Net Assets</i>	356,713	842,691
Net Assets – Beginning of Year	<u>7,467,228</u>	<u>6,624,537</u>
Net Assets – End of Year	<u><u>\$7,823,941</u></u>	<u><u>\$7,467,228</u></u>

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The most significant program expenses for the District are Regular Instruction, Special Instruction, Administration, Operation and Maintenance of Plant, and Pupil Transportation. These programs account for 79.19 percent of the total governmental activities. Regular Instruction, which accounts for 39.71 percent of the total, represents costs associated with providing general educational services. Special Instruction, which represents 12.50 percent of the total, represents costs associated with providing educational services for handicapped, disadvantaged and other special needs students. Administration, which represents 11.15 percent of the total, represents costs associated with the overall administrative responsibility for each building and the District as a whole. Operation and Maintenance of Plant, which represents 9.75 percent of the total, represents costs associated with operating and maintaining the District's facilities. Pupil Transportation, which represents 6.08 percent of the total cost, represents costs associated with providing transportation services for students between home and school, and to school activities.

As noted previously, the net assets for the governmental activities increased \$356,713 or 4.78 percent. This is an increase over last year when net assets increased \$842,691 or 12.72 percent. Total revenues increased \$343,938 or 3.59 percent from last year and expenses increased \$819,916 or 9.40 percent from last year.

The District had program revenue increases of \$161,291, as well as increases in general revenues of \$182,647. The increase in program revenues is mostly due to the District receiving additional program grants during fiscal year 2008. There was one significant increase in general revenues. Income taxes increased \$98,104.

The total expenses for governmental activities increased due to union agreement increases to salaries and benefits.

The majority of the funding for the most significant programs indicated above is from property taxes and grants and entitlements not restricted for specific programs. Property taxes and grants and entitlements not restricted for specific programs account for 65.04 percent of total revenues.

Governmental Activities

Over the past several fiscal years, the District has remained in stable financial condition. The District was facing a potential deficit (dependent upon the State's Biennium Budget for Fiscal Year 2007) in fiscal year 2007 and would have been placed in Fiscal Caution by the Ohio Department of Education. To avoid the potential deficit, in May 2007, the Board of Education placed an income tax levy on the ballot. The voters approved the 1 percent income tax levy.

The District is heavily dependent on property taxes and intergovernmental revenue and, like most Ohio schools, is hampered by a lack of revenue growth. Property taxes made up 31.62 percent and intergovernmental revenue made up 46.80 percent of the total revenue for the governmental activities in fiscal year 2008.

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

The District's intergovernmental revenue consists of school foundation basic allowance, homestead and rollback property tax allocation, and federal and state grants. During fiscal year 2008, the District received \$3,586,475 through the State's foundation program, which represents 36.18 percent of the total revenue for the governmental activities. The District relies heavily on this state funding to operate at the current levels of service.

Instruction accounts for 53.74 percent of governmental activities program expenses. Support services expenses make up 39.27 percent of governmental activities program expenses. The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and charges for services and grants offsetting those services.

Table 3 shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services for fiscal year 2008 and comparison to fiscal year 2007. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

Table 3
Net Cost of Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
<i>Program Expenses:</i>				
Instruction	\$5,129,699	\$4,766,716	\$3,642,931	\$3,427,048
Support Services	3,748,134	3,312,353	3,297,297	2,859,648
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	278,431	289,364	(352)	16,622
Extracurricular Activities	282,346	274,784	123,396	125,852
Interest and Fiscal Charges	116,236	81,713	116,236	81,713
Total Expenses	<u>\$9,544,846</u>	<u>\$8,724,930</u>	<u>\$7,179,508</u>	<u>\$6,510,883</u>

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The District's Funds

The District's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. (See Note 2 for discussion of significant accounting policies). All governmental funds had total revenues of \$9,870,206 and expenditures of \$10,618,802.

Total governmental funds fund balance increased by \$465,326. The increase in fund balance for the year was most significant in the General Fund, an increase of \$458,599 reflecting revenues received exceeded expenditures for general operations.

Budget Highlights - General Fund

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

During the course of fiscal year 2008, the District amended its General Fund budget several times. The District uses a modified site-based budget technique that is designed to control site budgets while providing building administrators and supervisors flexibility for site management.

The District prepares and monitors a detailed cashflow plan for the General Fund. Actual cashflow is compared to monthly and year-to-date estimates, and a monthly report is prepared for top management and the Board of Education. It should be noted that the District, on the cash basis, ended the fiscal year with revenues exceeding expenditures plus encumbrances by \$457,668.

For the General Fund, the final budget basis revenue was \$8,303,183 representing an increase of \$688,499 from the original budget estimates of \$7,614,684. For the General Fund, the final budget basis expenditures were \$9,049,622 representing a decrease of \$1,674,992 from the original budget estimates of \$7,374,630.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2008, the District had \$13.2 million invested in capital assets, of which all was in governmental activities. That total carries an accumulated depreciation of \$4.8 million. Table 4 shows fiscal year 2008 balances compared to fiscal year 2007.

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Table 4
Capital Assets & Accumulated Depreciation at Year End

	Governmental Activities	
	2008	2007
<i>Nondepreciable Capital Assets:</i>		
Land	\$410,820	\$410,820
<i>Depreciable Capital Assets:</i>		
Land Improvements	554,920	554,920
Buildings and Improvements	10,845,934	9,791,859
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	648,761	626,962
Vehicles	748,176	748,176
<i>Total Capital Assets</i>	13,208,611	12,132,737
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation:</i>		
Land Improvements	320,611	294,461
Buildings and Improvements	3,850,988	3,622,258
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	359,616	330,258
Vehicles	244,153	214,226
<i>Total Accumulated Depreciation</i>	4,775,368	4,461,203
<i>Capital Assets, Net</i>	\$8,433,243	\$7,671,534

More detailed information pertaining to the District's capital asset activity can be found in the notes to the basic financial statements.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2008, the District had \$3,385,000 in general obligation debt outstanding with \$489,033 due within one year. Table 5 summarizes the general obligation debt outstanding for fiscal year 2008 compared to fiscal year 2007.

Table 5
Outstanding Debt, Governmental Activities at Year End

Purpose	2008	2007
Refunding Bonds	\$2,330,000	\$2,675,000
Energy Loan	1,055,000	0
Total General Obligation Debt	\$3,385,000	\$2,675,000

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

Current Issues

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

The Ohio Supreme Court issued its fourth split decision regarding the State's school funding plan. The majority opinion identified aspects of the current plan that require modification if the plan is to be considered constitutional. However, the Court has in effect decided that they have, barring another lawsuit, completed their responsibility in the case. Ending the high court's involvement has left Ohio with a school funding system that has been determined to be unconstitutional but failed to provide the framework to fix it. At this time there can be no reasonable estimate of the impact on school funding.

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

In 2003, the Ohio Legislature modified the provisions of the 1999 HB283. This bill was designed to reduce the assessed valuation of the inventory component of personal property tax from 25 percent to 0 percent by 2031. The modification speeds up the reduction of assessed valuation to be completed in half the original time.

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

Effective May 1, 2001 a kilowatt hour (KWH) tax began being collected. 37.8 percent of these new dollars would be deposited in a new Property Tax Replacement Fund (PTRF). 70 percent of the PTRF will be paid to school districts that lost revenue as determined by the Ohio Department of Taxation. First, distribution will be made to cover costs of fixed sum levies such as debt issues and emergency levies. Next, fixed rate levies would be replaced from 2002 through 2007; after this a phase out formula would begin.

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

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Over the past few years the District has experienced a loss in property parcels due to the construction of the State Route 33 By-Pass and the corresponding land purchases by the State of Ohio. Residential/agricultural property contributes 79.94 percent of the District's real estate valuation.

The District voters approved an income tax levy of 1 percent in May 2006. This levy will generate approximately \$670,000 per year in revenue for general operations.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it received. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information contact Gina Roop, Treasurer of Berne Union Local School Board of Education, 506 North Main Street, Sugar Grove, Ohio 43155.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2008

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>Assets:</u>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,597,437
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agent	36,873
Property Taxes Receivable	3,015,996
Accounts Receivable	395
Income Taxes Receivable	341,838
Inventory Held for Resale	3,444
Materials and Supplies Inventory	15,629
Deferred Charges	48,355
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	410,820
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>8,022,423</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>15,493,210</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Accounts Payable	58,022
Accrued Wages and Benefits	583,935
Intergovernmental Payable	285,590
Accrued Interest Payable	30,929
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	75,328
Early Retirement Incentive Payable	7,600
Claims Payable	12,831
Deferred Revenue	2,577,407
<i>Long-Term Liabilities:</i>	
Due within One Year	549,674
Due in More Than One Year	<u>3,487,953</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>7,669,269</u>
<u>Net Assets:</u>	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	4,907,953
<i>Restricted for:</i>	
Debt Service	786,050
Other Purposes	91,654
Unrestricted	<u>2,038,284</u>
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u><u>\$7,823,941</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Activities

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
				Governmental Activities
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
<i>Instruction:</i>				
Regular	\$3,795,548	\$737,035	\$104,121	(\$2,954,392)
Special	1,193,780	0	625,602	(568,178)
Vocational	140,371	0	20,010	(120,361)
<i>Support Services:</i>				
Pupils	255,611	0	884	(254,727)
Instructional Staff	580,306	0	185,645	(394,661)
Board of Education	22,879	0	0	(22,879)
Administration	1,064,921	0	0	(1,064,921)
Fiscal	244,764	0	0	(244,764)
Business	5,909	0	0	(5,909)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	931,002	0	0	(931,002)
Pupil Transportation	581,286	0	253,085	(328,201)
Central	61,456	0	11,223	(50,233)
<i>Operation of Non-Instructional Services:</i>				
Food Service	278,431	166,563	112,220	352
Extracurricular Activities	282,346	146,100	12,850	(123,396)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	116,236	0	0	(116,236)
Totals	\$9,554,846	\$1,049,698	\$1,325,640	(7,179,508)

General Revenues:

Property Taxes Levied for:

General Purposes	2,688,965
Debt Service	405,003
Capital Outlay	40,140
Income Taxes Levied for General Purposes	857,583
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs	3,312,626
Investment Earnings	160,191
Miscellaneous	71,713

Total General Revenues 7,536,221

Change in Net Assets 356,713

Net Assets at Beginning of Year 7,467,228

Net Assets at End of Year \$7,823,941

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2008*

	General	Bond Retirement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets:</u>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,956,318	\$825,343	\$290,999	\$3,072,660
Property Taxes Receivable	2,629,275	347,303	39,418	3,015,996
Income Taxes Receivable	341,838	0	0	341,838
Accounts Receivable	224	0	171	395
Inventory Held for Resale	0	0	3,444	3,444
Materials and Supplies Inventory	14,864	0	765	15,629
<u>Restricted Assets:</u>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	310,212	0	0	310,212
Total Assets	\$5,252,731	\$1,172,646	\$334,797	\$6,760,174
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances:</u>				
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$50,010	\$0	\$8,012	\$58,022
Accrued Wages and Benefits	528,752	0	55,183	583,935
Intergovernmental Payable	260,277	0	25,313	285,590
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	75,328	0	0	75,328
Early Retirement Incentive Payable	7,600	0	0	7,600
Deferred Revenue	2,419,165	307,382	35,856	2,762,403
Total Liabilities	3,341,132	307,382	124,364	3,772,878
<u>Fund Balances:</u>				
Reserved for Encumbrances	57,250	0	38,314	95,564
Reserved for Property Taxes	210,110	39,921	3,562	253,593
Reserved for Textbooks and Instructional Materials	51,421	0	0	51,421
Reserved for Capital Improvements	158,791	0	0	158,791
Reserved for Budget Stabilization	100,000	0	0	100,000
<u>Unreserved, Undesignated, Reported in:</u>				
General Fund	1,334,027	0	0	1,334,027
Special Revenue Funds	0	0	168,557	168,557
Debt Service Fund	0	825,343	0	825,343
Total Fund Balances	1,911,599	865,264	210,433	2,987,296
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$5,252,731	\$1,172,646	\$334,797	\$6,760,174

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to
 Net Assets of Governmental Activities
 June 30, 2008*

Total Governmental Funds Balances	\$2,987,296
 <i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:</i>	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	8,433,243
Some of the District's receivables will be collected after fiscal year-end, however are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds. These receivables consist of:	
Property taxes	184,996
Unamortized issuance costs represent deferred charges which do not provide current financial resources and are therefore not reported in the funds	48,355
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. These liabilities consist of:	
General obligation bonds	(2,330,000)
Energy Loan	(1,055,000)
Capital leases	(140,290)
Accrued interest	(30,929)
Compensated absences	(394,394)
Premium on bonds	<u>(117,943)</u>
Total liabilities that are not reported in the funds	(4,068,556)
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance activities to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net assets.	<u>238,607</u>
<i>Net Assets of Governmental Activities</i>	<u><u>\$7,823,941</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	General	Bond Retirement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Property Taxes	\$2,649,714	\$403,444	\$39,597	\$3,092,755
Income Tax	857,583	0	0	857,583
Intergovernmental	3,911,412	42,759	670,405	4,624,576
Interest	128,049	28,005	4,137	160,191
Tuition and Fees	725,451	0	11,584	737,035
Extracurricular Activities	44,900	0	101,200	146,100
Gifts and Donations	0	0	13,690	13,690
Customer Sales and Services	0	0	166,563	166,563
Miscellaneous	9,386	0	62,327	71,713
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>8,326,495</u>	<u>474,208</u>	<u>1,069,503</u>	<u>9,870,206</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
<i>Current:</i>				
<i>Instruction:</i>				
Regular	3,361,601	0	122,489	3,484,090
Special	938,345	0	268,930	1,207,275
Vocational	136,525	0	0	136,525
<i>Support Services:</i>				
Pupils	260,348	0	884	261,232
Instructional Staff	379,488	0	192,994	572,482
Board of Education	22,771	0	0	22,771
Administration	1,008,036	0	74,073	1,082,109
Fiscal	234,282	7,722	819	242,823
Business	5,658	0	0	5,658
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	892,628	0	30,746	923,374
Pupil Transportation	568,025	0	0	568,025
Central	23,432	0	12,904	36,336
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	0	0	272,364	272,364
Extracurricular Activities	157,117	0	119,391	276,508
Capital Outlay	1,054,075	0	0	1,054,075
<i>Debt Service:</i>				
Principal Retirement	26,619	345,000	0	371,619
Interest and Fiscal Charges	12,236	89,300	0	101,536
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>9,081,186</u>	<u>442,022</u>	<u>1,095,594</u>	<u>10,618,802</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(754,691)</u>	<u>32,186</u>	<u>(26,091)</u>	<u>(748,596)</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Energy Conservation Notes Issued	1,055,000	0	0	1,055,000
Inception of Capital Lease	158,922	0	0	158,922
Transfers In	0	0	632	632
Transfers Out	(632)	0	0	(632)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>1,213,290</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>632</u>	<u>1,213,922</u>
<i>Net Changes in Fund Balances</i>	458,599	32,186	(25,459)	465,326
<i>Fund Balances at Beginning of Year</i>	<u>1,453,000</u>	<u>833,078</u>	<u>235,892</u>	<u>2,521,970</u>
<i>Fund Balances at End of Year</i>	<u>\$1,911,599</u>	<u>\$865,264</u>	<u>\$210,433</u>	<u>\$2,987,296</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008*

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$465,326
 <i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</i>	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the current period.	761,709
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. These revenues consist of: Property taxes	41,353
Repayment of bond principal and capital leases is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.	371,619
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.	(23,490)
Bond issuance costs are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds when due, but in the statement of activities these costs are accrued as deferred charges.	(8,059)
Some items 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. These activities consist of: Compensated absences Premium bonds issued	6,343 16,849
Total expenditures not reported in the funds	23,192
Other financing sources in the governmental funds that increase long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets are not reported as revenues in the statement of activities: Energy Loan issued	(1,055,000)
Other financing sources in the governmental funds that increase long-term liabilities in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance. These activities consist of: Inception of Capital Leases	(158,922)
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The net revenue of the internal service fund is reported as governmental activities.	(61,015)
<i>Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities</i>	<u><u>\$356,713</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008*

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Property Taxes	\$2,368,000	\$2,579,646	\$2,579,646	\$0
Income Tax	670,000	907,674	907,674	0
Intergovernmental	3,812,384	3,911,412	3,911,412	0
Interest	110,000	124,015	125,768	1,753
Tuition and Fees	613,200	725,451	725,451	0
Extracurricular Activities	41,100	44,900	44,900	0
Miscellaneous	0	9,160	9,280	120
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>7,614,684</u>	<u>8,302,258</u>	<u>8,304,131</u>	<u>1,873</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
<i>Current:</i>				
<i>Instruction:</i>				
Regular	2,874,305	3,289,174	3,279,733	9,441
Special	1,064,613	958,128	949,695	8,433
Vocational	137,934	142,225	142,079	146
<i>Support Services:</i>				
Pupils	277,283	277,119	257,751	19,368
Instructional Staff	398,190	359,153	353,783	5,370
Board of Education	14,600	26,469	22,771	3,698
Administration	792,654	868,598	864,598	4,000
Fiscal	268,755	278,880	273,287	5,593
Business	39,597	6,311	6,241	70
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	804,791	994,649	943,513	51,136
Pupil Transportation	542,311	608,300	572,251	36,049
Central	23,900	26,343	24,957	1,386
Extracurricular Activities	135,697	160,198	156,097	4,101
Capital Outlay	0	1,054,075	1,054,075	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>7,374,630</u>	<u>9,049,622</u>	<u>8,900,831</u>	<u>148,791</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	240,054	(747,364)	(596,700)	150,664
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Energy Conservation Notes Issued	1,055,000	1,055,000	1,055,000	0
Transfers Out	0	(632)	(632)	0
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>1,055,000</u>	<u>1,054,368</u>	<u>1,054,368</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	1,295,054	307,004	457,668	150,664
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Year</i>	1,658,170	1,658,170	1,658,170	0
<i>Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated</i>	53,892	53,892	53,892	0
<i>Fund Balance at End of Year</i>	<u>\$3,007,116</u>	<u>\$2,019,066</u>	<u>\$2,169,730</u>	<u>\$150,664</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Net Assets

Proprietary Fund

June 30, 2008

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
	<u>Internal Service</u>
<u>Assets:</u>	
<i>Current Assets:</i>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$214,565
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agent	<u>36,873</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>251,438</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>	
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>	
Claims Payable	<u>12,831</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>12,831</u>
<u>Net Assets:</u>	
Unrestricted	<u><u>\$238,607</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Statement of Revenues,
Expenses and Change in Net Assets
Proprietary Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008*

	<u>Governmental Activities</u> <u>Internal Service</u>
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>	
Charges for Services	<u>\$651,306</u>
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	
Fringe Benefits	663,490
Purchased Services	1,769
Claims	<u>47,062</u>
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<u>712,321</u>
<i>Change in Net Assets</i>	(61,015)
<i>Net Assets at Beginning of Year</i>	<u>299,622</u>
<i>Net Assets at End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$238,607</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Cash Flows

Proprietary Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
	<u>Internal Service</u>
<u>Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents:</u>	
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</u>	
Cash Received from Interfund Services Provided	\$651,306
Cash Payments for Employee Benefits	(663,490)
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	(1,769)
Cash Payments for Claims	<u>(34,231)</u>
<i>Net Cash from Operating Activities</i>	<u>(48,184)</u>
<i>Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	(48,184)
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year</i>	<u>299,622</u>
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$251,438</u></u>
<u>Reconciliation of Operating Loss</u>	
<u>to Net Cash from Operating Activities:</u>	
Operating Loss	(\$61,015)
<u>Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss</u>	
<u>to Net Cash from Operating Activities:</u>	
<i>Increase in Liabilities:</i>	
Claims Payable	<u>12,831</u>
<i>Net Cash from Operating Activities</i>	<u><u>(\$48,184)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets

Fiduciary Funds

June 30, 2008

	Private Purpose Trust	Agency
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Assets:</u>		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$5,000	\$29,362
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Undistributed Monies	0	7,070
Due to Students	0	22,292
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	\$0	\$29,362
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Net Assets:</u>		
Held in Trust for Scholarships	5,000	
	<u> </u>	
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	\$5,000	
	<u> </u>	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Fund
June 30, 2008

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>
<u>Additions:</u>	
Contributions and Donations	<u>\$5,000</u>
Change in Net Assets	5,000
<i>Net Assets at Beginning of Year</i>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Assets at End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$5,000</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008*

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

Description of the School District

Berne Union Local School District (the District) is a body politic and corporate organized under Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The District is a local school district as defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 3311.03. The District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four year terms. The District provides educational services as authorized by state statute and/or federal guidelines.

The District was established through the consolidation of existing land areas and school districts. It is staffed by 30 non-certificated employees, 66 certificated full-time teaching personnel and 4 administrative employees who provide services to 976 students and other community members.

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 are not misleading. The primary government of the District consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For Berne Union Local School District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes. The District has no component units.

The District is associated with two jointly governed organizations: the Metropolitan Education Council (MEC) and the South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium (SCOIC). The District is also associated with one insurance purchasing pool: Ohio School Boards Association Worker's Compensation Group Rating Program. These organizations are presented in Notes 19 and 20 to the basic financial statements.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the 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 District also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its governmental activities provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

A. Basis of Presentation

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. Internal service fund activity is eliminated to avoid "doubling up" revenues and expenses. The statements distinguish between those activities of the District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. The District has no business-type activities.

The statement of net assets presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the 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. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

Fund Financial Statements

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

B. Fund Accounting

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

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

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

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the District are financed. Governmental funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. 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 District's major governmental funds:

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

Bond Retirement Fund- This fund is used to account for financial resources accumulated for the payment of general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

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

Proprietary Fund

The proprietary fund focus is on the determination of the change in net assets, financial position and cash flows and is classified as internal service. The internal service fund accounts for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the District, or to other governments, on a cost reimbursement basis. The only internal service fund of the District accounts for a self-insurance program which provides health and dental benefits to employees.

Fiduciary Funds

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

C. Measurement Focus

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

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

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 balance 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.

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 and the financial statements of the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund are prepared using 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 Nonexchange Transactions

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

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 7). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

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

Deferred Revenue

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

Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2008, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2009 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, cash received by the District is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the financial statements.

During the fiscal year 2008, the District's investments were limited to repurchase agreements and the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAROhio). Except for non-participating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices. Non-participating investment contracts, such as repurchase agreements and nonnegotiable certificates of deposit, are reported at cost. STAROhio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAROhio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAROhio are valued at STAROhio's share price which is the price the investments the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2008.

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 2008 amounted to \$128,049, which includes \$38,734 assigned from other District funds.

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents.

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

F. Inventory

On government-wide financial statements, inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used, consumed or sold.

On fund financial statements, inventories of governmental funds are stated at cost. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventory in governmental funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption, and purchased food and donated food held for resale. The cost of inventory items is recorded as an expenditure in the governmental fund types when consumed, used or sold.

G. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2008, 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. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors or laws of other governments or imposed by enabling legislation. Restricted assets in the General Fund include amounts required by statute to be set-aside by the District to create reserves for budget stabilization, textbooks and instructional materials, and capital improvements. See note 17 for additional information regarding set-asides.

I. Capital Assets

General capital assets are associated with and generally arise from governmental activities. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and deletions during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of two thousand dollars. The District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

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

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land Improvements	50 years
Buildings and Improvements	20 - 50 years
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	9 - 30 years
Vehicles	25 years

J. Compensated Absences

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

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the District has identified as probable of receiving payments in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at fiscal year end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the District's termination policy. The District records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave for classified and certified employees and administrators who have at least 10 years of service with the District.

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

On the governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences 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 Compensated Absences Payable" in the fund from which the employees will be paid.

K. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Liabilities

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

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgements, compensated absences, special termination of benefits and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Long-term bonds and capital leases are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

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

L. 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 District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws, or regulations of other governments.

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

M. Fund Balance Reserves

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

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 set-aside by statute, which protects against cyclical changes in revenues and expenditures.

N. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary fund. For the District, these revenues are charges for services for the self-insurance program. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the self-insurance service that is the primary activity of that fund.

O. Interfund Transactions

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

P. 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 on the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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

Q. Budgetary Process

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

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the certificate when the appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the final amended certificate issued during fiscal year 2008.

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 year.

NOTE 3- NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

For fiscal year 2008, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 48, "Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets and Future Revenues", and GASB No. 50, "Pension Disclosures", an amendment of GASB Statements No. 25 and No. 27. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 48 and 50 had some effect on the disclosure requirements, however, there was no effect on the prior period fund balances of the District.

NOTE 4 - ACCOUNTABILITY

The following fund had a deficit fund balance as of June 30, 2008:

	<u>Deficit Fund Balance</u>
<i>Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund:</i>	
Mentor	\$6
IDEA	6,815
Title I	9,759
Improving Teacher Quality	8,321

The deficit in this fund is the result of the application of generally accepted accounting principles and the requirement to accrue liabilities when incurred. The General Fund is liable for any deficit in this fund and provides operating transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. This deficit does not exist on the cash basis.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTE 5 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While the 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 and described earlier 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 Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis) is presented for the General Fund on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and modified accrual GAAP basis are that:

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

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

<u>Net Change in Fund Balance</u>	
GAAP Basis	\$458,599
<i>Adjustments:</i>	
Revenue Accruals	(21,439)
Expenditure Accruals	83,555
Encumbrances	96,800
Other Sources	(159,847)
Budget Basis	<u><u>\$457,668</u></u>

NOTE 6 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

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NOTE 6 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Interim deposits are deposits of interim moneys. Interim moneys are those moneys which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim

deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings accounts including passbook accounts.

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

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

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above, provided that the fair value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to fair value daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section, and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio);
7. Certain banker's acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the date of purchase in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of interim monies available for investment at any time; and
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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NOTE 6 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

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

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

At June 30, 2008, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$183,967, exclusive of the \$27,631 overnight repurchase agreement included as an investment below. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2008, none of the District's bank balance of \$190,963 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed above while \$190,963 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance.

Investments: As of June 30, 2008, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>6 Months or Less</u>
Repurchase Agreements	\$27,631	\$27,631
STAROhio	3,457,074	3,457,074
Totals	<u>\$3,484,705</u>	<u>\$3,484,705</u>

Reserve Repurchase Agreements: State statutes permit the District to enter into reverse repurchase agreements. All sales of investments under reverse repurchase agreements are for fixed terms. In investing the proceeds of reverse repurchase agreements, District policy is for the term to maturity of the investment to be the same as the term of the reverse repurchase agreement. Such matching existed at year-end.

Interest Rate Risk: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to state law, the District's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: Standard and Poor's has assigned STAROhio an "AAAm" money market rating.

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NOTE 6 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk: For investments, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counter party, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities in the possession of an outside party. District policy provides that investment collateral is held by the counter party as trust department or agent, and may be held in the name of the District or not.

The classification of cash and cash equivalents and investments on the financial statements is based on criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 9, "Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary and Non-Expendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting". A reconciliation between the classifications of cash and investments on the financial statements and the classification per GASB Statement No. 3 is as follows:

	Cash and Cash Equivalents/Deposits	Investments
GASB Statement No. 9	\$3,668,672	\$0
<i>Investments:</i>		
Repurchase Agreements	(27,631)	27,631
STAROhio	(3,457,074)	3,457,074
GASB Statement No. 3	<u>\$183,967</u>	<u>\$3,484,705</u>

NOTE 7 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis. Second half distributions occur in a new fiscal year. Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible personal (used in business) property located in the District. Real property taxes are levied after April 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1, the lien date. Public utility property taxes attached as a lien on December 31, of the prior year, were levied April 1 and are collected with real property taxes. Assessed values for real property is required to be revalued every six years. Public utility property taxes are assessed on tangible personal property at 88 percent of true value (with certain exceptions) and on real property at 35 percent of true value. Tangible personal property taxes are levied after April 1 on the value listed as of December 31. Tangible personal property assessments are 6.25 percent of true value for 2008 and zero for 2009.

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

Tangible personal property taxes paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20.

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NOTE 7 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

The District receives property taxes from Fairfield and Hocking Counties. The County Auditors periodically advance to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the Counties by June 30, 2008 are available to finance fiscal year 2008 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable represents the June 2008 personal property tax settlement, delinquent taxes outstanding and real property, tangible personal property, and public utility taxes which become measurable as of June 30, 2008. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount available as an advance at June 30 is intended to finance current fiscal year operations. The receivable is therefore offset by a credit to deferred revenue for that portion not intended to finance current year operations. The total amount available as an advance at June 30, 2008 was \$253,593 and is recognized as revenue. Of this total amount, \$210,110 was available to the General Fund, \$39,921 was available to the Bond Retirement Fund and \$3,562 was available to the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund.

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2008 taxes were collected are:

	2007 Second- Half Collections		2008 First- Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agricultural/Residential and Other Real Estate	\$80,477,090	77.22%	\$90,113,400	79.94%
Public Utility Personal	22,002,150	21.11%	21,473,150	19.05%
Tangible Personal Property	1,733,512	1.67%	1,141,760	1.01%
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$104,212,752</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$112,728,310</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$48.80		\$49.80	

NOTE 8- INCOME TAX

The District levies a voted tax of 1.00 percent for general operations on the income of residents. The tax became effective on January 1, 2007, and continues for five years. Employers of residents are required to withhold income tax on compensation and remit the tax to the state. Taxpayers are required to file an annual return. The state makes quarterly distributions to the District after withholding amounts for administrative fees and estimated refunds. Income tax revenue of \$857,583 is credited to the General Fund for fiscal year 2008.

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NOTE 9 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2008 consisted of property taxes and accounts receivables. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds.

A summary of the principal items of accounts receivables follows:

<u>Governmental Activities:</u>	
General Fund	\$224
<i>Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund:</i>	
Uniform School Supplies	145
Public School Support	26
Total Accounts Receivable	<u><u>\$395</u></u>

NOTE 10 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset governmental activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows:

Asset Category	Balance at July 1, 2007	Transfers/ Additions	Transfers/ Deletions	Balance at June 30, 2008
<i>Nondepreciable Capital Assets:</i>				
Land	\$410,820	\$0	\$0	\$410,820
<i>Depreciable Capital Assets:</i>				
Land Improvements	554,920	0	0	554,920
Buildings and Improvements	9,791,859	1,054,075	0	10,845,934
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	626,962	21,799	0	648,761
Vehicles	748,176	0	0	748,176
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	<u>11,721,917</u>	<u>1,075,874</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,797,791</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>12,132,737</u>	<u>1,075,874</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,208,611</u>
<i>Accumulated Depreciation:</i>				
Land Improvements	(294,461)	(26,150)	0	(320,611)
Buildings and Improvements	(3,622,258)	(228,730)	0	(3,850,988)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(330,258)	(29,358)	0	(359,616)
Vehicles	(214,226)	(29,927)	0	(244,153)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,461,203)</u>	<u>(314,165)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(4,775,368)</u>
Total Net Capital Assets	<u><u>\$7,671,534</u></u>	<u><u>\$761,709</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$8,433,243</u></u>

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NOTE 10 - CAPITAL ASSETS - (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follow:

<i>Instruction:</i>	
Regular	\$265,769
Vocational	855
<i>Support Services:</i>	
Pupils	173
Instructional Staff	115
Administration	2,109
Business	251
Pupil Transportation	9,759
Central	25,063
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	6,067
Extracurricular Activities	4,004
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Total Depreciation Expense	<u><u>\$314,165</u></u>

NOTE 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2008, the District contracted with Ohio School Plan for professional and general liability insurance, fleet insurance and property insurance. Coverages provided are as follows:

Building/Contents and Boiler/Machinery	
Building/Contents - replacement cost (100% co-insurance)	\$21,121,070
Fleet Liability (\$500 deductible for collision and \$250 for comprehensive)	3,000,000
General Liability:	
Per Occurrence	4,000,000
Aggregate Limit	6,000,000
Public Official Bonds:	
Treasurer	50,000
Superintendent	20,000
Board President	20,000

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NOTE 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

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

For fiscal year 2008, the District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Worker's Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 20). The intent of the Plan is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the Plan. The worker's compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the Plan. Each participant pays its worker's compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the Plan. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund". This "equity pooling" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the Plan. Participation in the Plan is limited to school districts that can meet the Plan's selection criteria. The firm Gates McDonald & Co. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the Plan.

The District was self funded with the South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium effective January 1, 1996.

The District joined four other school districts January 1, 1996, to form a regional council of governments in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167 and entered into an Agreement Establishing the South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium for the purpose of carrying out a joint self-insurance program pursuant to Section 9.833 of the Ohio Revised Code, in an effort to minimize risk exposure and control claims and premium costs. EV Benefits is the third party administrator for the consortium, with Safeco Life Insurance Company as the excess loss carrier. The individual excess loss coverage is \$50,000 individual deductible per person with a \$3,000,000 maximum lifetime reimbursement per person.

The South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium was established to accumulate balances sufficient to self-insure basic medical and prescription drug coverage and permit excess umbrella coverage for claims over a predetermined level. The Board's share and the employees' share of premium contributions are determined by the negotiated agreement for certificated employees and by Board action for administrators and classified employees.

Premiums are paid to the South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium Fund and the Self Insurance Fund of the District from the Internal Service Fund. The cash balance with the fiscal agent at June 30, 2008, was \$36,873. Claims payments are made on an as-incurred basis by the third party administrator, with the balance of contributions remaining with the Fiscal Agent of the Consortium.

The member districts are self insured for medical and pharmacy benefits but are self insured for dental benefits. The risk for medical and pharmacy benefits remains with the member districts. The claims payable will be reported for medical and pharmacy claims as of June 30, 2008, and no cash with fiscal agent for the balance of funds held by the Consortium that covers medical and pharmacy claims will be reported.

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NOTE 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

The claims liability of \$12,831 supported at June 30, 2008 is based on an estimate provided by the third party administrators and the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 10 which requires that a liability for unpaid claim costs, including estimates of costs related 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. Changes in claims activity for the past two fiscal years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Balance at Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Current Year Claims</u>	<u>Claims Payments</u>	<u>Balance at End of Year</u>
2007	\$75,008	\$761,178	\$836,186	\$0
2008	0	47,062	34,231	12,831

NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

School Employees Retirement System

The District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by State statute, Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 or by calling (614) 222-5853.

Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal year 2008, 9.82 percent of the 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 statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS Retirement Board. The District's contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$111,357, \$127,069, and \$71,216, respectively; 34.55 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for the fiscal years 2007 and 2006. \$72,888 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2008, is recorded as a liability on the statement of net assets.

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

State Teachers Retirement System

The District contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system administered by the State Teachers Retirement Board. STRS provides basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771 or by calling (614) 227-4090.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB Plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on member contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds times an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 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.

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

Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by STRS, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. The District's contributions for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$540,250, \$487,548, and \$437,914, respectively; 78.03 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for the fiscal years 2007 and 2006. \$118,688 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2008, is recorded as a liability on the statement of net assets.

Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System have an option to choose Social Security or the School Employees Retirement System/State Teachers Retirement System. As of June 30, 2008, five members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan Description - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer a cost-sharing, multiple employer health care plan. STRS Ohio provides access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or the combined plans. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs, and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

The State Teachers Retirement Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the associated health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium.

STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial information for the health care plan. Interested parties can view the most recent *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* at www.strsoh.org or obtain a copy by calling (888)227-7877.

Funding Policy - Under Ohio law, funding for postemployment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. Of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, 1 percent of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006. The 14 percent contribution is the maximum rate allowed under Ohio law.

All STRS benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. The Districts' contributions allocated to fund postemployment health care benefits for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$41,558, \$37,504, and \$33,686 respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for years 2008, 2007, and 2006.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The balance in the Fund was \$4.1 billion at June 30, 2007 (the latest information year available). For the year ended June 30, 2007, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$265,558,000 and STRS had 122,934 eligible benefit recipients.

Health Care Plan - Ohio law authorizes SERS Ohio to offer health care benefits to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. SERS offers several types of health plans from various vendors, including HMO's, PPO's and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively.

The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) postemployment benefits through employer contributions. Active members do not make contributions to the postemployment benefit plans.

The Health Care Fund was established under, and is administrated in accordance with Internal Revenue Code 401(h). Each year after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer 14 percent contribution to the Health Care Fund. At June 30, 2008, the health care allocation was 4.18 percent. The actuarially required contributions (ARC), as of June 30, 2008 annual valuation was 11.50 percent of covered payroll. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities of the plan over a period not to exceed thirty years. Berne Union Local School District's contributions for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, 2006 were \$62,148, \$55,672, and \$37,204 respectively.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2008, the minimum compensation level was established at \$35,800.

The SERS Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

The financial reports of SERS' Health Care and Medicare B plans are included in its *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. The report can be obtained by contacting SERS, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 or by calling toll free (800) 878-5853. It is also posted on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under *Forms and Publications*.

NOTE 14 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vested vacation and sick leave components are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn ten to twenty-five days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees upon termination of employment. Teachers and administrators who work less than 260 days per year 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 235 days for aides and all other classified employees and for certified employees. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of accrued, but unused sick leave credit up to a maximum of 55 days for all employees.

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 15 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The changes in the District's long-term liabilities during fiscal year 2008 were as follows:

	Issue Date	Interest Rate	Principal Outstanding at July 1, 2007	Additions	Deductions	Principal Outstanding at June 30, 2008	Amount Due In One Year
<i>Governmental Activities:</i>							
Energy Loan	2007	3.99%	\$0	\$1,055,000	\$0	\$1,055,000	\$129,033
Refunding Bonds	2006	3.50%	2,675,000	0	345,000	2,330,000	360,000
Premium on Refunding Bonds			134,792	0	16,849	117,943	16,849
Compensated Absences Payable			400,737	170,744	177,087	394,394	12,993
Capital Lease Payable			7,987	158,922	26,619	140,290	30,799
Total Governmental Activities							
Long-Term Obligations			<u>\$3,218,516</u>	<u>\$1,384,666</u>	<u>\$565,555</u>	<u>\$4,037,627</u>	<u>\$549,674</u>

HB264 Energy Loan - In July 2007, Berne Union Local School District issued general obligation notes for H.B. 264 energy improvements. The notes were issued for \$1,055,000 at 3.99% interest and mature December, 2017. The notes will be retired through the General Fund using amounts from energy savings.

Refunding General Obligation Bonds - During fiscal year 2006, the District issued \$3,040,000 of general obligation bonds for the current refunding of \$3,040,000 of the 1993 series bonds. The \$151,641 premium on the issuance of the refunding bonds is netted against this new debt and will be amortized over the life of this new debt, which has the same remaining life of the refunded debt of 9 years. The refunding was undertaken to reduce total future debt service payments. The refunding resulted in an economic gain of \$256,554 and a reduction of \$199,786 in future debt service payments. The refunding bonds are retired through the Bond Retirement Fund using tax revenues.

On November 8, 1994, the voters of the District passed a .5 mill levy to qualify for State Building Assistance Funds. The District received a \$6,120,000 loan from the State of Ohio for the construction and reconstruction of classroom facilities.

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 15 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES - (Continued)

Pursuant to changes that became effective on September 14, 2000, Section 3318.05 of the Ohio Revised Code was amended eliminating the requirement that certain school districts receiving state classroom facilities assistance repay one-half of the required twenty-three year one-half mill levy. From that date forward any school district that had previously been required to make repayment has been directed to cease making the payments to the Ohio School Facilities Commission and to instead deposit one hundred percent of the proceeds in the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund designated by the Auditor of State.

Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employee is paid. The capital lease payable will be paid from the General Fund.

The District's overall legal debt margin was \$6,760,548 with an unvoted debt margin of \$112,728 at June 30, 2008.

The annual requirements to retire the general obligation debt outstanding at June 30, 2008 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Refunding Bonds		Energy Loan		Total	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2009	\$360,000	\$77,825	\$129,033	\$4,093	\$489,033	\$81,918
2010	260,000	191,525	95,667	37,459	355,667	228,984
2011	385,000	64,788	99,537	33,589	484,537	98,377
2012	400,000	50,050	103,564	29,562	503,564	79,612
2013	420,000	33,650	107,684	25,442	527,684	59,092
2014-2018	505,000	19,875	519,515	57,878	1,024,515	77,753
Total Debt	<u>\$2,330,000</u>	<u>\$437,713</u>	<u>\$1,055,000</u>	<u>\$188,023</u>	<u>\$3,385,000</u>	<u>625,736</u>

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NOTE 16 - CAPITAL LEASE

The \$140,290 of outstanding capital lease payable relates to the lease/purchase of a mailing system and copiers.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payment required under the capital lease and the present value of the minimum lease payment as of June 30, 2008:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Capital Lease Payments</u>
2009	\$41,520
2010	41,520
2011	40,608
2012	37,268
2013	5,512
Total Future Minimum Lease Payment	166,428
Amount Representing Interest	(26,138)
Present Value of Future Minimum Lease Payment	<u><u>\$140,290</u></u>

NOTE 17 - STATUTORY SET-ASIDES

The District is required by State statute to annually set-aside in the General Fund an amount based on a statutory formula for the purchase of textbooks and other instructional materials and an equal amount for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by year-end or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at year-end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future years. Previously, the District was also required to set aside money for budget stabilization. Senate Bill 345 eliminated the Budget Stabilization Reserve except for amounts related to unspent Bureau of Worker's Compensation refunds. The Bill requires the Board of Education to designate its intended use of the Reserve.

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

	<u>Textbooks</u>	<u>Capital Acquisition</u>	<u>Budget Stabilization</u>	<u>Total</u>
Set-Aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2007	\$54,700	\$30,248	\$100,000	\$184,948
Current Year Set-Aside Requirement	185,755	670,120	0	855,875
Qualifying Disbursements	(189,034)	(541,577)	0	(730,611)
Totals	<u>\$51,421</u>	<u>\$158,791</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$310,212</u>
Set-Aside Balance Carried Forward to Future Fiscal Years	<u>\$51,421</u>	<u>\$158,791</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$310,212</u>
Set-Aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2008	<u><u>\$51,421</u></u>	<u><u>\$158,791</u></u>	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$310,212</u></u>

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008*

NOTE 17 - STATUTORY SET-ASIDES - (Continued)

The District had qualifying disbursements and offsets during the fiscal year that reduced the textbook and capital acquisition set-aside amounts below zero. Current year offsets and qualifying disbursements in excess of current year or accumulated set-aside requirements for textbooks may be used to reduce set-aside requirements in future years. Actual cash balances in excess of set-aside requirements for textbooks may be used to offset set-aside requirements of future years. Actual cash balances in excess of set-aside requirements for capital acquisitions may be used to offset set-aside requirements of future years if monies are obtained from a permanent improvement levy.

NOTE 18 - OPERATING LEASES

The District leases copiers under operating leases expiring in various years. Minimum future rental payments under noncancellable operating leases having a remaining term of one year as of June 30, 2008 are:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2009	\$22,174
Total	\$22,174

NOTE 19 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Metropolitan Education Council (MEC)

Metropolitan Education Council is a jointly governed organization created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State statutes. MEC is a not for profit educational council whose primary purpose and objective is to contribute to the educational services available to school districts in Franklin County and surrounding areas by cooperative action membership. The governing board consists of a representative from each of the Franklin County districts. Districts outside of Franklin County are associate members and each county selects a single district to represent them on the governing board. MEC is its own fiscal agent. The District does not have an ongoing financial interest in or ongoing financial responsibility for MEC. MEC provides computer services to the District.

South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium (SCOIC)

South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium is a regional council of governments organized under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167. The SCOIC's primary purpose and objective is establishing and carrying out a cooperative health program for its member organizations. The governing board consists of the superintendent or other designee appointed by each of the members of the SCOIC. The District does not have an ongoing financial interest in or financial responsibility for the SCOIC other than claims paid on behalf of the District for District employees.

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

Note 20 – INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

Ohio School Boards Association Workers’s Compensation Group rating Program

The District participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Worker’s Compensation Group rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool with Sheakley Uniservice, Inc. 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 21 - CONTINGENCIES

Grants

The District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2008.

Litigation

A lawsuit has been filed by the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation arguing that the Corporation’s public utility property tax assessment rate should be 25% of true value rather than the 88% used by the Tax Commissioner. The Board of Tax Appeals has agreed with the Corporation and the case has been appealed by the Tax Commissioner to the Ohio Supreme Court. The District receives a significant amount of property tax from the Corporation. Should the Corporation prevail in the Supreme Court, it may be entitled to a refund from the District based on the lower assessment rate beginning from tax year 2001. The amount of the refund is estimated to be approximately \$578,221. A portion of the refund may be recovered from additional State entitlement payments.

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

Board of Education
Berne Union Local School District
Sugar Grove, Ohio 43155

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Berne Union Local School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 16, 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Berne Union Local School District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion 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 a misstatement of the District's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purposes 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 financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Berne Union Local School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that we must report under *Government Auditing Standard*.

This report is intended for the information of the District's Board of Education, management, Auditor of State, federal award agencies, and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Wolfe, Wilson, & Phillips, Inc.
Zanesville, Ohio
December 16, 2008

**WOLFE, WILSON, & PHILLIPS, INC.
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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS
APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL
CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH *OMB CIRCULAR A-133***

Board of Education
Berne Union Local School District
Sugar Grove, Ohio 43155

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Berne Union Local School District with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2008. Berne Union Local School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Berne Union Local School District management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Berne Union Local School District's compliance based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the Berne Union Local School District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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 administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control.

Our consideration of the 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.

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

Wolfe, Wilson, & Phillips, Inc.
Zanesville, Ohio
December 16, 2008

**BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 SECTION 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 significant deficiencies In internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	NO
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported 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 significant deficiencies In internal control 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 section. 510?	NO
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs:	Special Education; CFDA #84.027
(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

**BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

Federal Grantor/ Sub-Grantor Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Non-Cash Receipts	Disbursements	Non-Cash Disbursements
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:						
Pass through Ohio Department of Education						
Nutrition Cluster						
National School Lunch Program	n/a	10.555	\$ 107,753	\$ -	\$ 107,753	\$ -
Total Nutrition Cluster			107,753	-	107,753	-
Food Distribution Program	n/a	10.550	-	6,323	-	6,323
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			107,753	6,323	107,753	6,323
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:						
Pass through Ohio Department of Education						
Title I Educationally Deprived Children	046854CISI2007	84.010	-	-	7,158	-
	046854CISI2008		198,824	-	176,604	-
			198,824	-	183,762	-
Special Education Cluster:						
Title VI-B Special Education Assistance for Handicapped Children	0468546BSF07	84.027	-	-	30,502	-
	0453516BSF06P		221,717	-	200,216	-
			221,717	-	230,718	-
Drug Free Schools Grant	046854DRS12007	84.186	3,577	-	3,577	-
	046854DRS12008		4,052	-	4,052	-
			7,629	-	7,629	-
Innovative Education Program Strategies	046854C2S12007	84.298	1,417	-	1,417	-
	046854C2S12008		2,329	-	2,329	-
			3,746	-	3,746	-
Education Technology State Grants	046854TJS12007	84.318	1,675	-	1,675	-
			1,675	-	1,675	-
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	046854TRS12007	84.367	45,949	-	38,681	-
	046854TRS12008		42,000	-	40,229	-
			87,949	-	78,910	-
Total U.S. Department of Education			521,540	-	506,440	-
Total Federal Awards Expenditures			<u>\$ 629,293</u>	<u>\$ 6,323</u>	<u>\$ 614,193</u>	<u>\$ 6,323</u>

See notes to Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures.

**BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES**

NOTES A – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures is a summary of the activity of the District's federal award programs. The schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

NOTES B – CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

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



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

BERNE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
FEBRUARY 10, 2009**