



**PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEN COUNTY**

SINGLE AUDIT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Perry Local School District, Allen County, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Perry Local School District, Allen County, as of June 30, 2000, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund type for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 30, 2000 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of the District, taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

November 30, 2000

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**PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEN COUNTY**

**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2000**

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
Assets and Other Debits:			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,170,919	\$127,531	\$86,787
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agents			
Receivables:			
Taxes	2,192,930		99,329
Accounts		1,111	
Intergovernmental	50		
Accrued Interest	7,701		
Interfund Receivable	5,406		
Inventory Held for Resale			
Materials and Supplies Inventory	5,499	922	
Prepaid Items	41,945	2,877	
Restricted Assets :			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	77,146		
Fixed Assets (Net, where applicable, of Accumulated Depreciation)			
Other Debits:			
Amount to be Provided from General Government Resources			
Total Assets and Other Debits	<u>\$3,501,596</u>	<u>\$132,441</u>	<u>\$186,116</u>
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$45,246	\$4,541	\$9,981
Accrued Wages and Benefits	366,058	50,272	
Compensated Absences Payable	16,717		
Interfund Payable			2,406
Intergovernmental Payable	88,262	9,383	
Special Assessment Payable			
Deferred Revenue	2,028,903		99,329
Undistributed Monies			
Due to Students			
Total Liabilities	<u>2,545,186</u>	<u>64,196</u>	<u>111,716</u>
Fund Equity and Other Credits			
Investment in General Fixed Assets			
Contributed Capital			
Retained Earnings Unreserved			
Fund Balances			
Reserved for Encumbrances	122,546	5,690	25,430
Reserve for Inventory	5,499	922	
Reserved for Property Tax	164,027		
Reserved for Budget Stabilization	77,146		
Unreserved	587,192	61,633	48,970
Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	<u>956,410</u>	<u>68,245</u>	<u>74,400</u>
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits	<u><u>\$3,501,596</u></u>	<u><u>\$132,441</u></u>	<u><u>\$186,116</u></u>

See Accompanying Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements.

Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Trust and Agency	Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
		General Fixed Assets	General Long Term Debt	
\$89,676	\$35,172 33,198			\$1,510,085 33,198
				2,292,259
16,615				17,726
				50
				7,701
				5,406
9,095				9,095
1,191				7,612
1,734				46,556
				77,146
61,542		\$ 3,827,538		3,889,080
			\$ 417,707	417,707
<u>\$179,853</u>	<u>\$68,370</u>	<u>\$3,827,538</u>	<u>\$417,707</u>	<u>\$8,313,621</u>
\$4,217	\$493			\$64,478
19,027				435,357
6,400			\$ 266,170	289,287
3,000				5,406
9,606			31,493	138,744
			120,044	120,044
3,327				2,131,559
	33,198			33,198
	27,318			27,318
<u>45,577</u>	<u>61,009</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>417,707</u>	<u>3,245,391</u>
		3,827,538		3,827,538
600				600
133,676				133,676
				153,666
				6,421
				164,027
				77,146
	7,361			705,156
<u>134,276</u>	<u>7,361</u>	<u>3,827,538</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,068,230</u>
<u>\$179,853</u>	<u>\$68,370</u>	<u>\$3,827,538</u>	<u>\$417,707</u>	<u>\$8,313,621</u>

**PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEN COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000**

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	
REVENUES:					
Taxes	\$2,141,068		\$89,772		\$2,230,840
Intergovernmental	1,990,941	\$ 486,664	100,473		2,578,078
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	8,727				8,727
Interest	93,002	2,177	4,684	\$ 385	100,248
Tuition and Fees	140,458				140,458
Extracurricular Activities		99,198			99,198
Gifts and Donations		9,444	1,000	376	10,820
Miscellaneous	1,986	12,410	7,980		22,376
Total Revenues	4,376,182	609,893	203,909	761	5,190,745
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction:					
Regular	1,956,677	175,916	3,791		2,136,384
Special	300,921	205,490			506,411
Vocational	49,657				49,657
Other	92,111				92,111
Support Services:					
Pupils	75,375	29,132			104,507
Instructional Staff	183,387	35,963			219,350
Board of Education	17,261				17,261
Administration	416,311	37,711			454,022
Fiscal	154,501	501	1,856		156,858
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	422,101				422,101
Pupil Transportation	353,006	16,752			369,758
Central	25,876	1,770			27,646
Non-Instructional Services		300		1,500	1,800
Extracurricular activities	185,457	79,620			265,077
Capital Outlay	20,248		326,730		346,978
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement			3,798		\$3,798
Interest and Fiscal Charges			11,078		\$11,078
Total Expenditures	4,252,889	583,155	347,253	1,500	5,184,797
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	123,293	26,738	(143,344)	(739)	5,948
OTHER FINANCING USES:					
Operating Transfers In			99,723		99,723
Operating Transfers Out	(99,723)				(99,723)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(99,723)	0	99,723	0	0
Excess of Revenue and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	23,570	26,738	(43,621)	(739)	5,948
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	938,497	41,612	118,021	8,100	1,106,230
Decrease in Reserve for Inventory	(5,657)	(105)			(5,762)
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 956,410	\$ 68,245	\$ 74,400	\$ 7,361	\$ 1,106,416

See Accompanying Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements.

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**PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000**

	General Fund			Special Revenue		
	Revised Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$2,137,612	\$2,117,647	(\$19,965)			
Intergovernmental	1,994,849	1,990,891	(3,958)	\$ 486,664	\$ 486,664	0
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	6,400	6,321	(79)			
Interest	83,100	89,857	6,757	2,251	2,177	(74)
Tuition and Fees	141,400	140,458	(942)			
Extracurricular Activities				100,176	99,383	(793)
Gifts and Donations				8,800	8,708	(92)
Miscellaneous	1,501	1,445	(56)	12,200	12,150	(50)
Total Revenues	4,364,862	4,346,619	(18,243)	610,091	609,082	(1,009)
Expenditures:						
Current Instruction:						
Regular	2,072,262	2,062,480	9,782	189,438	185,087	4,351
Special	317,641	314,233	3,408	216,281	212,545	3,736
Vocational	51,700	50,658	1,042			
Other	105,795	102,193	3,602			
Support Services:						
Pupils	79,319	77,586	1,733	34,252	32,827	1,425
Instructional Staff	185,651	183,172	2,479	42,453	41,112	1,341
Board of Education	23,690	23,147	543			0
Administration	428,846	423,852	4,994	45,437	44,124	1,313
Fiscal	159,928	158,263	1,665	570	501	69
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	471,114	463,533	7,581			
Pupil Transportation	368,348	359,680	8,668	16,752	16,752	0
Central	27,300	26,160	1,140	1,771	1,771	0
Non-Instructional Services				300	300	0
Extracurricular activities	191,900	188,003	3,897	85,889	84,226	1,663
Capital Outlay	25,612	25,143	469			
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement						
Interest and Fiscal Charges						
Total Expenditures	4,509,106	4,458,103	51,003	633,143	619,245	13,898
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(144,244)	(111,484)	32,760	(23,052)	(10,163)	12,889
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In						
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	31,121	935	(30,186)			
Advances In	309,000	309,000	0	116,000	116,000	0
Operating Transfers Out	(99,878)	(99,723)	155			
Advances Out	(119,000)	(119,000)	0	(116,000)	(116,000)	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	121,243	91,212	(30,031)	0	0	0
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(23,001)	(20,272)	2,729	(23,052)	(10,163)	12,889
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	970,503	970,503	0	109,276	109,276	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	113,657	113,657	0	18,157	18,157	0
			0			
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$1,061,159	\$1,063,888	\$2,729	\$104,381	\$117,270	\$12,889

See Accompanying Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements.

Capital Projects			Expendable Trust		
Revised Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$96,319	\$96,163	(\$156)			
100,477	100,473	(4)			
4,700	4,684	(16)	\$ 400	\$ 385	\$ (15)
1,000	1,000	0	400	376	(24)
10,500	10,386	(114)			
<u>212,996</u>	<u>212,706</u>	<u>(290)</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>761</u>	<u>(39)</u>
8,726	8,623	103			
2,000	1,856	144			
			2,000	1,500	500
361,921	354,507	7,414			
3,798	3,798	0			
11,078	11,078	0			
<u>387,523</u>	<u>379,862</u>	<u>7,661</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>500</u>
(174,527)	(167,156)	7,371	(1,200)	(739)	461
99,723	99,723	0			
<u>(193,000)</u>	<u>(193,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>(93,277)</u>	<u>(93,277)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(267,804)	(260,433)	7,371	(1,200)	(739)	461
39,671	39,671	0	8,100	8,100	0
272,140	272,140	0			
<u>\$44,007</u>	<u>\$51,378</u>	<u>\$7,371</u>	<u>\$6,900</u>	<u>\$7,361</u>	<u>\$461</u>

**PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEN COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000**

	Enterprise
Operating Revenues:	
Sales	\$166,985
Total Operating Revenues	166,985
Operating Expenses:	
Salaries	113,037
Fringe Benefits	36,418
Purchased Services	2,838
Materials and Supplies	175
Cost of Sales	169,228
Depreciation	2,826
Total Operating Expenses	324,522
Operating Loss	(157,537)
Non-Operating Revenues:	
Federal Donated Commodities	24,225
Interest	5,232
Operating Grants	105,389
Total Non-Operating Revenues	134,846
Net Loss	(22,691)
Retained Earnings at Beginning of Year	156,367
Retained Earnings at End of Year	133,676
Contributed Capital at Beginning and End of Year	600
Total Fund Equity at End of Year	\$134,276

See Accompanying Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements.

**PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEN COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000**

	Enterprise
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Cash Received from Customers	\$166,005
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(148,752)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(110,969)
Cash Payments for Employee Benefits	(34,527)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(128,243)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Advances In	3,000
Operating Grants Received	118,563
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	121,563
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(30,637)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Cash Received from Interest	5,232
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(32,085)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	121,761
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$89,676
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:	
Operating Loss	(157,537)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash used for Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	2,826
Donated Commodities Used During Year	24,225
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(1,067)
Decrease in Inventory Held for Resale	7,010
Increase in Materials and Supplies Inventory	(270)
Increase in Prepaid Items	(487)
Decrease in Accounts Payable	(7,389)
Increase in Accrued Wages and Benefits	2,760
Increase in Compensated Absences Payable	282
Increase in Intergovernmental Payable	1,404
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(\$128,243)

See Accompanying Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements.

**PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEN COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000**

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>		
	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:			
Sales	\$165,310	\$166,005	\$695
Interest	5,292	5,232	(60)
Operating Grants	118,800	118,563	(237)
Total Revenues	<u>289,402</u>	<u>289,800</u>	<u>398</u>
Expenses:			
Salaries	115,000	110,969	4,031
Fringe Benefits	35,100	34,527	573
Purchased Services	4,338	3,134	1,204
Materials and Supplies	179,545	174,945	4,600
Capital Outlay	30,000	28,869	1,131
Total Expenses	<u>363,983</u>	<u>352,444</u>	<u>11,539</u>
Excess of Revenues Under Expenses	(74,581)	(62,644)	11,937
Advances In	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Revenues Under Expenses and Advances	(71,581)	(59,644)	11,937
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	105,978	105,978	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>15,783</u>	<u>15,783</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u><u>\$50,180</u></u>	<u><u>\$62,117</u></u>	<u><u>\$11,937</u></u>

See Accompanying Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements.

**PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000**

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

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

The School District is located in Allen County and includes all of Perry Township. It is staffed by 32 non-certificated employees, 58 certificated full-time teaching personnel and 4 administrative employees who provide services to 862 students and other community members. The School District currently operates two instructional buildings and one bus garage.

A. Reporting Entity:

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

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the School District is financially accountable. The School District is financially accountable for an organization if the School District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the School District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the School District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the School District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the School District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the School District in that the School District approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes. The School District does not have any component units.

The School District is associated with five jointly governed organizations and two insurance pools. These organizations include the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative, Apollo Joint Vocational School, the Spencerville, Perry and Bath Local Professional Development Committee, West Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center, the West Central Ohio Regional Professional Development Center, the Allen County Schools Health Benefit Plan, and the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program. These organizations are presented in Notes 19 and 20 to the general purpose financial statements.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

**PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000
(CONTINUED)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Basis Of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The School District uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain School District functions or activities.

A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and changes therein, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special restrictions or limitations. An account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net available expendable resources.

For financial statement presentation purposes, the various funds of the School District are grouped into the following generic fund types under the broad fund categories governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

1. Governmental Fund Types:

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the School District are financed. The acquisition, use, and balances of the School District's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities (except those accounted for in proprietary funds and trust funds) are accounted for through governmental funds. The following are the School District's governmental fund types:

General Fund

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

Special Revenue Funds

Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditure for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Fund

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

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**NOTES TO THE GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000
(CONTINUED)**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Proprietary Fund Types:

Proprietary funds are used to account for the School District's ongoing activities which are similar to those found in the private sector. The following is the School District's proprietary fund type:

Enterprise Funds

Enterprise funds are used to account for School District activities that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where it has been decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

3. Fiduciary Fund Types:

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the School District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. The School District's fiduciary funds include expendable trust and agency funds. Expendable trust funds are accounted for in essentially the same manner as governmental funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

4. Account Groups:

To make a clear distinction between fixed assets related to specific funds and those of general government, and between long-term liabilities related to specific funds and those of a general nature, the following account groups are used:

General Fixed Assets Account Group

This account group is established to account for all fixed assets of the School District, other than those accounted for in the enterprise or trust funds.

General Long-Term Obligations Account Group

This account group is established to account for all long-term obligations of the School District except those accounted for in the enterprise or trust funds.

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types and the expendable trust fund are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

All enterprise funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Fund equity (i.e., net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Enterprise fund operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed for the governmental, expendable trust, and agency funds. Under this basis, revenues are recognized in the accounting period when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current fiscal year or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. The available period for the School District is sixty days after fiscal year end.

In applying the susceptible to accrual concept under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are deemed both measurable and available: interest, tuition, grants, and student fees.

The School District reports deferred revenues on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the measurable and available criteria for recognition in the current period. In the subsequent period, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized. Property taxes measurable as of June 30, 2000, and delinquent property taxes, whose availability is indeterminable and which are intended to finance fiscal year 2001 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue.

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

The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes by the enterprise fund types. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned, and expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The fair value of donated commodities used during the year is reported on the operating statement as an expense with a like amount reported as donated commodities revenue. Unused donated commodities are reported as deferred revenue.

C. Budgetary Process

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriation resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The primary level of budgetary control is at the special cost center level within each fund, function and object. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education.

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

1. Tax Budget

Prior to January 15, the Superintendent and Treasurer submit to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing for all funds. Public hearings are publicized and conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. The express purpose of this budget document is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.

By no later than January 20, the Board-adopted budget is filed with the Allen County Budget Commission for rate determination.

2. Estimated Resources

Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the County Budget Commission and receives the commission's certificate of estimated resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to June 30, the School District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate is amended to include any unencumbered cash balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the School District Treasurer. The amounts reported in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the final amended certificate issued during fiscal year 2000.

3. Appropriations

Upon receipt from the County Auditor of an amended certificate of estimated resources based on final assessed values and tax rates or a certificate saying no new certificate is necessary, the annual appropriation resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund, function, object and special cost center level of expenditures, which are the legal levels of budgetary control. Prior to the passage of the annual appropriation measure, the Board may pass a temporary appropriation measure to meet the ordinary expenses of the School District. The appropriation resolution, by fund, must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission and the total of expenditures and encumbrances may not exceed the appropriation totals at any level of control. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriation, or alter total function appropriations within a fund, or alter object appropriations within functions, or alter special cost centers within a fund, must be approved by the Board of Education.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Board may pass supplemental fund appropriations so long as the total appropriations by fund do not exceed the amounts set forth in the most recent certificate of estimated resources. During the year, several supplemental appropriation resolutions were legally enacted; however, none of these amendments were significant.

The budget figures which appear in the statements of budgetary comparisons represent the final appropriation amounts, including all supplemental appropriations. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds other than agency funds, consistent with statutory provisions.

4. Encumbrances

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded as the equivalent of expenditures on the non-GAAP budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. On the GAAP basis, encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year end are reported as a reservation of fund balance for subsequent-year expenditures for governmental funds and reported in the notes to the financial statements for enterprise funds.

5. Lapsing of Appropriations:

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

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, cash received by the School District is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the School District's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the combined balance sheet.

During fiscal year 2000, investments were limited to STAROhio and non-negotiable certificates of deposit. Non-negotiable 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 investment could be sold for on June 30, 2000.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the General Fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2000 amounted to \$93,002, which includes \$8,834 assigned from other School District funds.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

For purposes of the Combined Statement of Cash Flows and for presentation of the Combined Balance Sheet, investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School District are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

E. Inventory

Inventories of governmental funds are stated at cost while inventories of enterprise funds are stated at the lower of cost or market. For all funds, cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventory in governmental funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost of inventory items is recorded as an expenditure in the governmental fund types when purchased. Reported material and supplies inventory is equally offset by a fund balance reserve in the governmental funds which indicates that it does not constitute available expendable resources even though it is a component of net current assets. Inventories of enterprise funds consist of donated food, purchased food, and school supplies held for resale and are expensed when used.

F. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2000, 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.

G. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets in the general fund represent cash and cash equivalents whose use is limited by legal requirements. Restricted assets include unexpended revenues required to be set-aside to create a reserve for budget stabilization. See Note 16 for the calculation of the year-end restricted asset balance and the corresponding fund balance reserves.

H. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction costs are reflected as expenditures in governmental funds, and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. Fixed assets utilized in the enterprise funds are capitalized in the fund. All fixed assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The School District maintains a capitalization threshold of one hundred dollars. The School District does not have any infrastructure.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized. Improvements to fund fixed assets are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets.

Assets in the general fixed assets account group are not depreciated. Depreciation of furniture and equipment in the enterprise funds is computed using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of ten to twenty years.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

I. Intergovernmental Revenues

For governmental funds, intergovernmental revenues, such as entitlements and grants awarded on a non-reimbursement basis, are recorded as receivables and revenues when measurable and available. Reimbursement type grants are recorded as receivables and revenues when the related expenditures are incurred. Other than commodities, grants and entitlements for enterprise fund operations are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable. The School District currently participates in several State and Federal programs, categorized as follows:

Entitlements

General Fund

- State Foundation Program
- State Property Tax Relief
- School Bus Purchase Allocation

Non-Reimbursable Grants

Special Revenue Funds

- Venture Capital
- Professional Development Block Grant
- Education Management Information Systems
- Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid
- Eisenhower Math/Science
- Title I
- Title VI
- Title VI-B
- Title VI-R
- Drug-Free Schools
- Continuing Improvement
- Title VI-R

Capital Projects Fund

- SchoolNet- Round 3

Reimbursable Grants

General Fund

- Driver Education

Enterprise Funds

- National School Lunch Program
- Government Donated Commodities

Grants and entitlements amounted to approximately fifty percent of the School District's governmental operating revenue during the 2000 fiscal year.

J. Interfund Assets/Liabilities

Receivables and payables resulting from transactions between funds for services provided or goods received are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the balance sheet. Short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables" and "interfund payables". Long-term interfund loans are classified as "advances to/from other funds" and are equally offset by a fund balance reserve account which indicates that they do not constitute available expendable resources since they are not a component of net current assets.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

K. Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the School District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The School District records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time when earned for 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 School District has identified as probable of receiving payment 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 School District's termination policy. For all funds, the School District records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave for classified employees, certified employees, and administrators after ten years of service or for employees 60 years of age or older and 5 years of service.

For governmental funds, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using available expendable resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The remainder is reported in the general long-term obligations account group. In enterprise funds, the entire amount of compensated absences is reported as a fund liability.

L. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities are reported as obligations of the funds regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources.

However, compensated absences and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the general long-term obligations account group to the extent that they will not be paid with current available expendable financial resources. Payments made more than two months after year end are considered not to have used current available financial resources.

Long-term debt and other obligations financed by enterprise funds are reported as liabilities in the appropriate enterprise funds.

M. Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues and expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

N. Fund Balance Reserves

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

The reserve for property taxes represents taxes recognized as revenue under generally accepted accounting principles but not available for appropriation under State statute. The reserve for budget stabilization represents money required to be set-aside by statute to protect against cyclical changes in revenues and expenditures.

O. Contributed Capital

Contributed capital represents resources from other funds, other governments, and private sources provided to enterprise funds that is not subject to repayment. These assets are recorded at their fair market value on the date donated. Depreciation on those assets acquired or constructed with contributed resources is expensed and closed to unreserved retained earnings at year end.

Because the School District did not prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles prior to fiscal year 1993, the exact amount of contributed capital cannot be determined. Consequently, only those amounts that have been specifically identified have been classified as contributed capital in the accompanying combined financial statements. All other fund equity amounts pertaining to enterprise funds have been classified as retained earnings.

P. Use of Estimates

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

Q. Total Columns on General Purpose Financial Statements

Total columns on the general purpose financial statements are captioned "Totals - (Memorandum Only)" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

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3. ACCOUNTABILITY

At June 30, 2000, the Eisenhower Math/Science special revenue fund had a deficit fund balance of \$7. The deficit in the special revenue fund resulted from expenditures made in excess of available revenues. The general fund is liable for any deficit in these funds and provides operating transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur.

4. RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR'S FUND EQUITY

During fiscal year 2000, the School District determined that certain special cost centers within the district managed special revenue fund should be reclassified as agency funds. This determination was based on the Uniform School Accounting System that certain student activity funds that were administered by the students rather than the board of education should be reflected as agency funds.

The effect of reclassifying these special cost centers on the excess of revenues and other financing sources under expenditures and other financing uses for the prior year is as follows:

	<u>Special Revenue</u>
Excess as previously reported	(\$31,504)
Reclassification of special cost centers	6,047
Restated amounts for the year ended June 30, 1999	(\$25,457)

The reclassification of specific special costs centers had the following effect on fund balance as it was previously reported as of June 30, 1999.

	<u>Special Revenue</u>
Balances as previously reported	\$70,804
Reclassification of special cost centers	(29,912)
Restated Balances as of June 30, 1999	\$41,612

5. BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While the School District is reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balances/retained earnings on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual-All Governmental Fund Types and Similar Trust Fund and the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual - Proprietary Fund Type are presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget.

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Expenditures/expenses are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures/expenses for all funds (budget basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance for governmental fund types and as note disclosure in the enterprise fund type (GAAP basis).

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5. BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (Continued)

4. For enterprise funds, the acquisition and construction of capital assets are reported on the operating statement (budget basis) rather than as balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis).

The following tables summarize the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP and budgetary basis statements by fund type.

**Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources
Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
All Governmental Fund Types**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
GAAP Basis	\$23,570	\$26,738	(\$43,621)
Revenue Accruals	(28,630)	(811)	6,391
Expenditure Accruals	(16,738)	(26,114)	5,206
Prepays	(4,296)	286	
Advances In	309,000	116,000	
Advances Out	(119,000)	(116,000)	(193,000)
Encumbrances Outstanding At Year End (Budget Basis)	<u>(184,178)</u>	<u>(10,262)</u>	<u>(35,409)</u>
Budget Basis	<u><u>(\$20,272)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$10,163)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$260,433)</u></u>

**Net Loss/Excess of Revenues
Under Expenses and Advances
Proprietary Fund Type**

	Enterprise
GAAP Basis	(\$22,691)
Revenue Accrual	12,106
Expense Accrual	(2,943)
Change in Material and Supply Inventory	(270)
Change in Inventory Held for Resale	7,011
Change in Prepaid Items	(487)
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	(30,637)
Depreciation Expense	2,826
Advances In	3,000
Encumbrances Outstanding at Year End (Budget Basis)	<u>(27,559)</u>
Budget Basis	<u><u>(\$59,644)</u></u>

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6 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Treasurer is responsible for selecting depositories and investing funds. State statutes classify monies held by the School 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 School District treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

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

Interim deposits are deposits of interim 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.

Protection of the School District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 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 moneys deposited with the institution.

Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including pass book accounts. Interim moneys 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 marking association. All federal agency services shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
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); and
7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred and eighty days in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim moneys available for investment at any one time.

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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, 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 (Including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements."

Deposits: At fiscal year end, the carrying amount of the School District's deposits was \$1,268,735 and the bank balance was \$1,431,963. Of the bank balance, \$300,000 was covered by federal depository insurance. The remaining amounts were uninsured and uncollateralized. Although the securities were held by the pledging financial institutions trust departments in the School District's name and all state statutory requirements for the investment of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the School District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

At fiscal year end, the District's agency funds had a balance of \$33,198 consisting of cash with CoreSource for a Section 125 cafeteria plan. The cash is held by CoreSource in a pooled account which is representative of numerous funds, therefore, it cannot be classified by risk under GASB Statement 3.

Investments: The School District's investments are to be categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the School District at year end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the School District or its agent in the School District's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the School District's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but no in the School District's name. At year end, the School District's investment in STAROhio had a market value of \$318,496. STAROhio, an investment pool operated by the Ohio State Treasurer, is unclassified since it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

A reconciliation between the classifications of cash and investments on the combined financial statements and the classifications per GASB 3 is as follows:

	Cash and Cash	
	Equivalents/Deposits	Investments
GASB Statement 9	\$1,620,429	\$
Funds held by CoreSource	(33,198)	
Investments:		
STAROhio	(318,496)	318,496
GASB Statement 3	\$1,268,735	\$318,496

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7. PROPERTY TAXES

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility, and tangible personal (used in business) property located in the School District. Real and public utility property tax revenues received in calendar year 2000 represent the collection of calendar year 1999 taxes. For 2000, real property tax levied after April 1, 2000, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2000, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes were levied after April 1, 2000, on the assessed values as of December 31, 1999, the lien date. 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. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property taxes described previously.

Tangible personal property tax revenues received in calendar year 2000 (other than public utility property) represent the collection of calendar year 2000 taxes. For 2000, tangible personal property taxes were levied after April 1, 1999, on the value as of December 31, 1998, the lien date. Tangible personal property is currently assessed at 25 percent of true value.

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

The School District receives property taxes from Allen County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2000, are available to finance fiscal year 2000 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable represents delinquent taxes outstanding and real property, public utility, and tangible personal property taxes which were measurable as of June 30, 2000. 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 year operations. The receivable is therefore offset by a credit to deferred revenue for that portion not intended to finance current year operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2000 was \$164,027 and was recorded as revenue. The amounts available as an advance at June 30, 1999 were \$140,606 in the general fund and \$6,391 in the permanent improvement capital projects fund.

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2000 taxes were collected are:

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7. PROPERTY TAXES (Continued)

	<u>1999 Second- Half Collections</u>		<u>2000 First- Half Collections</u>	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agricultural/Residential And Other Real Estate	\$54,536,790	69.47%	\$57,196,800	66.85%
Public Utility Personal	7,386,110	9.41%	8,009,140	9.36%
Tangible Personal Property	<u>16,579,533</u>	<u>21.12%</u>	<u>20,357,208</u>	<u>23.79%</u>
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$78,502,433</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$85,563,148</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
 Tax rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation	 \$37.10		 \$37.10	

8. PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

According to State law, the School District has entered into agreements with a number of property owners under which the School District has granted property tax abatements to those property owners. The property owners have agreed to make payments to the School District which reflect all or a portion of the property taxes which the property owners would have paid if their taxes had not been abated. The property owners' contractual promises to make these payments in lieu of taxes generally continue until the agreement expires. Payments in lieu of taxes for fiscal year 2000 amounted to \$8,727.

9. RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2000, consisted of property taxes, accounts (rent, billings for user charged services, and student fees), interfund, intergovernmental grants and accrued interest. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current fiscal year guarantee of federal funds. A summary of the single item of intergovernmental receivable follows:

General Fund:	
Drivers Education	<u>\$50</u>

10. FIXED ASSETS

A summary of the enterprise funds' fixed assets at June 30, 2000, follows:

Furniture and Equipment	\$112,535
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(50,993)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>\$61,542</u>

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10. FIXED ASSETS (Continued)

A summary of the changes in general fixed assets during fiscal year 2000 follows:

<u>Asset Category</u>	<u>Balance at 6/30/99</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance at 6/30/00</u>
Land and Improvements	\$429,744	\$445,572	\$0	\$875,316
Buildings	1,322,857	0	0	1,322,857
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	1,057,434	97,121	11,801	1,142,754
Vehicles	376,625	106,674	0	483,299
Construction in Progress	13,990	3,312	13,990	3,312
Totals	<u>\$3,200,650</u>	<u>\$652,679</u>	<u>\$25,791</u>	<u>\$3,827,538</u>

11. RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2000, the School District contracted with Nationwide Insurance for general liability and fleet insurance, and with Indiana Insurance Company for property insurance.

Coverages provided by the various insurances are as follows:

Building and Contents-replacement cost	\$11,823,300
Automobile Liability (\$50 deductible)	1,000,000
Uninsured Motorists (\$50 deductible)	1,000,000
General Liability	1,000,000
Per occurrence	2,000,000
Total per year	5,000,000

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

The School District participates in the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (the Program), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 20). The Program is intended to reduce premiums for the participants. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the Program. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Program rather than its individual rate.

Participation in the Program is limited to educational entities that can meet the Program's selection criteria. Each participant must apply annually. The Program provides the participants with a centralized program for the processing, analysis and management of workers' compensation claims and a risk management program to assist in developing safer work environments. Each participant must pay its premiums, enrollment or other fees, and perform its obligations in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

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11. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

The School District participates in the Allen County Schools Health Benefit Plan (the Plan), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of the school districts within Allen County. The School District pays monthly premiums to the Plan for employee medical and dental benefits. The Plan is responsible for the management and operations of the program. Upon withdrawal from the Plan, a participant is responsible for the payment of all Plan liabilities to its employees, dependents, and designated beneficiaries accruing as a result of withdrawal.

12. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

The School District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the School Employees Retirement Board. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 45 North Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3634.

Plan members are required to contribute 9 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll; 5.5 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations for fiscal year 2000. For fiscal year 1999, 7.7 percent was the portion 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 School District's contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000, 1999, and 1998 were \$37,672, \$45,270, and \$54,673, respectively; 50.3 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2000 and 100 percent for the fiscal years 1999 and 1998. The unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2000, in the amount of \$18,709 is recorded as a liability within the respective funds and the general long-term obligations account group.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

The School District participates in 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 and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771.

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12. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Plan members are required to contribute 9.3 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute 14 percent; 6 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations for fiscal year 2000. 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 School District's contribution for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000, 1999, and 1998 were \$137,916, \$129,238, and \$250,800, respectively; 82.9 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2000 and 100 percent for the fiscal years 1999 and 1998. The unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2000, in the amount of \$23,631, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System have an option to choose Social Security or the School Employees Retirement System/State Teachers Retirement System. As of June 30, 2000, four members of the Board of Education have elected social security. The Board's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

13. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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

The State Teachers Retirement Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Most benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS funds shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For fiscal year 2000, the Board allocated employer contributions equal to 8 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve. For the School District, this amount equaled \$183,888 for fiscal year 2000.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. The balance in the Fund was \$2,783 million at June 30, 1999 (the latest information available). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$249,929,000 and STRS had 95,796 eligible benefit recipients.

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

For this fiscal year, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 8.5 percent of covered payroll, an increase from 6.3 percent for fiscal year 1999. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2000, the minimum pay has been established at \$12,400. For the School District, the amount to fund health care benefits, including surcharge, equaled \$65,196 during the 2000 fiscal year.

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13. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund. The target level for the health care reserve is 150 percent of annual health care expenses. Expense for health care at June 30, 1999, was \$126,380,984 and the target level was \$189.6 million.

At June 30, 1999, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$188 million. SERS has approximately 51,000 participants currently receiving health care benefits.

14. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave components are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn ten to twenty days of vacation per fiscal year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers 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 230 days for certified employees and 200 days to classified employees. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of accrued, but unused sick leave credit to a maximum of 42 days for classified employees and 50 days for certified employees.

B. Health Care Benefits

The School District has elected to provide employee medical/surgical and dental benefits through the Allen County Schools Health Benefit Plan. The employees share the cost of the monthly premium with the Board. The premium varies with employees depending on the terms of the union contract. Life insurance is provided through CoreSource. The School District also contributes to a Flexible Health Benefit Spending Account for each employee, for medical expenses not covered by other health insurance.

15. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The changes in the School District's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2000 were as follows:

	Balance 6/30/99	Additions	Deductions	Balance 6/30/00
Special Assessment	\$123,842	\$0	\$3,798	\$120,044
Intergovernmental Payable	32,088	31,493	32,088	31,493
Compensated Absences	250,096	25,903	9,829	266,170
Total General Long-Term Obligations	<u>\$406,026</u>	<u>\$57,396</u>	<u>\$45,715</u>	<u>\$417,707</u>

Compensated absences and the intergovernmental payable will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid.

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15. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Continued)

In October, 1995, the School District entered into a contract with the Allen Water District to construct a water main to supply city water services to the School District's facilities. Installation was completed in September, 1996. The cost to the School District was \$225,000. The unpaid balance under the contract was certified to Allen County Auditor for collection as a special assessment in fiscal year 1998. The special assessments will be paid semi-annually from the permanent improvement capital projects fund. The contract with the Water District also allows the School District to receive from the Allen Water District, 95 percent of any tap fees collected for a period of ten years or a maximum of \$170,000. Since the actual amount to be received cannot be estimated, a receivable was not recorded.

The School District's overall legal debt margin was \$7,700,683 with an unvoted debt margin of \$85,563 at June 30, 2000.

Principal and interest requirements to retire the special assessment outstanding at June 30, 2000, are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2001	\$9,917
2002	9,917
2003	9,917
2004	9,917
2005	9,917
2006-2010	49,585
2011-2015	49,585
2016-2020	49,585
2021-2023	19,835
Total	<u>\$218,175</u>

16. RESERVATIONS OF FUND BALANCE

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

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>Textbook</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Set-aside Cash Balance as of June 30, 1999	\$	\$	\$46,090
Revenue Required to be Set-aside	93,168	93,168	30,122
Workers' Compensation Refund in FY 2000			934
Qualifying Expenditures (Paid in Cash)	(161,080)	(99,723)	
Off-set for the current year		(97,446)	
Balance as of June 30, 2000	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$77,146</u>

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16. RESERVATIONS OF FUND BALANCE (Continued)

Qualifying expenditures for the textbook reserve exceeded the required set aside by \$67,912 and can be carried forward to future years. The off-set and qualifying expenditures for the capital reserve exceeded the required set aside by \$104,001, but can not be carried forward to future years. The total reserve balance for the three set-asides at the end of the fiscal year was \$77,146.

17. INTERFUND ACTIVITY

As of June 30, 2000, receivables and payables that resulted from various interfund transactions were as follows:

Fund Type/Fund	Interfund	
	Receivable	Payable
General Fund	\$5,406	
Capital Projects Fund:		
Permanent Improvement		\$2,406
Enterprise Fund:		
Uniform Supply		3,000
Total All Funds	\$5,406	\$5,406

18. SEGMENT INFORMATION FOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS

The School District maintains two enterprise funds to account for the operations of food service and uniform school supplies. The table below reflects the more significant financial data relating to the enterprise funds of the School District as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000.

	Food Service	Uniform School Supplies	Total Enterprise Funds
Operating Revenues	\$149,844	\$17,141	\$166,985
Depreciation Expense	2,826	0	2,826
Operating Loss	(153,428)	(4,109)	(157,537)
Donated Commodities	24,225	0	24,225
Operating Grants	105,389	0	105,389
Advance In	0	3,000	3,000
Net Income (Loss)	(19,171)	(3,520)	(22,691)
Fixed Assets Additions	30,637	0	30,637
Net Working Capital	54,269	24,865	79,134
Total Assets	147,990	31,863	179,853
Total Equity	109,411	24,865	134,276
Encumbrances Outstanding at June 30, 2000 (Budget Basis)	15,275	12,284	27,559

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19. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative - The School District is a participant in the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC) which is a computer consortium. NOACSC is an association of public school districts within the boundaries of Allen, Putnam, Mercer, Hancock, Van Wert, and Paulding Counties and Cities of Wapakoneta and St. Marys. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. Financial information can be obtained from Michael Wildermuth, who serves as director, at 645 South Main Street, Lima, Ohio 45804.

Apollo Joint Vocational School - The Apollo Joint Vocational School is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the participating school districts' elected boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information write to the Apollo Joint Vocational School, Greg Bukowski, who serves as Treasurer, at 3325 Shawnee Road, Lima, Ohio 45806.

Spencerville, Perry, and Bath Local Professional Development Committee - The Spencerville, Perry, and Bath Local Professional Development Committee is a consortium operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from the educators of each school, along with two administrators from the member schools chosen by the superintendents. The Committee was formed to review coursework and other professional development activities completed by educators within the school districts and used for the renewal of certificates and licenses. As of June 30, 2000, there was no financial information available for this Committee.

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

The SERRC is governed by a board of 52 members made up the 50 superintendents of the participating districts, one non-public school, and Wright State University whose term rotates every year. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the Krista Hart, Treasurer, at the Hardin County Educational Service Center, 1 Court House Square, Suite 50, Kenton, Ohio 43326-2385.

West Central Ohio Regional Professional Development Center (Center) - The Center is a jointly governed organization among the school districts located in Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert counties. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of establishing an articulated, regional structure for professional development, in which school districts, the business community, higher education and other groups cooperatively plan and implement effective professional development activities than are tied directly to school improvement, and in particular, to improvements in instructional programs.

The Center is governed by a board made up of fifty-two representatives of the participating school districts, the business community, and two institutions of higher learning whose term rotates every two years. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. Financial information may be obtained by contacting Bradley Brown, Treasurer, Hancock County Educational Service Center, 7746 Co. Rd. 140, Findlay, Ohio 45840-3087.

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20. INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

Allen County Schools Health Benefit Plan - The School District participates in the Allen County Schools Health Benefit Plan (the Program), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of the school districts within Allen County. The Trust is organized as a Voluntary Employee Benefit Association under Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code and provides sick, accident and other benefits to the employees of the participating school districts. Each participating school district's superintendent is appointed to a Board of Trustees which advises the Trustee, CoreSource, concerning aspects of the administration of the Trust.

Each school district decides which plans offered the Board of Trustees will be extended to its employees. Participation in the Trust is by written application subject to acceptance by the Board of Trustees and payment of the monthly premiums. Financial information can be obtained from Don Smith, who serves as Chairman, at 204 North Main Street, Lima, Ohio 45801.

Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program - The School District participates in the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Service Cooperative Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (Program), an insurance purchasing pool. The Program's business and affairs are conducted by a twenty-five member Board of directors consisting of two representatives from each county elected by a majority vote of all charter member schools within each county plus one representative from the fiscal agency A-site. The Treasurer of Findlay City Schools serves as coordinator of the program. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the Program to cover the costs of administering the program and its financial operations.

21. SCHOOL FUNDING

On March 24, 1997, the Ohio Supreme Court rendered a decision declaring certain portions of the Ohio school funding plan unconstitutional. The Court stayed the effect of its ruling for one year to allow the State's Legislature to design a plan to remedy the perceived defects in the system. Declared unconstitutional was the State's "School Foundation Program", which provides significant monetary support to the School District. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, the School District received \$1,760,842 of school foundation support for its general fund.

Since the Supreme Court ruling, numerous pieces of legislation have been passed by the Ohio General Assembly in an attempt to address the issues identified by the Court. The Court of Common Pleas in Perry County reviewed the new laws and, in a decision issued on February 26, 1999, determined they are not sufficiently responsive to the constitutional issues raised under the "thorough and efficient" clause of the Ohio Constitution. The State appealed the decision made by the Court of Common Pleas to the Ohio Supreme Court. On May 11, 2000, the Supreme Court rendered an opinion on this issue. The Supreme Court concluded, "...the mandate of the [Ohio] Constitution has not been fulfilled". The Supreme Court's majority recognized efforts of the Ohio General Assembly taken in response to the Court's March 24, 1997, decision; however, it found seven "...major areas warrant further attention, study, and funding; the State's basic aid formula; the school foundation program, as discussed above; the mechanism for, and adequacy of, funding for school facilities; and the existence of the State's School Solvency Assistance Fund, which the Supreme Court found took the place of the unconstitutional emergency school loan assistance program.

The Supreme Court decided to maintain jurisdiction over these issues and continued the case at least until June 15, 2001.

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21. SCHOOL FUNDING (Continued)

As of the date of these financial statements, the School District is unable to determine what effect, if any, this ongoing litigation will have on its future State funding under these programs and on its financial operations.

22. CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and 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 School District at June 30, 2000.

B. Litigation

The School District is not party to any legal proceedings.

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**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000**

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Non-Cash Receipts	Disbursements	Non-Cash Disbursements
U.S. DEPARTMENT AGRICULTURE						
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Education:</i>						
Nutrition Cluster:						
Food Distribution		10.550		\$25,118		\$23,858
National School Lunch	NN-N2	10.555	111,538		111,538	
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture-Nutrition Cluster			111,538	25,118	111,538	23,858
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION						
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Education:</i>						
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA Part B)						
	NN-N4	84.027	46,752		46,752	
Grants to Local Educational Agencies (ESEA Title I)	NN-N8 NN-N8	84.010 84.010	161,441		135,765 30,529	
Subtotal - Title I			161,441		166,294	
Innovative Educational Program	NN-N9	84.298	4,028		3,436	
Eisenhower Professional Development State Grants	N/A N/A	84.281 84.281	4,358		4,358 931	
Subtotal - Eisenhower Grant			4,358		5,289	
Drug Free Schools	NN-N10	84.186	3,555		3,181	
Classroom Size Reduction	NN-N8	84.340	13,864			
Continuous Improvement	N/A	84.276			5,000	
Total U.S. Department of Education			233,998		229,952	
TOTAL FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE			<u>\$345,536</u>	<u>\$25,118</u>	<u>\$341,490</u>	<u>\$23,858</u>

The notes to the schedule of federal award expenditures are an integral part of this statement.

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES
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NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

NOTE B - FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Non-monetary assistance, such as food received from the United States Department of Agriculture, is reported in the schedule at the fair value of the commodities received and consumed. Cash receipts from the United States Department of Agriculture are commingled with state grants. It is assumed federal monies are expended first. At June 30, 2000, the District had no significant food commodities in inventory.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL
CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Perry Local School District
Allen County
2770 East Breese Road
Lima, Ohio 45806

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of the Perry Local School District, Allen County, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 2000. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated November 30, 2000.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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Jim Petro
Auditor of State

November 30, 2000



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

Perry Local School District
Allen County
2770 East Breese Road
Lima, Ohio 45806

To the Board of Education:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Perry Local School District, Allen County, (the District) with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2000. The District's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; 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 occurred with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the 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 the District's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the 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, 2000.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the 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 the 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 and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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Jim Petro
Auditor of State

November 30, 2000

**PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEN COUNTY**

JUNE 30, 2000

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS
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(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other reportable control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under § .510?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Nutrition Cluster *
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes
* Food Distribution Program (CFDA # 10.500), National School Lunch Program (CFDA # 10.555)		

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

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS
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None



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PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ALLEN 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
DECEMBER 19, 2000**