AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000



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To the Board of Education Perry Local School District Massillon, Oh 44646

We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Perry Local School District, Stark County, prepared by Rea & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

JIM PETRO Auditor of State

January 10, 2001

PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STARK COUNTY

JUNE 30, 2000

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Rea & Associates, Inc.

ACCOUNTANTS AND BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

November 21, 2000

To the Board of Education Perry Local School District Massillon, OH 44646

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Perry Local School District (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 Perry Local School District as of June 30, 2000, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we also have issued our report dated November 21, 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.

Kea & Associates, Inc.

Combined Balance Sheet

All Fund Types and Account Groups

June 30, 2000

Governmental Fund Types Capital Special Debt General Revenue Service Projects **Assets** Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents 3,701,886 559,448 \$ 0 \$ 3,282 Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents 492,888 0 0 0 Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents with Trustee 116,655 0 0 0 Receivables: Taxes 21.859.316 0 196,355 376.308 Accounts 68,614 0 0 0 Interfund 11.845 0 0 0 Intergovernmental 4,300 7,078 0 0 Materials and Supplies Inventory 100,011 0 0 0 Inventory Held for Resale 0 0 0 0 Fixed Assets (Net) 0 0 0 0 **Other Debits** Amount Available in Debt Service Fund 0 0 0 0 Amount to be Provided from General Government Resources 0 0 0 0 **Total Assets and Other Debits** 26,355,515 566,526 196,355 \$ 379,590 Liabilities 0 0 Accounts Payable \$ 141,008 \$ 31,785 \$ \$ Contracts Payable 0 357,032 0 Accrued Wages and Benefits 2,664,156 142,998 0 1,275 Compensated Absences Payable 147,289 0 659 0 Interfund Payable 0 11,845 0 0 Intergovernmental Payable 641,994 29,744 0 248 Deferred Revenue 20,983,266 0 188,486 361,227 Due to Students 0 0 0 0 Capital Lease Payable 0 0 0 0 Energy Conservation Loan Payable 0 0 0 0 State Operating Loan Payable 0 0 0 0 Early Retirement Incentive Payable 256,500 0 0 0 **Total Liabilities** 25,191,245 217,031 188,486 362,750 **Fund Equity and Other Credits** Investment in General Fixed Assets 0 0 0 0 Retained Earnings (Deficit): Unreserved 0 0 0 0 Fund Balance: Reserved for Inventory 0 0 100,011 0 Reserved for Encumbrances 101.094 202 364,496 0 Reserved for Budget Stabilization 492,888 0 0 0 Reserved for Taxes Unavailable for Appropriation 15,081 876,050 0 7.869 Reserved for Debt Service 116,655 0 0 0 1,557 Unreserved: Undesignated (785,830)248,401 0 **Total Fund Equity and Other Credits** 349,495 7,869 1,164,270 16,840 Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits 26,355,515 566,526 \$ 196,355 379,590

 Proprietar	y Fund T	Гуреѕ		Fiduciary und Types	 Accoun	nt Gro			
					General		General		Totals
		Internal	'	Trust and	Fixed		Long-Term	(M	lemorandum
 Enterprise		Service		Agency	 Assets		Obligations		Only)
\$ 73,113	\$	211	\$	45,277	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	4,383,217
0		0		0	0		0		492,888
0		0		0	0		0		116,655
0		0		0	0		0		22,431,979
411		0		0	0		0		69,025
0		0		0	0		0 0		11,845 11,378
2,824		0		0	0		0		102,835
35,909		0		0	0		0		35,909
14,556		0		0	27,887,233		0		27,901,789
0		0		0	0		7,869		7,869
 0		0		0	 0		6,617,017		6,617,017
\$ 126,813	\$	211	\$	45,277	\$ 27,887,233	\$	6,624,886	\$	62,182,406
								-	
\$ 291	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	173,084
0		0		0	0		0		357,032
85,088		0		0	0		0		2,893,517
64,753		0		0	0		2,542,032		2,754,733
01.961		0		0	0		179.722		11,845
81,861 21,312		0		0	0		178,722 0		932,569 21,554,291
21,312		0		35,792	0		0		35,792
0		0		0	0		1,104,810		1,104,810
0		0		0	0		535,000		535,000
0		0		0	0		2,264,322		2,264,322
0		0		0	0		0		256,500
253,305		0		35,792	0		6,624,886		32,873,495
0		0		0	27,887,233		0		27,887,233
(126,492)		211		0	0		0		(126,281)
0		0		0	0		0		100,011
0		0		0	0		0		465,792
0		0		0	0		0		492,888
0		0		0	0		0		899,000
0		0		0	0		0		116,655
 0		0		9,485	 0		0		(526,387)
 (126,492)		211		9,485	 27,887,233		0		29,308,911
\$ 126,813	\$	211	\$	45,277	\$ 27,887,233	\$	6,624,886	\$	62,182,406

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Governmental Fund Type								
				Special		Debt		Capital	
_		General		Revenue		Service		Projects	
Revenues	Φ.	10 105 550	Φ.	0	Φ.	1.500	A	1.5001	
Taxes	\$	18,407,672	\$	0	\$	16,285	\$	15,081	
Intergovernmental		12,122,154		1,688,099		182,043		14,958	
Investment Income		393,466		9,551		0		0	
Tuition and Fees		365,331		27,686		0		0	
Extracurricular Activities		10,780		414,567		-		0	
Miscellaneous Total Revenues		305,206 31,604,609		61,289 2,201,192		198,328		30,039	
Expenditures									
Current:									
Instruction:									
Regular		13,061,690		464,089		0		27,017	
Special		2,653,062		284,714		0		0	
Vocational		2,099,599		58,592		0		0	
Other		5,450		0		0		0	
Support Services:									
Pupils		1,660,665		364,547		0		0	
Instructional Staff		621,617		299,091		0		10,878	
Board of Education		83,404		0		0		0	
Administration		2,198,588		58,992		0		0	
Fiscal		537,829		3,131		0		0	
Business		0		0		0		1,080	
Operation and Maintenance of Plant		2,698,783		6,391		0		0	
Pupil Transportation		1,657,659		0		0		0	
Central		160,036		21,418		0		0	
Operation of Non-Instructional Services		0		248,838		0		0	
Extracurricular Activities		494,502		212,771		0		0	
Capital Outlay		1,594,888		0		0		0	
Debt Service:									
Principal Retirement		1,332,204		4,297		155,000		0	
Interest and Fiscal Charges		337,665		778		35,459		0	
Total Expenditures		31,197,641		2,027,649		190,459		38,975	
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		406,968		173,543		7,869		(8,936)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)									
Proceeds from Sales of Fixed Assets		4,044		0		0		0	
Proceeds from Inception of Capital Lease		1,069,894		0		0		0	
Operating Transfers In		0		3,587		0		0	
Operating Transfers Out		(21,087)		0		0		0	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		1,052,851		3,587		0		0	
Excess of Revenue and Other Financing Sources Over									
(Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses		1,459,819		177,130		7,869		(8,936)	
Fund Balance at Beginning Of Year		(309,378)		172,365		0		25,776	
Increase in Reserve for Inventory		13,829		0		0		0	
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	1,164,270	\$	349,495	\$	7,869	\$	16,840	

Fiduciary Fund Typ Expendab Trust	e	Totals (Memorandum Only)
\$ 2,25 11,71 13,96	0 0 0 55	\$ 18,439,038 14,007,254 403,017 393,017 427,602 378,206 34,048,134
4,60 3,44	0 66 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	13,557,396 2,937,776 2,161,637 5,450 2,025,212 931,586 83,404 2,257,580 540,960 1,080 2,705,174 1,657,659 195,228 248,838 707,273 1,594,888
21,82	0 0 0	1,491,501 373,902 33,476,544
(7,85	54)	571,590
	0 0 0 0 0	4,044 1,069,894 3,587 (21,087) 1,056,438
(7,85	54)	1,628,028
17,33	0	(93,898) 13,829
\$ 9,48	35	\$ 1,547,959

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and

Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual - (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2000

		General Fund	d		
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)		
Revenues	·				
Taxes	\$ 16,014,566	\$ 16,014,566	\$ 0		
Intergovernmental	12,163,352	12,163,352	0		
Investment Income	369,507	369,507	0		
Tuition and Fees	336,607	336,607	0		
Extracurricular Activities	10,780	10,780	0		
Miscellaneous	267,322	267,322	0		
Total Revenues	29,162,134	29,162,134	0		
Expenditures					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular	12,965,578	12,965,578	0		
Special	2,670,189	2,670,189	0		
Vocational	2,103,190	2,103,190	0		
Other	5,300	5,300	0		
Support Services					
Pupils	1,632,244	1,632,244	0		
Instructional Staff	611,699	611,699	0		
Board of Education	83,084	83,084	0		
Administration	2,218,674	2,218,674	0		
Fiscal	537,031	537,031	0		
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,777,086	2,777,086	0		
Pupil Transportation	1,697,315	1,697,315	0		
Central	162,126	162,126	0		
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	0	0	0		
Extracurricular Activities	493,577	493,577	0		
Capital Outlay	711,582	711,582	0		
Debt Service					
Principal Retirement	1,332,204	1,332,204	0		
Interest and Fiscal Charges	222,170	222,170	0		
Total Expenditures	30,223,049	30,223,049	0		
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,060,915)	(1,060,915)	0		
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	4,044	4,044	0		
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	90	90	0		
Advances In	144,696	144,696	0		
Advances Out	(111,845)	(111,845)	0		
Operating Transfers In	0	0	0		
Operating Transfers Out	(21,087)	(21,087)	0		
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	15,898	15,898	0		
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under)					
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(1,045,017)	(1,045,017)	0		
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	4,419,753	4,419,753	0		
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	235,303	235,303	0		
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 3,610,039	\$ 3,610,039	\$ 0		

	Specia	al Revenue Funds			Debt Service Fund								
Revised Budget		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)			Revised Budget		Actual	Favo	iance orable vorable)			
\$ 0 1,705,845 9,551 27,686 414,567	\$	0 1,705,845 9,551 27,686 414,567	\$	0 0 0 0	\$	2,195,482 182,043 0 0	\$	2,195,482 182,043 0 0	\$	0 0 0 0			
 61,289 2,218,938		61,289 2,218,938		0		2,377,525		2,377,525		0			
501,445 291,614		501,445 291,614		0 0		0		0		0			
59,968 0		59,968 0		0		0 0		0 0		0			
376,875 299,999		376,875 299,999		0		0		0		0			
0 57,906 3,123 6,391		0 57,906 3,123 6,391		0 0 0		0 0 0		0 0 0 0		0 0 0			
0 21,418 257,023		0 21,418 257,023		0 0 0		0 0 0		0 0 0		0 0 0			
226,519 0		226,519 0		0		0		0 0		0			
 4,297 778 2,107,356		4,297 778 2,107,356		0 0		2,250,134 127,391 2,377,525		2,250,134 127,391 2,377,525		0 0 0			
 111,582		111,582		0		0		0		0			
0		0		0		0		0		0			
11,845 (44,696) 3,587 0		11,845 (44,696) 3,587 0		0 0 0		0 0 0		0 0 0		0 0 0			
(29,264)		(29,264)		0		0		0		0			
82,318		82,318		0		0		0		0			
231,384 113,258		231,384 113,258		0		0		0		0			
\$ 426,960	\$	426,960	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0			

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2000

		Project Fund			
		Revised Budget		Actual	ance rable orable)
Revenues		_			
Taxes	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 0
Intergovernmental		14,958		14,958	0
Investment Income		0		0	0
Tuition and Fees		0		0	0
Extracurricular Activities		0		0	0
Miscellaneous		0		0	 0
Total Revenues		14,958	-	14,958	 0
Expenditures					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular		27,245		27,245	0
Special		0		0	0
Vocational		0		0	0
Other		0		0	0
Support Services					
Pupils		0		0	0
Instructional Staff		14,542		14,542	0
Board of Education		0		0	0
Administration		0		0	0
Fiscal		0		0	0
Operation and Maintenance of Plant		1,207		1,207	0
Pupil Transportation		0		0	0
Central		0		0	0
Operation of Non-Instructional Services		0		0	0
Extracurricular Activities		0		0	0
Capital Outlay		0		0	0
Debt Service					_
Principal Retirement		0		0	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges		0		0	 0
Total Expenditures		42,994		42,994	 0
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(28,036)		(28,036)	 0
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Proceeds from Sale of Assets		0		0	0
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures		0		0	0
Advances In		0		0	0
Advances Out		0		0	0
Operating Transfers In		0		0	0
Operating Transfers Out		0		0	 0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		0		0	 0
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under)					
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses		(28,036)		(28,036)	0
•					
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		30,116		30,116	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated		1,000		1,000	 0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	3,080	\$	3,080	\$ 0

		Lapenu	lable Trust Funds	i		Totals (Memorandum Only)							
	Revised Budget		Actual	Favo	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)		Revised Budget		Actual	Fav	riance orable vorable)		
\$	0 0 0 0	\$	0 0 0 0	\$	0 0 0 0	\$	18,210,048 14,066,198 379,058 364,293	\$	18,210,048 14,066,198 379,058 364,293	\$	0 0 0		
<u> </u>	2,255 11,711 13,966		2,255 11,711 13,966		0 0		427,602 340,322 33,787,521		427,602 340,322 33,787,521		0 0		
	4,600		4,600		0		13,498,868		13,498,868		0		
	0		0		0		2,961,803		2,961,803		0		
	3,446		3,446		0		2,166,604		2,166,604		0		
	0		0		0		5,300		5,300		0		
	0		0		0		2,009,119		2,009,119		0		
	0		0		0		926,240		926,240		0		
	0		0		0		83,084		83,084		0		
	0		0		0		2,276,580		2,276,580		0		
	0		0		0		540,154		540,154		0		
	0		0		0		2,784,684		2,784,684		0		
	0		0		0		1,697,315		1,697,315		0		
	13,774		13,774		0		197,318		197,318		0		
	0		0		0		257,023		257,023		0		
	0		0		0		720,096		720,096		0		
	0		0		0		711,582		711,582		0		
	0		0		0		3,586,635		3,586,635		0		
	0		0		0		350,339		350,339		0		
	21,820		21,820		0		34,772,744		34,772,744		0		
	(7,854)		(7,854)		0		(985,223)		(985,223)		0		
	0		0		0		4,044		4,044		0		
	0		0		0		90		90		0		
	0		0		0		156,541		156,541		0		
	0		0		0		(156,541)		(156,541)		0		
	0		0		0		3,587		3,587		0		
	0		0		0		(21,087)		(21,087)		0		
	0		0		0		(13,366)		(13,366)		0		
	(7,854)		(7,854)		0		(998,589)		(998,589)		0		
	16,884		16,884		0		4,698,137		4,698,137		0		
	454		454		0		350,015		350,015		0		
\$	9,484	\$	9,484	\$	0	\$	4,049,563	\$	4,049,563	\$	0		

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Equity All Proprietary Fund Types For the Year Ended June 30, 2000

		Proprietary	es			
	<u>I</u>	Enterprise		ternal rvice	(Me	Totals morandum Only)
Operating Revenues	Φ.	005 500	Φ.		Φ.	005 500
Sales	\$	897,790	\$	0	\$	897,790
Charges for Services		26,439		0		26,439
Other Operating Revenues		85,648		0		85,648
Total Operating Revenues		1,009,877		0		1,009,877
Operating Expenses						
Salaries		560,816		0		560,816
Fringe Benefits		157,282		0		157,282
Purchased Services		78,413		0		78,413
Materials and Supplies		642,135		0		642,135
Depreciation		2,284		0		2,284
Other Operating Expenses		5,279		0		5,279
Total Operating Expenses		1,446,209		0		1,446,209
Operating Loss		(436,332)		0		(436,332)
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)						
Operating Grants		293,500		0		293,500
Donated Commodities		153,183		0		153,183
Investment Income		1,340				1,340
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets		(398)		0		(398)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)		447,625		0		447,625
Income Before Operating Transfers		11,293		0		11,293
Operating Transfers In		17,500		0		17,500
Net Income		28,793		0		28,793
Retained Earnings (Deficit) at Beginning of Year		(155,285)		211		(155,074)
Retained Earnings (Deficit) at End of Year	\$	(126,492)	\$	211	\$	(126,281)

Combined Statement of Cash Flows All Proprietary Fund Types

For the Year Ended June 30, 2000

	Proprietary Fund		and Type	d Types		
	E	nterprise		ernal rvice	(Me	Totals morandum Only)
Cash Flows From Operating Activities						
Cash Received from Customers	\$	984,770	\$	0	\$	984,770
Cash Received from Other Sources		24,863		0		24,863
Cash Payments for Goods and Services		(567,458)		0		(567,458)
Cash Payments to Employees		(739,217)		0		(739,217)
Other Cash Payments		(5,279)		0		(5,279)
Net Cash Used For Operating Activities		(302,321)		0		(302,321)
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities						
Grants		293,500		0		293,500
Advances In		100,000		0		100,000
Advances Out		(100,000)		0		(100,000)
Transfers In	-	17,500		0	-	17,500
Net Cash Provided By Non-Capital Activities		311,000		0		311,000
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities Acquisition of Capital Assets		(4,565)		0		(4,565)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities Interest Income		1,340		0_		1,340
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		5,454		0		5,454
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year		67,659		211		67,870
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Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$	73,113	\$	211	\$	73,324
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used For Operating Activities						
Operating Loss	\$	(436,332)	\$	0	\$	(436,332)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used For Operating Activities:						
Depreciation		2,284		0		2,284
Non-cash Donated Commodities		153,183		0		153,183
(Increase) in Accounts Receivable		(244)		0		(244)
Decrease in Inventory		2,838		0		2,838
Increase in Accounts Payable		291		0		291
Increase in Accrued Wages and Benefits		4,277		0		4,277
(Decrease) in Compensated Absences Payable		(20,497)		0		(20,497)
(Decrease) in Intergovernmental Payable		(4,899)		0		(4,899)
(Decrease) in Deferred Revenue		(3,222)		0		(3,222)
Total Adjustments		134,011		0		134,011
Net Cash Used For Operating Activities	\$	(302,321)	\$	0	\$	(302,321)

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 1: NATURE OF BASIC OPERATIONS AND DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

The Perry Local School District (District) was established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is a school district as defined by Section 3311.02 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District operates under an elected Board of Education, consisting of five members, and is responsible for providing public education to residents of the District. Average daily membership on, or as of October 1, 1999, was 4,562. The District employs 347 certificated and 213 non-certificated employees.

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

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

Included with the reporting entity within the District's boundaries are non-public schools which are operated by religious organizations. Current state legislation provides state funding to these non-public schools. The state monies are received and disbursed on behalf of the school by the District Treasurer, as directed by the school. The receipt and disbursement activity of these monies is reflected in a special revenue fund.

The District is involved with Stark Portage Area Computer Consortium (SPARCC), which is defined as a jointly governed organization. Additional information concerning the jointly governed organizations is presented in Note 20.

Management believes the general purpose financial statements included in the report represent all of the funds of the District over which the District has the ability to exercise direct operating control.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the District are organized and operated on the basis of funds and account groups to report on its' financial position and the results of operations. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds are maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements. Account groups are a reporting device to account for certain assets and liabilities of the governmental funds not recorded directly in those funds. The District has the following fund types and account groups:

Governmental Fund Types

Governmental fund types are used to account for the District's general government activities. Governmental fund types and the expendable trust funds use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e. when they are "measurable and available"). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay obligations of the current period, which is considered to be sixty days. Generally property taxes, although measurable, are not available soon enough after the current period to finance current period obligations, and accordingly, property taxes receivable are reflected as deferred revenue until available. Reimbursements due for federally funded programs are recognized when the corresponding expenditures are made.

Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, since the measurement focus of governmental funds is on decreases in financial resources. Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due or when amounts have been accumulated in the debt service funds for payment to be made early in the following year. Compensated absences are reported as a fund liability when payment will require use of current available financial resources. Allocations of costs, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds. Governmental funds include the following fund types:

<u>General Fund</u> - The general fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> - The 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.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> - The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for the payment of general long-term obligation principal, interest, and related costs.

<u>Capital Projects Funds</u> - The capital projects funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by proprietary or nonexpendable trust funds.

Proprietary Fund Types

Proprietary fund types are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time the liabilities are incurred. Allocations of costs, such as depreciation, are recognized in the proprietary funds. As permitted, the District has elected to apply only applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations issued before November 30, 1989 in its accounting and reporting practices for its proprietary operations unless they contradict/conflict with Governmental Accounting Standards Board pronouncements. Proprietary fund types include the following fund types:

<u>Enterprise Funds</u> - Enterprise funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs, including depreciation where applicable, of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

<u>Internal Service Fund</u> - The internal service fund is used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other governmental units, on a cost-reimbursement basis.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary fund types account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent on behalf of others. Fiduciary fund types are as follows:

<u>Expendable Trust Funds</u> - Expendable trust funds are accounted for in essentially the same manner as the governmental fund types.

<u>Agency Funds</u> – The agency funds are custodial in nature and do not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. These funds are used to account for assets that the District holds for others in an agency capacity.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

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:

<u>General Fixed Assets Account Group</u> - This account group is established to account for all fixed assets of the District, other than those accounted for in proprietary or nonexpendable trust funds.

<u>General Long-term Obligations Account Group</u> - This account group is established to account for all long-term obligations of the District except those accounted for in the proprietary or nonexpendable trust funds.

B. 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 by the County Auditor.

All funds, other than the agency funds, are required to be budgeted and appropriated. The primary level of budgetary control is at the fund level for all funds. Budgetary modifications may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education. Budgetary statements are not presented for proprietary fund types.

C. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled. Monies for all funds, including proprietary funds, are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the 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 STAR Ohio and repurchase agreements. Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2000 amounted to \$393,466, which includes \$36,577 assigned from other District funds.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices. Nonparticipating investment contracts such as repurchase agreements and nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are reported at cost.

The District has invested funds in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAROhio) during fiscal year 2000. 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.

The District utilizes a trustee bank to hold monies set aside for current and future lease purchase principal and interest payments. The balances in these accounts are presented on the Combined Balance Sheet as "Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents with Trustees" for investments in money market accounts.

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 District are considered to be cash and cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

D. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets in the general fund represent cash and cash equivalents set aside to establish a budget stabilization reserve, textbook/instruction materials reserve, and capital maintenance reserve. These reserves are required by State statute. The budget stabilization reserve can be used only after receiving approval from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The capital maintenance reserve and textbook/instruction materials reserve can only be used for capital outlay expenditure and instructional materials and equipment, respectively. During fiscal year 2000, the District set aside the amounts required by state statute. Fund balance reserves have also been established.

E. Receivables

Receivables are reflected at their gross value reduced by the estimated amount that is expected to be uncollectible.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. 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 could differ from those estimates.

G. Interfund Assets/Liabilities

Short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables" and "interfund payables."

H. Inventory

Inventories of governmental funds are stated at cost while inventories of proprietary 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. Inventories of proprietary funds consist of donated food, purchased food, and school supplies held for resale and are expensed when used.

I. 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.

J. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets used in governmental fund types of the District are recorded in the general fixed assets account group at cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Assets in the general fixed assets account group are not depreciated. The District does not possess any infrastructure.

Fixed assets which are used in proprietary fund type activities are capitalized in the respective funds. Fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at estimated fair market value when received, based on historical information available. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method based on the estimated life of assets. Estimated useful lives of the various classes of depreciable assets consist of: furniture and equipment - 5 years. The capitalization threshold is \$500.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

K. 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, claims and judgments, compensated absences, contractually required pension contributions, and special termination benefits 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. Bonds, capital leases, and long-term loans are reported as a liability of the general long-term obligations account group until due.

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

Under Ohio law, a debt service fund may be created and used for the payment of tax and revenue anticipation notes. Generally accepted accounting principles requires the reporting of the liability in the funds that received the proceeds. To comply with GAAP reporting requirements, the District's debt service fund has been split among the appropriate funds. Debt service fund resources used to pay both principal and interest have also been allocated accordingly.

L. Bond Premiums and Discounts

For governmental fund types, bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are recognized during the current period. Bond proceeds are reported as an other financing source net of the applicable premium or discount. Issuance costs, even if withheld from the actual net proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

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.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

N. Compensated Absences

The District reports compensated absences in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences."

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employee's rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination method. The liability is based on an estimate of the amount of accumulated sick leave that will be paid as a termination benefit.

The entire estimated amount of unpaid compensated absences, including sick pay and vacation pay, of proprietary type funds is reflected as a liability in the respective funds. The current portion of unpaid compensated absences for sick leave related to governmental fund type operations is reflected in the respective funds. For governmental funds, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using expendable available 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.

O. Fund Balance Reserves

The District records reservations for portions of fund equity which are legally segregated for specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and therefore are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balances indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund equity reserves are established for encumbrances, and HB412 reserves such as textbook and instructional supplies, capital improvements, and budget stabilization. The reserve for property taxes represents taxes recognized as revenue under generally accepted accounting principles but not available for appropriations under State statute.

P. 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 proprietary fund operations are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

The 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 Allowance

Non-Reimbursable Grants

Special Revenue Funds:

Auxiliary Services

Education Management Information Systems

Eisenhower Grant

Title I

Title VI

Title VI-B

Title VI-R

Ohio Reads Grant

Drug-Free Schools

Teacher Development Block Grant

EHA Preschool Handicapped Grant

Capital Projects Fund:

Schoolnet Plus

Schoolnet Prototype

Reimbursable Grants

General Fund:

Driver Education

Telecommunications Act Grant

Capital Projects Fund:

Vocational Education Equipment Fund

Enterprise Funds:

National School Lunch Program

Government Donated Commodities

Grants and entitlements amounted to approximately 41% of the District's operating revenue during the 2000 fiscal year.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 2: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

Q. Total Columns on General Purpose Financial Statements

Total columns on the general purpose financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" because they do not represent consolidated financial information and are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. The columns do not present information that reflects financial position, results of operations or cash flows in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 3: BUDGETARY PROCESS

Tax Budget

Prior to January 15, the Superintendent and Treasurer submit a proposed operating budget to the Board of Education. A budget of estimated revenue and expenditures is submitted to the Stark County Auditor, as Secretary of the County Budget Commission, by January 20 of each year for the ensuing July 1 to June 30 fiscal year.

Estimated Resources

The County Budget Commission determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy all or part of previously authorized taxes and reviews estimated revenue. The Commission certifies its actions to the District by March 1. As part of the certification, the District receives the official Certificate of Estimated Resources which states projected revenue of each fund. Prior to June 30, the District must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount available as stated in the Certificate of Estimated Resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the Certificate of Estimated Resources is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year. The Certificate may be further amended during the year if a new source of revenue is identified or actual receipts exceed current estimates. Budget receipts, as shown in the accompanying "Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (NonGAAP Basis) and Actual - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds" do not include July 1, 1999 unencumbered fund balances. However, those fund balances are available for appropriations.

Appropriations

A temporary appropriation measure to control expenditures may be passed on or about July 1 of each year for the period July 1 to September 30. An annual Appropriation Resolution must be passed by October 1 of each year for the period July 1 to June 30. The Appropriation Resolution fixes spending authority at the fund and function level and may be amended during the year as new information becomes available provided that total fund appropriations do not exceed current estimated resources, as certified.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 3: BUDGETARY PROCESS (Continued)

The allocation of appropriations among functions within a fund may be modified during the year by a resolution of the Board of Education. Several supplemental appropriation resolutions were legally enacted by the Board of Education during the year. The budget figures, as shown in the accompanying "Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (NonGAAP Basis) and Actual - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds" represent the final appropriation amounts including all amendments and modifications.

Lapsing of Appropriations

At the close of each year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective funds from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated.

Encumbrances

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded as the equivalent of expenditures on the budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. The Ohio Revised Code prohibits expenditures plus encumbrances from exceeding appropriations. On the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis, encumbrances outstanding at year-end for governmental funds are reported as reservations of fund balance for subsequent year expenditures.

Budgetary Basis of Accounting

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balances on the GAAP basis, the budgetary basis, as provided by law, is based upon accounting for transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. Accordingly, the "Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (NonGAAP Basis) and Actual - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds" is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget and to demonstrate compliance with state statute. The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are that:

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

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 3: <u>BUDGETARY PROCESS</u> (Continued)

- 4) Proceeds from and principal payments on bond and revenue anticipation notes are reported on the operating statement (budget basis) rather than as balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis).
- 5) The District repays debt from the debt service fund (budget non-GAAP basis) as opposed to the fund that received the proceeds (GAAP basis). Debt service fund resources used to pay both principal and interest have been allocated accordingly.

The adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations for the year from the budget basis to the GAAP basis for the governmental fund types follow:

Excess (Deficit) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Sources (Uses) Reconciliation of Budget Basis to GAAP Basis

			Special		Debt		Capital	Ex	pendable
	General	I	Revenue	Service		Projects		Trust	
	Fund		Funds		Funds		Funds	Fund	
Budgetary Basis	\$ (1,045,017)	\$	82,318	\$	0	\$	(28,036)	\$	(7,854)
Encumbrances	584,736		132,489		0		202		0
Revenue accruals	3,367,583		(29,591)		(2,179,197)		15,081		0
Expenditure accruals	(1,447,483)		(8,086)		2,187,066		3,817		0
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GAAP Basis	\$ 1,459,819	\$	177,130	\$	7,869	\$	(8,936)	\$	(7,854)

NOTE 4: <u>ACCOUNTABILITY</u>

At June 30, 2000, the Food Service and Community Enterprise Funds had deficit retained earnings of \$(190,564) and \$(22), respectively, which were created by the application of generally accepted accounting principles. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances of other funds; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 5: <u>DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS</u>

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

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

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

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

- United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States;
- 2) Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- 3) Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above, provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- 4) Bonds and any 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; and
- 6) The State Treasurer's Investment Pool (STAR Ohio).

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 5: <u>DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS</u> (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.

Protection of the District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institutions as security for repayment, by surely company bonds deposited with the District by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited within the institution.

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 District or, if the securities are not represented by certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

Deposits

At year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$266,286, which includes \$500 cash on hand, and the bank balance was \$473,292. Of the bank balance:

- 1. \$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance.
- 2. \$116,655 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the District's name.
- 3. \$256,637 was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although the pledging bank has an investment and securities pool used to collateralize all public deposits which are held in the financial institution's name, non-compliance with federal requirements would potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 5: <u>DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS</u> (Continued)

Investments

GASB Statement No. 3 entitled "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investors (including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements" requires the District to categorize investments to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the District at year-end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the District or its agent in the District's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments which are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the 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 not in the District's name. The carrying value of deposits and investments are presented in the combined balance sheet as equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents. STAROhio is an unclassified investment since it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

	<u>Ca</u>	tegory 3	Fair Value			
Repurchase Agreements	\$	70,000	\$	70,000		
STAROhio			4	,656,474		
Total			<u>\$ 4</u>	,726,474		

The classification of cash and cash equivalents on the combined financial statements is based on criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 9. A reconciliation between the classification of cash and investments on the combined financial statements and the classification per GASB Statement No. 3 is as follows:

	Cash and Cash							
	<u>Equivalents</u>	<u>Investments</u>						
GASB Statement No. 9	\$ 4,992,760	\$ 0						
Investments which are part of cash								
management pool:								
STAROhio	(4,656,474)	4,656,474						
Repurchase Agreement	(70,000)	70,000						
GASB Statement No. 3	<u>\$ 266,286</u>	<u>\$ 4,726,474</u>						

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 6: PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility, and tangible personal property located in the District. The Stark County Auditor is responsible for assessing and remitting these property taxes to the District.

Real property taxes are based on assessed value equal to thirty-five percent of appraisal value. The Stark County Auditor reappraises real property every six years with a triennial update, the last update for Stark County was done in 2000. Real property tax, which becomes a lien on the applicable real property, becomes due annually on December 31. However, real property taxes are billed semi-annually one year in arrears. The tax rate applied to real property collected in 1999 before certain homestead and rollback reductions, which reductions are reimbursed to the District by the State of Ohio, amounted to \$51.60 per \$1,000 of valuation. The effective rate applied after adjustment for inflationary increases in property values was \$35.80 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for residential and agricultural real property, and \$37.15 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for other real property.

Tangible personal property used in business is required to be reported by its owners by April 30 of each year. The property is assessed for tax purposes at varying statutory percentages of cost. The tax rate applied to tangible personal property for the current year ended December 31, 1999 was \$51.60 per \$1,000 of valuation.

Accrued property taxes receivable represents delinquent taxes outstanding and real property, personal property, and public utility taxes which became measurable at 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 is recognized as revenue. The amount available to the District as an advance at June 30, 2000, was \$899,000.

NOTE 7: RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2000 consisted of taxes, accounts (customer services and student fees), accrued interest and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of the State programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

General Fund: Driver's Education Reimbursement	\$ 4,300
Special Revenue Funds: CAFS Reimbursement	 7,078
	\$ 11,378

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 8: FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

A. General Fixed Assets Account Group

The changes in general fixed assets during the year consisted of:

		Balance						Balance				
	J	uly 1, 1999	Additions		Additions		Additions		Disposals		_Ju	ne 30, 2000
Land	\$	504	\$	15,098	\$	0	\$	15,602				
Buildings and improvements		18,927,642		1,452,634		0		20,380,276				
Furniture & equipment		5,406,120		383,593		(528,439)		5,261,274				
Vehicles		1,888,088		204,568		(105,000)		1,987,656				
Construction in progress		161,365		242,425		(161,365)		242,425				
	\$	26,383,719	\$	2,298,318	\$	(794,804)	\$	27,887,233				

B. Proprietary Fund Type Fixed Assets

Proprietary fund type fixed assets and accumulated depreciation at year-end consisted of:

<u>Enterprise</u>	June 30, 2000				
Equipment Less: Accumulated Depreciation	\$	280,960 (266,404)			
Net Fixed Assets	\$	14,556			

NOTE 9: NOTE DEBT

The District's note activity, including amounts outstanding, interest rates and the purpose for which the note was issued is as follows:

	Outstanding			Outstanding	
	June 30, 1999 Additions			June 30, 2000	
General Fund					
Tax Anticipation Note 4.75%	\$ 2,095,134	\$ 0	<u>\$ (2,095,134</u>)	<u>\$0</u>	

The District issued tax anticipation note debt for the purpose of general government operations.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 10: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

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

		Balance				Balance		
	<u>J</u> ı	ıly 1, 1999	 Additions		Reductions	June 30, 2000		
Energy Conservation Loan,								
5.65-5.95% interest rate								
maturing December 2002	\$	690,000	\$ 0	\$	(155,000)	\$	535,000	
State Operating Loan,								
5.69% interest rate,								
maturing June 2006		3,565,629	0		(1,301,307)		2,264,322	
Capital Leases		70,110	1,069,894		(35,194)		1,104,810	
Intergovernmental Payable		185,466	178,722		(185,466)		178,722	
Compensated Absences		3,303,771	0		(761,739)		2,542,032	
Early Retirement Incentive Pay		690,300	 0		(690,300)		0	
	\$	8,505,276	\$ 1,248,616	\$	(3,129,006)	\$	6,624,886	

Energy conservation loans are direct obligations of the District for which its full faith, credit and resources are pledged. Proceeds from the loans were used for energy conservation improvements to school buildings.

The state operating loan is a direct obligation of the District for which its full faith, credit and resources are pledged. Proceeds from the loan were used for general government operations.

The District's overall legal debt margin was \$43,887,685 at June 30, 2000.

The annual requirement to amortize all notes outstanding as of June 30, 2000 are as follows:

		<u>Principal</u>	Interest	<u>Total</u>
Year ending June 30,	2001 2002	\$ 1,027,472 1,092,843	\$ 133,081 72,778	\$ 1,160,553 1,165,621
	2003	679,007	14,011	693,018
	Total	\$ 2,799,322	<u>\$ 219,870</u>	\$ 3,019,192

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 11: CAPITAL LEASES

In fiscal year 2000 the District has entered into a lease purchase agreement for a new science wing and added on to an existing computer lease. Each lease meets the criteria of a capital lease as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13, "Accounting for Leases," which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. The science wing construction costs was financed by the issuance of \$1,025,000 Certificates of Participation, Series 1999 by McDonald Investments Inc. (lessor), Key Bank National Association (original purchaser), Huntington National Bank (trustee) and the Board of Education (lessee). Ownership of the new building transfers to the Board of Education at the end of the lease. Capital lease payments are reflected as debt service expenditures in the combined financial statements for the governmental funds.

The general fixed assets acquired by the leases have been capitalized in the general fixed assets account group in the amount of \$1,266,800. This amount represents the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. A corresponding liability was recorded in the general long-term obligations account group and is recorded for each required principal payment.

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under the capital leases together with the present value of the net minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2000:

	Science		
	Wing	Computers	<u>Total</u>
Year ending June 30, 2001	\$ 131,781	\$ 41,564	\$ 173,345
2002	132,325	41,564	173,889
2003	127,725	0	127,725
2004	127,981	0	127,981
2005	127,950	0	127,950
2006-2010	716,344	0	716,344
	1,364,106	83,128	1,447,234
Less: Amount representing interest	339,106	3,318	342,424
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 1,025,000</u>	<u>\$ 79,810</u>	<u>\$ 1,104,810</u>

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 12: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. State Teachers Retirement System

The 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 benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771, or by calling (614) 227-0490.

Plan members are required to contribute 9.3% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14%; 6.0% was the portion to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by STRS, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10% for members and 14% for employers. The District's contributions for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000, 1999 and 1998 were \$2,254,980, \$2,332,508 and \$2,384,260, respectively; 83.7% has been contributed for fiscal year 2000 and 100% for fiscal years 1999 and 1998. \$372,648, representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2000, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

B. School Employees Retirement System

The District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by State statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 45 North Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or by calling (614) 222-5853.

Plan members are required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by SERS Retirement Board. The District's contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000, 1999 and 1998 were \$504,780, \$495,420, and \$490,231, respectively; 50.3% has been contributed for fiscal year 2000 and 100% for fiscal years 1999 and 1998. \$255,120, representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2000, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds and the general long-term obligations account group.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 12: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

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, two members of the Board of Education have elected social security. The Board's liability is 6.2% of wages paid.

NOTE 13: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The District provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), and to retired non-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 obligation to contribute are established by the Systems based on authority granted by State statute. Both systems are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The State Teachers Retirement Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Most benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By Ohio law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS funds shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14% of covered payroll. Through June 30, 1999, the Board allocated employer contributions equal to 8% of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund. For the District, this amount equaled \$1,288,560 during fiscal 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 most current information available). For the 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 years of qualifying service credit, and 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% of the premium.

For this fiscal year, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 6.30% of covered payroll, an increase from 4.98% for fiscal year 1999. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14% of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 1999, the minimum pay had been established at \$12,400. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund.

NOTE 12: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

The target level for the health care reserve is 150% of annual health health care expenses. Expenses for health care at June 30, 1999, were \$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 \$188.0 million (the most current information available). SERS had approximately 51,000

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

participants currently receiving health care benefits. For the District, the amount to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge, equaled \$300,644 during the 2000 fiscal year.

NOTE 14: NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS

The District receives food commodities for its food service obligations. The revenue recognized in grant income from the non-cash commodities was \$153,183.

NOTE 15: INTERFUND ACTIVITY

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

Fund Type/Fund	Receivables	<u>Payables</u>
General Fund	\$ 11,845	\$ 0
Special Revenue Fund:		
Career Development Grant	0	3,587
Perkins Vocational Education Grant	0	7,758
Perkins Drug-Free Schools Grant	0	500
Total all funds	<u>\$ 11,845</u>	<u>\$ 11,845</u>

NOTE 16: <u>STATUTORY RESERVES</u>

The District is required by state law to set aside certain general fund revenue amounts, as defined, into various reserves. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, the reserve activity was as follows:

	Textbook		Capital		Budget			
	Reser	ve	Acquisition		Stabilization		<u>Total</u>	
Set-aside cash balance as of								
June 30, 1999	\$	0	\$	0	\$	393,986	\$	393,986
Current year set-aside								
requirement	769	,109	7	69,109		98,902		1,637,120
Qualifying disbursements	(811	<u>,429</u>)	(8	<u>15,330</u>)		0	(<u>1,626,759</u>)
Total	\$ (42	2 <u>,320</u>)	\$ (4	<u>46,221</u>)	\$	492,888	\$	404,347
Cash balance carried								
forward to FY 2001	\$	0	\$	0	\$	492,888		

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 16: <u>STATUTORY RESERVES</u> (Continued)

The District had qualifying disbursements during the year that reduced the textbook set-aside amount below zero. This extra amount may be used to reduce the set-aside requirements for future years.

Although the District had qualifying disbursements during the year that reduced the capital acquisition set-aside amount below zero, this extra amount may not be used to reduce the set-aside requirements for future years.

The current year set-aside requirement for the budget stabilization was \$257,677 less prior year's workers' compensation set-aside amounting to \$158,775, leaving the current year requirement of \$98,902.

A schedule of the restricted assets at June 30, 2000 follows:

Amount restricted for budget stabilization

\$ 492,888

NOTE 17: <u>SEGMENT INFORMATION</u>

The District maintains enterprise funds to account for the operation of food service, uniform school supplies, rotary, adult education and community. The table below reflects the more significant financial data relating to the enterprise funds of the District as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000:

		Uniform				
	Food	School		Adult		
	Service	Supplies	Rotary	Education	Community	Total
Operating Revenues	\$ 897,790	\$ 33,900	\$ 26,439	\$ 26,641	\$ 25,107	\$ 1,009,877
Operating Expenses	1,330,999	33,652	21,326	27,330	30,618	1,443,925
Depreciation Expense	2,284	0	0	0	0	2,284
Operating Income (Loss)	(435,493)	248	5,113	(689)	(5,511)	(436,332)
Donated Commodities	153,183	0	0	0	0	153,183
Nonoperating Grants	293,500	0	0	0	0	293,500
Interest	1,340	0	0	0	0	1,340
Loss on Disposal of						
Fixed Assets	(398)	0	0	0	0	(398)
Transfers In	16,000	0	0	0	1,500	17,500
Net Income (Loss)	28,132	248	5,113	(689)	(4,011)	28,793
Net Working Capital	(140,817)	11,892	15,727	36,925	(22)	(76,295)
Total Assets	53,669	11,892	16,018	39,111	6,123	126,813
Total Equity	(190,564)	11,892	15,727	36,475	(22)	(126,492)

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 18: CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

As of June 30, 2000, the District had contractual commitments for the following projects:

		Contractual Commitment		Expended		Balance 6/30/00	
Babik Construction – Science Wing					<u></u>		
renovations	\$	71,006	\$	0	\$	71,006	
Clark Fowler – Science Wing		15,260		6,354		8,906	
Stonecreek Interiors – Science Wing		11,187		500		10,687	
Whisler Plumbing – Science Wing		14,791		0		14,791	
Kiki HVAC – Science Wing		13,175		6,958		6,217	
Harris Day Architects – Science Wing		33,500		30,500		3,000	
Canton Floors – Carpeting		67,865		0		67,865	
Darmike Roofing – Roof repairs		345,208		0		345,208	
Wenger Excavating, Inc. – Track Complex		89,936		0		89,936	
William Scotsman, Inc Auxiliary Services		78,706		39,353		39,353	
Central Allied Enterprises – Paving		146,950		0		146,950	
Glass Station, Inc. – Exterior Doors		70,271		0		70,271	
	\$	957,855	\$	83,665	\$	874,190	

NOTES 19: RISK MANAGEMENT

A. General Insurance

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The District has a comprehensive property and casualty policy with a deductible of \$5,000 and \$1,000 per incident on property and equipment, respectfully, with a 100% blanket, all risk policy for property coverage. The District's vehicle insurance policy limit is \$3,000,000 single occurrence limited liability. All board members, administrators, and employees are covered under a school district liability policy. Additionally, the District carries a \$5,000,000 blanket umbrella policy. The limits of this coverage are \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 in aggregate, with no deductible.

B. Fidelity Bond

The treasurer is covered under a surety bond in the amount of \$50,000.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTES 19: <u>RISK MANAGEMENT</u> (Continued)

C. Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2000, the District participated in the CompManagement Workers Compensation Group Rating Plan, an insurance purchasing pool (Note 20). The intent of the Plan is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the group. The worker's compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the group. Each participant pays its worker's compensation premium to the State Bureau of Workers' Compensation based on the rate for the group rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings of the group. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund." This "equity pooling" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the group. Participation in the Plan is limited to school districts that can meet the Plan selection criteria. The firm of CompManagement provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the group.

D. Risk Sharing Pool

The District has contracted with Stark County Schools Council of Governments (the "Council") to provide employee medical/surgical benefits. The Council is a risk sharing pool created pursuant to State statute for the purpose of carrying out a cooperative program for the provision and administration of health care benefits. The Assembly is the legislative decision-making body of the Council. The Assembly is comprised of the superintendents or executive officers of the members, who have been appointed by the respective governing body of each member.

The intent of the insurance pool is to achieve a reduced, stable and competitive rate for the District by grouping with other members of the Health Benefits Program. The experience of all participating districts is calculated as one and a common premium rate is applied to all member districts.

Rates are set through an annual calculation process. The District pays a monthly contribution which is placed in a common fund from which claim payments are made for all participating districts. The employees share the cost of the monthly premium with the Board. For fiscal year 2000 the District's and the employee's premiums were \$412.36 and \$45.82 for family coverage and \$169.75 and \$18.86 for single coverage per employee per month, respectively. Dental insurance is also provided by the District to qualified employees through the Stark County Schools Council of Governments. For fiscal year 2000, the District's cost was \$59.08 for family coverage and \$23.95 for single coverage per employee per month. Claims are paid for all participants regardless of claims flow. Upon termination, all District claims would be paid without regard to the District's account balance. The Stark County Schools Council of Government Board of Directors has the right to return monies to an existing school district subsequent to the settlement of all expenses and claims.

NOTES 19: RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

The District provided life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to all employees through the Stark County Schools Council of Governments Health Benefits

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

Program. Coverage ranges from \$10,000 to \$50,000 depending on the daily hours worked by the employee.

NOTE 20: JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A. Stark Portage Area Computer Consortium

Stark Portage Area Computer Consortium (SPARCC) is a jointly governed organization among 31 school districts, the Stark County Educational Service Center and the Portage County Educational Service Center. The purpose of the organization is to apply modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member districts. The legislative and advisory body is the assembly which is comprised of the superintendents of the participating schools. The degree of control exercised by any participating district is limited to its representation on the assembly, which appoints the five-member executive board. The executive board exercises total control over the operation of SPARCC including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designating management. The executive board consists of five superintendents. All revenues are generated from State funding and an annual fee charged to participating districts. The District paid \$67,322 to SPARCC during the fiscal year 2000. The Stark County Educational Service Center is the fiscal agent of SPARCC. Financial information can be obtained by writing to the Stark County Educational Service Center, 2100 38th Street NW, Canton, OH 44709-2300.

B. Public Entity Risk Pools

The District participates in the CompManagement Workers Compensation Group Rating Program, an insurance purchasing pool. The Group's business and affairs are conducted by the CompManagement Corporation. Each year the participating districts pay an enrollment fee to the Group to cover the costs of administering the program.

The Stark County Schools Council of Governments Health Benefits Program is a shared risk pool. The Council is governed by an assembly which consists of one representative from each participant (usually the superintendent or designee). The assembly elects officers for two-year terms to serve as the Board of Directors. The assembly exercises control over the operation of the consortium. All consortium revenues are generated from charges for services. Financial information can be obtained by writing to the Stark County Educational Service Center, 2100 38th Street NW, Canton, OH 44709.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 21: <u>CONTINGENCIES</u>

A. Grants

The District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement 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 effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2000.

B. Litigation

The District is party to various legal proceedings. The District's management is of the opinion that the ultimate disposition of these claims and legal proceedings will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial statements or on the financial condition of the District.

NOTE 22: STATE SCHOOL FUNDING DECISION

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 Ohio General Assembly to design a plan to remedy the perceived defects in the system. Declared unconstitutional was the State's "school foundation program," which provides significant amounts of monetary support to this District. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, the District received \$10,093,722 of school foundation support for its general fund.

The Court also declared the emergency school loan assistance program unconstitutional. The emergency school loan program allowed the District to borrow money from a commercial financial institution with repayment going directly to the lender from the State through withholding a portion of the District's future school foundation payments. As of June 30, 2000 the District has an outstanding balance of \$2,264,322 borrowed under this program; the final payment of this note will be made in fiscal year 2003. The terms of the debt are further described in Note 10 to these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 22: STATE SCHOOL FUNDING DECISION (Continued)

Since the Supreme Court ruling, numerous pieces of legislation have been passed by the State General Assembly in an attempt to address the issues identified by the Court. The Court of Common Pleas in Perry County has 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 Ohio Supreme Court rendered an opinion on this issue. The Court concluded, ". . . the mandate of the Ohio Constitution has not been fulfilled." The Court's majority recognized efforts by 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 development by the General Assembly", including the State's reliance on local property tax 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 Court found took the place of the unconstitutional emergency school loan assistance program.

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

As of the date of these financial statements, the 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.

Rea & Associates, Inc.

ACCOUNTANTS AND BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

November 21, 2000

To the Board of Education Perry Local School District Massillon, OH 44646

> Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance and Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the financial statements of Perry Local School District (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated November 21, 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 21, 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 structure 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 operations that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting, which we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated November 21, 2000.

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

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November 21, 2000

To the Board of Education Perry Local School District Massillon, OH 44646

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements
Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control
Over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Perry Local School District (the "District") with the types of compliance requirements described in the U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs 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 and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the School 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 State, Local Governments, and Not-for-Profit Organizations Receiving Federal Awards. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about 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, Perry Local School District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2000.

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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.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Perry Local School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated November 21, 2000. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 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.

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

Kea & Associates, Inc.

PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STARK COUNTY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA NUMBER	GRANT NUMBER					NON-CASH RECEIPTS	FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS			ON-CASH URSEMENTS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Passed through Ohio Department of Education											
Title 1 Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) Total Title 1	84.010	C1-S1 1999 C1-S1 2000	26	0,604 9,717 0,321		\$	68,782 243,261 312,043				
Special Education Cluster: Special Education Grants to States	84.027	6B-SF 1999 6B-SF 2000	20	0 6,810			6,943 262,087				
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	PG-S1 1999 PG-S1 2000	2	0 4,430			6,004 39,605				
Total Special Education Cluster			33	1,240			314,639				
Title VI Ed Improve & Consol	84.298	C2-S1 1998 C2-S1 1999C C2-S1 2000	2	0 3,942 5,605			2,713 8,099 16,319				
Total Title VI				9,547			27,131				
Total Title VI R Class Reduction	84.340	CR-S1 2000	7	5,162			67,194				
Vocational Education Basic Grant Total Vocational Education Basic Grant	84.048	20-C1 1999 20-C1 2000	4	7,060 3,962 1,022			7,060 44,660 51,720				
Safe, Drug-Free Schools & Communities Act Grant	84.186	DR-S1 1998C		2,089			2,854				
Total Safe, Drug-Free Schools		DR-S1 1999 DR-S1 2000	1	4,554 8,163 4,806			4,975 18,631 26,460				
Total U. S. Department of Education				2,098			799,187				
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SER Passed through Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities	RVICES										
Medical Assistance Program (CAFS)	93.778	FY00	4	0,497			34,080				
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Passed through Ohio Department of Education: Nutrition Cluster:											
Food Distribution Program	10.550	05-PU 2000			\$ 153,183			\$	153,183		
National School Lunch Program	10.555	03-PU 1999 03-PU 2000 04-PU 1999 04-PU 2000	7 2 16	4,204 9,524 5,481 2,539			14,204 79,524 25,481 162,539				
Total National School Lunch Program				1,748			281,748		150 100		
Total US Department of Agriculture - Nutrition Cluster				1,748	153,183		281,748	Ф.	153,183		
Total Federal Financial Assistance			\$ 1,13	4,343	\$ 153,183	\$	1,115,015	\$	153,183		

PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STARK COUNTY

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS JUNE 30, 2000

NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

NOTE B: NUTRITION CLUSTER

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed. At June 30, 2000, the School District had no significant food commodities inventory. Reimbursement moneys are commingled with local receipts and state grants. It is assumed federal moneys are expended first.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS JUNE 30, 2000

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

A-133 Ref. .505(d)

.505(a)		
(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 reportable conditions reported for major programs which were not considered to be material?	No
(d) (1) (v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
(d) (1) (vi)	Are there any reportable findings under Section .510(a) of Circular A-133?	No
(d) (1) (vii)	Major Programs (list): Nutrition Cluster: National School Lunch Program, Food Distribution Program	CFDA # 10.555 and CFDA # 10.550
(d) (1) (viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: >\$300,000 Type B: All others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

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

NONE	
	3. FINDINGS AND OUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

NONE	
INONE	



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PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STARK COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JANUARY 30, 2001