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Betty Montgomery**

**BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCIOTO COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Bloom Vernon Local School District
Scioto County
P.O. Box 237
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To the Board of Education

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Bloom Vernon Local School District, Scioto County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the School 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bloom Vernon Local School District, Scioto County, as of June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund type for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 21, 2004 on our consideration of the School 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.

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures is presented for additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. We subjected this information to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements. In our opinion, it is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

January 21, 2004

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BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Combined Balance Sheet

All Fund Types and Account Groups

June 30, 2003

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects
<u>Assets and Other Debits:</u>				
<u>Assets:</u>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$535,996	\$170,078	\$283,077	\$429,605
Receivables:				
Taxes	840,145	19,454	229,968	42,255
Accounts	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	29,591	231,079	0	0
Interfund	3,513	0	0	0
Inventory Held for Resale	0	0	0	0
Materials and Supplies Inventory	18,282	0	0	0
Prepaid Items	39,152	0	0	0
Restricted Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	61,408	0	0	0
Fixed Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	0	0	0	0
<u>Other Debits:</u>				
Amount Available in Debt Service				
Fund for Retirement of General Obligation Bonds	0	0	0	0
Amount to be Provided from General Government Resources	0	0	0	0
Total Assets and Other Debits	\$1,528,087	\$420,611	\$513,045	\$471,860

<i>PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE</i>	<i>FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE</i>	<i>ACCOUNT GROUPS</i>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
		General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Obligations	
Enterprise	Agency			
\$0	\$19,009	\$0	\$0	\$1,437,765
0	0	0	0	1,131,822
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	260,670
0	0	0	0	3,513
10,578	0	0	0	10,578
427	0	0	0	18,709
0	0	0	0	39,152
0	0	0	0	61,408
131,453	0	20,973,478	0	21,104,931
0	0	0	298,271	298,271
0	0	0	1,206,038	1,206,038
<u>\$142,458</u>	<u>\$19,009</u>	<u>\$20,973,478</u>	<u>\$1,504,309</u>	<u>\$25,572,857</u>

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BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Combined Balance Sheet

All Fund Types and Account Groups

June 30, 2003

(Continued)

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects
<u>Liabilities,</u>				
<u>Fund Equity and Other Credits:</u>				
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$66,869	\$3,146	\$0	\$0
Contracts Payable	0	0	0	121,582
Accrued Wages and Benefits	481,475	156,029	0	0
Compensated Absences Payable	9,548	0	0	0
Retainage Payable	0	0	0	8,000
Interfund Payable	0	3,232	0	281
Intergovernmental Payable	105,850	25,868	0	0
Deferred Revenue	786,299	164,827	214,774	39,566
Undistributed Monies	0	0	0	0
Due to Students	0	0	0	0
Energy Conservation Loan Payable	0	0	0	0
General Obligation Bonds Payable	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>1,450,041</u>	<u>353,102</u>	<u>214,774</u>	<u>169,429</u>
<u>Fund Equity and Other Credits:</u>				
Investment in General Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Retained Earnings:				
Unreserved	0	0	0	0
Fund Balance:				
Reserved for Encumbrances	27,969	3,538	0	43,499
Reserved for Property Taxes	53,846	1,204	15,194	2,689
Reserved for Capital Improvements	2,869	0	0	0
Reserved for Bus Purchases	58,539	0	0	0
Unreserved:				
Undesignated (Deficit)	(65,177)	62,767	283,077	256,243
<i>Total Fund Equity and Other Credits</i>	<u>78,046</u>	<u>67,509</u>	<u>298,271</u>	<u>302,431</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits</i>	<u><u>\$1,528,087</u></u>	<u><u>\$420,611</u></u>	<u><u>\$513,045</u></u>	<u><u>\$471,860</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the general purpose financial statements

<i>PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE</i>	<i>FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE</i>	<i>ACCOUNT GROUPS</i>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
		General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Obligations	
Enterprise	Agency			
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,015
0	0	0	0	121,582
30,326	0	0	0	667,830
9,766	0	0	314,818	334,132
0	0	0	0	8,000
0	0	0	0	3,513
10,706	0	0	60,283	202,707
0	0	0	0	1,205,466
0	12,102	0	0	12,102
0	6,907	0	0	6,907
0	0	0	19,208	19,208
0	0	0	1,110,000	1,110,000
50,798	19,009	0	1,504,309	3,761,462
0	0	20,973,478	0	20,973,478
91,660	0	0	0	91,660
0	0	0	0	75,006
0	0	0	0	72,933
0	0	0	0	2,869
0	0	0	0	58,539
0	0	0	0	536,910
91,660	0	20,973,478	0	21,811,395
<u>\$142,458</u>	<u>\$19,009</u>	<u>\$20,973,478</u>	<u>\$1,504,309</u>	<u>\$25,572,857</u>

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BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	(Memorandum Only)
<u>Revenues:</u>					
Property Taxes	\$731,168	\$16,810	\$205,118	\$36,304	\$989,400
Intergovernmental	5,756,100	1,627,061	27,562	213,448	7,624,171
Interest	10,081	0	0	4,457	14,538
Tuition and Fees	876	0	0	0	876
Rent	1,200	100	0	0	1,300
Extracurricular Activities	0	54,675	0	0	54,675
Gifts and Donations	3,000	1,329	0	0	4,329
Customer Services	29,591	0	0	0	29,591
Miscellaneous	67,497	7,702	0	0	75,199
Total Revenues	6,599,513	1,707,677	232,680	254,209	8,794,079
<u>Expenditures:</u>					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular	2,343,199	613,213	0	0	2,956,412
Special	574,623	532,184	0	0	1,106,807
Vocational	74,359	0	0	0	74,359
Adult/Continuing	0	64,211	0	0	64,211
Support Services:					
Pupils	205,370	48,334	0	0	253,704
Instructional Staff	341,938	134,897	0	24,098	500,933
Board of Education	26,083	0	0	0	26,083
Administration	597,235	829	3,447	610	602,121
Fiscal	168,889	6,753	5,874	965	182,481
Business	23,615	0	0	0	23,615
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	967,249	5,795	0	12,350	985,394
Pupil Transportation	679,973	1,981	0	0	681,954
Central	520	25,924	0	0	26,444
Extracurricular Activities	111,888	32,059	0	0	143,947
Capital Outlay	9,576	3,566	0	322,314	335,456
Intergovernmental	0	344,107	0	0	344,107
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	0	0	103,150	0	103,150
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	0	72,311	0	72,311
Total Expenditures	6,124,517	1,813,853	184,782	360,337	8,483,489
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	474,996	(106,176)	47,898	(106,128)	310,590
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>					
Operating Transfers In	0	18,191	20,327	11,010	49,528
Operating Transfers Out	(61,291)	0	0	(11,010)	(72,301)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(61,291)	18,191	20,327	0	(22,773)
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	413,705	(87,985)	68,225	(106,128)	287,817
Fund Balances (Deficit) at Beginning of Year	(335,659)	155,494	230,046	408,559	458,440
Fund Balances at End of Year	<u>\$78,046</u>	<u>\$67,509</u>	<u>\$298,271</u>	<u>\$302,431</u>	<u>\$746,257</u>

See accompanying notes to the general purpose financial statements

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
 Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
 All Governmental Fund Types
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	GENERAL FUND			SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>						
Property Taxes	\$763,113	\$763,113	\$0	\$17,511	\$17,511	\$0
Intergovernmental	5,756,100	5,756,100	0	1,374,224	1,374,224	0
Interest	10,095	10,095	0	0	0	0
Tuition and Fees	876	876	0	0	0	0
Rent	1,200	1,200	0	100	100	0
Extracurricular Activities	0	0	0	54,675	54,675	0
Gifts and Donations	3,000	3,000	0	1,329	1,329	0
Miscellaneous	65,333	65,333	0	7,702	7,702	0
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>6,599,717</u>	<u>6,599,717</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,455,541</u>	<u>1,455,541</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
Current:						
Instruction:						
Regular	2,320,193	2,320,193	0	615,134	615,134	0
Special	529,553	529,553	0	538,854	538,854	0
Vocational	74,461	74,461	0	0	0	0
Adult/Continuing	401	401	0	65,237	65,237	0
Other	64,898	64,898	0	0	0	0
Support Services:						
Pupils	216,121	216,121	0	55,619	55,619	0
Instructional Staff	347,564	347,564	0	145,948	145,948	0
Board of Education	25,767	25,767	0	0	0	0
Administration	625,003	625,003	0	825	825	0
Fiscal	172,245	172,245	0	6,755	6,755	0
Business	22,118	22,118	0	0	0	0
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	991,274	991,274	0	5,795	5,795	0
Pupil Transportation	715,735	715,735	0	1,983	1,983	0
Central	1,247	1,247	0	25,828	25,828	0
Extracurricular Activities	103,172	103,172	0	32,485	32,485	0
Capital Outlay	17,697	17,697	0	3,566	3,566	0
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>6,227,449</u>	<u>6,227,449</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,498,029</u>	<u>1,498,029</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>372,268</u>	<u>372,268</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(42,488)</u>	<u>(42,488)</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>						
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	10,395	10,395	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	0	0	0	18,191	18,191	0
Operating Transfers Out	(61,291)	(61,291)	0	0	0	0
Advances In	61,537	61,537	0	3,232	3,232	0
Advances Out	(3,232)	(3,232)	0	(61,537)	(61,537)	0
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>7,409</u>	<u>7,409</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(40,114)</u>	<u>(40,114)</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>379,677</u>	<u>379,677</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(82,602)</u>	<u>(82,602)</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	67,358	67,358	0	233,243	233,243	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	59,458	59,458	0	13,093	13,093	0
Fund Balances at End of Year	<u>\$506,493</u>	<u>\$506,493</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$163,734</u>	<u>\$163,734</u>	<u>\$0</u>

See accompanying notes to the general purpose financial statements

<i>DEBT SERVICE FUND</i>			<i>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS</i>			<i>TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)</i>		
Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$214,168	\$214,168	\$0	\$37,906	\$37,906	\$0	\$1,032,698	\$1,032,698	\$0
27,562	27,562	0	213,448	213,448	0	7,371,334	7,371,334	0
0	0	0	4,457	4,457	0	14,552	14,552	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	876	876	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	1,300	1,300	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	54,675	54,675	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	4,329	4,329	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	73,035	73,035	0
<u>241,730</u>	<u>241,730</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>255,811</u>	<u>255,811</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,552,799</u>	<u>8,552,799</u>	<u>0</u>
0	0	0	0	0	0	2,935,327	2,935,327	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	1,068,407	1,068,407	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	74,461	74,461	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	65,638	65,638	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	64,898	64,898	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	271,740	271,740	0
0	0	0	52,018	52,018	0	545,530	545,530	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	25,767	25,767	0
3,447	3,447	0	610	610	0	629,885	629,885	0
5,874	5,874	0	965	965	0	185,839	185,839	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	22,118	22,118	0
0	0	0	13,000	13,000	0	1,010,069	1,010,069	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	717,718	717,718	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	27,075	27,075	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	135,657	135,657	0
0	0	0	509,212	509,212	0	530,475	530,475	0
103,150	103,150	0	0	0	0	103,150	103,150	0
72,311	72,311	0	0	0	0	72,311	72,311	0
<u>184,782</u>	<u>184,782</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>575,805</u>	<u>575,805</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,486,065</u>	<u>8,486,065</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>56,948</u>	<u>56,948</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(319,994)</u>	<u>(319,994)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>66,734</u>	<u>66,734</u>	<u>0</u>
0	0	0	0	0	0	10,395	10,395	0
20,327	20,327	0	11,010	11,010	0	49,528	49,528	0
0	0	0	(11,010)	(11,010)	0	(72,301)	(72,301)	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	64,769	64,769	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	(64,769)	(64,769)	0
<u>20,327</u>	<u>20,327</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(12,378)</u>	<u>(12,378)</u>	<u>0</u>
77,275	77,275	0	(319,994)	(319,994)	0	54,356	54,356	0
205,802	205,802	0	206,633	206,633	0	713,036	713,036	0
0	0	0	368,422	368,422	0	440,973	440,973	0
<u>\$283,077</u>	<u>\$283,077</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$255,061</u>	<u>\$255,061</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,208,365</u>	<u>\$1,208,365</u>	<u>\$0</u>

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Revenues, Expenses
and Changes in Retained Earnings
Enterprise Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	<u><i>Food Service</i></u>
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>	
Sales	\$143,593
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	
Salaries	152,841
Fringe Benefits	78,091
Purchased Services	800
Materials and Supplies	11,107
Cost of Sales	125,751
Depreciation	15,638
Other	1,963
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<u>386,191</u>
Operating Loss	<u>(242,598)</u>
<u>Non-Operating Revenues:</u>	
Federal and State Subsidies	176,301
Federal Donated Commodities	42,442
<i>Total Non-Operating Revenues</i>	<u>218,743</u>
Loss Before Operating Transfers	(23,855)
Operating Transfers In	<u>22,773</u>
Net Loss	(1,082)
Retained Earnings at Beginning of Year - Restated (See Note 20)	<u>92,742</u>
Retained Earnings at End of Year	<u><u>\$91,660</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the general purpose financial statements

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and
Changes in Fund Equity - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
Enterprise Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	FOOD SERVICE		
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Sales	\$143,593	\$143,593	\$0
Federal and State Subsidies	176,301	176,301	0
<i>Total Revenues</i>	319,894	319,894	0
<u>Expenses:</u>			
Salaries	160,812	160,812	0
Fringe Benefits	80,045	80,045	0
Purchased Services	800	800	0
Materials and Supplies	99,047	99,047	0
Other	1,963	1,963	0
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	342,667	342,667	0
Excess of Revenues Under Expenses	(22,773)	(22,773)	0
Operating Transfers In	22,773	22,773	0
Excess of Revenues Over Expenses and Transfers	0	0	0
Fund Equity at Beginning of Year	0	0	0
Fund Equity at End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$0

See accompanying notes to the general purpose financial statements

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Cash Flows

Enterprise Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

<u>Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents:</u>	<u>Food Service</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</u>	
Cash Received from Sales	\$143,593
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(99,847)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(160,812)
Cash Payments for Employee Benefits	(80,045)
Cash Payments for Other Operating Expenses	(1,963)
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<i>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</i>	(199,074)
<u>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:</u>	
Federal and State Subsidies	176,301
Operating Transfers - In	22,773
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<i>Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities</i>	199,074
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Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	0
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	0
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Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$0</u>

<u>Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:</u>	
Operating Loss	<u>(\$242,598)</u>

<u>Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:</u>	
Depreciation	15,638
Donated Commodities Received During Year	42,442
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Increase in Inventory Held for Resale	(2,489)
Increase in Materials and Supplies Inventory	(85)
Decrease in Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	(5,752)
Decrease in Compensated Absences Payable	(2,983)
Decrease in Intergovernmental Payable	(3,247)
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Total Adjustments	43,524
	<hr/>
<i>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</i>	<u>(\$199,074)</u>

Non-Cash Transactions:

During fiscal year 2003, the food service enterprise fund received \$42,442 in donated commodities.

See accompanying notes to the general purpose financial statements

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

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

The School District was established in 1968 through the consolidation of existing land areas and school districts. The School District serves an area of approximately 84 square miles. It is located in Scioto County, and includes all of the Village of South Webster and portions of Bloom and Vernon Townships. It is staffed by 48 non-certificated employees, 77 certificated full-time teaching personnel and 6 administrative employees who provide services to 1,027 students and other community members. The School District currently operates three instructional buildings and one administrative building.

Reporting Entity:

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

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

The School District participates in six organizations, three of which are defined as jointly governed organizations, one as a public entity shared risk pool, and two as insurance purchasing pools. These organizations are the South Central Ohio Computer Association (SCOCA), the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools, the Pilasco-Ross Special Education Regional Resource Center, the Scioto County Schools Council, the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan, and the Ohio School Plan. These organizations are presented in Notes 15, 16, and 17 to the general purpose financial statements.

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Basis Of Presentation - Fund Accounting

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

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

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

Governmental Fund Types:

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

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

Special Revenue Funds – The Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditure for specified purposes.

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

Capital Projects Funds - 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 funds).

Proprietary Fund Type:

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

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

Fiduciary Fund Types:

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

Account Groups:

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

General Fixed Assets Account Group - This account group is established to account for all fixed assets of the School District, other than those accounted for in the proprietary fund.

General Long-Term Obligations Account Group - This account group is established to account for all long-term obligations of the School District except those accounted for in the proprietary fund.

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed for the governmental and agency funds. The full accrual basis of accounting is followed for the proprietary fund.

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

Non-exchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 6). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2003, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2004 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue. Grants and entitlements received before eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as deferred revenue. On a modified accrual basis, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have also been reported as deferred revenue.

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

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

C. Budgetary Process

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

All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund type level. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education. The Treasurer has been given authority to further allocate appropriations to funds, functions and objects within each fund type.

Tax Budget:

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

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

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Estimated Resources:

Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the County Budget Commission and receives the Commission's certificate of estimated resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to June 30, the School District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate is amended to include any unencumbered cash balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the School District Treasurer. Before year-end, the School District requested and received an amended certificate of estimated resources that reflected actual revenue for the fiscal year which was in effect at the time the final appropriations were passed.

Appropriations:

Upon receipt from the County Auditor of an amended certificate of estimated resources based on final assessed values and tax rates or a certificate saying no new certificate is necessary, the annual appropriation resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education. Prior to the passage of the annual appropriation measure, the Board of Education may pass a temporary appropriation measure to meet the ordinary expenses of the School District. The total of expenditures and encumbrances may not exceed the appropriation totals at the legal level of control.

The Board of Education may pass supplemental fund appropriations so long as the total appropriations by fund do not exceed the amounts set forth in the most recent certificate of estimated resources.

The budget figures which appear in the statements of budgetary comparisons represent the final appropriation amounts passed during the year, including all supplemental appropriations. Formal budgetary integration is employed by the Board of Education as a management control device during the year for all funds other than agency funds, consistent with statutory provisions. Prior to year-end, the School District passed a supplemental appropriation that reflected actual expenditures plus encumbrances for the fiscal year.

Encumbrances:

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

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Lapsing of Appropriations:

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

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, all cash received by the School District is pooled. Monies for all funds, including proprietary funds, are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through School District 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 2003, the School District's only investments were repurchase agreements. Nonparticipating investment contracts such as repurchase agreements are reported at cost.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2003 amounted to \$10,081, which includes \$6,724 assigned from other School District funds.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows and for presentation on the combined balance sheet, investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School District are considered to be cash equivalents.

E. 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 consumed. Inventories of the enterprise fund consist of donated food and purchased food held for resale, and are expensed when used.

F. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2003, 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 is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

G. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

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

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

Assets in the general fixed assets account group are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over a useful life of forty years for buildings, twenty to twenty-five years for building improvements, ten years for textbooks, and four to ten years for vehicles. Depreciation of furniture, fixtures, and equipment in the enterprise fund and in the general fixed assets account group is computed using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of five to twenty years.

H. Interfund Assets/Liabilities

Short-term interfund loans are classified as "Interfund Receivables" and "Interfund Payables" on the balance sheet.

I. Compensated Absences

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

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

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Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

For governmental funds, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using available expendable resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "Compensated Absences Payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The remainder is reported in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group. In the enterprise fund, the entire amount of compensated absences is reported as a fund liability.

J. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities are reported as obligations of the funds regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, compensated absences and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the general long-term obligations account group to the extent that they will not be paid with current available expendable financial resources. Payments made more than sixty days after fiscal year-end are considered not to have used current available financial resources. Bonds and long-term loans are reported as a liability of the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group until due.

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

K. Interfund Transactions

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

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

L. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets in the General Fund represent cash and cash equivalents whose use is limited by legal requirements. Restricted assets in the General Fund represent unexpended revenues restricted for the purchase of buses and cash and cash equivalents legally required to be set aside by the School District for the acquisition or construction of capital improvements. See Note 18 for additional information regarding set-asides.

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

M. Fund Balance Reserves

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

The reserve for property taxes represents taxes recognized as revenue under generally accepted accounting principles but not available for appropriations under State statute.

N. Estimates

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

O. Total Columns on General Purpose Financial Statements

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

NOTE 3 – ACCOUNTABILITY

The Educational Management Information Systems, the Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid, and the Title VI-R Special Revenue funds had deficit fund balances of \$3,621, \$67,255, and \$8,449, respectively, as of June 30, 2003. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 4 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

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

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

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

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
GAAP Basis	\$413,705	(\$87,985)	\$68,225	(\$106,128)
Adjustments:				
Revenue Accruals	10,685	45,471	9,050	1,602
Expenditure Accruals	(12,107)	24,561	0	(40,924)
Encumbrances	(90,825)	(6,344)	0	(174,544)
Advances	58,305	(58,305)	0	0
Unrecorded Cash	(86)	0	0	0
Budget Basis	<u>\$379,677</u>	<u>(\$82,602)</u>	<u>\$77,275</u>	<u>(\$319,994)</u>

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 4 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (continued)

Net Income/Excess of Revenues Over Expenses and Transfers Enterprise Fund	
	Food Service
GAAP Basis	<u>(\$1,082)</u>
Adjustments:	
Federal Donated Commodities	(42,442)
Expense Accruals	27,886
Depreciation	<u>15,638</u>
Budget Basis	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

State statute permits interim monies to be deposited or invested in the following securities:

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

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NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

1. United States Treasury notes, bills, bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by the 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 other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio);
7. Certain bankers' acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the date of purchase in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of interim monies available for investment at any one time; and
8. Under limited circumstances, debt interests rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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 School District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

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NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

The following information classifies deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined in *GASB Statement No. 3, "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (including repurchase agreements) and Reverse Repurchase Agreements"*.

Deposits: At fiscal year-end, the carrying amount of the School District's deposits was \$1,499,173 and the bank balance was \$1,576,070. Of the bank balance, \$100,128 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$1,475,942 was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although the securities serving as collateral were held by the pledging financial institution's trust department in the School District's name and all State statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, non-compliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the School District to a successful claim by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible personal property (used in business) located in the School District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar 2003 represents collections of calendar year 2002 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2003 were levied after April 1, 2002, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2002, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar 2003 represents collections of calendar year 2002 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2003 became a lien December 31, 2001, were levied after April 1, 2002 and are collected in 2003 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at thirty-five percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

Tangible personal property tax revenue received during calendar 2003 (other than public utility property) represents the collection of 2003 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2003 were levied after April 1, 2002, on the value as of December 31, 2002. Tangible personal property is currently assessed at twenty-five percent of true value for capital assets and twenty-four percent of true value for inventory. Payments by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20. Tangible personal property taxes paid by April 30 are usually received by the School District prior to June 30.

BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the General Purpose Financial Statements

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES (continued)

The School District receives property taxes from Scioto County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2003, are available to finance fiscal year 2003 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and tangible personal property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2003 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is reported as revenue at fiscal year-end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred revenue.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2003 was \$53,846 in the General Fund, \$1,204 in the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Special Revenue Fund, \$15,194 in the Debt Service Fund, and \$2,689 in the Permanent Improvement Capital Projects Fund. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2002 was \$85,791 in the General Fund, \$1,905 in the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Special Revenue Fund, \$24,244 in the Debt Service Fund, and \$4,291 in the Permanent Improvement Capital Projects Fund.

The assessed values upon which fiscal year 2003 taxes were collected are:

	2002 Second- Half Collections		2003 First- Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agricultural/Residential and Other Real Estate	\$28,862,060	72.28%	\$30,370,300	72.66%
Public Utility	98,300	0.25%	136,800	0.33%
Tangible Personal Property	10,966,280	27.47%	11,291,720	27.01%
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$39,926,640</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$41,798,820</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$32.82		\$32.82	

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2003, consisted of property taxes, intergovernmental grants, and interfund. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current fiscal year guarantee of federal funds.

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NOTE 7 – RECEIVABLES (continued)

A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

<u>Fund Type/Fund</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
General Fund	
Reimbursements	\$29,591
Special Revenue Funds:	
Title VI-B	4,033
Title VI-B IDEA	25,994
Title I	130,897
Title II-A	66,693
Title IV	2,502
Title V	960
Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>231,079</u>
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	<u><u>\$260,670</u></u>

NOTE 8 - FIXED ASSETS

A summary of the enterprise fund's fixed assets at June 30, 2003, follows:

Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	\$249,330
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(117,877)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u><u>\$131,453</u></u>

A summary of the changes in general fixed assets during fiscal year 2003 follows:

<u>Asset Category</u>	<u>Balance at 6/30/02</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance at 6/30/03</u>
Land and Improvements	\$765,311	\$0	\$0	\$765,311
Buildings and Improvements	22,028,070	891,838	4,292	22,915,616
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	1,751,530	99,730	157,515	1,693,745
Textbooks	391,532	0	0	391,532
Vehicles	1,033,306	59,825	71,944	1,021,187
Totals	<u>\$25,969,749</u>	<u>\$1,051,393</u>	<u>\$233,751</u>	26,787,391
Less: Accumulated Depreciation				<u>(5,813,913)</u>
Total General Fixed Assets				<u><u>\$20,973,478</u></u>

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NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2003, the School District contracted with Indiana Insurance for liability insurance coverage and property and inland marine coverage. Coverage provided by Indiana Insurance is as follows:

Building and Contents - at replacement cost (\$2,500 deductible)	\$38,081,200
Inland Marine Coverage (\$1,000 deductible)	64,017
Money for Securities and Theft, Disappearance, and Destruction (no deductible)	10,000
Automobile Liability:	
Liability	\$1,000,000
Schedule of Coverages and Covered Autos and Buses	
Physical Damage - Comprehensive (\$250 Deductible)	
Physical Damage - Collision (\$500 Deductible)	
Towing and Labor	50
Schedule of Hired or Borrowed Covered Autos	
Physical Damage - Comprehensive (\$250 Deductible)	25,000
Physical Damage - Collision (\$500 Deductible)	25,000
Auto Medical Payments	5,000
Uninsured Motorists	50,000
Equipment Breakdown Coverage	
Expediting Expenses (included)	
Hazardous Substances	25,000
Perishable Goods (included)	
Computer Equipment (included)	
CFC Refrigerants	100,000

During fiscal year 2003, the School District participated in the Ohio School Plan (OSP), a public entity insurance purchasing pool. Each individual school district enters into an agreement with the OSP and its premium is based on types of coverage, limits of coverage, and deductibles that it selects. The School District pays this annual premium to the OSP. (See Note 17)

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NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

The types and amounts of coverage provided by the Ohio School Plan are as follows:

General Liability:

Bodily Injury and Property Damage - Each Occurrence Limit and Sexual Abuse Injury - Each Sexual Abuse Offense Limit	1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury - Each Offense Limit	1,000,000
Fire Damage - Any One Event Limit	500,000
Medical Expense - Any One Person Limit	10,000
Medical Expense - Each Accident Limit	10,000
General Aggregate Limit	3,000,000
Products - Completed Operations Limit	1,000,000
Employee Benefits Liability Endorsement:	
Employee Benefits Injury - Each Offense Limit	1,000,000
Employee Benefits Injury - Aggregate Limit	3,000,000
Employer's Liability and Stop Gap Endorsement:	
Bodily Injury by Accident - Each Accident Limit	1,000,000
Bodily Injury by Disease - Endorsement Limit	1,000,000
Bodily Injury by Disease - Each Employee Limit	1,000,000
Educational Legal Liability Coverage (\$10,000 deductible):	
Errors and Omissions Injury Limit	1,000,000
Errors and Omissions Injury Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Employment Practices Injury Limit	1,000,000
Employment Practices Injury Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Defense Costs Cap	1,000,000
Defense Costs Aggregate Cap	1,000,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has not been a significant decrease in insurance coverage from last year.

The School District is a member of the Scioto County Schools Council, a public entity shared risk pool (Note 16), offering employee medical and dental insurance to participating school districts within the county. Monthly premiums are paid to the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center as fiscal agent, who in turns pays the claims on the School District's behalf. The Council is responsible for the management and operations of the program. Upon termination from the Council, for any reason, the School District shall have no obligation under the plan beyond paying the difference between the claims incurred (even though later filed) and expenses of the plan due up to the date of termination plus extended benefits, if any, provided under the plan. All claims and expenses shall be paid from the funds of the Council.

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NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

For fiscal year 2003, the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 17). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the GRP. 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 GRP. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Gates McDonald & Co. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP. Each year, the School District pays an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover costs of administering the program.

NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

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

Plan members are required to contribute 9 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current School District rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the School District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits; for fiscal year 2003, 8.17 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2002, 5.46 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to a statutory maximum amount, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2003, 2002, and 2001 were \$96,336, \$69,091, \$39,039, respectively; 49.65 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2003 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2002 and 2001. \$48,502, representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2003, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds and the general long-term obligations account group.

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

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

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

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, plan members were required to contribute 9.3 percent of their annual covered salaries. The School District was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2002, the portion used to fund pension obligations was 9.5 percent. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2003, 2002, and 2001 were \$468,243, \$321,939, and \$340,037, respectively; 84.11 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2003 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2002 and 2001. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2003 were \$2,904 made by the plan members.

NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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

All STRS Ohio benefit recipients and sponsored dependents are eligible for health care coverage. The STRS Ohio Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Most benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS Ohio funds is included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, the STRS Ohio Board allocated employer contributions equal to 1.0 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund. For the School District, this amount equaled \$36,019 for fiscal year 2003.

STRS Ohio pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve Fund. At June 30, 2002, (the latest information available) the balance in the Fund was \$3.011 billion. For the year ended June 30, 2002, net health care costs paid by STRS Ohio were \$354,697,000 and STRS Ohio had 105,300 eligible benefit recipients.

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

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NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

After the allocation for basic benefits, the remainder of the employer's 14 percent contribution is allocated to providing health care benefits. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 5.83 percent of covered payroll, a decrease of 2.71 percent from fiscal year 2002. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2003, the minimum pay was established at \$14,500. For the School District, the amount contributed to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge, during the 2003 fiscal year equaled \$76,438.

The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund. The target level for the health care reserve is 150 percent of the annual health care expenses. Expenses for health care for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002 (the latest information available), were \$182,946,777 and the target level was \$274.4 million. At June 30, 2002, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$335.2 million. SERS has approximately 50,000 participants currently receiving health care benefits.

NOTE 12 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from State laws. Eligible classified employees earn ten to twenty days of vacation per fiscal year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 215 days for all personnel. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of accrued, but unused sick leave credit to a maximum of 50 days.

B. Life Insurance

The School District provides life insurance to all employees through CoreSource.

C. Deferred Compensation

School District employees may participate in the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan. This plan was created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. Participation is on a voluntary payroll deduction basis. The plan permits deferral of compensation until future years. According to the plan, the deferred compensation is not available until termination, retirement, death or an unforeseeable emergency.

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NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The changes in the School District's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2003 were as follows:

	Amount Outstanding 6/30/02	Additions	Deductions	Amount Outstanding 6/30/03
<u>General Obligation Bonds:</u>				
Classroom Facilities General Obligation Bonds 1988 6.9%	\$400,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$340,000
School Improvement Bonds 1998 6.25%	795,000	0	25,000	770,000
Total Long-Term Bonds	<u>1,195,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>
<u>Other Long-Term Obligations:</u>				
Energy Conservation Loan 1993 5.76%	37,358	0	18,150	19,208
Pension Obligation	55,250	60,283	55,250	60,283
Compensated Absences	346,497	0	31,679	314,818
Total Long-Term Obligations	<u>\$1,634,105</u>	<u>\$60,283</u>	<u>\$190,079</u>	<u>\$1,504,309</u>

Bloom Vernon Classroom Facilities General Obligation Bonds - On November 5, 1988, Bloom Vernon Local School District issued \$1,180,000 in voted general obligation bonds for the purpose of an addition to the primary school and for a new high school building. The bonds were issued for a twenty year period with final maturity at December 1, 2008. The bonds will be retired from the Debt Service Fund.

School Improvement Bonds - On December 1, 1998, Bloom Vernon Local School District issued \$865,100 in voted general obligation bonds for the construction of a new elementary school and for an addition to the high school building. The bonds were issued for a twenty-three year period with final maturity at December 1, 2021. The bonds will be retired from the Debt Service Fund.

Energy Conservation Loan - On September 13, 1993, Bloom Vernon Local School District issued \$150,800 in unvoted general obligation notes for the purpose of providing energy conservation measures for the School District, under the authority of Ohio Revised Code Sections 133.06(G) and 3313.372. The notes were issued for a ten year period with final maturity during fiscal year 2004. The loan will be retired from the Debt Service Fund.

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NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Compensated absences and the pension obligation will be paid from the funds from which the employees' salaries are paid.

The School District's overall legal debt margin was 2,950,165 with an unvoted debt margin of \$41,799, and an Energy Conservation debt margin of \$356,981 at June 30, 2003.

Principal and interest requirements to retire the general obligation bonds and the energy conservation loan at June 30, 2003, are as follows:

<u>Fiscal year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2004	\$104,208	\$65,613	\$169,821
2005	90,000	58,660	148,660
2006	85,000	52,828	137,828
2007	85,000	47,133	132,133
2008	90,000	41,301	131,301
2009-2013	245,000	147,322	392,322
2014-2018	245,000	83,650	328,650
2019-2021	185,000	14,690	199,690
Total	<u>\$1,129,208</u>	<u>\$511,197</u>	<u>\$1,640,405</u>

NOTE 14 - INTERFUND ACTIVITY

As of June 30, 2003, receivables and payables that resulted from various interfund transactions were as follows:

<u>Fund Type/Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	<u>Interfund Payable</u>
General Fund	\$3,513	\$0
Special Revenue Funds:		
Rotary	0	456
Title II-A	0	223
Title V	0	2,553
Total Special Revenue Funds	0	3,232
Capital Projects Fund:		
Classroom Facilities	0	281
Total All Funds	<u>\$3,513</u>	<u>\$3,513</u>

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NOTE 15 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

South Central Ohio Computer Association - The School District is a participant in the South Central Ohio Computer Association (SCOCA) which is a computer consortium. SCOCA is an association of public school districts within the boundaries of Adams, Brown, Highland, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Jackson, Vinton, and Scioto Counties. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. The governing board of SCOCA consists of two representatives from each county in the SCOCA service region designated by the Ohio Department of Education, two representatives of the school treasurers, and one representative from the fiscal agent. The School District paid SCOCA \$42,948 for services provided during the year. Financial information can be obtained from the fiscal agent, the Pike County Joint Vocational School District, Tonya Cooper, who serves as Treasurer, at P.O. Box 577, 175 Beaver Creek Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools - The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools is a jointly governed organization of over one hundred school districts in southeastern Ohio. The Coalition is operated by a Board which is composed of fourteen members. The Board members are composed of one superintendent from each county elected by the school districts within that county. The Council provides various services for School District administrative personnel; gathers data regarding conditions of education in the region; cooperates with other professional groups to assess and develop programs designed to meet the needs of member districts; and provides staff development programs for School District personnel. The Council is not dependent upon the continued participation of the School District and the School District does not maintain an equity interest in or a financial responsibility for the Council. The School District paid \$315 to the Coalition for services provided during the year.

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

The SERRC is governed by a Board composed of superintendents of participating schools, parents of children with disabilities, representatives of county boards of MR/DD, Joint Vocational Schools, Pickaway-Ross County Career and Technology Center, Shawnee State University, and Ross-Pike, Lawrence and South Central Ohio Educational Service Centers, whose terms rotate every year. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. The Portsmouth City School District's superintendent is on the SERRC Board. The fiscal agent for the SERRC is Dawson-Bryant Local School District. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Donald Washburn, Director of Pilasco-Ross, at the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center, 411 Court Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

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NOTE 16 - PUBLIC ENTITY SHARED RISK POOL

Scioto County Schools Council - The School District is a member of the Scioto County Schools Council, a public entity shared risk pool. Several Scioto County school districts have entered into an agreement with the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center to form the Scioto County Schools Council. The overall objectives of the Council are to formulate and administer programs of health and dental insurance for the benefit of the Council members' employees and their dependents, to obtain lower costs for health and dental coverage, and to secure cost control by implementing a program of comprehensive loss control. The Council's business and affairs are managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of the superintendents from each of the participating school districts. The School District pays premiums based on what the Council estimates will cover the costs of all claims for which the Council is obligated. If the School District's claims exceed its premiums, there is no individual supplemental assessment; on the other hand, if the School District's claims are low, it will not receive a refund. The Council views its activities in the aggregate, rather than on an individual entity basis. To obtain financial information, write to the fiscal agent, South Central Ohio Educational Service Center, 411 Court Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

NOTE 17 - INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan - The School District participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by a three member Board of Directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect and the Immediate Past President of the OSBA. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the program. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

Ohio School Plan - The School District participates in the Ohio School Plan (OSP), an insurance purchasing pool. The Ohio School Plan (OSP) is created and organized pursuant to and as authorized by Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code. The OSP is an unincorporated, non-profit association of its members and an instrumentality for each member for the purpose of enabling members of the Plan to provide for a formalized, joint insurance purchasing program to maintain adequate insurance protection, risk management programs and other administrative services. The OSP's business and affairs are conducted by a fifteen member Board of directors consisting of school district superintendents and treasurers, as well as the president of Harcum-Hyre Insurance Agency, Inc. and a partner of the Hylant Group, Inc. Hylant Group, Inc. is the Administrator of the OSP and is responsible for processing claims. Harcum-Hyre Insurance Agency, Inc. is the sales and marketing representative, which establishes agreements between OSP and member schools.

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NOTE 18 - SET-ASIDE CALCULATIONS

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

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

	<u>Textbooks</u>	<u>Capital Acquisitions</u>
Set-aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2002	(\$43,956)	\$0
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	119,709	119,709
Current Year Offsets	0	(62,712)
Qualifying Disbursements	<u>(75,753)</u>	<u>(54,128)</u>
Set-aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2003	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,869</u>

Amounts of offsets and qualifying disbursements presented in the table were limited to those necessary to reduce the year-end balance to zero. Although the School District may have had additional offsets and qualifying disbursements for textbooks during the year, and this extra amount may be used to reduce the set-aside requirements of future years, the School District has decided to not carry over such negative balances to the next year.

NOTE 19 – STATE SCHOOL FUNDING DECISION

On December 11, 2002, the Ohio Supreme Court issued its latest opinion regarding the State’s school funding plan. The decision reaffirmed earlier decisions that Ohio’s current school-funding decision is unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court relinquished jurisdiction over the case and directed “...the Ohio General Assembly to enact a school-funding scheme that is thorough and efficient...”

The School District is currently unable to determine what effect, if any, this decision will have on its future State funding and on its financial operations.

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NOTE 20 – CORRECTION OF ERROR

During fiscal year 2003, an error was discovered that related to fixed assets in the Food Service Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2002. Fixed assets and accumulated depreciation were both overstated in 2002, resulting in the following restatement of retained earnings and net income:

Retained Earnings, June 30, 2002, as reported	\$124,341
Restatement of Fixed Assets	
Net of Depreciation	<u>(31,599)</u>
Retained Earnings, June 30, 2002, as restated	<u><u>\$92,742</u></u>
Net Income, June 30, 2002, as reported	\$150,865
Restatement of Net Income	
Due to restatement of Depreciation	<u>(31,599)</u>
Net Income, June 30, 2002, as restated	<u><u>\$119,266</u></u>

NOTE 21 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The School District received financial assistance from Federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements, and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2003.

B. Litigation

The School District is not currently party to legal proceedings.

**BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCIOTO COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Noncash Receipts	Disbursements	Noncash Disbursements
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE						
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:</i>						
Nutrition Cluster:						
Food Donation	N/A	10.550	\$	\$ 37,538	\$	\$ 32,667
School Breakfast	05-PU-2002	10.553	6,294		6,294	
	05-PU-2003		31,805		31,805	
Total School Breakfast Program			38,099	0	38,099	0
National School Lunch Program	LL-P4-2002	10.555	18,318		18,318	
	LL-P4-2003		108,100		108,100	
Total National School Lunch Program			126,418	0	126,418	0
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture - Nutrition Cluster			164,517	37,538	164,517	32,667
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION						
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:</i>						
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	C1-S1-2002	84.010	34,588		80,056	
	C1-S1-2003		325,141		308,021	
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			359,729	0	388,077	0
Special Education - Grants to States	6B-SF-2002	84.027	36,150		23,956	
	6B-SF-2003		94,238		91,343	
Total Special Education - Grants to States			130,388	0	115,299	0
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - State Grants	DR-S1-2002	84.186	987		1,617	
	DR-S1-2003		6,654		4,984	
Total Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - State Grants			7,641	0	6,601	0
Even Start - State Educational Agencies	EV-S2-2000	84.213	(907)			
	EV-S3-2001		(1,500)		1,500	
	EV-S2-2002		71,378		22,037	
	EV-S4-2003		135,260		126,520	
Total Even Start - State Educational Agencies			204,231	0	150,057	0
Goals 2000 - State and Local Education Systemic Improvement Grants	G2-S0-2000	84.276			9,702	
	G2-S0-2001				9,072	
	G2-S0-2002				10,929	
Total Goals 2000 - State and Local Education Systemic Improvement Grants			0	0	29,703	0
Eisenhower Professional Development State Grant	MS-S1-2000	84.281			2,287	
	MS-S1-2001				6,571	
	MS-S1-2002		(7,606)			
Total Eisenhower Professional Development State Grant			(7,606)	0	8,858	0
Innovative Education Program Strategies	C2-S1-2002	84.298	1,927		1,927	
	C2-S1-2003		6,047		6,270	
Total Innovative Education Program Strategies			7,974	0	8,197	0
Education Technology State Grants	TJ-S1-2003	84.318	9,088		6,692	
Class Size Reduction	CR-S1-2003	84.340	(2,376)		11,546	
Rural Education	RU-S1-2003	84.358	18,513		17,538	
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	TR-S1-2003	84.367	66,431		60,512	
Total U. S. Department of Education			794,013	0	803,080	0
CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE						
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:</i>						
Learn and Serve America - School and Community Based Programs	SV-S1-2002	94.004			6,026	
	SV-S1-2003		15,000		15,000	
Total Learn and Serve America - School and Community Based Programs			15,000	0	21,026	0
Total Corporation for National Service			15,000	0	21,026	0
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY						
<i>Passed through Ohio Emergency Management Agency:</i>						
Public Assistance Grants	DR-1453	83.544			2,879	
Total Federal Emergency Management Agency			0	0	2,879	0
Total Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures			\$ 973,530	\$ 37,538	\$ 991,502	\$ 32,667

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

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

NOTE A – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

NOTE B – CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

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

NOTE C – RECLASSIFICATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS

Title II, formerly known as the Eisenhower Professional Development grant, and Title VI-R, formerly known as the Class Size Reduction grant, have been combined with Title II-A, Improving Teacher Quality grant. The \$8,472 remaining in the Title II grant and \$2,376 in the Title VI-R grant were transferred to the Title II-A grant. The transfers are presented as a reduction of Title II and Title VI-R receipts, resulting in negative receipts of (\$7,606) and (\$2,376), respectively. The following table summarizes the transfers:

Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Transfer In	Transfer Out
Eisenhower Professional Development (Title II)	84.281		\$8,472
Class Size Reduction (Title VI-R)	84.340		2,376
Improving Teacher Quality (Title II-A)	84.367	\$10,848	

NOTE D – NEGATIVE RECEIPTS

Even Start Grant, CFDA #84.213, funds in the amount of \$2,407 were carried over from 2000 and 2001 to the next program year, resulting in a negative receipts of (\$907) and (\$1,500).



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

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

Bloom Vernon Local School District
Scioto County
P.O. Box 237
South Webster, Ohio 45682

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Bloom Vernon Local School District, Scioto County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated January 21, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School District's general purpose 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 School District in a separate letter dated January 21, 2004.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the School District in a separate letter dated January 21, 2004.

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This report is intended for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board of Education 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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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

January 21, 2004



Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

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

Bloom Vernon Local School District
Scioto County
P.O. Box 237
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To the Board of Education:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Bloom Vernon Local School District, Scioto County, Ohio (the School District), with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2003. The School District's major federal program is identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the School District's compliance based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the School District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2003.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

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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.

This report is intended for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board of Education, 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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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

January 21, 2004

**BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCIOTO COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 §.505
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

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

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

None

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

**BLOOM VERNON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCIOTO COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 §.315(b)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2002-10773-001	A reportable condition was issued regarding fixed asset recording and reporting.	No	Partially Corrected: The School District has made significant improvement in recording and reporting fixed asset transactions. Although some issues still exist, this item is no longer significant and is reported in the Management Letter of the current audit.



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MARCH 4, 2004**