

**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ERIE COUNTY, OHIO**

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(AUDITED)**

***FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2003***

**CHRISTINA MOORE, TREASURER**





**Auditor of State  
Betty Montgomery**

Board of Education  
Huron City School District  
712 Cleveland Road East  
Huron, Ohio 44839

We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Huron City School District, Erie County, prepared by Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

*Betty Montgomery*

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Auditor of State

March 12, 2004

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## Independent Auditor’s Report

Board of Education  
Huron City School District  
712 Cleveland Road East  
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, its major funds, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Huron City School District, Erie County, (the “District”) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, which collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements, as listed in the table to contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District’s management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *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 the 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 opinions.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, its major funds, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Huron City School District, Erie County, Ohio as of June 30, 2003, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As more fully described in Note 3 to the basic financial statements, certain changes in accounting policies and financial reporting practices were made in order to present the aforementioned basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such changes were adopted July 1, 2002, and to implement those changes, adjustments were made to restate fund balances and net assets as of that date.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 20, 2004 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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

Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc.  
February 20, 2004



**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003  
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The discussion and analysis of the Huron City School District's ("the District") financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

**Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2003 are as follows:

- In total, net assets of governmental activities decreased \$428,381 which represents a 37.81% decrease from 2002.
- General revenues accounted for \$12,309,825 in revenue or 88.76% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$1,558,342 or 11.24% of total revenues of \$13,868,167.
- The District had \$14,296,548 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$1,558,342 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$12,309,825 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's major governmental funds are the general fund and permanent improvement fund. The general fund had \$11,616,979 in revenues and other financing sources and \$12,104,699 in expenditures. During fiscal 2003, the general fund's fund balance decreased \$487,720 from \$(14,416) to \$(502,136).
- The District's other major governmental fund is the permanent improvement fund. The permanent improvement fund had \$528,051 in revenues and other financing sources and \$1,438,753 in expenditures. During fiscal 2003, the permanent improvement fund's fund balance decreased \$910,702 from \$1,008,966 to \$98,264.

**Using the Basic Financial Statements**

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

The *Statement of Net Assets* and *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the District's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the District, the general fund and the permanent improvement fund are by far the most significant funds, and the only governmental funds reported as major funds.

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**Reporting the District as a Whole**

*Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities*

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the District to provide programs and activities, the view of the District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2003?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include *all assets and liabilities* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, the Governmental Activities include the District's programs and services, including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance, pupil transportation, extracurricular activities, and food service operations.

**Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds**

*Fund Financial Statements*

The analysis of the District's major governmental funds begins on page 9. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's major funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's major governmental funds are the general fund and permanent improvement fund.

*Governmental Funds*

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

*Reporting the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities*

The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its scholarship programs. This activity is presented as a private purpose trust fund. The District also acts in a trustee capacity as an agent for individuals. These activities are reported in an agency fund. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in separate Statements of Fiduciary Net Assets and Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets on pages 20 and 21. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the District to finance its operations.

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**The District as a Whole**

Recall that the Statement of Net Assets provides the perspective of the District as a whole. This is the first year for government-wide financial statements using the full accrual basis of accounting, therefore a comparison with prior years is not available. A comparative analysis will be provided in future years when prior year information is available.

The table below provides a summary of the District's net assets for 2003.

	<b>Net Assets</b>
	Governmental Activities 2003
<b><u>Assets</u></b>	
Current and other assets	\$ 9,603,345
Capital assets	5,722,877
Total assets	15,326,222
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>	
Current liabilities	9,318,832
Long-term liabilities	7,568,760
Total liabilities	16,887,592
<b><u>Net Assets</u></b>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,164,040
Restricted	318,735
Unrestricted	(5,044,145)
Total net assets	\$ (1,561,370)

Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2003, the District's liabilities exceeded assets by \$1,561,370.

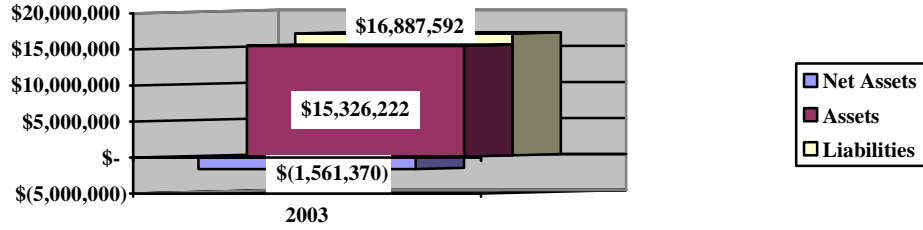
At year-end, capital assets represented 37.34% of total assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment and vehicles. Capital assets, net of related debt to acquire the assets at June 30, 2003, was \$3,164,040. These capital assets are used to provide services to the students and are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A portion of the District's net assets, \$318,735, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The District had a remaining balance of unrestricted net assets of \$(5,044,145).

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**Governmental Activities**



The table below shows the change in net assets for fiscal year 2003. Since this is the first year the District has prepared government-wide financial statements using the full accrual basis of accounting, revenue and expense comparisons to fiscal year 2002 are not available. A comparative analysis will be provided in future years when prior year information is available.

**Change in Net Assets**

	Governmental Activities 2003
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>	
Program revenues:	
Charges for services and sales	\$ 748,568
Operating grants and contributions	786,444
Capital grants and contributions	23,330
General revenues:	
Property taxes	8,569,839
Grants and entitlements	3,578,690
Investment earnings	29,195
Other	132,101
Total revenues	<u>13,868,167</u>

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**Change in Net Assets**

	Governmental Activities <u>2003</u>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	
Program expenses:	
Instruction:	
Regular	5,935,783
Special	1,492,636
Vocational	29,529
Other	103,056
Support services:	
Pupil	580,733
Instructional staff	701,166
Board of education	12,127
Administration	1,285,693
Fiscal	357,186
Business	60,521
Operations and maintenance	1,219,167
Pupil transportation	697,726
Operations of non-instructional services	112,289
Food service operations	547,648
Extracurricular activities	502,327
Intergovernmental pass through	281,903
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>377,058</u>
Total expenses	<u>14,296,548</u>
Decrease in net assets	<u>\$ (428,381)</u>

**Governmental Activities**

Net assets of the District's governmental activities decreased by \$428,381. Total governmental expenses of \$14,296,548 were offset by program revenues of \$1,558,342 and general revenues of \$12,309,825. Program revenues supported 10.90% of the total governmental expenses.

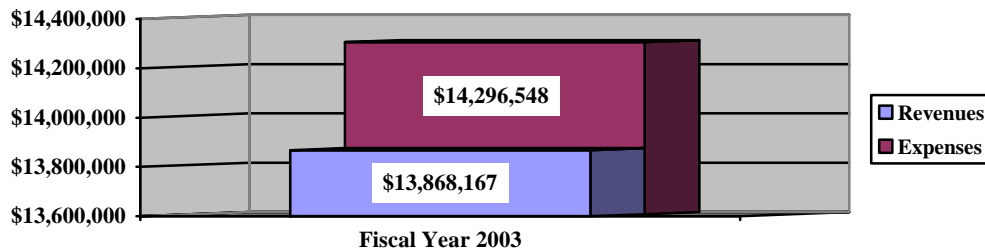
The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from property taxes and grants and entitlements. These revenue sources represent 87.60% of total governmental revenue. Real estate property is reappraised every six years.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue and expenses for fiscal year 2003.

**Governmental Activities - Revenues and Expenses**



The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State grants and entitlements. Comparisons to 2002 have not been presented since they are not available.

**Governmental Activities**

	Total Cost of Services 2003	Net Cost of Services 2003
<b>Program expenses</b>		
Instruction:		
Regular	\$ 5,935,783	\$ 5,786,530
Special	1,492,636	1,275,913
Vocational	29,529	27,543
Other	103,056	52,325
Support services:		
Pupil	580,733	488,821
Instructional staff	701,166	647,204
Board of education	12,127	12,127
Administration	1,285,693	1,263,501
Fiscal	357,186	353,906
Business	60,521	60,521
Operations and maintenance	1,219,167	1,097,283
Pupil transportation	697,726	691,982
Operations of non-instructional services	112,289	112,289
Food service operations	547,648	(12,907)
Extracurricular activities	502,327	332,760
Intergovernmental pass through	281,903	171,350
Interest and fiscal charges	377,058	377,058
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>\$ 14,296,548</u>	<u>\$ 12,738,206</u>

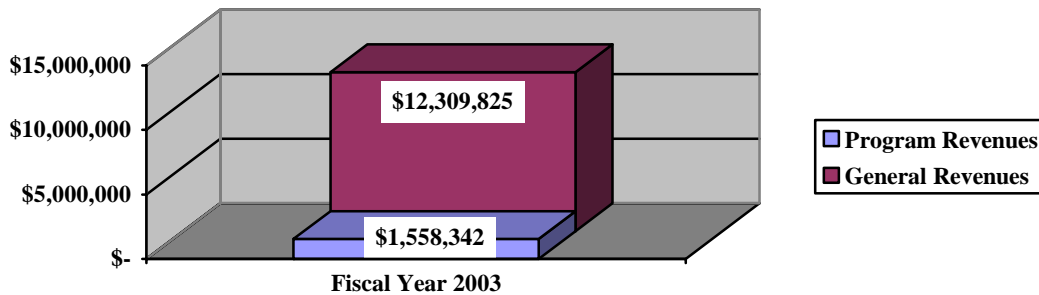
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The dependence upon tax and other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, 94.46% of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 89.10%. The District's taxpayers, as a whole, are by far the primary support for District's students.

The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue for fiscal year 2003.

**Governmental Activities - General and Program Revenues**



**The District's Funds**

The District's governmental funds (as presented on the balance sheet on page 15) reported a combined fund balance of \$(134,727), which is lower than last year's total of \$1,223,191. The June 30, 2002 fund balances have been restated as described in Note 3.A to the basic financial statements. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2003 and 2002.

	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2003</u>	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2002</u>	Increase <u>(Decrease)</u>
General	\$ (502,136)	\$ (14,416)	\$ (487,720)
Permanent Improvement	98,264	1,008,966	(910,702)
Other Governmental	<u>269,145</u>	<u>228,641</u>	<u>40,504</u>
Total	<u>\$ (134,727)</u>	<u>\$ 1,223,191</u>	<u>\$ (1,357,918)</u>

**General Fund**

The District's general fund's fund balance decreased by \$487,720 (after a restatement to the June 30, 2002, fund balance which is detailed in Note 3.A. to the basic financial statement). The table that follows assists in illustrating the financial activities and fund balance of the general fund.

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	2003	Restated 2002	Percentage
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
Taxes	\$ 7,594,917	\$ 7,923,010	(4.14) %
Tuition	18,149	11,095	63.58 %
Earnings on investments	22,973	48,921	(53.04) %
Intergovernmental	3,471,246	3,177,423	9.25 %
Other revenues	<u>211,676</u>	<u>198,452</u>	6.66 %
 Total	 <u>\$ 11,318,961</u>	 <u>\$ 11,358,901</u>	 (0.35) %
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Instruction	\$ 7,037,620	\$ 7,419,396	(5.15) %
Support services	4,427,100	4,638,729	(4.56) %
Operation of non-instructional services	48,651	71,403	(31.86) %
Extracurricular activities	299,116	340,104	(12.05) %
Capital outly	209,018	-	100.00 %
Debt service	<u>83,194</u>	<u>82,495</u>	0.85 %
 Total	 <u>\$ 12,104,699</u>	 <u>\$ 12,552,127</u>	 (3.56) %

***Permanent Improvement Fund***

The District's permanent improvement fund's fund balance decreased by \$910,702 (after a restatement to the June 30, 2002, fund balance which is detailed in Note 3.A. to the basic financial statement). The permanent improvement fund had \$528,051 in revenues and other financing sources and \$1,438,753 in expenditures.

***General Fund Budgeting Highlights***

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

During the course of fiscal 2003, the District amended its general fund budget numerous times. For the general fund, final budgeted revenues were \$11,262,062, which approximates the original budgeted revenues estimate of \$11,289,583. Actual revenues and other financing sources for fiscal 2003 was \$11,258,497. This represents a \$3,565 decrease over final budgeted revenues.

General fund original appropriations (appropriated expenditures plus other financing uses) of \$11,690,183 were increased to \$11,899,537 in the final budget. The actual budget basis expenditures and other financing uses for fiscal year 2003 totaled \$11,898,948, which was \$589 more than the final budget appropriations.



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**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

***Capital Assets***

At the end of fiscal 2003, the District had \$5,722,877 invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment and vehicles. This entire amount is reported in governmental activities. The following table shows fiscal 2003 balances compared to 2002:

	<b>Capital Assets at June 30</b>	
	<b>(Net of Depreciation)</b>	
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Land	\$ 429,494	\$ 429,494
Land improvements	538,835	579,655
Building and improvements	3,264,491	1,033,924
Furniture and equipment	1,156,743	1,189,525
Vehicles	333,314	353,189
Construction in progress	<u>-</u>	<u>1,400,888</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,722,877</u>	<u>\$ 4,986,675</u>

Total additions to capital assets for 2003 were \$3,946,638. Total disposals to capital assets for 2003 were \$2,678,562 (net of accumulated depreciation). The District recorded \$531,874 in depreciation expense during fiscal 2003.

***Debt Administration***

At June 30, 2003, the District had \$4,222,400 in general obligation bonds and energy conservation notes outstanding. Of this total, \$180,000 is due within one year and \$4,042,400 is due within greater than one year. The following table summarizes the bonds and notes outstanding.

	<b>Outstanding Debt, at Year End</b>	
	Governmental	Governmental
	Activities	Activities
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
General obligation bonds	\$ 4,082,400	\$ 4,166,817
Energy conservation notes	<u>140,000</u>	<u>210,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,222,400</u>	<u>\$ 4,376,817</u>

The energy conservation notes were received under authority of H.B. 264. These notes are scheduled to mature in fiscal year 2005 and bear an interest rate of 5.10%. Payment of principal and interest on the energy conservation note is being made from the general fund.

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The general obligation current interest bonds are scheduled to mature in fiscal year 2026 and bear interest rates ranging between 3.85% - 5.625%. The general obligation capital appreciation bonds have a par value of \$250,000 and mature December 1, 2006 and 2007. The present value of the capital appreciation bonds at June 30 was \$39,989 and a total of \$57,411 in accreted interest has been recorded. Payment of principal and interest on the general obligation current interest and capital appreciation bonds is being made from the debt service fund.

At June 30, 2003, the District's overall legal debt margin was \$19,879,580, the unvoted debt margin was \$265,531 and the unvoted energy conservation debt margin was \$2,249,775.

**Current Financial Related Activities**

Currently, the Huron City School District is facing serious challenges in relation to their overall financial viability. In December 2002, it was discovered that the 5-year forecasts, submitted for fiscal years 2003 through 2007, did not accurately reflect the financial status of the system. Contrary to the FY2003 forecast, the Board would not end the fiscal year with an \$800,000 carryover (as had been projected), but was in reality, moving quickly towards a \$140,000 deficit. Contract negotiations and other long-term spending plans, based on this false surplus, had committed the system to multi-year expenses not in keeping with the school's actual financial status. Consequently, the Board negotiated in good faith to increases in wages and benefits beyond the systems financial capabilities.

In addition, several other factors negatively contributed to the school systems deficit. These included:

1. A 20% increase in health insurance premiums
2. Reduction in Personal Property Tax resulting in reduced anticipated revenue
3. State legislators phasing out the inventory portion of Personal Property Tax
4. Lear Corporation's decision to claim a 50% abatement tax reduction, for the years 1997-2003, in Fiscal Year 2003
5. Failure to pass a 4.9 mill Emergency Levy in November 2003, thereby negating the ability to collect \$1.3 million in additional tax revenue for FY2003

It should also be noted that in order to maintain financial solvency in 2003, the Board borrowed \$610,000 in Tax Anticipation Notes.

Despite reductions in staff, pay freezes for administrative and classified staff, and other severe cost cutting measures, Huron City Schools is clearly in need of additional revenues if it is to avoid a designation of Fiscal Emergency and maintain financial solvency. Consequently, on March 3, 2004, the voters of the district will be asked to support a 6.9 mill Emergency Levy. Without this additional income and further cost reductions of at least \$500,000, the school system will likely move from its current status of Fiscal Caution directly to Fiscal Emergency.

**Contacting the District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizen's taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Ms. Christina Moore, Treasurer, Huron City School District, 712 Cleveland Road E, Huron, Ohio 44839-1871.

**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
JUNE 30, 2003

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents. . .	\$ 615,103
Receivables:	
Taxes . . . . .	8,908,662
Accounts . . . . .	17,360
Intergovernmental . . . . .	19,442
Prepayments . . . . .	19,154
Materials and supplies inventory . . . . .	23,624
Capital assets:	
Land . . . . .	429,494
Depreciable capital assets, net . . . . .	5,293,383
Total capital assets. . . . .	5,722,877
 Total assets. . . . .	 15,326,222
 <b>Liabilities:</b>	
Accounts payable. . . . .	12,373
Accrued wages and benefits . . . . .	1,071,355
Pension obligation payable. . . . .	280,683
Intergovernmental payable . . . . .	51,524
Deferred revenue . . . . .	7,885,418
Accrued interest payable . . . . .	17,479
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year. . . . .	405,057
Due within more than one year . . . . .	7,163,703
 Total liabilities . . . . .	 16,887,592
 <b>Net Assets:</b>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt. . . . .	3,164,040
Restricted for:	
Capital projects . . . . .	116,942
Debt service. . . . .	66,399
Other purposes . . . . .	135,394
Unrestricted. . . . .	(5,044,145)
 Total net assets . . . . .	 \$ (1,561,370)

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ERIE, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

		Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and and Changes in Net Assets
Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	
<b>Governmental activities:</b>					
Instruction:					
Regular . . . . .	\$ 5,935,783	\$ 62,211	\$ 63,712	\$ 23,330	\$ (5,786,530)
Special . . . . .	1,492,636	-	216,723	-	(1,275,913)
Vocational . . . . .	29,529	1,986	-	-	(27,543)
Other . . . . .	103,056	-	50,731	-	(52,325)
Support services:					
Pupil . . . . .	580,733	-	91,912	-	(488,821)
Instructional staff . . . . .	701,166	-	53,962	-	(647,204)
Board of education . . . . .	12,127	-	-	-	(12,127)
Administration . . . . .	1,285,693	-	22,192	-	(1,263,501)
Fiscal . . . . .	357,186	-	3,280	-	(353,906)
Business . . . . .	60,521	-	-	-	(60,521)
Operations and maintenance . . . . .	1,219,167	121,884	-	-	(1,097,283)
Pupil transportation . . . . .	697,726	5,060	684	-	(691,982)
Operation of non-instructional . . . . .	112,289	-	-	-	(112,289)
Extracurricular activities . . . . .	502,327	160,760	8,807	-	(332,760)
Food service operations . . . . .	547,648	396,667	163,888	-	12,907
Intergovernmental . . . . .	281,903	-	110,553	-	(171,350)
Interest and fiscal charges . . . . .	377,058	-	-	-	(377,058)
Total governmental activities . . . . .	<u>\$ 14,296,548</u>	<u>\$ 748,568</u>	<u>\$ 786,444</u>	<u>\$ 23,330</u>	<u>(12,738,206)</u>
<b>General Revenues:</b>					
Property taxes levied for:					
General purposes . . . . .					7,566,474
Debt service . . . . .					486,241
Capital projects . . . . .					517,124
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs . . . . .					3,578,690
Investment earnings . . . . .					29,195
Miscellaneous . . . . .					132,101
Total general revenues . . . . .					12,309,825
Change in net assets . . . . .					(428,381)
Net assets at beginning of year . . . . .					(1,132,989)
Net assets at end of year . . . . .					\$ (1,561,370)

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ERIE, OHIO**

BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>General</u>	<u>Permanent Improvement</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Assets:</b>				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	\$ 209,337	\$ 67,209	\$ 264,093	\$ 540,639
Receivables:				
Taxes . . . . .	7,877,210	518,678	512,774	8,908,662
Accounts . . . . .	17,166	-	194	17,360
Intergovernmental . . . . .	-	-	19,442	19,442
Interfund loans . . . . .	10,452	-	-	10,452
Prepayments . . . . .	19,154	-	-	19,154
Materials and supplies inventory . . . . .	-	-	23,624	23,624
Restricted assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	74,464	-	-	74,464
<b>Total assets . . . . .</b>	<b><u>\$ 8,207,783</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 585,887</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 820,127</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,613,797</u></b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts payable . . . . .	\$ 10,243	\$ -	\$ 2,130	\$ 12,373
Accrued wages and benefits . . . . .	1,030,364	-	40,991	1,071,355
Compensated absences payable . . . . .	155,626	-	-	155,626
Pension obligation payable. . . . .	162,058	-	10,326	172,384
Intergovernmental payable. . . . .	49,738	-	1,786	51,524
Interfund loans payable . . . . .	-	-	10,452	10,452
Deferred revenue. . . . .	7,301,890	487,623	485,297	8,274,810
<b>Total liabilities . . . . .</b>	<b><u>8,709,919</u></b>	<b><u>487,623</u></b>	<b><u>550,982</u></b>	<b><u>9,748,524</u></b>
<b>Fund Balances (Deficits):</b>				
Reserved for encumbrances . . . . .	51,420	1,728	31,195	84,343
Reserved for materials and supplies inventory. . . . .	-	-	23,624	23,624
Reserved for prepayments . . . . .	19,154	-	-	19,154
Reserved for tax revenue available for appropriation . . . . .	575,320	31,055	29,455	635,830
Reserved for budget stabilization. . . . .	53,706	-	-	53,706
Reserved for debt service . . . . .	-	-	34,778	34,778
Reserved for school bus purchases. . . . .	20,758	-	-	20,758
Unreserved, undesignated, reported in:				
General fund . . . . .	(1,222,494)	-	-	(1,222,494)
Special revenue funds. . . . .	-	-	150,093	150,093
Capital projects funds. . . . .	-	65,481	-	65,481
<b>Total fund balances (deficit) . . . . .</b>	<b><u>(502,136)</u></b>	<b><u>98,264</u></b>	<b><u>269,145</u></b>	<b><u>(134,727)</u></b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances . . . . .</b>	<b><u>\$ 8,207,783</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 585,887</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 820,127</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,613,797</u></b>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ERIE, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO  
NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES  
JUNE 30, 2003

<b>Total governmental fund balances</b>		\$ (134,727)
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:</i>		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		5,722,877
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.		
Taxes	\$ 387,414	
Intergovernmental revenue	1,978	
Total		389,392
Long-term liabilities, including bonds and notes payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Compensated absences	771,897	
Pension obligation payable	108,299	
General obligation bonds	4,082,400	
Energy conservation notes	140,000	
Capital lease obligations	207,777	
Lease purchase agreement	2,211,060	
Accrued interest payable	17,479	
Total		(7,538,912)
<b>Net assets of governmental activities</b>		<b>\$ (1,561,370)</b>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ERIE, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>General</u>	<u>Permanent Improvement</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
From local sources:				
Taxes . . . . .	\$ 7,594,917	\$ 416,366	\$ 486,561	\$ 8,497,844
Tuition. . . . .	18,149	-	1,986	20,135
Charges for services. . . . .	-	-	396,667	396,667
Earnings on investments. . . . .	22,973	4,387	1,835	29,195
Extracurricular. . . . .	-	-	116,163	116,163
Other local revenues. . . . .	211,676	59,625	76,403	347,704
Other revenues. . . . .	-	-	2,000	2,000
Intergovernmental - State . . . . .	3,471,246	47,673	287,936	3,806,855
Intergovernmental - Federal. . . . .	-	-	589,722	589,722
Total revenues . . . . .	<u>11,318,961</u>	<u>528,051</u>	<u>1,959,273</u>	<u>13,806,285</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular . . . . .	5,659,280	67,625	81,502	5,808,407
Special. . . . .	1,293,851	-	206,803	1,500,654
Vocational. . . . .	29,529	-	-	29,529
Other . . . . .	54,960	-	49,264	104,224
Support services:				
Pupil. . . . .	526,782	-	99,640	626,422
Instructional staff . . . . .	528,873	39,428	81,765	650,066
Board of education . . . . .	11,954	-	-	11,954
Administration. . . . .	1,053,120	1,160	22,308	1,076,588
Fiscal . . . . .	345,096	7,086	3,713	355,895
Business . . . . .	58,910	-	-	58,910
Operations and maintenance. . . . .	1,262,111	1,083,396	-	2,345,507
Pupil transportation . . . . .	640,254	-	664	640,918
Operation of non-instructional services . . . . .	48,651	-	66,238	114,889
Extracurricular activities. . . . .	299,116	-	170,651	469,767
Food service operations . . . . .	-	-	532,533	532,533
Intergovernmental pass through . . . . .	-	-	279,716	279,716
Capital outlay . . . . .	209,018	-	-	209,018
Debt service:				
Principal retirement . . . . .	71,241	114,123	105,000	290,364
Interest and fiscal charges . . . . .	11,953	125,935	218,972	356,860
Total expenditures . . . . .	<u>12,104,699</u>	<u>1,438,753</u>	<u>1,918,769</u>	<u>15,462,221</u>
Excess of revenues over/(under) expenditures . . . . .	<u>(785,738)</u>	<u>(910,702)</u>	<u>40,504</u>	<u>(1,655,936)</u>
<b>Other financing sources:</b>				
Proceeds from capital lease transaction . . . . .	209,018	-	-	209,018
Proceeds from sale of capital assets. . . . .	89,000	-	-	89,000
Total other financing sources . . . . .	<u>298,018</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>298,018</u>
Net change in fund balances . . . . .	(487,720)	(910,702)	40,504	(1,357,918)
<b>Fund balances at beginning of year (restated). . . . .</b>	<u>(14,416)</u>	<u>1,008,966</u>	<u>228,641</u>	<u>1,223,191</u>
<b>Fund balances (deficit) at end of year . . . . .</b>	<u>\$ (502,136)</u>	<u>\$ 98,264</u>	<u>\$ 269,145</u>	<u>\$ (134,727)</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ERIE, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

<b>Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds</b>	\$	(1,357,918)
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</i>		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation expense in the current period.		881,125
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, disposals, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net assets.		(144,923)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		61,882
Repayment of bonds, notes and capital leases are an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.		290,364
Proceeds of capital lease transactions are recorded as revenue in the funds, however, on the statement of activities, they are not reported as revenues as they increase the liabilities on the statement of net assets.		(209,018)
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds and notes, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.		(20,198)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences and pension obligations, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		70,305
<b>Change in net assets of governmental activities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(428,381)</b>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ERIE, OHIO**

STATEMENT IN REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			<b>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</b>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<b>Revenues:</b>				
From local sources:				
Taxes . . . . .	\$7,405,124	\$7,386,897	\$7,386,897	\$ -
Tuition. . . . .	18,194	18,149	18,149	-
Earnings on investments. . . . .	25,063	25,000	22,973	(2,027)
Other local revenues. . . . .	201,557	201,054	212,973	11,919
Intergovernmental - State . . . . .	<u>3,479,929</u>	<u>3,471,246</u>	<u>3,471,246</u>	-
Total revenues . . . . .	<u>\$11,129,867</u>	<u>\$11,102,346</u>	<u>\$11,112,238</u>	<u>9,892</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular . . . . .	5,638,634	5,740,301	5,617,123	123,178
Special. . . . .	1,240,090	1,262,449	1,287,242	(24,793)
Other. . . . .	30,574	31,125	57,135	(26,010)
Support services:				
Pupil. . . . .	498,228	507,211	563,435	(56,224)
Instructional staff . . . . .	505,270	514,380	511,972	2,408
Board of education . . . . .	15,282	15,558	11,953	3,605
Administration. . . . .	1,080,340	1,099,819	1,076,489	23,330
Fiscal . . . . .	363,127	369,674	345,879	23,795
Business . . . . .	58,126	59,174	59,581	(407)
Operations and maintenance. . . . .	1,259,187	1,281,890	1,306,685	(24,795)
Pupil transportation . . . . .	564,238	574,411	635,449	(61,038)
Operation of non-instructional services . . . . .	46,375	47,211	53,748	(6,537)
Extracurricular activities. . . . .	311,782	317,404	292,880	24,524
Debt service:				
Principal retirement . . . . .	70,000	70,000	70,000	-
Interest and fiscal charges . . . . .	8,930	8,930	8,925	5
Total expenditures . . . . .	<u>11,690,183</u>	<u>11,899,537</u>	<u>11,898,496</u>	<u>1,036</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures. . . . .	<u>(560,316)</u>	<u>(797,191)</u>	<u>(786,258)</u>	<u>10,928</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>				
Advances in . . . . .	1,139	1,139	1,139	-
Advances (out). . . . .	-	-	(452)	(452)
Refund of prior year expenditures . . . . .	56,120	56,120	56,120	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets . . . . .	<u>102,457</u>	<u>102,457</u>	<u>89,000</u>	<u>13,457</u>
Total other financing sources (uses) . . . . .	<u>159,716</u>	<u>159,716</u>	<u>145,807</u>	<u>13,005</u>
Net change in fund balance . . . . .	(400,600)	(637,475)	(640,451)	23,933
<b>Fund balance at beginning of year (restated) . . . . .</b>	661,253	661,253	661,253	-
<b>Prior year encumbrances appropriated . . . . .</b>	<u>198,516</u>	<u>198,516</u>	<u>198,516</u>	-
<b>Fund balance at end of year . . . . .</b>	<u>\$ 459,169</u>	<u>\$ 222,294</u>	<u>\$ 219,318</u>	<u>\$ 23,933</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ERIE, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2003

	<b>Private Purpose Trust</b>	
	<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Agency</b>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents. . . . .	\$ 24,213	\$ 34,165
Total assets . . . . .	24,213	34,165
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Due to students . . . . .	-	34,165
Total liabilities . . . . .	-	\$ 34,165
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Held in trust for scholarships . . . . .	24,213	
Total net assets . . . . .	\$ 24,213	

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ERIE, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS  
PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<b>Private Purpose Trust</b>
	<b>Scholarship</b>
<b>Additions:</b>	
Interest. . . . .	\$ 325
Gifts and contributions. . . . .	5,291
	5,616
Total additions. . . . .	5,616
<b>Deductions:</b>	
Scholarships awarded . . . . .	5,279
	337
Change in net assets . . . . .	337
Net assets at beginning of year. . . . .	23,876
	24,213
Net assets at end of year . . . . .	\$ 24,213

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ERIE COUNTY, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Huron City School District (the "District") is a city school district as defined by §3311.02 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District operates under an elected Board of Education and is responsible for providing public education to the residents of the District.

The District operates 3 instructional facilities staffed by 65 classified employees and 106 certified teaching personnel who provide educational services to 1,640 students from grades K through 12. The District ranks as the 341<sup>st</sup> largest by total enrollment among the 740 public and community school districts in the State.

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

The basic financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The District's significant accounting policies are described below.

**A. Reporting Entity**

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity". The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the basic financial statements of the District are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's government board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise have access to the organization's resources; or (3) the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Based upon the application of this criteria, the District has no component units. The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include only those of the District (the primary government). The following organizations are described due to their relationship to the District:

**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ERIE COUNTY, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

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

*JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS*

Bay Area Council of Governments (BACG)

The BACG is a jointly governed organization. Members of the BACG consist of 26 school districts representing 7 counties (Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, Erie, Huron, Wood, and Crawford). The BACG was formed for the purpose of purchasing goods and services at a lower cost. The items currently being purchased through the council of governments are natural gas and insurance. The only cost to the District is an administrative charge if they participate in purchasing through the BACG. The Board of Directors of the BACG consist of 1 elected representative of each county, the superintendent of the fiscal agent and 2 non-voting members (administrator and fiscal agent). Members of the Board serve two-year terms, which are staggered. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the Erie-Ottawa County Educational Service Center, who serves as fiscal agent, at 2900 South Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870.

EHOVE Career Center

The vocational school district is a separate body politic and corporate, established by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) to provide vocational and special education needs of the students. The school accepts non-tuition students from the District as a member school, however, it is considered a separate political subdivision and is not considered to be part of the District.

Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association (NOECA)

NOECA is a jointly governed organization among 41 school districts. The joint venture was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology (with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment) to the administrative and instructional functions of member districts. Each of the governments of these schools supports NOECA based upon a per pupil charge dependent upon the software package utilized. In the event of dissolution of the organization, all current members will share in net obligations or asset liquidations in a ratio proportionate to their last twelve months' financial contributions. NOECA is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of superintendents of the member school districts. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the Erie-Ottawa County Educational Service Center, who serves as fiscal agent, at 2900 South Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870.

*RELATED ORGANIZATION*

Huron Public Library

The Huron Public Library is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio created under Chapter 3375 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Library is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Huron City District Board of Education. The Board of Trustees possesses its own contracting and budgeting authority, hires and fires personnel, and does not depend on the District for operational subsidies. Although the District does serve as the taxing authority and may issue tax related debt on behalf of the Library, its role is limited to a ministerial function. The determination to request approval of a tax, the rate and the purpose are discretionary decisions made solely by the Board of Trustees. Financial information can be obtained from the Huron Public Library at 333 Williams Street, Huron, Ohio 44839.

**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

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

*PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOLS*

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program

The District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established in Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP) was established as an insurance purchasing pool. The GRP is governed by a three-member Board of Directors. 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. Refer to Note 12.C. for further information on this group rating plan.

Huron-Erie School Employees Insurance Association

The Huron-Erie School Employees Insurance Association (the "Association") is a public entity risk pool comprised of 14 districts. The Association assembly consists of a superintendent or designated representative from each participating district and the program administrator. The Association is governed by a board of directors chosen from the general membership. The degree of control exercised by any participating district is limited to its representation on the board. Financial information on the Association can be found in Note 12.B.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. The District does not have any proprietary funds.

*GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS*

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

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

Permanent Improvement Fund - The Permanent Improvement capital projects fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources used for facilities improvements other than those accounted for in other funds.

Other governmental funds of the District are used to account for (a) the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs; (b) financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities not already accounted for in the Permanent Improvement Fund; and (c) for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

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

*FIDUCIARY FUNDS*

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

**C. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Focus**

*Government-wide Financial Statements* - The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the governmental activities of the District. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include amounts paid by the recipient of goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District.

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

*Fund Financial Statements* - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column, and all nonmajor funds are aggregated into one column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

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

The private-purpose trust fund is reported using the economic resources measurement focus. Agency funds do not report a measurement focus as they do not report operations.

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**D. Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting.

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

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donation. On an accrual basis, 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 District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

*Deferred Revenue* - Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2003, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2004 operation, have been recorded as deferred revenue. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as deferred revenue.

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

*Expenses/Expenditures* - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. On the modified accrual basis of accounting, the fair value of donated commodities received during the year is reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances as an expenditure with a like amount reported as intergovernmental 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. Allocation of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.



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**E. Budgets**

The District is required by state statute to adopt an annual appropriated cash basis budget for all funds, except agency funds. The specific timetable for is as follows:

1. Prior to January 15 of the preceding year, 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.
2. By no later than January 20, the board-adopted budget is filed with the Erie County Budget Commission for tax rate determination.
3. Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission and receives the Commission's Certificate of Estimated Resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to June 30, the 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 a basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the Certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year as reported by the District Treasurer. The Certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The amounts reported in the budgetary statement reflect the amounts set forth in the final Amended Certificate issued for fiscal year 2003.
4. By July 1, the annual Appropriation Resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund level of expenditures, which is the legal level of budgetary control. State statute permits a temporary appropriation to be effective until no later than October 1 of each year. Although the legal level of budgetary control was established at the fund level of expenditures, the District has elected to present budgetary statement comparisons at the fund and function level of expenditures. Resolution appropriations by fund must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission, and the total of expenditures may not exceed the appropriation total.
5. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriation must be approved by the Board of Education.
6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds consistent with the general obligation bond indenture and other statutory provisions. All funds completed the year within the amount of their legally authorized cash basis appropriation.
7. Appropriation amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Education through the year by supplemental appropriations which either reallocated or increased the original appropriated amounts. All supplemental appropriations were legally enacted by the Board during fiscal 2003. All amounts reported in the budgetary statement reflect the original appropriations plus all modifications legally enacted by the Board.

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8. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund level.

**F. Cash and Investments**

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled in a central bank account. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the basic financial statements.

During fiscal year 2003, investments were limited to investments in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio). Investments in STAR Ohio are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices.

STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the state to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2003.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. 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 \$22,973, which includes \$13,021 assigned from other District funds.

For presentation on the basic financial statements, investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

An analysis of the Treasurer's investment account at fiscal year-end is provided in Note 4.

**G. Inventory**

On government-wide and fund financial statements, inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used. Inventories are accounted for using the purchase method on the fund financial statements and using the consumption method on the government wide financial statements.

On the fund financial statements, reported material and supplies inventory is equally offset by a fund balance reserve in the governmental funds which indicates that it does not constitute available spendable resources even though it is a component of net current assets.

Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption, donated food and purchased food.

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**H. Capital Assets**

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

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$1,000. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not. The District does not possess infrastructure.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Estimated Lives</u>
Land improvements	20 years
Buildings and improvements	20 - 50 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	8 years

**I. Interfund Balances**

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

**J. Compensated Absences**

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences", a liability for vacation leave is accrued if a) the employees' rights to payment are attributable to services already rendered; and b) it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or other means, such as cash payment at termination or retirement. A liability for severance is accrued using the vesting method; i.e., the liability is based on the sick leave accumulated at June 30, 2003, by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination (severance) payments, as well as those employees expected to become eligible in the future. For purposes of establishing a liability for severance on employees expected to become eligible to retire in the future, all employees age 50 or greater with at least 10 years of service or employees with 20 years of service regardless of their age were considered expected to become eligible to retire in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16.

The total liability for vacation and severance payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at June 30, 2003, and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus any applicable additional salary related payments.

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

For governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures as payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements.

**K. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, compensated absences and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Bonds and notes are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

**L. Fund Balance Reserves**

The 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, materials and supplies inventory, prepayments, property taxes unavailable for appropriation, debt service, budget stabilization and monies restricted for school bus purchases. The reserve for property taxes unavailable for appropriation represents taxes recognized as revenue under GAAP but not available for appropriation under state statute.

**M. Net Assets**

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

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

**N. Prepayments**

Certain payments to vendors reflect the costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the balance sheet using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of the purchase and the expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

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

**O. Estimates**

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

**P. Restricted Assets**

Assets are reported as restricted assets when limitations on their use change the normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments or imposed by enabling legislation. Restricted assets include the amount required by state statute. See Note 17 for details.

**Q. Interfund Activity**

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

**R. Nonpublic Schools**

Within the District boundaries, certain parochial schools are operated through the Toledo Catholic Diocese. These schools provide instruction for grades K-8. Current state legislation provides funding to these parochial schools. These monies are received and disbursed on behalf of the parochial schools by the Treasurer of the District, as directed by the parochial school. The receipt and expenditure of these state monies by the District are reflected in a nonmajor governmental fund for financial reporting purposes.

**S. Intergovernmental Pass Through Payments**

The District reports expenditures for intergovernmental pass through payments in its nonmajor governmental funds for auxiliary services provided to nonpublic schools (see Note 2.R.) and for operating tax levy receipts collected on-behalf of the Huron Public Library (the "Library"). The District collects all tax receipts and remits to the Library the operating levy receipts collected. The payment to the Library is reported as an intergovernmental pass through expenditure in the nonmajor governmental funds.

**T. Extraordinary and Special Items**

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal 2003.

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**NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

**A. Changes in Accounting Principle**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, the District has presented for the first time its basic financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). In conjunction with this presentation, the District has converted its governmental funds to the modified accrual basis of accounting and its private-purpose trust fund to the accrual basis of accounting. This conversion required certain adjustments be recorded at June 30, 2002 cash fund balances as previously reported to reflect the prior years effect of adopting these new accounting principles. The restatement to the opening balances is as follows:

	Cash Fund Balance at 06/30/02	Adjustments	Restated Fund Balance 07/01/02
Governmental Funds:			
General	\$ 856,293	\$ (870,709)	\$ (14,416)
Special Revenue	122,687	26,643	149,330
Debt Service	20,662	33,128	53,790
Capital Projects	<u>1,163,040</u>	<u>(128,553)</u>	<u>1,034,487</u>
Total governmental funds	<u>2,162,682</u>	<u>(939,491)</u>	<u>1,223,191</u>
Proprietary Funds:			
Enterprise	<u>25,449</u>	<u>(25,449)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total proprietary funds	<u>25,449</u>	<u>(25,449)</u>	<u>-</u>
Fiduciary Funds:			
Expendable Trust	78,234	(78,234)	-
Agency	38,649	-	38,649
Private Purpose Trust	<u>-</u>	<u>23,876</u>	<u>23,876</u>
Total fiduciary funds	<u>116,883</u>	<u>(54,358)</u>	<u>62,525</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 2,305,014</u>	<u>\$ (1,019,298)</u>	<u>\$ 1,285,716</u>

GAAP creates new basic financial statements for reporting on the District's financial activities. The basic financial statements now include government-wide financial statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting and fund financial statements which present information for individual major funds rather than by fund type. Nonmajor funds are presented in total in one column.

The government-wide financial statements show the District's programs for governmental activities. The beginning net asset amount for governmental activities reflects the change in fund balance for governmental funds at June 30, 2002, caused by the conversion to the accrual basis of accounting.

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**NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)**

As stated previously, GAAP requires governmental funds to be presented as either major or nonmajor funds. The implementation of GAAP has also resulted in a restatement of beginning fund balance on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) from \$856,293 to \$661,253. The restated fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows for reporting on the government-wide financial statements:

	Major Funds			Total
	General	Permanent Improvement	Nonmajor	
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ (14,416)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (14,416)
Special Revenue	-	-	149,330	149,330
Debt Service	-	-	53,790	53,790
Capital Projects	-	1,008,966	25,521	1,034,487
Total governmental fund balance	\$ (14,416)	\$ 1,008,966	\$ 228,641	\$ 1,223,191

The transition from governmental fund balance to net assets of the governmental activities is presented as follows:

	Total
Adjusted fund balance, June 30, 2002	\$ 1,223,191
GASB 34 adjustments:	
Long-term (deferred) assets	327,510
Capital assets	4,986,675
Long-term liabilities	(7,652,501)
Accrued interest payable	(17,864)
Governmental activities net assets, June 30, 2002	\$ (1,132,989)

*Fiduciary Activities* - The beginning retained earnings of the private-purpose trust fund is prepared under the accrual basis of accounting, therefore, no transition is required to restate the beginning fund balance to net assets. Agency funds do not report fund balances.

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**NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)**

**B. Deficit Fund Balances**

Fund balances at June 30, 2003 included the following individual fund deficits:

<u>Major Fund</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
General	\$ 502,136
 <u>Nonmajor Funds</u>	
District Managed Student Activities	524
Public School Preschool	2,222
EHA Preschool Grant	29

These funds complied with Ohio state law, which does not permit a cash basis deficit at year-end. The general fund is liable for any deficits in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balances results from adjustments for accrued liabilities.

**C. Compliance**

The following funds had expenditures in excess of appropriations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, in noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B):

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Excess</u>
Special Revenue	Public School Support	\$ 130
Special Revenue	Student Activities	1,299
Special Revenue	SchoolNet Professional Development	771
Special Revenue	Eisenhower Grant	69
Special Revenue	Drug-Free Schools	1,139
Capital Projects	Permanent Improvement	2,888
Fiduciary	Private Purpose Trust	4,000

**NOTE 4 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The District maintains a cash and investment pool used by all funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents". Statutes require the classification of monies held by the District into three categories.

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

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



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**NOTE 4 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - (Continued)**

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

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

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2% and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);
7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed 180 days in an amount not to exceed 25% of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt instrument 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 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.

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**NOTE 4 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - (Continued)**

*Cash on hand:* At fiscal year-end, the District had \$25 in undeposited cash on hand which is included on the combined balance sheet of the District as part of "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

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

*Deposits:* At fiscal year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$350,048 and the bank balance was \$468,366.

1. \$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance; and
2. \$368,366 was uninsured and uncollateralized as defined by GASB although it was secured by collateral held by third party trustees, pursuant to section 135.181 Ohio Revised Code, in collateralized pools securing all public funds on deposit with specific depository institutions; these securities not being in the name of the District. Although all state statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, non-compliance with federal requirements would potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

Collateral is required for demand deposits and certificates of deposit in excess of all deposits not covered by federal depository insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies, obligations of the State of Ohio and its municipalities, and obligations of the other states. Obligations pledged to secure deposits must be delivered to a bank other than the institution in which the deposit is made. Written custodial agreements are required.

*Investments:* The District's investments are categorized below to give an indication of the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the entity at fiscal year-end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or securities held by the District. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the District's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty or by its trust department, but not in the District's name. Investments in STAR Ohio are not categorized as they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

	Reported Amount	Fair Value
Not subject to categorization:		
Investment in STAR Ohio	\$ 323,408	\$ 323,408

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**NOTE 4 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - (Continued)**

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

	<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents/Deposits</u>	<u>Investments</u>
GASB Statement No. 9	\$ 673,481	\$ -
Investments of the cash management pool:		
Investment in STAR Ohio	(323,408)	323,408
Cash on hand	<u>(25)</u>	<u>-</u>
GASB Statement No. 3	<u>\$ 350,048</u>	<u>\$ 323,408</u>

**NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS**

Interfund balances at June 30, 2003 as reported on the fund statements, consist of the following individual interfund loans receivable and payable:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Nonmajor governmental funds	\$ 10,452

The primary purpose of the interfund balances is to cover costs in specific funds where revenues were not received by June 30. These interfund balances will be repaid once the anticipated revenues are received. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

Interfund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements; therefore, no internal balances at June 30, 2003 are reported on the statement of net assets.

**NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES**

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

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**NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)**

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible personal property (used in business) located in the 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, 2001. 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 District prior to June 30.

The District receives property taxes from Erie County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the 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 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 \$575,320 in the general fund, \$29,455 in the debt service fund, and \$31,055 in the permanent improvement fund. These amounts have been recorded as revenue. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2002 was \$367,300 in the general fund, \$33,128 in the debt service fund, and \$20,797 in the permanent improvement fund.

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

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**NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)**

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

	2002 Second Half Collections		2003 First Half Collections	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/residential and other real estate	\$ 226,468,730	86.25	\$ 233,421,970	87.91
Public utility personal	28,187,232	10.74	23,671,824	8.91
Tangible personal property	<u>7,893,750</u>	<u>3.01</u>	<u>8,436,730</u>	<u>3.18</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$ 262,549,712</u></u>	<u><u>100.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 265,530,524</u></u>	<u><u>100.00</u></u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for:				
Operations	\$ 67.71		\$ 65.09	
Permanent improvements	3.00		3.00	
Debt service	1.33		1.33	

**NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at June 30, 2003 consisted of taxes, accounts (billings for user charged services and student fees), and intergovernmental grants and entitlements. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of state programs and the current year guarantee of federal funds. A summary of the principal items of receivables reported on the statement of net assets follows:

**Governmental Activities:**

Taxes	\$ 8,908,662
Accounts	17,360
Intergovernmental	<u>19,442</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$ 8,945,464</u></u>

Receivables have been disaggregated on the face of the basic finance statements. All receivables are expected to be collected within subsequent years.

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**NOTE 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, was as follows:

	<u>Balance 06/30/02</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance 06/30/03</u>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 429,494	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 429,494
Construction in progress	<u>1,400,888</u>	<u>1,132,751</u>	<u>(2,533,639)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>1,830,382</u>	<u>1,132,751</u>	<u>(2,533,639)</u>	<u>429,494</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	1,152,177	-	-	1,152,177
Buildings and improvements	3,994,627	2,533,639	(165,625)	6,362,641
Furniture and equipment	2,595,953	219,957	-	2,815,910
Vehicles	<u>901,065</u>	<u>60,291</u>	<u>(20,132)</u>	<u>941,224</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>8,643,822</u>	<u>2,813,887</u>	<u>(185,757)</u>	<u>11,271,952</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Land improvements	(572,522)	(40,820)	-	(613,342)
Buildings and improvements	(2,960,703)	(158,149)	20,702	(3,098,150)
Furniture and equipment	(1,406,428)	(252,739)	-	(1,659,167)
Vehicles	<u>(547,876)</u>	<u>(80,166)</u>	<u>20,132</u>	<u>(607,910)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,487,529)</u>	<u>(531,874)</u>	<u>40,834</u>	<u>(5,978,569)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 4,986,675</u>	<u>\$ 3,414,764</u>	<u>\$ (2,678,562)</u>	<u>\$ 5,722,877</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:

Regular \$ 125,414

Support Services:

Pupil 3,914  
 Instructional staff 44,582  
 Board of Education 173  
 Administration 207,384  
 Fiscal 1,136  
 Operations and maintenance 1,465  
 Pupil transportation 108,274  
 Food service operations 12,294  
 Extracurricular activities 27,238

Total depreciation expense \$ 531,874

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**NOTE 9 - CAPITALIZED LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE**

During fiscal 2003, the District entered into a capital lease agreement for copier equipment. This lease meets the criteria of a capital lease as defined by FASB Statement No. 13, "Accounting for Leases", which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee at the conclusion of the lease term.

Capital lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds. These expenditures are reflected as program/function expenditures on a budgetary basis. General capital assets acquired by lease have been capitalized in the amount of \$209,018, which is equal to the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inception. A corresponding liability was recorded in the statement of net assets. Principal and interest payments in the 2003 fiscal year totaled \$1,241 and \$3,028, respectively. These amounts are reflected as debt service expenditures in the general fund and as a reduction to the long-term liability on the statement of net assets.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2003:

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2004	\$ 51,254
2005	51,254
2006	51,254
2007	51,254
2008	<u>46,981</u>
Total minimum lease payments	251,997
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(44,220)</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 207,777</u>

**NOTE 10 - LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

During fiscal year 2002, the District entered into a lease-purchase agreement with Banc One Leasing Corporation for a new elementary school addition. This lease meets the criteria of a lease-purchase as defined by FASB Statement No. 13, "Accounting for Leases", which defines a lease-purchase generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. Lease-purchase payments have been reflected as debt service expenditures in the permanent improvement fund. Principal and interest payments in fiscal year 2003 totaled \$114,123 and \$125,935, respectively.

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**NOTE 10 - LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT - (Continued)**

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the lease-purchase and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2003.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Amount
2004	\$ 240,058
2005	240,058
2006	240,058
2007	240,058
2008	240,058
2009 - 2013	1,200,290
2014 - 2016	717,175
Total minimum lease payments	3,117,755
Less: amount representing interest	(906,695)
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$ 2,211,060

In conjunction with the lease-purchase agreement, the District entered into an escrow agreement with Bank One Trust Company, N.A. and Banc One Leasing Corporation whereby Banc One Trust Company, N.A. acts as escrow agent for the funds received under the lease-purchase agreement. Under the escrow agreement, the District authorizes and directs Banc One Leasing Corporation to make disbursements to pay the project costs from the amount deposited with the escrow agent. The escrow agreement terminates upon termination of the lease-purchase agreement. At June 30, 2003, there were no funds held by the escrow agent as all amounts were disbursed by fiscal year end.

**NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

**A. Library Improvement Bonds**

During fiscal year 1999, a levy was passed in the District's name for the Huron Public Library. Ohio law does not allow local libraries to issue debt or levy taxes in their name. The bonds and the levy were placed in the name of Huron City School District by resolution of the District's Board of Education. The current obligation bond outstanding was issued to provide funds for the improvement and construction of equipment and facilities, is a general obligation of the District for which the full faith and credit of the District is pledged for repayment. Payments of principal and interest relating to this liability are recorded as expenditures in the debt service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The source of payment is derived from a current bonded debt levy.

The Series 1999 library improvement general obligation bond issue is comprised of both current interest bonds, par value \$4,260,000, and capital appreciation bonds, par value \$250,000. The capital appreciation bonds mature on December 1, 2006 and December 1, 2007 (effective interest 25.490%) at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal, plus accrued interest to the redemption date. The present value (as of issue date) reported in the statement of net assets at June 30, 2003 was \$39,989. Total accreted interest of \$57,411 has been included in the statement of net assets at June 30, 2003. Interest payments on the current interest bonds are due on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The final maturity stated in the issue is December 1, 2025.



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**NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)**

**B. Energy Conservation Notes**

During a prior fiscal year, the District issued unvoted long-term “energy conservation” notes, under authority of H.B. 264. Energy conservation notes outstanding are general obligations of the District, for which the District’s full faith and credit are pledged for repayment. Payments of principal and interest relating to these notes are recorded as expenditures in the general fund (a nonmajor governmental fund); however, unlike general obligation bonds, Ohio statute allows for the issuance of these notes without voter approval, and the subsequent repayment of the notes from operating revenues.

- C. The balance of the Series 1999 general obligation bonds has been restated at June 30, 2002 to properly report capital appreciation bonds and \$36,828 in accreted interest on those capital appreciation bonds. The following is a description of the District’s notes and bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2003:

	Restated Balance <u>06/30/02</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance <u>06/30/03</u>	Amounts Due in <u>One Year</u>
Energy conservation notes 5.10%, 12/04/04 maturity	\$ 210,000	\$ -	\$ (70,000)	\$ 140,000	\$ 70,000
Series 1999, library improvement current interest bonds 3.85-5.625%, 12/01/25 maturity	4,090,000	-	(105,000)	3,985,000	110,000
Series 1999, library improvement capital appreciation bonds 25.49% (average effective), 12/01/06 and 07 maturity	39,989	-	-	39,989	-
Series 1999, library improvement capital appreciation bonds accreted interest	<u>36,828</u>	<u>20,583</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,411</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 4,376,817</u>	<u>\$ 20,583</u>	<u>\$ (175,000)</u>	<u>\$ 4,222,400</u>	<u>\$ 180,000</u>

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**NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)**

D. The following is a summary of the District's future annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation bonds and energy conservation notes:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Current Interest			Capital Appreciation		
	Library Improvement Bonds (Series 1999)			Library Improvement Bonds (Series 1999)		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2004	\$ 110,000	\$ 209,748	\$ 319,748	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2005	115,000	204,797	319,797	-	-	-
2006	120,000	199,478	319,478	-	-	-
2007	-	196,717	196,717	125,000	-	125,000
2008	-	196,717	196,717	125,000	-	125,000
2009 - 2013	700,000	900,053	1,600,053	-	-	-
2014 - 2018	900,000	694,486	1,594,486	-	-	-
2019 - 2023	1,170,000	415,270	1,585,270	-	-	-
2024 - 2026	870,000	75,093	945,093	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,985,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,092,359</b>	<b>\$ 7,077,359</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Energy Conservation Notes		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2004	\$ 70,000	\$ 5,355	\$ 75,355
2005	70,000	1,785	71,785
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 140,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,140</b>	<b>\$ 147,140</b>

E. The balance of the general obligation bonds at June 30, 2002 has been restated as described in Note 11.C. During the fiscal year 2003, the following changes occurred in governmental activities long-term obligations:

	Balance Outstanding 06/30/02	Additions	Reductions	Balance Outstanding 06/30/03	Amounts Due in One Year
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
General obligation bonds	\$ 4,166,817	\$ 20,583	\$ (105,000)	\$ 4,082,400	\$ 110,000
Energy conservation notes	210,000	-	(70,000)	140,000	70,000
Capital lease obligation	-	209,018	(1,241)	207,777	35,930
Lease-purchase agreement	2,325,183	-	(114,123)	2,211,060	120,465
Compensated absences	939,285	120,768	(132,530)	927,523	68,662
<b>Total long-term obligations, governmental activities</b>	<b>\$ 7,641,285</b>	<b>\$ 350,369</b>	<b>\$ (422,894)</b>	<b>\$ 7,568,760</b>	<b>\$ 405,057</b>

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**NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)**

**F. Legal Debt Margin**

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the District shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the District. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District.

The effects of these debt limitations at June 30, 2003 are a voted debt margin of \$19,879,580 (including available funds of \$64,233) and an unvoted debt margin of \$265,531 and an unvoted energy conservation debt margin of \$2,249,775.

**NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

**A. Comprehensive**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for real property, building contents and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. Real property and contents are fully insured. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. There has been no significant reductions in amounts of insurance coverage from 2002.

**B. Health Benefits**

The District provides employee health care benefits through membership in the Huron-Erie School Employees Insurance Association (the "Association"), a public entity risk management pool. Monthly payments are made to the Association for health, dental and vision insurance coverage. The pool agreement provides that the Association will be self-sustaining through member premiums, and the Association will purchase stop-loss insurance policies from commercial insurance carriers to cover any yearly claims in excess of 120% of the prior year's aggregate claims. Individual coverage cannot exceed \$1,000,000 in claims during their lifetime. Financial information can be obtained by writing to the Erie-Ottawa Educational Service Center, 2900 South Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870.

Post employment health care is provided to plan participants or their beneficiaries through the respective retirement systems discussed in Note 14. As such, no funding provisions are required by the District.

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**NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)**

**C. Workers' Compensation**

For fiscal year 2003, the District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the 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 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.

**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

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

Plan members are required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate of 14% for 2003, 8.17% was the portion 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 adequacy of the contribution rates is determined annually. The District's required contributions to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2003, 2002, and 2001 were \$215,321, \$202,258, and \$179,307, respectively; 42.32% has been contributed for fiscal year 2003 and 100% for the fiscal years 2002 and 2001. \$124,200, represents the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2003.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

The District contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by the State Teachers Retirement Board. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death and survivor benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771, or by calling (614) 227-4090.

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**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

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% 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.

Plan members are required to contribute 9.3% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14%; 13% was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10% for members and 14% for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employee contributions. The District's required contributions to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2003, 2002, and 2001 were \$795,172, \$755,679, \$717,519, respectively; 83.53% has been contributed for fiscal year 2003 and 100% for the fiscal years 2002 and 2001. \$130,984, represents the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2003.

**C. Social Security System**

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the SERS or the STRS have an option to choose Social Security or the SERS/STRS. As of June 30, 2003, certain members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.20 percent of wages paid.

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**NOTE 14 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

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

The State Teachers Retirement Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Most benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By Ohio law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS funds shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14% of covered payroll. For this fiscal year, the State Teachers Retirement Board allocated employer contributions equal to 1% of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve fund. For the District, this amount equaled \$56,798 during fiscal 2003.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve fund. The balance in the Health Care Reserve fund was \$2.8 billion at June 30, 2003. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$352.301 million and STRS had 108,294 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with 10 or more years of qualifying service credit, and disability and survivor benefit recipients. Members retiring on or after August 1, 1989, with less than 25 years of service credit must pay a portion of their premium for health care. The portion is based on years of service up to a maximum of 75 percent of the premium.

For this fiscal year, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 5.83% of covered payroll. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14% of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2003, the minimum pay has been established at \$12,400. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund.

The target level for the health care reserve is 150% of annual health care expenses. Expenses for health care at June 30, 2003 were \$204.931 million and the target level was \$307.4 million. At June 30, 2003, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$303.6 million and SERS had approximately 50,000 participants receiving health care benefits. For the District, the amount to fund health care benefits, including surcharge, equaled \$107,089 during the 2003 fiscal year.

**NOTE 15 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

The Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) presented for the general fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis);

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**NOTE 15 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - (Continued)**

- (b) Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis);
- (c) In order to determine compliance with Ohio law, and to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, total outstanding encumbrances (budget basis) are recorded as the equivalent of an expenditure, as opposed to a reservation of fund balance for that portion of outstanding encumbrances not already recognized as an account payable (GAAP basis).

The adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations for the year on the budget basis to the GAAP basis for the general fund is as follows:

**Net Change in Fund Balance**

	<u>General Fund</u>
Budget basis	\$ (640,451)
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	206,723
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(270,686)
Net adjustment for other sources/uses	152,211
Adjustment for encumbrances	64,483
GAAP basis	\$ (487,720)

**NOTE 16 - CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

The District receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, state and local agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the District. However in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the District.

**B. Litigation**

The District is not party to legal proceedings which in the opinion of District management, will have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the District.

**C. 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 plan is unconstitutional.

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**NOTE 16 - CONTINGENCIES - (Continued)**

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

**NOTE 17 - STATUTORY RESERVES**

The District is required by State statute to annually set-aside in the general fund an amount based on a statutory formula for the purchase of textbooks and other instructional materials and an equal amount for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by the end of the fiscal year or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at year-end. These amounts must be carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future years. In prior years, the District was also required to set aside certain bureau of workers' compensation refunds for budget stabilization. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, the reserve activity was as follows:

	<u>Textbook/ Instructional Materials</u>	<u>Capital Maintenance Reserve</u>	<u>Budget Stabilization</u>
Set-aside cash balance as of June 30, 2002	\$ (219,958)	\$ (138,415)	\$ 53,706
Current year set-aside requirement	207,422	207,422	-
Current year offsets	-	(506,108)	-
Qualifying expenditures	<u>(281,862)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ (294,398)</u>	<u>\$ (437,101)</u>	<u>\$ 53,706</u>
Balance carried forward to FY 2004	<u>\$ (294,398)</u>	<u>\$ (437,101)</u>	<u>\$ 53,706</u>

The District had expenditures and offsets during the year that reduced the textbook/instructional materials and capital maintenance set-aside amounts below zero; these extra amounts are being carried forward to reduce the set-aside requirements of future years.

In addition to the above statutory reserves, the District also received monies restricted for school bus purchases.

A schedule of the governmental fund restricted assets at June 30, 2003 follows:

Amount restricted for budget stabilization	\$ 53,706
Amount restricted for school bus purchases	<u>20,758</u>
Total restricted assets	<u>\$ 74,464</u>



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**NOTE 18 – SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

The District issued Tax Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$610,000 on July 1, 2003.

**NOTE 19 – GOING CONCERN ISSUE**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles which contemplates continuation of the District as a going concern. The District is required to prepare and file with the Superintendent of the Ohio Department of Education a 5 year forecast. The District is projecting a \$23,708 balance in fiscal year 2004 and a \$972,939 deficit in fiscal year 2005. The District is working with the Ohio Department of Education and must have a plan in place by March 31, 2004 to improve the fiscal year 2004 and beyond balances.

## SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ SUB GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH GRANT NUMBER	(E) CASH FEDERAL RECEIPTS	OTHER FEDERAL RECEIPTS	(E) CASH FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS	OTHER FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:</b>						
<b>Nutrition Cluster:</b>						
(A) (C) Food Distribution	10.550	N/A		\$ 47,387		\$ 47,387
(A) (D) School Breakfast Program	10.553	044131-05-PU-2002	\$ 1,657		\$ 1,657	
(A) (D) School Breakfast Program	10.553	044131-05-PU-2003	6,820		6,820	
(A) (D) National School Lunch	10.555	044131-LL-P4-2002	25,706		25,706	
(A) (D) National School Lunch	10.555	044131-LL-P4-2003	92,107		92,107	
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture and Nutrition Cluster</b>			<u>126,290</u>	<u>47,387</u>	<u>126,290</u>	<u>47,387</u>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:</b>						
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	044131-C1-S1-2002	2,054		12,930	
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	044131-C1-S1-2003	95,215		86,607	
<b>Total Title I</b>			<u>97,269</u>		<u>99,537</u>	
<b>Special Education Cluster:</b>						
(B) Title VI-B - Special Education: Grants to States	84.027	044131-6B-SF-2002-P	1,440		3,520	
(B) Title VI-B - Special Education: Grants to States	84.027	044131-6B-SF-2003-P	155,631		153,610	
(B) Title VI-B - Special Education: Grants to States	84.027	044131-6B-SX-2002-P	21,000		21,015	
<b>Total Title VI-B</b>			<u>178,071</u>		<u>178,145</u>	
(B) Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	044131-PG-S1-2003-P	9,800		9,800	
<b>Total Special Education Cluster</b>			<u>187,871</u>		<u>187,945</u>	
Safe and Drug-Free Schools	84.186	044131-DR-S1-2002	1,139		1,139	
Safe and Drug-Free Schools	84.186	044131-DR-S1-2003	6,897		6,897	
<b>Total Safe and Drug-Free Schools</b>			<u>8,036</u>		<u>8,036</u>	
Eisenhower Professional Development Grant	84.281	044131-MS-S1-2002	91		6,546	
Title VI - Innovative Educational Program Strategies	84.298	044131-C2-S1-2002	-		1,016	
Title VI - Innovative Educational Program Strategies	84.298	044131-C2-S1-2003	9,617		8,443	
<b>Total Title VI</b>			<u>9,617</u>		<u>9,459</u>	
Technology Literacy Challenge	84.318	044131-TJ-S1-2003	2,810		2,810	
Title VI-R - Class Size Reduction	84.340	044131-CR-S1-2002	-		589	
School Renovation, IDEA and Technology	84.352A	044131-AT-S3-2002	36,439		32,052	
School Renovation, IDEA and Technology	84.352A	044131-AT-S4-2002	15,765		15,578	
School Renovation, IDEA and Technology	84.352A	044131-AT-S1-2002	3,884		3,884	
<b>Total School Renovation, IDEA and Technology</b>			<u>56,088</u>		<u>51,514</u>	
Improving Teacher Quality	84.367	044131-TR-S1-2003	37,778		28,969	
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			<u>399,560</u>		<u>395,405</u>	
<b>Total Federal Financial Assistance</b>			<u>\$ 525,850</u>	<u>\$ 47,387</u>	<u>\$ 521,695</u>	<u>\$ 47,387</u>

- (A) Included as part of "Nutrition Grant Cluster" in determining major programs.  
 (B) Included as part of "Special Education Grant Cluster" in determining major programs.  
 (C) The Food Distribution Program is a non-cash, in kind, federal grant. Commodities are valued at fair market prices.  
 (D) Commingled with state and local revenue from sales of lunches; assumed expenditures were made on a first-in, first-out basis.  
 (E) This schedule was prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

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## **Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Basic Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards***

Board of Education  
Huron City School District  
712 Cleveland Road East  
Huron, Ohio 44839-1871

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining aggregate fund information of the Huron City School District as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated February 20, 2004. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, Huron City School District implemented certain changes in accounting policies and financial reporting practices that were made in order to present the aforementioned basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 District's financial statements of governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information 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 an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2003-HCSD-001. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of Huron City School District in a separate letter dated February 20, 2004.

Board of Education  
Huron City School District, Erie County

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Huron City School District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Huron City School District 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 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 basic 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 we have reported to the management of Huron City School District in a separate letter dated February 20, 2004.

This report is intended for the information and use of the management and Board of Education of Huron City School District, Erie County, 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.

Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc.  
February 20, 2004

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## **Report On Compliance With Requirements Applicable to Its Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance With *OMB Circular A-133***

Board of Education  
Huron City School District  
712 Cleveland Road East  
Huron, Ohio 44839-1871

### Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Huron City 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 fiscal year ended June 30, 2003. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, Huron City School District implemented certain changes in accounting policies and financial reporting practices that were made in order to present the basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Huron City 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 Huron City School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Huron City 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, Audit 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 Huron City 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 Huron City School District's compliance with those requirements.

Board of Education  
Huron City School District, Erie County

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

#### Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Huron City 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 Huron City 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*.

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 management, the Board of Education of Huron City School District, 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.

Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc.  
February 20, 2004

**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 ERIE COUNTY, OHIO  
 JUNE 30, 2003**

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

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

<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	<i>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</i>	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 control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	Was there any reported non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
<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 Program:	Nutrition Cluster: Food Distribution; CFDA #10.550; National School Breakfast, CFDA #10.553; and National School Lunch, CFDA #10.555.
<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



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

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

Finding Number	2003-HCSD-001
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Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B) requires that no subdivision is to expend money unless it has been appropriated.

It was noted during the audit that the District had expenditures exceeding appropriations in the following funds:

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Excess</u>
Special Revenue	Public School Support	\$ 130
Special Revenue	Student Activities	1,299
Special Revenue	SchoolNet Professional Development	771
Special Revenue	Eisenhower	69
Special Revenue	Drug-Free Schools	1,139
Capital Projects	Permanent Improvement	2,888
Fiduciary	Private Purpose Trust	4,000

With appropriations exceeding estimated resources, the District may spend more funds than in the Treasury or process of collection and thus cause fund deficits

We recommend that the District comply with the Ohio Revised Code and Auditor of State Bulletin 97-010 by monitoring expenditures so they do not exceed lawful appropriations and amending the budget throughout the fiscal year. This may be achieved by monitoring the budget more closely on a continual basis.

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

None.

**HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS**

<u>Finding Number</u>	<u>Finding Summary</u>	<u>Fully Corrected?</u>	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid
2002-44131-001	Ohio Administrative Code §117-2-03(B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. However, as described in Note 1D, the District prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting formerly prescribed or permitted for school districts by the Auditor of State, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).	Yes	N/A



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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 30, 2004**