

ALLEN EAST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ALLEN COUNTY

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended June 30, 2003



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

Board of Trustees
Allen East Local School District

We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Allen East Local School District, Allen County, prepared by Rea & Associates, 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 Allen East Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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BETTY MONTGOMERY
Auditor of State

February 24, 2004

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ALLEN COUNTY**

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Rea & Associates, Inc.

ACCOUNTANTS AND BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

December 30, 2003

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Education
Allen East Local School District
Allen County, OH

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Allen East Local School District (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards," issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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

In accordance with "Government Auditing Standards," we have also issued our report dated December 30, 2003 on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards" and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Rea & Associates, Inc.

ALLEN EAST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Allen County

**Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Groups
June 30, 2003**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS				
Cash	\$ 1,389,954	\$ 101,616	\$ 625	\$ 217,010
Receivables:				
Taxes	1,893,589	0	0	146,796
Intergovernmental	12	9,123	0	0
Prepaid Items	32,856	0	0	0
Materials and Supplies Inventory	0	0	0	0
Fixed Assets (Net, where applicable, of Accumulated Depreciation)	0	0	0	0
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	0
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Total Assets and Other Debits	\$ 3,316,411	\$ 110,739	\$ 625	\$ 363,806
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LIABILITIES, FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$ 66,321	\$ 6,380	\$ 0	\$ 0
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	555,021	8,871	0	16
Due to Students	0	0	0	0
Undistributed Monies	0	0	0	0
Compensated Absences Payable	4,158	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Payable	45,505	82	0	0
Deferred Revenue-Taxes	1,666,877	0	0	146,796
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Total Liabilities	2,337,882	15,333	0	146,812
Fund Equity and Other Credits:				
Investment in General Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Retained Earnings	0	0	0	0
Fund Balance:				
Reserved for Encumbrances	47,183	30,666	0	8,424
Reserved for Prepaid Items	32,856	0	0	0
Reserved for Trust	0	0	0	0
Reserved for Property Tax Advances	226,712	0	0	0
Unreserved Fund Balance	671,778	64,740	625	208,570
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Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	978,529	95,406	625	216,994
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Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits	\$ 3,316,411	\$ 110,739	\$ 625	\$ 363,806
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

<u>Proprietary Fund Types</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	<u>Account Groups</u>		<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
		<u>General Fixed Assets</u>	<u>General Long-Term Obligations</u>	
<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>			
\$ 23,797	\$ 101,768	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,834,770
0	0	0	0	2,040,385
7,647	0	0	0	16,782
0	0	0	0	32,856
5,652	0	0	0	5,652
12,570	0	7,846,835	0	7,859,405
0	0	0	345,183	345,183
\$ 49,666	\$ 101,768	\$ 7,846,835	\$ 345,183	\$ 12,135,033
\$ 5,609	\$ 3,414	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 81,724
20,484	0	0	0	584,392
0	7,663	0	0	7,663
0	11,851	0	0	11,851
8,580	0	0	304,941	317,679
8,364	0	0	40,242	94,193
	0	0	0	1,813,673
43,037	22,928	0	345,183	2,911,175
0	0	7,846,835	0	7,846,835
6,629	0	0	0	6,629
0	1,879	0	0	88,152
0	0	0	0	32,856
0	2,148	0	0	2,148
0	0	0	0	226,712
0	74,813	0	0	1,020,526
6,629	78,840	7,846,835	0	9,223,858
\$ 49,666	\$ 101,768	\$ 7,846,835	\$ 345,183	\$ 12,135,033

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ALLEN EAST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Allen County
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Similar Fiduciary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	Governmental Fund Types	
	General	Special Revenue
Revenues:		
Taxes	\$ 1,861,238	\$ 0
Tuition and Fees	14,571	3,060
Intergovernmental	4,563,713	189,959
Interest	33,815	0
Extracurricular Activities	0	117,508
Gifts & Donations	2,227	6,449
Rent	7,662	0
Miscellaneous	23,209	4,776
Total Revenues	6,506,435	321,752
Expenditures:		
Current:		
Instruction:		
Regular	3,322,648	13,850
Special	366,155	37,989
Adult/ Continuing	0	8,750
Other	136,162	10,136
Support Services:		
Pupils	260,327	121,452
Instruction	160,324	13,050
Board of Education	33,648	0
Administration	675,566	4,171
Fiscal	169,834	0
Business	63,220	0
Operation and Maintenance	597,197	10,500
Transportation	401,202	0
Central Services	123,509	4,788
Non-Instructional Services	0	962
Extracurricular Activities	148,173	89,468
Capital Outlay	249,019	0
Total Expenditures	6,706,984	315,116
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(200,549)	6,636
Other Financing Sources (Uses):		
Operating Transfers In	0	0
Proceeds From Sale of Fixed Assets	581	0
Operating Transfers Out	(26,500)	(3,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(25,919)	(3,000)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(226,468)	3,636
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	1,204,997	91,770
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$ 978,529	\$ 95,406

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<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
<u>Debt</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>(Memorandum</u>	
<u>Service</u>	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Expendable</u>	<u>Only)</u>	
		<u>Trust</u>		
\$ 0	\$ 143,087	\$ 0	\$ 2,004,325	
0	0	0	17,631	
0	27,978	0	4,781,650	
0	0	488	34,303	
0	0	1,075	118,583	
0	0	40,412	49,088	
0	0	3,308	10,970	
0	0	0	27,985	
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0	171,065	45,283	7,044,535	
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0	9,408	0	3,345,906	
0	12,805	0	416,949	
0	0	0	8,750	
0	0	0	146,298	
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0	6,150	0	387,929	
0	0	1,177	174,551	
0	0	0	33,648	
0	0	0	679,737	
0	2,582	0	172,416	
0	0	0	63,220	
0	54,377	0	662,074	
0	53,250	0	454,452	
0	0	0	128,297	
0	0	0	962	
0	0	8,321	245,962	
0	14,000	0	263,019	
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0	152,572	9,498	7,184,170	
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0	18,493	35,785	(139,635)	
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0	0	4,500	4,500	
0	0	0	581	
0	0	0	(29,500)	
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0	0	4,500	(24,419)	
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0	18,493	40,285	(164,054)	
625	198,501	36,407	1,532,300	
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\$ 625	\$ 216,994	\$ 76,692	\$ 1,368,246	

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Allen East Local School District
Allen County
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual Comparison
(Non GAAP Budgetary Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types and Similar Fiduciary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General Fund		
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 1,888,904	\$ 1,853,375	\$ (35,529)
Intergovernmental	4,575,392	4,563,713	(11,679)
Interest	96,700	33,844	(62,856)
Tuition and Fees	13,200	14,571	1,371
Rent	1,800	7,662	5,862
Extracurricular Activities	0	0	0
Gifts and Donations	2,500	2,227	(273)
Miscellaneous	1,900	3,209	1,309
Total Revenues	6,580,396	6,478,601	(101,795)
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	3,643,728	3,366,623	277,105
Special	512,579	415,133	97,446
Adult/ Continuing	0	0	0
Other	210,345	136,061	74,284
Support Services:			
Pupils	341,681	263,477	78,204
Instruction	191,525	160,950	30,575
Board of Education	53,375	36,134	17,241
Administration	770,536	681,272	89,264
Fiscal	188,292	171,682	16,610
Business	76,890	66,527	10,363
Operation and Maintenance	814,429	623,626	190,803
Transportation	617,291	453,012	164,279
Central Services	169,016	130,019	38,997
Non-Instructional Services	0	0	0
Extracurricular Activities	170,650	149,050	21,600
Capital Outlay	469,750	249,020	220,730
Debt Service:			
Principal	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	8,230,087	6,902,586	1,327,501
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,649,691)	(423,985)	1,225,706
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0	0	0
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	1,000	20,581	19,581
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	5,500	25,263	19,763
Operating Transfers Out	(26,500)	(26,500)	0
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	(2,000)	(600)	1,400
Advances Out	(10,000)	0	10,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(32,000)	18,744	50,744
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(1,681,691)	(405,241)	1,276,450
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	1,485,144	1,485,144	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	196,547	196,547	0
Fund Balances (Deficit) at End of Year	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 1,276,450</u>	<u>\$ 1,276,450</u>

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Governmental Fund Types

Special Revenue Funds			Debt Service Fund		
Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
219,934	196,766	(23,168)	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
2,200	3,060	860	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
143,850	117,508	(26,342)	0	0	0
9,900	6,449	(3,451)	0	0	0
5,960	4,776	(1,184)	0	0	0
<u>381,844</u>	<u>328,559</u>	<u>(53,285)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
29,404	13,937	15,467	0	0	0
44,937	38,274	6,663	0	0	0
12,679	8,749	3,930	0	0	0
17,911	17,911	0	0	0	0
155,983	128,266	27,717	0	0	0
13,413	13,097	316	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
10,863	6,634	4,229	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
12,000	10,500	1,500	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
12,788	4,787	8,001	0	0	0
1,500	962	538	0	0	0
169,342	119,720	49,622	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	625	0	625
<u>480,820</u>	<u>362,837</u>	<u>117,983</u>	<u>625</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>625</u>
(98,976)	(34,278)	64,698	(625)	0	625
100	0	(100)	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
(3,000)	(3,000)	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>(2,900)</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>(100)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(101,876)	(37,278)	64,598	(625)	0	625
67,501	67,501	0	625	625	0
34,348	34,348	0	0	0	0
<u>\$ (27)</u>	<u>\$ 64,571</u>	<u>\$ 64,598</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 625</u>	<u>\$ 625</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Allen East Local School District
Allen County
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual Comparison
(Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types and Similar Fiduciary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003 (Continued)

	Governmental Fund Types		
	Capital Projects Funds		
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 144,985	\$ 143,087	\$ (1,898)
Intergovernmental	87,597	53,530	(34,067)
Interest	0	0	0
Tuition and Fees	0	0	0
Rent	0	0	0
Extracurricular Activities	0	0	0
Gifts and Donations	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
Total Revenues	232,582	196,617	(35,965)
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	34,960	34,960	0
Special	13,401	13,401	0
Adult/ Continuing	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Support Services:			
Pupils	8,542	8,542	0
Instruction	0	0	0
Board of Education	0	0	0
Administration	0	0	0
Fiscal	3,200	2,735	465
Business	0	0	0
Operation and Maintenance	199,980	67,792	132,188
Transportation	120,000	53,250	66,750
Central Services	0	0	0
Non-Instructional Services	0	0	0
Extracurricular Activities	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	63,000	14,000	49,000
Debt Service:			
Principal	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	443,083	194,680	248,403
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(210,501)	1,937	212,438
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0	0	0
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	0	153	153
Operating Transfers Out	0	0	0
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	0	0	0
Advances Out	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	153	153
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(210,501)	2,090	212,591
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	163,746	163,746	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	46,755	46,755	0
Fund Balances (Deficit) at End of Year	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 212,591</u>	<u>\$ 212,591</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Fiduciary Fund Types			Totals		
Expendable Trust Funds			(Memorandum Only)		
Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,033,889	\$ 1,996,462	\$ (37,427)
0	0	0	4,882,923	4,814,009	(68,914)
1,500	488	(1,012)	98,200	34,332	(63,868)
0	0	0	15,400	17,631	2,231
4,100	3,309	(791)	5,900	10,971	5,071
1,350	1,075	(275)	145,200	118,583	(26,617)
40,508	40,412	(96)	52,908	49,088	(3,820)
500	0	(500)	8,360	7,985	(375)
47,958	45,284	(2,674)	7,242,780	7,049,061	(193,719)
0	0	0	3,708,092	3,415,520	292,572
0	0	0	570,917	466,808	104,109
0	0	0	12,679	8,749	3,930
0	0	0	228,256	153,972	74,284
0	0	0	506,206	400,285	105,921
4,927	1,179	3,748	209,865	175,226	34,639
0	0	0	53,375	36,134	17,241
0	0	0	781,399	687,906	93,493
0	0	0	191,492	174,417	17,075
0	0	0	76,890	66,527	10,363
0	0	0	1,026,409	701,918	324,491
0	0	0	737,291	506,262	231,029
0	0	0	181,804	134,806	46,998
66,642	0	66,642	68,142	962	67,180
16,296	10,699	5,597	356,288	279,469	76,819
0	0	0	532,750	263,020	269,730
0	0	0	625	0	625
87,865	11,878	75,987	9,242,480	7,471,981	1,770,499
(39,907)	33,406	73,313	(1,999,700)	(422,920)	1,576,780
3,000	4,500	1,500	3,100	4,500	1,400
0	0	0	1,000	20,581	19,581
0	0	0	5,500	25,416	19,916
0	0	0	(29,500)	(29,500)	0
0	0	0	(2,000)	(600)	1,400
0	0	0	(10,000)	0	10,000
3,000	4,500	1,500	(31,900)	20,397	52,297
(36,907)	37,906	74,813	(2,031,600)	(402,523)	1,629,077
34,429	34,429	0	1,751,445	1,751,445	0
2,478	2,478	0	280,128	280,128	0
\$ 0	\$ 74,813	\$ 74,813	\$ (27)	\$ 1,629,050	\$ 1,629,077

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

ALLEN EAST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Combined Statement of Revenues,
Expenses and Changes in Fund Equity
All Proprietary Fund Types and Similar Fiduciary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Nonexpendable Trust</u>	
Operating Revenues:			
Sales	\$ 293,693	\$ 0	\$ 293,693
Interest	0	45	45
Total Operating Revenue	293,693	45	293,738
Operating Expenses:			
Salaries	113,162	0	113,162
Fringe Benefits	80,546	0	80,546
Purchased Services	867	0	867
Materials and Supplies	56,736	0	56,736
Depreciation	521	0	521
Cost of Sales	148,019	0	148,019
Total Operating Expenses	399,851	0	399,851
Operating Income (Loss)	(106,158)	45	(106,113)
Non-Operating Revenues:			
Interest	155	0	155
Federal Donated Commodities	43,864	0	43,864
Federal and State Subsidies	55,914	0	55,914
Total Non-Operating Revenues	99,933	0	99,933
Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers	(6,225)	45	(6,180)
Operating Transfers-In	25,000	0	25,000
Net Income	18,775	45	18,820
Retained Earnings (Deficit)/Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	(12,146)	2,103	(10,043)
Retained Earnings/Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$ 6,629</u>	<u>\$ 2,148</u>	<u>\$ 8,777</u>

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ALLEN EAST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Allen County
Combined Statement of Cash Flows
All Proprietary Fund Types and Similar Fiduciary Fund Types
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	<u>Proprietary Fund Types</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	Totals
	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Nonexpendable Trust</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 293,693	\$ 0	\$ 293,693
Cash Received from Investment Earnings	0	45	45
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(163,599)	0	(163,599)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(115,121)	0	(115,121)
Cash Payments for Employee Benefits	(81,449)	0	(81,449)
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Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	(66,476)	45	(66,431)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:			
Operating Grants Received	54,307	0	54,307
Operating Transfers-In	25,000	0	25,000
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Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	79,307	0	79,307
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Interest received	155	0	155
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Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	155	0	155
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	12,986	45	13,031
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	10,811	2,103	12,914
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Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$ 23,797</u>	<u>\$ 2,148</u>	<u>\$ 25,945</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities:			
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (106,158)	\$ 45	\$ (106,113)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities:			
Donated Commodities Used During Year	43,864	0	43,864
Depreciation Expense	521	0	521
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:			
(Increase)/Decrease in Fixed Assets	(4,000)	0	(4,000)
(Increase)/Decrease in Commodities Inventory	450	0	450
Increase/(Decrease) in Accrued Salaries and Benefits	(1,959)	0	(1,959)
Increase/(Decrease) in Compensated Absences Payable	(305)	0	(305)
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	5,609	0	5,609
Increase/(Decrease) in Interfund Payable	(598)	0	(598)
Increase/(Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	(3,900)	0	(3,900)
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Total Adjustments	39,682	0	39,682
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ (66,476)</u>	<u>\$ 45</u>	<u>\$ (66,431)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

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

The School District consists of three small communities and surrounding rural areas within Allen County. The School District is the 470th largest in the State of Ohio (among 613 school districts) in terms of enrollment. It is staffed by 43 non-certificated employees and 75 certificated full-time teaching personnel who provide services to 1,115 students and other community members.

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government and other organizations that are included to insure that the financial statements of the School District are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the School District. For Allen East Local School District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the School District. There are no component units.

The School District is associated with three organizations which are defined as jointly governed organizations, and an insurance purchasing pool. These organizations include the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative, Apollo Career Center, and the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan. These organizations are presented in Notes 15 and 16 to the general purpose financial statements.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Basis Of Presentation - Fund Accounting

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

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

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Basis Of Presentation - Fund Accounting (Continued)

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

Governmental Fund Types

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

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

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

Debt Service Funds - The debt service funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term obligation principal, interest, and related costs.

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

Proprietary Fund Types

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

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

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Basis Of Presentation - Fund Accounting (Continued)

Fiduciary Fund Types

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

Account Groups

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

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

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

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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

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 the modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the School District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year end.

Non-exchange transactions in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, income taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from income taxes is recognized in the period in which the income is earned. 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 fiscal year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the School District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School District on a reimbursement basis. On the modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

The School District reports deferred revenues on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the measurable and available criteria for recognition in the current period. In the subsequent period, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized. Property taxes measurable as of June 30, 2003, and delinquent property taxes, whose availability is indeterminable and which are intended to finance fiscal year 2004 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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

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

C. Budgetary Process

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

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

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

Tax Budget

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

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

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Budgetary Process (Continued)

Estimated Resources

Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the County Budget Commission and receives the commission's certificate of estimated resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to June 30, the School District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate is amended to include any unencumbered cash balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the School District Treasurer. The amounts reported in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the final amended certificate issued during fiscal year 2003.

Appropriations

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

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

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

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Budgetary Process (Continued)

Encumbrances

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded as the equivalent of expenditures on the non-GAAP budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. Expenditures plus encumbrances may not legally exceed appropriations. On the GAAP basis, encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year end are reported as a reservation of fund balance for subsequent-year expenditures for governmental funds and reported in the notes to the financial statements for proprietary funds.

Lapsing of Appropriations

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

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, all cash received by the School District is pooled in a central bank account. Monies for all funds, including proprietary funds, are maintained in this account or temporarily used to purchase short term investments. Individual fund integrity is maintained through School District records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the combined balance sheet. During fiscal year 2003, investments were limited to STAROhio.

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

The School District has invested funds in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAROhio) during fiscal year 2003. STAROhio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAROhio is not registered with SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAROhio are valued at STAROhio's share price which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2003.

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

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Inventory

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

F. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2003, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

G. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

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

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

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

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. Interfund Assets/Liabilities

Receivables and payables resulting from transactions between funds for services provided or goods received are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the balance sheet. Short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables" and "interfund payables". Long-term interfund loans are classified as "advances to/from other funds" and are equally offset by a fund balance reserve account which indicates that they do not constitute available expendable resources since they are not a component of net current assets. At June 30, 2003, the District had no interfund assets or liabilities.

I. Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the School District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination payment method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent it is probable that benefits will result in termination payments. The liability is an estimate based on the School District's past experience of making termination payments.

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

J. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities are reported as obligations of the funds regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences, contractually required pension contributions, and special termination benefits that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the general long-term obligations account group to the extent that they will not be paid with current available expendable financial resources. Bonds, capital leases, and long-term loans are reported as a liability of the general long-term obligations account group until due.

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

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

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

K. Interfund Transactions

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

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

L. Fund Balance Reserves

The School District records reservations for portions of fund equity which are legally segregated for specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and therefore are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund equity reserves are established for encumbrances, inventories of supplies and materials, prepaid items, taxes and trust. The reserve for taxes represents taxes recognized as revenue under generally accepted accounting principles but not available for appropriations under State statute. The reserve for trust signifies legal restrictions on the use of principal in the nonexpendable trust fund.

M. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

N. Total Columns on General Purpose Financial Statements

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

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NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

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

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements to the budgetary basis statements by fund type.

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources
Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Expendable Trust</u>
GAAP basis	\$ (226,468)	\$ 3,636	\$ 0	\$ 18,493	\$ 40,285
Adjustment for GAAP basis:					
Accrued revenues/prepaid expenses	(7,837)	6,807	0	25,690	0
Accrued expenditures/deferred revenue	(57,432)	(10,676)	0	(37,674)	1,138
Encumbrances outstanding (budget basis)	<u>(113,504)</u>	<u>(37,045)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(4,419)</u>	<u>(3,517)</u>
Budget basis	<u>\$ (405,241)</u>	<u>\$ (37,278)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 2,090</u>	<u>\$ 37,906</u>

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those 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 or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

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

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

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

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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

The following information classifies deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined in GASB Statement 3, "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments and Reverse Repurchase Agreements".

Deposits - At fiscal year end, the carrying amount of the School District's deposits was \$52,153 and the bank balance was \$171,076. Of the bank balance, \$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$71,076 was collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

Investments - Investments are required to be categorized into the following:

Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the Allen East Local School District.

Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker's or dealer's trust department or agent in the Allen East Local School District's name.

Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer or by its trust department but not in the Allen East Local School District's name.

At year end, the District's only investment was in STAR Ohio, and had a value of \$1,782,617. STAR Ohio is an investment pool operated by the Ohio Treasurer. It is unclassified since it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

The classification of cash and cash equivalents and investments on the combined financial statements is based on criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 9. A reconciliation between the classifications of cash and investments on the combined 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 9	\$ 1,834,770	\$ 0
STAR Ohio	<u>(1,782,617)</u>	<u>1,782,617</u>
GASB Statement 3	<u>\$ 52,153</u>	<u>\$1,782,617</u>

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NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis. Second half distributions occur in a new fiscal year. Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility, and tangible personal (used in business) property located in the School District. Real property taxes are levied after April 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1, the lien date. Public utility property taxes attached as a lien on December 31 of the prior year, were levied April 1 and are collected with real property taxes. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. All property is required to be revalued every six years. Public utility property taxes are assessed on tangible personal property at 88 percent of true value (with certain exceptions) and on real property at 35 percent of true value. Tangible personal property taxes are levied after April 1 on the value listed as of December 31 of the current year. Tangible personal property assessments are 25 percent of true 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.

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

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

Accrued property taxes receivable represents delinquent taxes outstanding and real property, tangible personal property, and public utility taxes which became measurable as of June 30, 2003. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount available as an advance at June 30 is intended to finance current fiscal year operations. The receivable is therefore offset by a credit to deferred revenue for that portion not intended to finance current year operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2003, is recognized as revenue.

The assessed values upon which 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	\$67,579,460	88%	\$69,106,070	87%
Public Utility	5,038,500	7	5,165,380	7
Tangible Personal Property	<u>4,163,500</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4,853,590</u>	<u>6</u>
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$76,781,460</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$79,125,040</u>	<u>100%</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$34.25		\$34.25	

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NOTE 6 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2003, consisted of taxes, accounts (customer services and student fees), and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds. A summary of the principal items of Intergovernmental Receivables follows:

Intergovernmental Activities:

General Fund:		
Misc. Accounts	\$12	
Total General Fund		\$12
Special Revenue:		
Title I	8,128	
Title VI	27	
Drug Free Schools	968	
Total Special Revenue		9,123
Enterprise:		
Lunchroom	7,647	
Total Enterprise		7,647
Total Intergovernmental		\$16,782

NOTE 7 - FIXED ASSETS

A summary of the Proprietary Fund property, plant, and equipment at June 30, 2003, is as follows:

	<u>Balance June 30, 2003</u>
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 47,876
Less: Accumulated Depreciation to June 30, 2003	(35,306)
Net Fixed Assets - Proprietary Funds	<u>\$ 12,570</u>

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NOTE 7 - FIXED ASSETS (continued)

A summary of the general fixed assets follows:

	<u>Balance at 6/30/2002</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance at 6/30/2003</u>
Land and Improvements	\$ 702,357	\$249,018	\$ 0	\$ 951,375
Building	4,130,273	0	0	4,130,273
Furniture and Equipment	1,214,396	93,806	(35,962)	1,272,240
Vehicles	998,388	55,100	(32,321)	1,021,167
Books – Educational	<u>471,780</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>471,780</u>
Total	<u>\$7,517,194</u>	<u>\$397,924</u>	<u>\$ (68,283)</u>	<u>\$7,846,835</u>

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

1. Property and Liability

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. For fiscal year 2003, the School District contracted with O'Connor McLaughlin Insurance Company for property insurance and Harcum-Hyre Insurance for general liability insurance.

Professional liability and vehicles are protected by the Nationwide Insurance Company. Settled claims have not exceeded the commercial coverage in any of the past five years. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from last year.

2. Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2003, the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 16). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its worker's 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 share 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.

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. State Teachers Retirement System

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

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. If an active Plan member should die before retirement, the eligible spouse and dependents may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, plan members are required to contribute 9.3 percent of their annual covered salary. The School District is required to contribute 14 percent; 9.5 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by STRS, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers.

The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2003, 2002, and 2001 were \$320,479, \$305,288, and \$286,898, respectively; 94.61 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2003 and 100 percent for the fiscal years 2002 and 2001. \$17,280 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2003, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

B. School Employees Retirement System

The Allen East Local School District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system administered by the School Employees Retirement Board. SERS provides basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for SERS. The report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746.

Plan members are required to contribute 9 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits; for fiscal year 2003, 5.46 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal years 2002 and 2001, 4.20 percent was used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS Retirement Board.

The District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2003, 2002, and 2001 were \$42,329, \$30,709, and \$30,056, respectively; 51.29 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2003, and 100 percent for the fiscal years 2002 and 2001. \$20,618 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2003 is recorded as a liability within the respective funds and the general long-term obligations account group.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System have an option to choose Social Security or the School Employees Retirement System/State Teachers Retirement System. As of June 30, 2003, all members of the Board of Education have elected social security. The Board's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

NOTE 10 - POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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

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NOTE 10 - POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

The State Teachers Retirement Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care cost 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 percent of covered payroll. The Board currently allocates employer contributions equal to 4.5% of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund.

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

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

At June 30, 2002, the employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 8.54 percent of covered payroll. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2002, the minimum pay has been established at \$12,400. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund.

The target level for the health care reserve is 150 percent of annual health care expenses. Expenses for health care at June 30, 2002, were \$182,946,777 and the target level was \$274.4 million. At June 30, 2002, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$335.2 million. SERS has approximately 50,000 participants currently receiving health care benefits.

NOTE 11 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Compensated Absences

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

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 240 days for certified personnel and up to 240 days for classified personnel. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of accrued, but unused sick leave credit to a maximum of 46 days for certified employees and 46 days for classified employees.

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NOTE 12 - LONG-TERM DEBT

A. Long-Term Obligations

Long-term obligations of the School District at June 30, 2003, consisted of the following:

	Principal Outstanding <u>6/30/2002</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	Principal Outstanding <u>6/30/2003</u>
Intergovernmental Payable	\$ 36,721	\$40,242	\$(36,721)	\$ 40,242
Compensated Absences	<u>304,360</u>	<u>581</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>304,941</u>
Total General Long-Term Obligations	<u>\$341,081</u>	<u>\$40,823</u>	<u>\$(36,721)</u>	<u>\$345,183</u>

General obligation notes will be paid from the debt service fund. Compensated absences and intergovernmental payable will be paid from the fund which the person is paid.

NOTE 13 - STATUTORY RESERVES

The School District is required by state law to set aside certain general fund revenue amounts, as defined, into various reserves. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, the reserve activity was as follows:

	Textbook <u>Reserve</u>	Capital Maintenance <u>Reserve</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance 6/30/2002	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Carry Over	(112,465)	0	(112,465)
Required Set-Aside	146,667	146,667	293,334
Qualifying Expenditures	<u>(275,253)</u>	<u>(361,812)</u>	<u>(637,065)</u>
Total	<u>\$(241,051)</u>	<u>\$(215,145)</u>	<u>\$(456,196)</u>
Excess Expenditures Available for Carry- over to Subsequent Year	<u>\$ (241,051)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

The School District had qualifying disbursements during the year that reduced the set-aside amounts below zero. For capital acquisitions, the extra amount may not be used to reduce the set-aside requirements of future years. However, revised code 3315.17 allows for the extra amount to carryover into future years for textbooks.

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NOTE 14 - SEGMENT INFORMATION FOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS

The School District maintains three enterprise funds to account for the operations of food service, uniform school supplies and community recreation. The table below summarizes the more significant financial data relating to the enterprise funds of the School District as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003.

	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Uniform School Supplies</u>	<u>Community Recreation</u>	<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 251,504	\$ 42,189	\$ 0	\$ 293,693
Operating Expenses	(357,409)	(42,442)	0	(399,851)
Operating Income (Loss)	(105,905)	(253)	0	(106,158)
Interest	155	0	0	155
Donated Commodities	43,864	0	0	43,864
Operating Grants	55,914	0	0	55,914
Operating Transfers	25,000	0	0	25,000
Net Income (Loss)	19,028	(253)	0	18,775
Net Working Capital	(5,135)	7,640	134	2,639
Total Assets	41,863	7,669	134	49,666
Total Equity	(1,145)	7,640	134	6,629

NOTE 15 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative - The Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC) is a jointly governed organization among forty-seven school districts. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. Each of the governments of these schools supports NOACSC based upon a per pupil charge dependent upon the software package utilized.

The NOACSC Assembly consists of a representative from each participating school district and the superintendent from the fiscal agent. The Board of Directors consists of the superintendent from the fiscal agent, the two Assembly members from each county in which participating school districts are located. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation of the Board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Michael Wildermuth, who serves as Director, at 645 South Main Street, Lima, Ohio 45804.

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NOTE 15 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS (Continued)

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

NOTE 16 - GROUP PURCHASING POOL

A. Northwest Ohio Area Computer Service Cooperative Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The School District participates in a group rating plan (GRP) for workers' compensation as established under Ohio Revised Code Section 4123.29. The Group Rating Plan was established through the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Service Cooperative as a group insurance purchasing pool. The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by a twenty-five member Board of Directors consisting of two representatives from each county elected by a majority vote of all charter member schools within each county plus one representative from the fiscal agency A-site. The treasurer of Findlay City Schools serves as coordinator of the program. Each year, the participating Districts pay an enrollment fee to cover the costs of administering the program.

B. Allen County Schools Health Benefits Plan

The District participates in the Allen County Schools Health Benefits Plan (Plan), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of the school districts within Allen County and the Allen County Educational Service Center. The Plan is organized as a Voluntary Employee Benefit Association under Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code and provides medical and dental benefits to the employees of the participating school districts. Each participating school district's superintendent is appointed to a Board of Directors which advises the Trustee, Allen County Educational Service Center, concerning aspects of the administration of the Plan.

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

NOTE 17 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

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

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NOTE 17 – CONTINGENCIES (continued)

B. 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.

The Supreme Court relinquished jurisdiction over the case and directed “...the Ohio General Assembly to enact a school-funding scheme that is thorough and efficient...”. The School District is currently unable to determine what effect, if any, this decision will have on its future State funding and its financial operations.

NOTE 18 - ACCOUNTABILITY

At June 30, 2003, the following funds had a deficit fund balance:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Deficit Fund Balance Amount</u>
Special Revenue Funds	
Ohio Reads	\$ (10)
Title I - Chapter I	(239)
Title VI - Chapter II	(17)
Enterprise Funds	
Lunch room	(1,145)

The deficit fund balances were created by the application of generally accepted accounting principles. The General Fund is liable for any deficit in these funds and provides operating transfers when cash is required, and not when accruals occur.

NOTE 19 - OPERATING LEASES

The District is obligated under an operating lease agreement with Perry Corporation for copiers. This agreement does not give rise to property rights and is not reflected in the school’s account group. The estimated future lease payments are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2004	\$38,740
2005	37,740
2006	37,740
2007	37,740
2008	11,300

Rea & Associates, Inc.

ACCOUNTANTS AND BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

December 30, 2003

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Education
Allen East Local School District
Allen County, OH

We have audited the financial statements of Allen East Local School District (the School District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated December 30, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards," issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

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

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to management of Allen East Local School District in a separate letter dated December 30, 2003.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Board of Education and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

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ALLEN EAST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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 11, 2004**