

**CANTON LOCAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

STARK COUNTY, OHIO

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(AUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2004**

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**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

Board of Education
Canton Local School District
4526 Ridge Avenue S.E.
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We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Canton Local School District, Stark County, prepared by Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. 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 Canton Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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BETTY MONTGOMERY
Auditor of State

April 20, 2005

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Education
Canton Local School District
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, its major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Canton Local School District, Stark County (the “District”) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements, as listed in the table of 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 did not audit the financial statements of the Canton Local Digital Academy, the District’s only discretely presented component unit. Other auditors audited those financial statements. They have furnished their report thereon to us, and we base our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Canton Local Digital Academy on the report of the other auditors.

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 and the report of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, its major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Canton Local School District, Stark County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position there of 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.

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Canton Local School District
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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 8, 2005, 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. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's and Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We and the other auditors 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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. 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 also not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Canton Local School District. 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 8, 2005

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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The management's discussion and analysis of the Canton Local School District's (the "District") financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. 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 the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2004 are as follows:

- In total, net assets of governmental activities decreased \$2,676,036 which represents a 32.29% decrease from 2003.
- General revenues accounted for \$18,443,115 in revenue or 87.63% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$2,602,545 or 12.37% of total revenues of \$21,045,660.
- The District had \$23,721,696 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$2,602,545 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services and sales, grants and contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$18,443,115 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's only major governmental fund is the general fund. The general fund had \$18,212,580 in revenues and \$20,540,479 in expenditures and other financing uses. During fiscal 2003, the general fund's fund balance decreased \$2,327,899 from \$1,408,012 to a deficit of \$919,887.

Using These 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 is by far the most significant fund, and the only governmental fund reported as a major fund.

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 2004?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include *all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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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 of plant, pupil transportation, extracurricular activities, and food service operations.

The District's statement of net assets and statement of activities can be found on pages 13-14 of this report.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the District's major governmental fund 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 only major governmental fund is the general 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. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 15-19 of this report.

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 or other entities. These activities are reported in agency funds. 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.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 22-46 of this report.

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The District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Assets provides the perspective of the District as a whole.

The table below provides a summary of the District's net assets for 2004 and 2003.

	Net Assets	
	Governmental Activities 2004	Governmental Activities 2003
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 15,681,157	\$ 17,697,880
Capital assets	<u>5,676,605</u>	<u>5,572,633</u>
Total assets	<u>21,357,762</u>	<u>23,270,513</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities	13,079,852	12,567,493
Long-term liabilities	<u>2,666,647</u>	<u>2,415,721</u>
Total liabilities	<u>15,746,499</u>	<u>14,983,214</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	5,415,370	5,453,139
Restricted	387,080	837,249
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(191,187)</u>	<u>1,996,911</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 5,611,263</u>	<u>\$ 8,287,299</u>

Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2004, the District's assets exceeded liabilities by \$5,611,263. Of this total, \$387,080 is restricted in use.

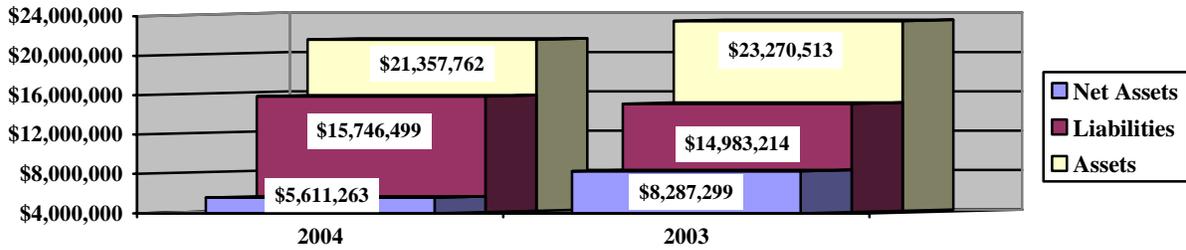
At year-end, capital assets represented 26.58% of total assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment and vehicles. Capital assets, net of related debt to acquire the assets at June 30, 2004, were \$5,415,370. These capital assets are used 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, \$387,080, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets of (\$191,187) may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to the students and creditors.

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Governmental Activities



The table below shows the change in net assets for fiscal years 2004 and 2003.

Change in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities <u>2004</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2003</u>
<u>Revenues</u>		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 1,198,877	\$ 1,136,038
Operating grants and contributions	1,366,021	1,563,468
Capital grants and contributions	37,647	94,950
General revenues:		
Property taxes	10,525,053	11,834,922
Grants and entitlements	7,817,616	7,579,697
Investment earnings	31,452	159,156
Miscellaneous	<u>68,994</u>	<u>64,880</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 21,045,660</u>	<u>\$ 22,433,111</u>

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	Governmental Activities <u>2004</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2003</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program expenses:		
Instruction:		
Regular	\$ 9,430,770	\$ 8,897,430
Special	2,546,381	2,285,791
Vocational	1,554,040	1,500,476
Other	1,750	250
Support services:		
Pupil	1,404,278	1,273,222
Instructional staff	1,263,834	1,180,592
Board of education	38,650	29,479
Administration	1,567,800	1,533,796
Fiscal	224,804	221,725
Business	341,141	339,362
Operations and maintenance	2,169,996	2,378,715
Pupil transportation	948,052	862,831
Central	348,656	289,632
Operations of non-instructional services	455,571	9,124
Food service operations	861,546	865,808
Extracurricular activities	555,895	561,872
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>8,532</u>	<u>6,786</u>
Total expenses	<u>23,721,696</u>	<u>22,236,891</u>
Change in net assets	<u>\$ (2,676,036)</u>	<u>\$ 196,220</u>

Governmental Activities

Net assets of the District's governmental activities decreased \$2,676,036. Total governmental expenses of \$23,721,696 were offset by program revenues of \$2,602,545 and general revenues of \$18,443,115. Program revenues supported 10.97% 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 87.16% of total governmental revenue.

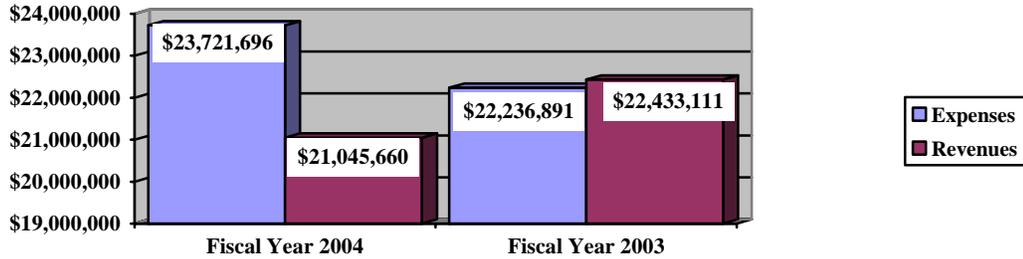
The largest expense of the District is for instructional programs. Instruction expenses totaled \$13,532,941 or 57.05% of total governmental expenses for fiscal 2004.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue and expenses for fiscal years 2004 and 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.

Governmental Activities

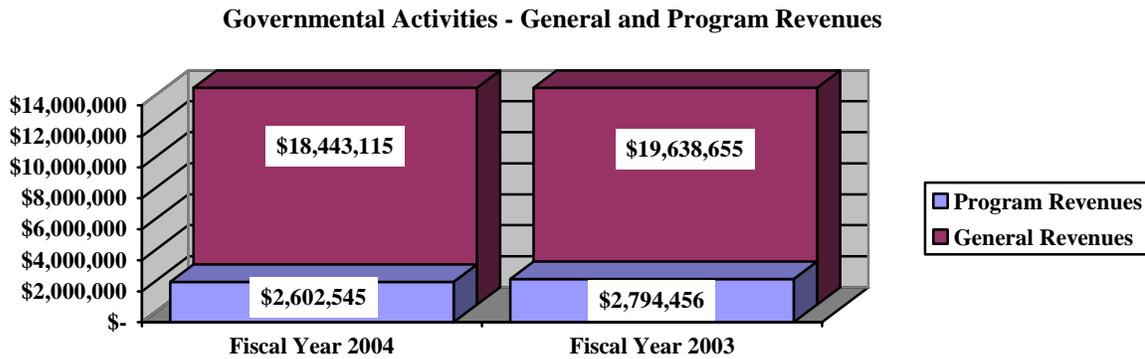
	Total Cost of Services <u>2004</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2004</u>	Total Cost of Services <u>2003</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2003</u>
Program expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 9,430,770	\$ 8,744,196	\$ 8,897,430	\$ 7,949,046
Special	2,546,381	2,239,439	2,285,791	1,989,811
Vocational	1,554,040	1,496,696	1,500,476	1,452,747
Other	1,750	1,750	250	250
Support services:				
Pupil	1,404,278	1,154,153	1,273,222	1,057,818
Instructional staff	1,263,834	1,181,946	1,180,592	1,056,241
Board of education	38,650	38,650	29,479	29,479
Administration	1,567,800	1,441,974	1,533,796	1,407,925
Fiscal	224,804	224,804	221,725	221,725
Business	341,141	341,141	339,362	339,362
Operations and maintenance	2,169,996	2,165,282	2,378,715	2,373,227
Pupil transportation	948,052	946,778	862,831	862,831
Central	348,656	324,127	289,632	259,741
Operations of non-instructional services	455,571	446,231	9,124	(1,502)
Food service operations	861,546	(88,825)	865,808	(13,784)
Extracurricular activities	555,895	452,277	561,872	450,732
Interest and fiscal charges	8,532	8,532	6,786	6,786
Total expenses	<u>\$ 23,721,696</u>	<u>\$ 21,119,151</u>	<u>\$ 22,236,891</u>	<u>\$ 19,442,435</u>

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The dependence upon tax and other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, 92.23% of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 89.03%. 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 years 2004 and 2003.



The District's Funds

The District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of (\$861,851), which is lower than last year's total of \$1,794,447. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2004 and 2003.

	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2004</u>	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2003</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
General	\$ (919,887)	\$ 1,408,012	\$ (2,327,899)
Other Governmental	<u>58,036</u>	<u>386,435</u>	<u>(328,399)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (861,851)</u>	<u>\$ 1,794,447</u>	<u>\$ (2,656,298)</u>

General Fund

The District's general fund balance decreased \$2,327,899. The table that follows assists in illustrating the financial activities and fund balance of the general fund.

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	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Taxes	\$ 9,944,070	\$ 10,429,381	\$ (485,311)	(4.65) %
Tuition	385,769	365,577	20,192	5.52 %
Earnings on investments	28,966	159,706	(130,740)	(81.86) %
Intergovernmental	7,795,029	7,555,899	239,130	3.16 %
Other revenues	<u>58,746</u>	<u>87,498</u>	<u>(28,752)</u>	(32.86) %
Total	<u>\$ 18,212,580</u>	<u>\$ 18,598,061</u>	<u>\$ (385,481)</u>	(2.07) %
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Instruction	\$ 12,641,221	\$ 11,923,869	\$ 717,352	6.02 %
Support services	7,410,995	7,077,356	333,639	4.71 %
Operation of non-instructional	195	1,958	(1,763)	(90.04) %
Extracurricular activities	421,058	423,543	(2,485)	(0.59) %
Facilities acquisition and construction	7,433	84,450	(77,017)	(91.20) %
Debt service	<u>25,107</u>	<u>25,107</u>	<u>-</u>	- %
Total	<u>\$ 20,506,009</u>	<u>\$ 19,536,283</u>	<u>\$ 969,726</u>	4.96 %

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 2004, the District amended its general fund budget once. For the general fund, final budgeted revenues and other financing sources were \$18,589,718, which approximates the original budgeted revenues estimate of \$18,684,424. Actual revenues and other financing sources for fiscal 2003 were \$18,597,476 which was \$7,758 more than final budgeted revenues.

General fund original appropriations (expenditures and other financing uses) of \$20,296,697 were increased to \$21,076,697 in the final budget. The actual budget basis expenditures and other financing uses for fiscal year 2004 totaled \$20,967,384, which was \$109,313 less than the final budgeted appropriations.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal 2004, the District had \$5,676,605 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 2004 balances compared to 2003:

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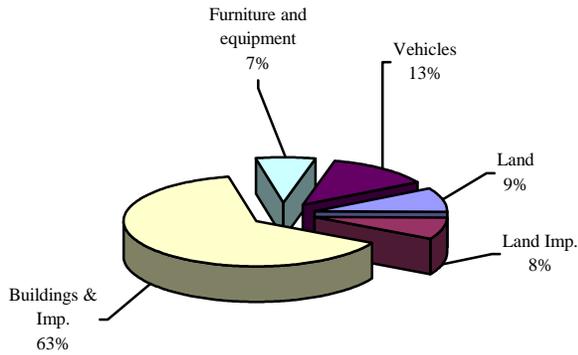
**Capital Assets at June 30
(Net of Depreciation)**

	Governmental Activities	
	2004	2003
Land	\$ 482,635	\$ 482,635
Land improvements	444,717	458,624
Building and improvements	3,620,376	3,569,089
Furniture and equipment	399,964	257,089
Vehicles	728,913	805,196
Total	\$ 5,676,605	\$ 5,572,633

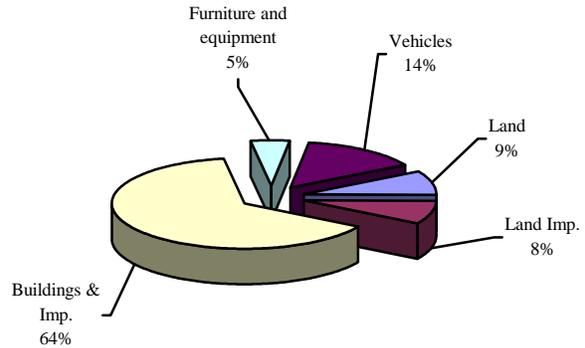
The overall increase in capital assets of \$103,972 is due to capital outlays of \$492,249 exceeding depreciation expense of \$388,277 in the fiscal year.

The graphs below present the District's capital assets for fiscal 2004 and fiscal 2003.

Capital Assets - Governmental Activities 2003



Capital Assets - Governmental Activities 2004



See Note 9 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's capital assets.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2004, the District had no bonded debt obligations outstanding. The District's only debt administration relates to a capital lease obligation. During fiscal 2004, the District made capital lease principal payments of \$50,160. The remaining capital lease obligation at June 30, 2004 was \$261,235.

See Note 10 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's debt administration.

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Current Financial Related Activities

The Canton Local School District is facing serious financial challenges for the upcoming fiscal year 2006. In preparation, the district has implemented cost-savings of \$1.7 million dollars for fiscal year 2005. An additional \$1.7 million dollars will need to be cut in fiscal year 2006.

With little or no growth in local and state revenue, Canton Local has relied on its accumulated fund balance to help pay for operating costs. This fund balance will be depleted in fiscal year 2006.

A five-year operating levy is due to expire in 2006. The Board intends to seek additional millage at that time.

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 Mr. A. Michael Bichsel, Treasurer, Canton Local School District, 4526 Ridge Avenue SE, Canton, OH 44707.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**CANTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2004

	Primary Government	Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Digital Academy
Assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents. . .	\$ 1,836,535	\$ -
Cash and cash equivalents	-	50,288
Receivables:		
Taxes	13,581,148	-
Accounts	82,622	-
Intergovernmental	142,619	125,000
Accrued interest	8,787	-
Prepayments	12,171	-
Materials and supplies inventory	10,343	-
Inventory held for resale	6,932	-
Capital assets:		
Land	482,635	-
Depreciable capital assets, net	5,193,970	-
Total capital assets, net.	5,676,605	-
 Total assets.	21,357,762	175,288
 Liabilities:		
Accounts payable.	37,655	1,094
Contracts payable.	101,771	-
Accrued wages and benefits	2,671,676	-
Pension obligation payable.	555,167	-
Intergovernmental payable	86,345	-
Deferred revenue	9,627,238	-
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year.	279,637	-
Due in more than one year	2,387,010	-
 Total liabilities	15,746,499	1,094
 Net Assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt.	5,415,370	-
Restricted for:		
Capital projects	180,864	-
Set-asides	93,425	-
School bus purchases	63,574	-
Other purposes	49,217	-
Unrestricted (deficit)	(191,187)	174,194
 Total net assets	\$ 5,611,263	\$ 174,194

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CANTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government	Component Unit
					Governmental Activities	Digital Academy
Governmental activities:						
Instruction:						
Regular	\$ 9,430,770	\$ 473,176	\$ 175,751	\$ 37,647	\$ (8,744,196)	\$ -
Special	2,546,381	-	306,942	-	(2,239,439)	-
Vocational	1,554,040	-	57,344	-	(1,496,696)	-
Other	1,750	-	-	-	(1,750)	-
Support services:						
Pupil	1,404,278	-	250,125	-	(1,154,153)	-
Instructional staff	1,263,834	-	81,888	-	(1,181,946)	-
Board of education	38,650	-	-	-	(38,650)	-
Administration.	1,567,800	68,807	57,019	-	(1,441,974)	-
Fiscal.	224,804	-	-	-	(224,804)	-
Business.	341,141	-	-	-	(341,141)	-
Operations and maintenance	2,169,996	4,714	-	-	(2,165,282)	-
Pupil transportation.	948,052	-	1,274	-	(946,778)	-
Central	348,656	-	24,529	-	(324,127)	-
Operation of non-instructional						
services	455,571	7,068	2,272	-	(446,231)	-
Food service operations	861,546	541,494	408,877	-	88,825	-
Extracurricular activities.	555,895	103,618	-	-	(452,277)	-
Interest and fiscal charges	8,532	-	-	-	(8,532)	-
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 23,721,696</u>	<u>\$ 1,198,877</u>	<u>\$ 1,366,021</u>	<u>\$ 37,647</u>	<u>(21,119,151)</u>	<u>-</u>
Component Unit:						
Digital Academy	<u>\$ 90,214</u>	<u>\$ 114,409</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>174,195</u>
General Revenues:						
Property taxes levied for:						
General purposes					10,233,455	-
Capital outlay.					291,598	-
Grants and entitlements not restricted						
to specific programs					7,817,616	-
Investment earnings					31,452	-
Miscellaneous					68,994	-
Total general revenues					<u>18,443,115</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net assets					(2,676,036)	174,195
Net assets at beginning of year					<u>8,287,299</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Net assets at end of year					<u>\$ 5,611,263</u>	<u>\$ 174,194</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CANTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,197,117	\$ 482,419	\$ 1,679,536
Receivables:			
Taxes	13,225,955	355,193	13,581,148
Accounts	82,609	13	82,622
Intergovernmental	-	142,619	142,619
Accrued interest	8,787	-	8,787
Interfund loans	284,980	-	284,980
Prepayments	12,171	-	12,171
Materials and supplies inventory	10,343	-	10,343
Inventory held for resale	-	6,932	6,932
Restricted assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	156,999	-	156,999
Total assets	<u>\$ 14,978,961</u>	<u>\$ 987,176</u>	<u>\$ 15,966,137</u>
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 35,366	\$ 2,289	\$ 37,655
Contracts payable	-	101,771	101,771
Accrued wages and benefits	2,587,095	84,581	2,671,676
Compensated absences payable	55,764	-	55,764
Pension obligation payable	330,318	14,954	345,272
Intergovernmental payable	81,328	5,017	86,345
Interfund loan payable	-	284,980	284,980
Early retirement incentive payable	10,000	-	10,000
Deferred revenue	12,798,977	435,548	13,234,525
Total liabilities	<u>15,898,848</u>	<u>929,140</u>	<u>16,827,988</u>
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for encumbrances	215,612	48,536	264,148
Reserved for prepayments	12,171	-	12,171
Reserved for inventory	10,343	6,932	17,275
Reserved for property tax unavailable for appropriation	431,190	16,120	447,310
Reserved for budget stabilization	93,425	-	93,425
Reserved for school bus purchases	63,574	-	63,574
Unreserved, undesignated (deficit), reported in:			
General fund	(1,746,202)	-	(1,746,202)
Special revenue funds	-	(90,988)	(90,988)
Capital projects funds	-	77,436	77,436
Total fund balances (deficits)	<u>(919,887)</u>	<u>58,036</u>	<u>(861,851)</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 14,978,961</u>	<u>\$ 987,176</u>	<u>\$ 15,966,137</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CANTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2004

Total governmental fund balances		\$ (861,851)
<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.		5,676,605
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds:		
Taxes	\$ 3,506,600	
Accrued interest	4,212	
Intergovernmental revenue	96,475	
Total		3,607,287
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Compensated absences	(2,339,648)	
Capital lease obligations	(261,235)	
Pension obligation payable	(209,895)	
Total		(2,810,778)
Net assets of governmental activities		\$ 5,611,263

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CANTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES/(DEFICIT)
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:			
From local sources:			
Taxes	\$ 9,944,070	\$ 284,816	\$ 10,228,886
Tuition	385,769	-	385,769
Earnings on investments	28,966	3,452	32,418
Charges for services	28,736	541,494	570,230
Extracurricular	-	177,831	177,831
Classroom materials and fees	121	58,550	58,671
Contributions and donations	-	37,647	37,647
Other local revenues	29,889	45,481	75,370
Intergovernmental - state	7,743,817	164,795	7,908,612
Intergovernmental - federal	51,212	1,322,525	1,373,737
Total revenues	<u>18,212,580</u>	<u>2,636,591</u>	<u>20,849,171</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	9,002,234	275,511	9,277,745
Special	2,215,785	312,272	2,528,057
Vocational	1,423,202	57,495	1,480,697
Other	-	1,750	1,750
Support Services:			
Pupil	1,083,203	269,689	1,352,892
Instructional staff	1,138,779	87,148	1,225,927
Board of education	38,650	-	38,650
Administration	1,416,061	121,377	1,537,438
Fiscal	222,139	-	222,139
Business	341,141	-	341,141
Operations and maintenance	2,014,838	6,656	2,021,494
Pupil transportation	847,332	1,755	849,087
Central	308,852	26,847	335,699
Operation of non-instructional services	195	111,887	112,082
Food service operations	-	847,363	847,363
Extracurricular activities	421,058	128,821	549,879
Capital outlay	-	191,901	191,901
Facilities acquisition and construction	7,433	717,304	724,737
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	19,289	30,871	50,160
Interest and fiscal charges	5,818	2,714	8,532
Total expenditures	<u>20,506,009</u>	<u>3,191,361</u>	<u>23,697,370</u>
Excess of revenues under expenditures	<u>(2,293,429)</u>	<u>(554,770)</u>	<u>(2,848,199)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	-	34,470	34,470
Transfers out	(34,470)	-	(34,470)
Proceeds of capital lease transaction	-	191,901	191,901
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(34,470)</u>	<u>226,371</u>	<u>191,901</u>
Net change in fund balances	(2,327,899)	(328,399)	(2,656,298)
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>1,408,012</u>	<u>386,435</u>	<u>1,794,447</u>
Fund balances (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ (919,887)</u>	<u>\$ 58,036</u>	<u>\$ (861,851)</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CANTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, 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, 2004

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	(2,656,298)
 <i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</i>		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, on the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciated expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay (\$492,249) exceeds depreciation expense (\$388,277) in the current period.		103,972
Revenues on the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		196,489
Proceeds of capital lease transactions are recorded as revenue in the funds, however, on the statement of activities, they are not reported as revenue as they increase liabilities on the statement of net assets.		(191,901)
Repayment of capital lease obligation principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net assets.		50,160
Some expenses reported on the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, early retirement incentives and pension obligations, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		(178,458)
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$	<u>(2,676,036)</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CANTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Taxes	\$ 9,897,229	\$ 9,846,070	\$ 9,846,070	\$ -
Tuition.	349,354	347,548	357,548	10,000
Earnings on investments	73,327	72,948	70,703	(2,245)
Charges for services	27,000	28,736	28,736	-
Classroom materials and fees	122	121	121	-
Other local revenues.	40,105	39,897	39,870	(27)
Intergovernmental - state	7,784,054	7,743,818	7,743,818	-
Intergovernmental - federal.	51,478	51,212	51,212	-
Total revenues	<u>18,222,669</u>	<u>18,130,350</u>	<u>18,138,078</u>	<u>7,728</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	8,881,042	9,222,340	9,033,769	188,571
Special.	2,136,501	2,218,606	2,262,309	(43,703)
Vocational.	1,377,812	1,430,761	1,424,922	5,839
Support Services:				
Pupil.	1,049,265	1,089,588	1,075,731	13,857
Instructional staff	1,070,136	1,111,262	1,126,104	(14,842)
Board of education	45,824	47,585	41,462	6,123
Administration.	1,383,648	1,436,823	1,436,522	301
Fiscal	225,822	234,500	222,674	11,826
Business	358,299	372,068	341,681	30,387
Operations and maintenance.	2,032,604	2,110,718	2,092,956	17,762
Pupil transportation	791,318	821,728	851,525	(29,797)
Central.	312,985	325,013	309,369	15,644
Operation of non-instructional services.	2,199	2,283	195	2,088
Extracurricular activities.	393,765	408,897	420,511	(11,614)
Facilities acquisition and construction	23,617	24,525	7,433	17,092
Total expenditures.	<u>20,084,837</u>	<u>20,856,697</u>	<u>20,647,163</u>	<u>209,534</u>
Excess of revenues under expenditures.	(1,862,168)	(2,726,347)	(2,509,085)	217,262
Other financing sources (uses):				
Refund of prior year expenditure	53,189	52,914	52,914	-
Transfers out	(48,150)	(50,000)	(34,470)	15,530
Advances in.	408,566	406,454	406,484	30
Advances out	(163,710)	(170,000)	(285,751)	(115,751)
Total other financing sources (uses).	<u>249,895</u>	<u>239,368</u>	<u>139,177</u>	<u>(100,191)</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,612,273)	(2,486,979)	(2,369,908)	117,071
Fund balance at beginning of year.	3,221,615	3,221,615	3,221,615	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	267,697	267,697	267,697	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 1,877,039</u>	<u>\$ 1,002,333</u>	<u>\$ 1,119,404</u>	<u>\$ 117,071</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CANTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2004

	Private-Purpose Trust	
	Scholarship	Agency
Assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 90,819	\$ 63,328
Total assets	90,819	\$ 63,328
Liabilities:		
Undistributed monies	-	\$ 23,999
Due to students	-	39,329
Total liabilities	-	\$ 63,328
Net Assets:		
Held in trust for scholarships	90,819	
Total net assets	\$ 90,819	

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**CANTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Private-Purpose Trust
	Scholarship
Additions:	
Interest	\$ 686
Gifts and contributions.	13,567
	14,253
Total additions.	14,253
Deductions:	
Scholarships awarded	11,420
	2,833
Change in net assets	2,833
Net assets at beginning of year	87,986
Net assets at end of year.	\$ 90,819

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**CANTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004**

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Canton Local School District (the "District") is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is a local district as defined by Section 3311.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District is governed by a five-member board of education (the Board) elected by its citizens, which is responsible for the provision of public education to residents of the District.

The District ranks as the 203rd largest by total revenue among the 613 public school districts in the State. The District employs 129 non-certified and 203 certified employees to provide services to approximately 2,458 students in grades K through 12 and various community groups. The District is located in Canton Township, Stark County, Ohio and serves an area of approximately 25 square miles. The District operates three elementary schools, one middle school, and a high school.

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 also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its governmental activities provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. 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" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39 "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units". The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units and other organization 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, foods 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 organizations' governing board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organizations 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 one component. The following organizations are described due to their relationship to the District:

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

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

DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT

The Canton Local Digital Academy (the "Digital Academy") is a legally separate, non-profit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 3314.03. The Digital Academy is a new conversion school that addresses the needs of students who desire a program of online instruction in an independent environment that does not include the most ancillary components of a more traditional education. The Digital Academy is governed by a five member Board of Directors. The District appoints three of the five Board of Directors. The Digital Academy Board of Directors may adopt budgets, hire and fire employees, and receive funding from the Ohio Department of Education. The District is able to impose its will upon the operations for the Digital Academy, therefore, the financial activity of the Digital Academy are presented as a discretely presented component unit of the District. Separately issued financial statements can be obtained from the Treasurer of the Digital Academy at 4526 Ridge Ave SE, Canton, Ohio 44707.

Information in the following notes to the basic financial statements is applicable to the primary government. Information relative to the component unit can be found in the separately issued financial statements.

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium (SPARCC)

SPARCC is a jointly governed organization created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State Statutes made up of public school districts and county boards of education from Stark, Portage, and Carroll Counties. The primary function of SPARCC is to provide data processing services to its member districts with the major emphasis being placed on accounting, inventory control and payroll services. Other areas of service provided by SPARCC include student scheduling, registration, grade reporting, and test scoring. Each member district pays an annual fee for the services provided by SPARCC.

SPARCC is governed by a board of directors comprised of each Superintendent within the Consortium. The Stark County Educational Service Center serves as the fiscal agent of the Consortium and receives funding from the State Department of Education. Each district has one vote in all matters and each member district's control over budgeting and financing of SPARCC is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the board of directors. The continued existence of SPARCC is not dependent on the District's continued participation and no equity interest exists. Financial information can be obtained by writing the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium, 2100 38th Street NW, Canton, Ohio 44709.

R.G. Drage Career Center

The R.G. Drage Career Center is a district political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a seven member Board, consisting of one representative from each of the six participating district's boards, one board member that rotates from each participating district, and has its own budgeting and taxing authority. Financial information can be obtained by writing the R.G. Drage Career Center, 6805 Richville Drive, S.W., Massillon, Ohio 44646.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Stark County Tax Incentive Review Council (SCTIRC)

SCTIRC is a jointly governed organization, created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State statutes. SCTIRC has 24 members, consisting of three members appointed by the County Commissioners, four members appointed by municipal corporations, ten members appointed by township trustees, one member from the county auditor's office and six members appointed by boards of education located within the enterprise zones of Stark County. The SCTIRC reviews and evaluates the performance of each Enterprise Zone Agreement. This body is advisory in nature and cannot directly impact an existing Enterprise Zone Agreement; however, the council can make written recommendations to the legislative authority that approved the agreement. There is no cost associated with being a member of this Council. The continued existence of the SCTIRC is not dependent upon the District's continued participation and no measurable equity interest exists.

PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOLS

Risk Sharing Pool

The Stark County Schools Council of Governments Health Benefit Plan is a shared risk pool created pursuant to State statute for the purpose of administering health care benefits. The consortium is governed by an assembly which consists of one representative from each participating school district (usually the superintendent or designee). The assembly elects officers for one year terms to serve on the Board of Directors. The assembly exercises control over the operation of the Consortium. All Consortium revenues are generated from charges for services.

Insurance Purchasing Pool

The Stark County Schools Council of Governments Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan has created a group insurance pool for the purpose of creating a group rating plan for workers' compensation. The group is comprised of the treasurers of the members who have been appointed by the respective governing body of each member.

The intent of the pool is to achieve a reduced rate for the District by the group with other members of the group. The injury claim history of all participating members are used to calculate a common rate for the group. An annual fee is paid to Comp Management, Inc. to administer the group and to manage any injury claims. Premium savings created by the group are prorated to each member annually based on its payroll percent of the group.

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.

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 is the District's major governmental fund:

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

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

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.

Other governmental funds of the District are used to account for (a) financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities other than those financed by proprietary and trust funds; (b) for food service operations; and (c) for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Proprietary funds are used to account for the District's ongoing activities which are similar to those often found in the private sector. The District has no proprietary funds.

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's only trust fund is a private-purpose trust which accounts for a scholarship program for students. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The District's agency fund accounts for student and community 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.

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

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.

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 donations. 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, 2004, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2005 operation, have been recorded as deferred revenue. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as deferred revenue.

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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. The fair value of donated commodities received during the year is reported in the fund financial statements 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.

E. Budgets

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 legal level of budgetary control has been established at the fund level for all funds. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education. Although the legal level of budgetary control was established at the fund level of expenditures, the District has elected to present the general fund's budgetary statement comparison at the fund and function level of expenditures.

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 Stark County Budget Commission for rate determination.

Estimated Resources:

By April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission and receives the Commissions' 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 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 District Treasurer. The amounts reported in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts from the certificate of amended resources that was in effect at the time the final appropriations were passed by the Board of Education.

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

Appropriations:

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

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment by the Board throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budget amounts reflect the first appropriation for that fund covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried over from prior year. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the year.

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.

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 2004, investments were limited to overnight repurchase agreements, federal agency securities, and investments in the State Asset Treasury Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio). 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 District has invested funds in STAR Ohio during fiscal 2004. 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, 2004.

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

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 2004 amounted to \$28,966, which includes \$4,515 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 consumption method which means that the cost of inventory items are recorded as an expenditure in the governmental funds when consumed.

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

H. Capital Assets

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to governmental activities. These assets 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 fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000 for its general capital assets and construction-in-progress. The District does not possess any infrastructure. 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.

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>	Governmental Activities <u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land improvements	50 years
Buildings and improvements	50 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	15 - 20 years

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

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

The District reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB No. 16, “Accounting for Compensated Absences”. Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employee’s rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the 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”. The termination payment method accrues a liability that is based entirely on an estimate of the amount of accumulated sick leave that will be paid as a termination benefit. The estimate is based on past experience. This estimate (ratio) is then applied to employee’s sick leave balances and current wages at fiscal year-end.

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.

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, prepayments, supplies inventory, property taxes unavailable for appropriation, budget stabilization and 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.

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

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 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. At fiscal year-end, because prepayments are not available to finance future governmental fund expenditures, the fund balance is reserved on the fund financial statements by an amount equal to the carrying value of the asset.

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 to be set-aside for budget stabilization and for State monies received for school bus purchases. See Note 17 for additional information regarding set-asides.

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. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the basis financial statements.

Interfund activity between governmental funds are eliminated in the statement of activities.

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

R. 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 2004.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

Deficit Fund Balances

Fund balances at June 30, 2004 included the following individual fund deficits:

	<u>Deficit</u>
General	\$919,887
<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	
Other Trust Fund	166,046
Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid	102
Student Reading Intervention	7,979
Special Education	24,464
Vocational Education	19,165
Title I	20,002
Drug-Free Schools	1,576
Class Size Reduction	11,232

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 balance in the Other Trust fund is the result of an interfund loan payable due to the general fund. Proceeds from this interfund loan were used to finance various repair/renovation projects at the high school stadium and will be repaid by contributions and donations received to support the project. The remaining deficit fund balances result from adjustments for accrued liabilities.

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 basic financial statements 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 five-year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

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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 the 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 year-end, the District had \$108 in undeposited cash on hand which is included on the combined balance sheet 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 (including Repurchase Agreements) and Reserve Repurchase Agreements".

Deposits: At year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$(187,514) and the bank balance was \$26,529. A liability was not recorded for the negative carrying amount of deposits because there was no actual overdraft, due to the "zero-balance" nature of the District's bank accounts. The negative carrying amount of deposits is primarily due to the sweeping of monies into overnight repurchase agreements, which are reported as "investments". The entire bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance.

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.

	<u>Category 2</u>	<u>Category 3</u>	<u>Reported Amount</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Repurchase agreements	\$ -	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000
Federal agency securities	<u>978,700</u>	<u>-</u>	978,700	978,700
Total	<u>\$ 978,700</u>	<u>\$ 170,000</u>		
Investment in STAR Ohio			<u>1,029,388</u>	<u>1,029,388</u>
Total investments			<u>\$ 2,178,088</u>	<u>\$ 2,178,088</u>

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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	\$ 1,990,682	\$ -
Investments of the cash management pool:		
Repurchase agreements	(170,000)	170,000
Federal agency securities	(978,700)	978,700
Investment in STAR Ohio	(1,029,388)	1,029,388
Cash on hand	<u>(108)</u>	<u>-</u>
GASB Statement No. 3	<u>\$ (187,514)</u>	<u>\$ 2,178,088</u>

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

- A.** Interfund loans receivable/payable consisted of the following at June 30, 2004, as reported on the fund statement:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Nonmajor governmental funds	\$ 284,980

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.

- B.** Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2004, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund statements:

	<u>Amount</u>
Transfers from general fund to:	
Nonmajor governmental funds	\$ 34,470

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

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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.

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 2004 represents collections of calendar year 2003 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2004 were levied after April 1, 2003, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2003, 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 2004 represents collections of calendar year 2003 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2004 became a lien December 31, 2002, were levied after April 1, 2003 and are collected in 2004 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 2004 (other than public utility property) represents the collection of 2004 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2004 were levied after April 1, 2003, on the value as of December 31, 2003. 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 Stark County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the District the portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County Auditor by June 30, 2004, are available to finance fiscal year 2004 operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2004 was \$431,190 in the general fund and \$16,120 in the Permanent Improvement capital projects fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The amount that was available as advance at June 30, 2003 was \$333,190 in the general fund and \$12,830 in the Permanent Improvement capital projects fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and tangible personal property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2004 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.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

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.

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2004 taxes were collected are:

	2003 Second Half Collections		2004 First Half Collections	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/Residential and Other Real Estate	\$ 192,241,760	57.95	\$ 219,107,080	63.23
Public Utility Personal	33,799,490	10.19	34,224,320	9.88
Tangible Personal Property	<u>105,675,190</u>	<u>31.86</u>	<u>93,178,529</u>	<u>26.89</u>
Total	<u>\$ 331,716,440</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 346,509,929</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for:				
Operations	\$ 45.20		\$ 45.20	
Permanent improvements	1.00		1.00	

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2004 consisted of taxes, accounts (billings for user charged services and student fees), accrued interest, 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	
Property taxes	\$ 13,581,148
Accounts	82,622
Accrued interest	8,787
Intergovernmental	<u>142,619</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,815,176</u>

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

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NOTE 8 - CAPITALIZED LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

During fiscal 2004, the District entered into a capitalized lease agreement for the acquisition of fitness equipment. In addition, in a prior year, the District entered into a capitalized lease agreement for the acquisition of a steam boiler.

These leases meet the criteria of capital leases 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. At inception, the leases were accounted for as a capital outlay expenditure and other financing source in the general fund. Capital lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the fund financial statements and as a reduction of the lease liability in the government-wide financial statements. These expenditures are reflected as program/function expenditures on a budgetary basis.

Capital assets acquired by lease have been capitalized in the statement of net assets in the amount of \$386,901, which is equal to the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of inception. A corresponding liability was recorded in the statement of net assets. Principal payments in the 2004 fiscal year totaled \$50,160. This amount is reflected as debt service principal retirement in the general fund and the special revenue fund (other governmental funds).

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital leases and the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2004.

Year Ending <u>June 30</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
2005	\$ 92,278
2006	92,278
2007	58,691
2008	25,107
2009	<u>12,551</u>
Total minimum lease payment	280,905
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(19,670)</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 261,235</u>

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NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, was as follows:

	<u>Balance 07/01/03</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance 06/30/04</u>
Governmental Activities				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 482,635	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 482,635
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>482,635</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>482,635</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	1,212,807	10,720	-	1,223,527
Buildings and improvements	11,735,745	278,228	-	12,013,973
Furniture and equipment	1,196,524	198,301	-	1,394,825
Vehicles	<u>1,622,389</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,627,389</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>15,767,465</u>	<u>492,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,259,714</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation</i>				
Land improvements	(754,183)	(24,627)	-	(778,810)
Buildings and improvements	(8,166,656)	(226,941)	-	(8,393,597)
Furniture and equipment	(939,435)	(55,426)	-	(994,861)
Vehicles	<u>(817,193)</u>	<u>(81,283)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(898,476)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(10,677,467)</u>	<u>(388,277)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,065,744)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 5,572,633</u>	<u>\$ 103,972</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,676,605</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

<u>Instruction:</u>	
Regular	\$ 152,604
Special	3,505
Vocational	54,852
 <u>Support Services:</u>	
Pupil	3,057
Instructional staff	5,694
Administration	5,789
Operations and maintenance	44,366
Pupil transportation	99,915
Operation of non-instructional	8,079
Extracurricular activities	5,152
Food service operations	<u>5,264</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 388,277</u>

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

During the fiscal year 2004, the following changes occurred in governmental activities long-term obligations:

	Balance <u>07/01/03</u>	Increase	Decrease	Balance <u>06/30/04</u>	Due in <u>One Year</u>
Compensated absences	\$ 2,252,903	\$ 285,442	\$ (142,933)	\$ 2,395,412	\$ 186,271
Early retirement incentive	43,324	-	(33,324)	10,000	10,000
Capital lease obligations	<u>119,494</u>	<u>191,901</u>	<u>(50,160)</u>	<u>261,235</u>	<u>83,366</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,415,721</u>	<u>\$ 477,343</u>	<u>\$ (226,417)</u>	<u>\$ 2,666,647</u>	<u>\$ 279,637</u>

The capital lease obligation will be paid from the general fund and special revenue fund (other governmental funds). Compensated absences and the early retirement incentive will be paid from the fund from which the employee is paid.

NOTE 11 - OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave components are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn five 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. Upon retirement, payment is made to certified and classified employees for one-fourth of accrued, but unused sick leave credit up to a maximum 64 and 65 days, respectively.

B. Insurance Benefits

The District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through Stark County Council of Governments Health Benefits Program. Coverage in the amount of \$50,000 is provided for all certified and classified employees.

C. Special Termination Benefit Payable

The District approved an Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP), which runs from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2003. Participation is open to all classified employees. Employees retiring from the District shall receive twenty days at their regular rate, payable the January following the employee's retirement. As of June 30, 2004, a total of \$10,000 is the liability for this ERIP for employees who took advantage of the ERIP as of fiscal year-end. The final payments will be made in fiscal 2005.

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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. During fiscal year 2004, the District contracted with Indiana Insurance Company for education liability, commercial auto coverage, property, general and excess liability insurance. The Indiana Insurance Company also covers boiler and machinery, inland marine, audio/visual equipment, and musical instruments. Coverages under these policies are as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Type of Coverage</u>	<u>Coverage Amount</u>
Indiana Insurance	Commercial Property	\$61,759,530
	Computers and Equipment	969,199
	Musical Instruments	310,413
	Commercial Auto - Garage Operations	2,000,000
	Non Auto - Garage Operations	1,000,000
	Uninsured Motorists Bodily Injury	50,000
	Uninsured Motorist Property Damage	7,500
	General Liability, in aggregate	5,000,000
	General Liability, per occurrence	5,000,000
	Fire Damage	100,000
	Medical Expense	15,000

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

B. Employee Health Benefits

The District has contracted with Stark County Schools Council of Government (a shared risk pool) (Note 2) to provide employee medical/surgical benefits. Rates are set through an annual calculation process. The District pays a monthly contribution which is placed in a common fund from which claim payments are made for all participating districts. The District's Board of Education pays the entire cost of a monthly premium. For fiscal year 2004, the District cost for paid premium for medical and dental was \$755.90 for family coverage and \$310.62 for single coverage, per month.

Claims are paid for all participants regardless of claims flow. Upon termination, all District claims would be paid without regard to the District's account balance. The Directors have the right to hold monies for an exiting district subsequent to the settlement of all expenses and claims.

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NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

C. Workers' Compensation

The District participates in the Stark County Schools Council of Governments Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 2). 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 districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all 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 percent of the GRP. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund". This "Equity Pooling Fund" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the GRP. Participation in the GRP is limited to districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Comp Management, Inc. 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 10% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current District rate is 14% 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 2004, 9.09% of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2003, 8.17% of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to a statutory maximum amount, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The adequacy of the contribution rates is determined annually. The District's required contributions to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2004, 2003, and 2002 were \$280,426, \$243,704, and \$151,287, respectively; 53.79% has been contributed for fiscal year 2004 and 100% for the fiscal years 2003 and 2002. \$129,591, represents the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2004.

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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.

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. 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 10% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current District rate is 14% 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 years 2004 and 2003, 13% of annual covered salary 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, 2004, 2003, and 2002 were \$1,337,013, \$1,261,075, and \$834,672, respectively; 90.78% has been contributed for fiscal year 2004 and 100% for the fiscal years 2003 and 2002. \$123,238 represents the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2004. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal 2004 were \$3,745 made by the District and \$15,846 made by plan members.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by SERS or STRS have an option to choose Social Security or SERS/STRS. As of June 30, 2004, certain members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The District's liability is 6.2 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 \$102,847 during fiscal 2004.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve fund. The balance in the Health Care Reserve fund was \$3.1 billion at June 30, 2004. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$268.739 million and STRS had 111,853 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. Effective January 1, 2004, all retirees and beneficiaries are required to pay a portion of their health care premium. The portion is based on years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status. A safety net is in place for retirees whose household income falls below federal poverty levels. Premiums are reduced by 50% for those who apply.

For this fiscal year, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 4.91% 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 2004, the minimum pay has been established at \$25,400. 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, before premium deduction. Gross expenses for health care at June 30, 2004 were \$223.444 million and the target level was \$335.2 million. At June 30, 2004, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$300.8 million and SERS had approximately 62,000 participants receiving health care benefits. For the District, the amount to fund health care benefits, including surcharge, equaled \$199,129 during the 2004 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 and other financing sources 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 and other financing uses 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	\$ (2,369,908)
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	74,502
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(113,840)
Net adjustment for other sources/(uses)	(173,647)
Adjustment for encumbrances	<u>254,994</u>
GAAP basis	<u>\$ (2,327,899)</u>

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 a party to legal proceedings that would have a material effect 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 Districts 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 money for budget stabilization. At June 30, 2004, only the unspent portion of certain workers' compensation refunds continues to be set-aside.

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

	<u>Textbooks/ Instructional Materials</u>	<u>Capital Acquisition</u>	<u>Budget Stabilization</u>
Set-aside cash balance as of June 30, 2003	\$ (578,204)	\$ (334,419)	\$ 93,425
Current year set-aside requirement	367,355	367,355	-
Current year offsets	-	(281,526)	-
Qualifying disbursements	<u>(509,427)</u>	<u>(642,211)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ (720,276)</u>	<u>\$ (890,801)</u>	<u>\$ 93,425</u>
Balance carried forward to FY 2005	<u>\$ (720,276)</u>	<u>\$ (314,462)</u>	<u>\$ 93,425</u>

The amount of qualifying disbursements exceeding the set-aside requirement in the textbooks reserve may be carried forward to reduce the set-aside requirement for future years. In addition, the District had offsets and qualifying disbursements that reduced the capital acquisition set-aside amount below zero. The current year offset in the Capital Acquisition set-aside may be carried forward to offset future year's requirements and the excess qualifying disbursements may not be carried forward to future years.

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

A schedule of the restricted assets at June 30, 2004 follows:

Amount restricted for school bus purchases	\$ 63,574
Amount restricted for budget stabilization	<u>93,425</u>
Total restricted assets	<u>\$ 156,999</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

**CANTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ SUB GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH GRANT NUMBER	(D) CASH FEDERAL RECEIPTS	OTHER FEDERAL RECEIPTS	(D) CASH FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS	OTHER FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:						
Nutrition Cluster:						
(A) (B) Food Distribution	10.550	N/A	\$ -	\$ 65,526	\$ -	\$ 65,526
(A) (C) School Breakfast Program	10.553	049833-05-PU-2003	14,754	-	14,754	-
(A) (C) School Breakfast Program	10.553	049833-05-PU-2004	41,725	-	41,725	-
(A) (C) National School Lunch	10.555	049833-LL-P4 2003	73,731	-	73,731	-
(A) (C) National School Lunch	10.555	049833-LL-P4 2004	198,886	-	198,886	-
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture and Nutrition Cluster			329,096	65,526	329,096	65,526
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:						
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	049833-C1-S1 2003	-		197	
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	049833-C1-S1 2004	236,359		255,287	
Total Title I			236,359		255,484	
Special Education: Grants to States	84.027	049833-6B-SD-2003-P	35,000		43,432	
Special Education: Grants to States	84.027	049833-6B-SD-2004-P	28,056		20,667	
(E) Special Education: Grants to States	84.027	049833-6B-SF-2003-P	(274)		12,982	
Special Education: Grants to States	84.027	049833-6B-SF-2004	297,266		331,256	
Total Special Education: Grants to States			360,048		408,337	
Vocational Education	84.048	049833-20-C1 2003	12,859		-	
Vocational Education	84.048	049833-20-C1 2004	66,231		85,058	
Total Vocational Education			79,090		85,058	
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities	84.186	049833-DR-S1 2002	-		814	
(F) Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities	84.186	049833-DR-S1 2003	(1,709)		-	
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities	84.186	049833-DR-S1 2004	15,568		17,145	
Total Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities			13,859		17,959	
(G) State Grants for Innovative Programs	84.298	049833-C2-S1 2003	(3,878)		-	
State Grants for Innovative Programs	84.298	049833-C2-S1 2004	12,145		9,613	
Total State Grants for Innovative Programs			8,267		9,613	
(H) Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grant:	84.318	049833-TJ-S1-2003	(490)		-	
Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grant:	84.318	049833-TJ-S1-2004	11,574		6,308	
Total Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grants			11,084		6,308	
School Renovation, IDEA and Technology	84.352A	N/A	193,361		203,901	
(I) Improving Teacher Quality	84.367	049833-TR-S1-2003	(5,042)		169	
Improving Teacher Quality	84.367	049833-TR-S1-2004	92,310		102,692	
Total Improving Teacher Quality			87,268		102,861	
Total U.S. Department of Education			989,336		1,089,521	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:						
Community Alternative Funding System Program	93.778	N/A	51,212		51,212	
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			51,212		51,212	
Total Federal Financial Assistance			\$ 1,369,644	\$ 65,526	\$ 1,469,829	\$ 65,526

- (A) Included as part of "Nutrition Grant Cluster" in determining major programs.
- (B) The Food Distribution Program is a non-cash, in kind, federal grant. Commodities are valued at fair market prices.
- (C) Commingled with state and local revenue from sales of lunches; assumed expenditures were made on a first-in, first-out basis.
- (D) This schedule was prepared on the cash basis of accounting.
- (E) Amount of \$274 was transferred to next grant year based on Ohio Department of Education administrative action.
- (F) Amount of \$1,709 was transferred to next grant year based on Ohio Department of Education administrative action.
- (G) Amount of \$3,878 was transferred to next grant year based on Ohio Department of Education administrative action.
- (H) Amount of \$490 was transferred to next grant year based on Ohio Department of Education administrative action.
- (I) Amount of \$5,042 was transferred to next grant year based on Ohio Department of Education administrative action.

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Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

Board of Education
Canton Local School District
4526 Ridge Avenue, SE
Canton, Ohio 44707

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component units, its major fund, and the remaining aggregate fund information of the Canton Local School District as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprises the Canton Local School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 8, 2005. We did not audit the financial statements of the Canton Local Digital Academy, the District's only discretely presented component unit. Other auditors audited those financial statements. They have furnished their report thereon to us, and we base our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Canton Local Digital Academy, on the report of other auditors. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Canton Local 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 and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable 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 caused by error or fraud 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 do not require inclusion in this report that we have reported to management of Canton Local School District in a separate letter dated February 8, 2005.

Board of Education
Canton Local School District

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Canton Local School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, 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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Board of the Canton Local 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 8, 2005

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

Board of Education
Canton Local School District
4526 Ridge Avenue, SE
Canton, Ohio 44707

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Canton Local 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, 2004. The Canton Local 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 Canton Local School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Canton Local 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 with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Canton Local School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Canton Local School District's compliance with those requirements.

Board of Education
Canton Local School District

In our opinion, the Canton Local School District 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, 2004.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the Canton Local School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Canton Local School District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on its 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 reportable 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 caused by error or fraud that would be material in relation to its major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information and use of the management, the Board of the Canton Local 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 8, 2005

**CANTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 § .505
JUNE 30, 2004**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	<i>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</i>	Unqualified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any other reportable control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	<i>Was there any reported non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	<i>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</i>	Unqualified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	<i>Are there any reportable findings under § .510?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	<i>Major Program:</i>	Special Education: Grants to States; CFDA #84.027
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	<i>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</i>	Type A: >\$300,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	<i>Low Risk Auditee?</i>	Yes

**CANTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 § .505
JUNE 30, 2004**

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

None.

3. FINDINGS COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.



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CANTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STARK COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MAY 5, 2005**