

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE COUNTY, OHIO**

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

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We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Vermilion Local School District, Erie County, prepared by Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2003 to 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 Vermilion Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Betty Montgomery

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January 31, 2005

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Independent Auditor’s Report

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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, its major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Vermilion Local School District, Erie 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 conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, its major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Vermilion Local School District, Erie County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General fund for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 2, 2004, on our consideration of the District’s internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our 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.

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The management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 12 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 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 not a required part of the basic financial statements of the District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc.

Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc.
December 2, 2004

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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The management's discussion and analysis of the Vermilion 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 \$433,381 which represents a 4.59% decrease from 2003.
- General revenues accounted for \$20,540,035 in revenue or 89.85% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$2,319,602 or 10.15% of total revenues of \$22,859,637.
- The District had \$23,293,018 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$2,319,602 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services and sales, grants or contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$20,540,035 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's only major governmental fund is the general fund. The general fund had \$21,416,847 in revenues and other financing sources and \$21,261,052 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2004, the general fund's fund balance increased \$158,692 from \$4,334,213 to \$4,492,905.

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 fund. 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 22-47 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	\$ 21,935,952	\$ 20,062,139
Capital assets	<u>7,185,717</u>	<u>7,164,713</u>
Total assets	<u>29,121,669</u>	<u>27,226,852</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities	15,796,801	14,340,644
Long-term liabilities	<u>4,322,731</u>	<u>3,450,690</u>
Total liabilities	<u>20,119,532</u>	<u>17,791,334</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	5,367,067	5,963,203
Restricted	256,818	291,089
Unrestricted	<u>3,378,252</u>	<u>3,181,226</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 9,002,137</u>	<u>\$ 9,435,518</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 \$9,002,137. Of this total, \$3,378,252 is unrestricted in use.

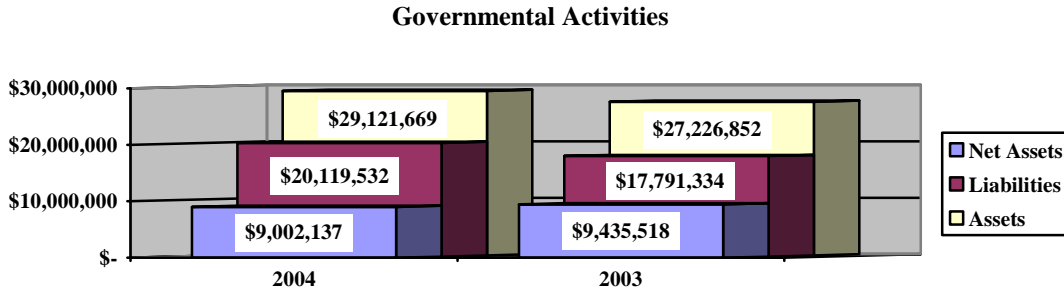
At year-end, capital assets represented 24.67% of total assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. Capital assets, net of related debt to acquire the assets at June 30, 2004, were \$5,367,067. These capital assets are used 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, \$256,818, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets of \$3,378,252 may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to the students and creditors.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue and expenses for fiscal years 2004 and 2003:



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	\$ 1,093,280	\$ 809,790
Operating grants and contributions	1,226,322	1,162,767
Capital grants and contributions	-	37,912
General revenues:		
Property taxes	13,978,757	12,894,147
Grants and entitlements	6,469,211	7,214,735
Investment earnings	76,015	96,454
Miscellaneous	<u>16,052</u>	<u>22,595</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 22,859,637</u>	<u>\$ 22,238,400</u>

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Change in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities <u>2004</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2003</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program expenses:		
Instruction:		
Regular	\$ 9,894,931	\$ 9,082,427
Special	2,359,207	1,973,501
Vocational	183,120	152,065
Other	400,090	258,501
Support services:		
Pupil	1,161,608	1,001,908
Instructional staff	1,144,097	1,213,020
Board of education	169,033	52,622
Administration	1,510,609	1,310,425
Fiscal	520,718	484,238
Business	168,104	202,658
Operations and maintenance	2,991,063	2,267,938
Pupil transportation	1,222,034	1,283,282
Central	70,604	33,792
Food service operations	614,049	624,770
Operations of non-instructional services	9,314	8,846
Extracurricular activities	659,014	588,973
Intergovernmental	81,238	75,440
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>134,185</u>	<u>113,069</u>
Total expenses	<u>23,293,018</u>	<u>20,727,475</u>
Change in net assets	<u>\$ (433,381)</u>	<u>\$ 1,510,925</u>

Governmental Activities

Net assets of the District's governmental activities decreased \$433,381. Total governmental expenses of \$23,293,018 were offset by program revenues of \$2,319,602 and general revenues of \$20,540,035. Program revenues supported 9.96% of the total governmental expenses.

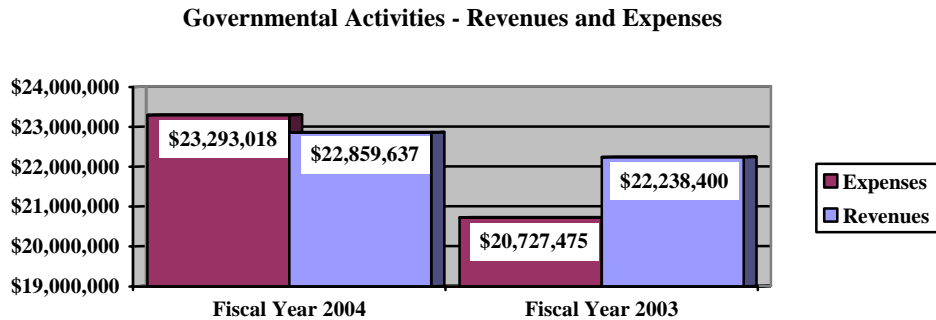
The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from property taxes, and grants and entitlements. These revenue sources represent 89.45% of total governmental revenue.

The largest expense of the District is for instructional programs. Instruction expenses totaled \$12,837,348 or 55.11% of total governmental expenses for fiscal year 2004.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue and expenses for fiscal years 2004 and 2003.



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

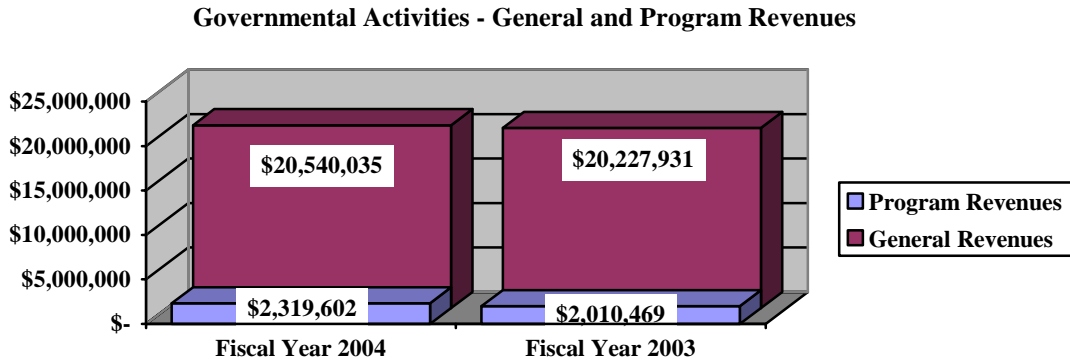
	Total Cost of Services <u>2004</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2004</u>	Total Cost of Services <u>2003</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2003</u>
Program expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 9,894,931	\$ 9,385,818	\$ 9,082,427	\$ 8,730,149
Special	2,359,207	2,028,819	1,973,501	1,666,399
Vocational	183,120	163,120	152,065	152,065
Other	400,090	400,090	258,501	258,501
Support services:				
Pupil	1,161,608	885,820	1,001,908	805,170
Instructional staff	1,144,097	929,799	1,213,020	1,010,420
Board of education	169,033	169,033	52,622	52,622
Administration	1,510,609	1,493,203	1,310,425	1,296,736
Fiscal	520,718	520,718	484,238	484,238
Business	168,104	168,104	202,658	200,772
Operations and maintenance	2,991,063	2,980,645	2,267,938	2,152,627
Pupil transportation	1,222,034	1,186,838	1,283,282	1,282,839
Central	70,604	70,604	33,792	32,922
Food service operations	614,049	(68,645)	624,770	(9,254)
Operations of non-instructional services	9,314	426	8,846	1,304
Extracurricular activities	659,014	527,938	588,973	487,893
Intergovernmental	81,238	(3,099)	75,440	(1,466)
Interest and fiscal charges	134,185	134,185	113,069	113,069
Total expenses	<u>\$ 23,293,018</u>	<u>\$ 20,973,416</u>	<u>\$ 20,727,475</u>	<u>\$ 18,717,006</u>

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The dependence upon tax and other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, 93.30% of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 90.04%. 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 \$5,182,692, which is higher than last year's total of \$4,978,777. 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>Increase</u>	Percentage <u>Change</u>
General	\$ 4,492,905	\$ 4,334,213	\$ 158,692	3.66 %
Other Governmental	<u>689,787</u>	<u>644,564</u>	<u>45,223</u>	7.02 %
Total	<u>\$ 5,182,692</u>	<u>\$ 4,978,777</u>	<u>\$ 203,915</u>	4.10 %

General Fund

The District's general fund balance increased \$158,692. The increase in fund balance can be primarily attributed to the proceeds from the capital lease transaction and the sale of bonds of \$237,530 and \$660,000, respectively. 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>Amount</u>	<u>2003</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Taxes	\$ 13,736,846	\$ 12,568,533	\$ 1,168,313	9.29 %
Earnings on investments	88,049	52,112	35,937	68.96 %
Intergovernmental	6,448,696	7,194,616	(745,920)	(10.37) %
Other revenues	<u>245,726</u>	<u>113,063</u>	<u>132,663</u>	117.34 %
Total	<u>\$ 20,519,317</u>	<u>\$ 19,928,324</u>	<u>\$ 590,993</u>	2.97 %
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Instruction	\$ 11,769,273	\$ 10,434,687	\$ 1,334,586	12.79 %
Support services	8,455,081	7,450,752	1,004,329	13.48 %
Extracurricular activities	515,599	485,857	29,742	6.12 %
Capital outlay	237,530	-	237,530	100.00 %
Debt service	<u>283,569</u>	<u>113,718</u>	<u>169,851</u>	149.36 %
Total	<u>\$ 21,261,052</u>	<u>\$ 18,485,014</u>	<u>\$ 2,776,038</u>	15.02 %

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 year 2004, the District amended its general fund budget several times. For the general fund, original budgeted revenues and other financing sources were \$21,603,421 and final budgeted revenues and other financing sources were \$21,348,460. Actual revenues and other financing sources for fiscal year 2004 was \$21,340,312. This represents a \$8,148 decrease from final budgeted revenues.

General fund original appropriations and other financing uses of \$21,868,485 were decreased to \$21,818,271 in the final budget. The actual budget basis expenditures and other financing uses for fiscal year 2004 totaled \$20,877,542, which was \$940,729 less than the final budget appropriations.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2004, the District had \$7,185,717 invested in land, and improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. This entire amount is reported in governmental activities. The following table shows fiscal year 2004 balances compared to 2003:

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

	Governmental Activities	
	2004	2003
Land	\$ 699,837	\$ 699,837
Land improvements	49,653	53,425
Building and improvements	4,410,697	4,386,678
Furniture and equipment	1,206,153	1,195,601
Vehicles	819,377	829,172
Total	\$ 7,185,717	\$ 7,164,713

The overall increase in capital assets of \$21,004 is due to capital outlays of \$654,968 exceeding depreciation expenses of \$625,625 and disposals of \$8,339 (net of accumulated depreciation) in the fiscal year.

See Note 8 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's capital assets.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2004, the District had \$780,000 in general obligation bonds and \$1,505,000 in energy conservation bonds outstanding. Of this total, \$220,000 is due within one year and \$2,065,000 is due in greater than one year. The following table summarizes the bonds and loans outstanding.

Outstanding Debt, at Year End

	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities
	2004	2003
General obligation bonds	\$ 780,000	\$ 895,000
Energy conservation bonds	1,505,000	950,000
Total	\$ 2,285,000	\$ 1,845,000

At June 30, 2004, the District's overall legal debt margin was \$39,131,719, an unvoted debt margin of \$440,355, and an unvoted energy conservation debt margin of \$3,113,193.

See Note 11 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's debt administration.

Current Financial Related Activities

Like many school districts in Ohio, the Vermilion Local School District is facing the difficult challenge of maintaining standards of service to our students while operating within our fiscal limitations. Current projections indicate that by June 30, 2007, the District's operating funds will have a deficit balance in excess of \$1.5 million. This deficit is a result of reductions in the personal property tax base as well as lack of adequate revenue from the state.

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The triennial update commenced in 2003 effective for calendar year 2004. Current trends would facilitate the assumption that the 20-mill floor will be reached as a result of the update, thereby generating additional revenue. Voters approved an Emergency Levy Renewal in November 2002 that will generate \$2,175,000 per year. This levy will expire mid-year in 2005-2006, and a renewal will be sought not later than November, 2005, to avoid a gap in collections.

First Energy Corporation has added a new plant to our district for 2003.

Ford Motor Company has announced the planned closing of the Lorain Assembly Plant with a tentative timeline of late 2006. The impact of the real estate values on this parcel are undetermined. Tax laws would lead to the assumption that this revenue will remain constant as adjustments are made to the remaining properties in the Commercial/Industrial duplicate. To reflect the estimated loss of revenue due to the announced closing of the Ford Motor Company Lorain Assembly Plant, \$375,000 (half-year collection) had been deducted from estimated revenue for Tangible Personal Property in FY07 and \$750,000 for subsequent years in the October 2003 forecast. In recent weeks, an internal Ford memorandum has been published in the press that would indicate that the loss of revenue will be one year sooner than anticipated and those adjustments have been made for the May 2004 forecast.

Valuations decreased by over 27% in calendar year 1998 mainly because of Ford's closing down the Thunderbird and Cougar line. As a result, our PT tax collection has decreased substantially. Fiscal year 2000 included the 1998 values multiplied by the tax rates, plus one half year's collection of the 3 year Emergency Levy. Calendar year 1999 valuations (collectable calendar year 2000 – fiscal year 2001) tentatively issued by the County Auditor's office would have decreased by another \$2,685,550 (primary cause – Ford Motor Co.). However, fiscal year 2001 had an unusual collection rate of delinquent taxes resulting in over \$200,000 in revenue. There was a one year increase in valuation of personal property at the Lorain Assembly Plant that brought in \$400,000 during fiscal year 2001. The assessment rate on personal tangible property is 25%. What began in January 2002, with the assessment rate on the inventory portion of this tax will decreasing by 1% a year until it is completely phased out has now been accelerated. Due to the confidential nature of business returns, it is difficult to estimate the amount and timing of reductions in local revenue.

State funding that was originally scheduled to increase at the rate of 2.8% per year was reduced to 2.2% per year as a result of the passage of HB 95. Approximately \$123,000 in state funding was lost due to March 2003 budget cuts by the legislature. Additional reductions have been made for transportation, parity aid, etc.

A reduction of approximately \$600,000 per year in State Aid will begin in 2004 with the 23 mill charge off of the estimated \$26 million new valuation of the First Energy West Lorain Turbine Plant.

For FY04, the district received \$498,934 in transitional aide guarantee from the state. This funding is in the state budget through FY05, but has been removed from FY06 revenue estimates and beyond due to the uncertain state of school funding in Ohio.

The Board of Education and the administration of the District have been good stewards of the tax dollars provided by our community. However, due to the revenue circumstances cited as well increases in expenditures, the District will be in a position that will require an increased level of revenue or a reduction in the services offered to our community. The state legislature remains unable to commit adequate funding for all school children in Ohio. The result is an increasing shift of costs to the local taxpayer to support education in each community.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizen's taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Ms. Amy Hendricks, Director of Finance and Business Operations, Vermilion Local School District, 1230 Beechview Drive, Vermilion, Ohio 44089.

**BASIC
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2004

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents.	\$ 7,239,654
Cash with fiscal agent	755
Receivables:	
Taxes	14,463,939
Accounts	7,058
Accrued interest	28,603
Intergovernmental	125,269
Materials and supplies inventory	70,674
Capital assets:	
Land	699,837
Depreciable capital assets, net	6,485,880
Capital assets, net.	7,185,717
 Total assets.	 29,121,669
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable.	6,676
Accrued wages and benefits	2,020,635
Pension obligation payable.	530,612
Intergovernmental payable	77,481
Deferred revenue	12,731,347
Accrued interest payable	5,499
Matured interest payable	755
Claims payable	423,796
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year.	771,417
Due in more than one year	3,551,314
Total liabilities	20,119,532
Net Assets:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt.	5,367,067
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	57,961
Debt service.	198,857
Unrestricted.	3,378,252
Total net assets	\$ 9,002,137

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE 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	Governmental Activities	
Governmental activities:				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 9,894,931	\$ 335,524	\$ 173,589	\$ (9,385,818)
Special	2,359,207	-	330,388	(2,028,819)
Vocational	183,120	-	20,000	(163,120)
Other	400,090	-	-	(400,090)
Support services:				
Pupil.	1,161,608	86,826	188,962	(885,820)
Instructional staff	1,144,097	68,780	145,518	(929,799)
Board of education	169,033	-	-	(169,033)
Administration.	1,510,609	-	17,406	(1,493,203)
Fiscal.	520,718	-	-	(520,718)
Business.	168,104	-	-	(168,104)
Operations and maintenance	2,991,063	7,613	2,805	(2,980,645)
Pupil transportation	1,222,034	35,196	-	(1,186,838)
Central	70,604	-	-	(70,604)
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	614,049	428,265	254,429	68,645
Other non-instructional services	9,314	-	8,888	(426)
Extracurricular activities.	659,014	131,076	-	(527,938)
Intergovernmental pass-through	81,238	-	84,337	3,099
Interest and fiscal charges	134,185	-	-	(134,185)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 23,293,018</u>	<u>\$ 1,093,280</u>	<u>\$ 1,226,322</u>	<u>(20,973,416)</u>
General Revenues:				
Property taxes levied for:				
General purposes				13,793,669
Debt service				185,088
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs				6,469,211
Investment earnings				76,015
Miscellaneous.				16,052
Total general revenues				<u>20,540,035</u>
Change in net assets.				(433,381)
Net assets at beginning of year				9,435,518
Net assets at end of year				<u>\$ 9,002,137</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE COUNTY, OHIO**

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2004

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,444,247	\$ 794,957	\$ 7,239,204
Cash with fiscal agent	-	755	755
Receivables:			
Taxes	14,252,063	211,876	14,463,939
Accounts	7,058	-	7,058
Accrued interest	28,603	-	28,603
Interfund loans	76,068	-	76,068
Intergovernmental	-	125,269	125,269
Materials and supplies inventory	58,612	12,062	70,674
Restricted assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	450	-	450
Total assets	\$ 20,867,101	\$ 1,144,919	\$ 22,012,020
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 5,519	\$ 1,157	\$ 6,676
Accrued wages and benefits	1,875,932	144,703	2,020,635
Compensated absences payable	197,256	-	197,256
Pension obligation payable	323,990	221	324,211
Intergovernmental payable	72,047	5,434	77,481
Interfund loans payable	-	76,068	76,068
Matured interest payable	-	755	755
Claims payable	423,796	-	423,796
Deferred revenue	13,475,656	226,794	13,702,450
Total liabilities	16,374,196	455,132	16,829,328
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for encumbrances	148,462	50,748	199,210
Reserved for materials and supplies inventory	58,612	12,062	70,674
Reserved for debt service	-	265,053	265,053
Reserved for property tax unavailable for appropriation	805,010	14,737	819,747
Reserved for school bus purchases	450	-	450
Unreserved, undesignated, reported in:			
General fund	3,480,371	-	3,480,371
Special revenue funds	-	289,226	289,226
Capital projects funds	-	57,961	57,961
Total fund balances	4,492,905	689,787	5,182,692
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 20,867,101	\$ 1,144,919	\$ 22,012,020

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE COUNTY, OHIO**

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

Total governmental fund balances		\$ 5,182,692
<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.		7,185,717
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.		
Taxes	\$ 912,845	
Intergovernmental revenue	29,655	
Accrued interest	28,603	
Total		971,103
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Compensated absences	1,526,825	
Pension obligation payable	206,401	
General obligation bonds payable	780,000	
Energy conservation notes payable	900,000	
Energy conservation improvement bonds payable	605,000	
Lease purchase agreement	194,588	
Capital lease obligation	119,062	
Accrued interest payable	5,499	
Total		(4,337,375)
Net assets of governmental activities		\$ 9,002,137

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
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	\$ 13,736,846	\$ 185,030	\$ 13,921,876
Tuition.	205,831	-	205,831
Charges for services.	355	427,265	427,620
Earnings on investments.	88,049	2,650	90,699
Extracurricular.	-	178,769	178,769
Classroom materials and fees	-	86,057	86,057
Other local revenues.	39,540	171,515	211,055
Other revenue	-	2,500	2,500
Intergovernmental - State.	6,445,299	194,012	6,639,311
Intergovernmental - Federal	3,397	1,040,241	1,043,638
Total revenues	<u>20,519,317</u>	<u>2,288,039</u>	<u>22,807,356</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	9,256,132	276,413	9,532,545
Special.	1,943,776	370,511	2,314,287
Vocational.	169,275	13,038	182,313
Other.	400,090	-	400,090
Support services:			
Pupil.	863,739	263,013	1,126,752
Instructional staff	1,064,840	173,873	1,238,713
Board of education	169,033	-	169,033
Administration.	1,444,297	29,295	1,473,592
Fiscal	506,743	3,453	510,196
Business	183,729	-	183,729
Operations and maintenance.	2,959,947	3,768	2,963,715
Pupil transportation	1,193,773	22,167	1,215,940
Central.	68,980	-	68,980
Operation of non-instructional services:			
Food service operations	-	610,420	610,420
Other non-instructional services	-	9,294	9,294
Extracurricular activities.	515,599	135,408	651,007
Intergovernmental pass-through	-	81,238	81,238
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	167	167
Capital outlay	237,530	-	237,530
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	202,269	193,121	395,390
Interest and fiscal charges	68,040	55,683	123,723
Bond issuance costs	13,260	-	13,260
Total expenditures	<u>21,261,052</u>	<u>2,240,862</u>	<u>23,501,914</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures.	<u>(741,735)</u>	<u>47,177</u>	<u>(694,558)</u>
Other financing sources:			
Proceeds from capital lease transaction	237,530	-	237,530
Proceeds from sale of bonds	660,000	-	660,000
Total other financing sources.	<u>897,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>897,530</u>
Net change in fund balances	155,795	47,177	202,972
Fund balances at beginning of year	4,334,213	644,564	4,978,777
Increase (decrease) in reserve for inventory	2,897	(1,954)	943
Fund balances at end of year.	<u>\$ 4,492,905</u>	<u>\$ 689,787</u>	<u>\$ 5,182,692</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE 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	\$	202,972
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</i>		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays (\$654,968) exceeds depreciation expense (\$625,625) in the current period.		29,343
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, disposals, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net assets.		(8,339)
Governmental funds report expenditures for inventory when purchased. However, in the statement of activities, they are reported as an expense when consumed.		943
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		52,281
Repayment of bonds, and lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.		395,390
Proceeds of bonds and leases are recorded as revenue in the funds, however on the statement of activities, they are not reported as revenues as they increase the liabilities on the statement of net assets.		(897,530)
Governmental funds report expenditures for interest when it is due. In the statement of activities, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.		2,798
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences and pension obligations, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		(211,239)
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$	(433,381)

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE 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	\$ 14,103,996	\$ 13,937,543	\$ 13,923,566	\$ (13,977)
Tuition	208,498	206,038	205,831	(207)
Transportation	4,288	4,237	4,233	(4)
Earnings on investments	80,691	79,739	79,659	(80)
Charges for services	360	355	355	-
Other local revenues	62,683	61,943	61,881	(62)
Intergovernmental - State	6,431,752	6,355,846	6,349,472	(6,374)
Intergovernmental - Federal	3,441	3,400	3,397	(3)
Total revenues	<u>20,895,709</u>	<u>20,649,101</u>	<u>20,628,394</u>	<u>(20,707)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	9,530,252	9,508,370	9,092,622	415,748
Special	2,006,206	2,001,600	1,914,081	87,519
Vocational	183,159	182,738	174,748	7,990
Other	419,409	418,446	400,150	18,296
Support services:				
Pupil	897,262	895,202	856,060	39,142
Instructional staff	1,108,069	1,105,524	1,057,186	48,338
Board of education	181,317	180,901	172,991	7,910
Administration	1,527,689	1,524,181	1,457,537	66,644
Fiscal	545,008	543,756	519,981	23,775
Business	197,851	197,397	188,766	8,631
Operations and maintenance	3,181,899	3,174,593	3,111,395	63,198
Pupil transportation	1,167,784	1,165,102	1,114,159	50,943
Central	71,729	71,564	68,435	3,129
Extracurricular activities	521,555	520,357	497,605	22,752
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	174,970	174,970	105,000	69,970
Interest and fiscal charges	74,597	74,024	57,498	16,526
Bond issuance costs	-	-	13,260	(13,260)
Total expenditures	<u>21,788,756</u>	<u>21,738,725</u>	<u>20,801,474</u>	<u>937,251</u>
Excess of revenues under expenditures	<u>(893,047)</u>	<u>(1,089,624)</u>	<u>(173,080)</u>	<u>916,544</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Refund of prior year expenditures	19,442	19,212	19,193	(19)
Advances in	33,149	32,758	32,725	(33)
Advances (out)	(79,729)	(79,546)	(76,068)	3,478
Proceeds from sale of bonds	655,121	647,389	660,000	12,611
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>627,983</u>	<u>619,813</u>	<u>635,850</u>	<u>16,037</u>
Net change in fund balance	(265,064)	(469,811)	462,770	932,581
Fund balance at beginning of year	5,350,602	5,350,602	5,350,602	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	529,740	529,740	529,740	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 5,615,278</u>	<u>\$ 5,410,531</u>	<u>\$ 6,343,112</u>	<u>\$ 932,581</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE 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	\$ 273,736	\$ 101,707
Receivables:		
Taxes	-	349,950
Total assets.	273,736	\$ 451,657
Liabilities:		
Intergovernmental payable	-	\$ 349,950
Due to students	-	101,707
Total liabilities	-	\$ 451,657
Net Assets:		
Held in trust for scholarships	273,736	
Total net assets	\$ 273,736	

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE 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	\$ 2,698
Gifts and contributions.	19,421
	22,119
Total additions.	22,119
Deductions:	
Scholarships awarded	67
	22,052
Change in net assets	22,052
Net assets at beginning of year.	251,684
	273,736
Net assets at end of year	\$ 273,736

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE COUNTY, OHIO**

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

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Vermilion Local School District (the "District") is located in Erie County and encompasses all of the City of Vermillion and portions of surrounding townships.

The District was established in 1944 through the consolidation of existing land areas and school districts and is organized under Sections 2 and 3, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. Under such laws there is no authority for a school district to have a charter or adopt local laws. The legislative power of the school district is vested in the Board of Education, consisting of five members elected at large for staggered four-year terms.

The District ranks as the 201st largest by enrollment among the 613 public school districts in the state, and the 2nd largest in Erie County. It currently operates 2 elementary schools, 1 middle school, and 1 comprehensive high school. The District employs 107 non-certified and 170 certified employees to provide services to 2,525 students in grades K through 12 and various community groups.

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) Statement 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". The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the basic financial statements of the District are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the District, this includes general operations, food service, preschool 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' government board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; or (3) the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Based upon the application of this criteria, the District has no component units. The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include only those of the District (the primary government). The following organizations are described due to their relationship to the District:

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE COUNTY, OHIO**

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

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

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION

EHOVE Career Center

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

Lake Erie Education Computer Association (LEECA)

LEECA is a jointly governed organization among thirty school districts. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology (with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment) to administrative and instructional functions among member districts. Each of the governments of these schools supports LEECA based upon a per pupil charge, dependent upon the software package utilized. The LEECA assembly consists of a superintendent or designated representative from each participating school district and a representative from the fiscal agent. LEECA is governed by a Board of Directors chosen from the general membership of the LEECA assembly.

The Board of Directors consists of a representative from the fiscal agent, the chairman of each of the operating committees, and at least one Assembly member from each county in which participating school districts are located. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer at the Lorain County Board of Education, who serves as the fiscal agent, at 1885 Lake Avenue, Elyria, Ohio 44035.

RELATED ORGANIZATION

The Ritter Public Library

The Ritter Public Library is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio created under Chapter 3375 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Library is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the District's Board of Education. The Board of Trustees possesses its own contracting and budgeting authority, hires and fires personnel and does not depend on the District for operational subsidies. Although the District does serve as the taxing authority and has issued tax related debt on behalf of the Library, its role is limited to a ministerial function. The determination to request approval of a tax, the rate and the purpose are discretionary decisions made solely by the Board of Trustees. Financial information can be obtained from the Ritter Public Library, Clerk/Treasurer, at 5680 Liberty Avenue, Vermilion, Ohio 44089.

INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (the "Plan")

The District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Plan was established through the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) as a group purchasing pool.

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE COUNTY, OHIO**

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

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

B. Fund Accounting

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

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

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

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) the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs; (b) financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities; and (c) for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

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 scholarship programs for students. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

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.

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE COUNTY, OHIO**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 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.

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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 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as deferred revenue.

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

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The fair value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances as an expenditure with a like amount reported as intergovernmental revenue. Unused donated commodities are 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 District is required by state statute to adopt an annual appropriated cash basis budget for all funds (except agency). The specific timetable is as follows:

1. Prior to January 15 of the preceding year, the Superintendent and Treasurer submit to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing for all funds. Public hearings are publicized and conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. The express purpose of this budget document is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.
2. By no later than January 20, the board-adopted budget is filed with the Erie County Budget Commission for tax rate determination.
3. Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission and receives the Commission's Certificate of Estimated Resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to June 30, the District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the Certificate of Estimated Resources. The revised budget then serves as a basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the Certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year as reported by the District Treasurer. The Certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The amounts reported in the budgetary statement reflect the amounts set forth in the final Amended Certificate issued for fiscal year 2004.

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

4. By July 1, the annual Appropriation Resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund level of expenditures, which is the legal level of budgetary control. State statute permits a temporary appropriation to be effective until no later than October 1 of each year. Although the legal level of budgetary control was established at the fund level of expenditures, the District has elected to present budgetary statement comparisons at the fund and function level of expenditures. Resolution appropriations by fund must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission, and the total of expenditures and encumbrances may not exceed the appropriation total.
5. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriation must be approved by the Board of Education.
6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds consistent with the general obligation bond indenture and other statutory provisions. All funds completed the year within the amount of their legally authorized cash basis appropriation.
7. Appropriation amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Education through the year by supplemental appropriations which either reallocated or increased the original appropriated amounts. All supplemental appropriations were legally enacted by the Board during fiscal year 2004. All amounts reported in the budgetary statement reflect the original appropriations plus all modifications legally enacted by the Board.
8. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund level.

F. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the District other than cash with fiscal agent is pooled. 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 2004, investments were limited to the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio), repurchase agreements, a U.S. Government money market fund and federal agency securities.

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.

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)

The District allocates investment earnings to the General, Other Grants, Student Managed Activities, District Managed Student Activity, Auxiliary Services, Private Purpose Trust, and Food Service funds in accordance with Board policies and state statutes. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2004 amounted to \$88,049 which includes \$11,038 assigned from other District funds.

The District utilizes a financial institution to service bonded debt as principal and interest payments come due. This interest bearing depository account is presented on the combined balance sheet as "Cash with Fiscal Agent" since it is not required to be deposited into the District treasury.

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 year-end is provided in Note 4.

G. Inventory

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

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

H. Capital Assets

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

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$1,000 for its general capital assets during fiscal year 2004. 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.

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

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Estimated Lives</u>
Land improvements	20 years
Buildings and improvements	25 - 50 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	8 years

I. Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as “interfund receivables/payables.” These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column on the Statement of Net Assets.

J. Compensated Absences

Compensated absences of the District consist of vacation leave and severance liability to the extent that payments to the employee for these absences are attributable to services already rendered and are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the District and the employee.

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, “Accounting for Compensated Absences”, a liability for vacation leave is accrued if a) the employees’ rights to payment are attributable to services already rendered; and b) it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or other means, such as cash payment at termination or retirement. A liability for severance is accrued using the vesting method; i.e., the liability is based on the sick leave accumulated at the balance sheet date by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination (severance) payments, as well as those employees expected to become eligible in the future. For purposes of establishing a liability for severance on employees expected to become eligible to retire in the future, all employees with at least 5 years of service with the District, regardless of age, were considered expected to become eligible to retire in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16.

The total liability for vacation and severance payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at June 30, 2004, and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus any additional salary related payments.

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

For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the account “compensated absences payable” in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported.

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

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, claims and judgments, compensated absences, and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Bonds and capital leases are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

L. Fund Reserves

Reserved fund balances indicate that portion of fund equity which is not available for current appropriation or is legally segregated for a specific use. Fund balances are reserved for encumbrances, materials and supplies inventory, debt service, tax advance unavailable for appropriation and school bus purchases. The unreserved portions of fund equity reflected for the governmental funds are available for use within the specific purposes of those funds. The reserve for tax revenue unavailable for appropriation represents taxes recognized as revenue under GAAP but not available for appropriations under state statute.

M. Net Assets

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

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

N. Prepayments

Certain payments to vendors reflect the costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the balance sheet using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of the purchase and the expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed. There were no significant payments at fiscal year end.

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.

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

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 to create a reserve for school bus purchases. See Note 17 for details.

Q. Interfund Activity

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

R. Parochial School

Within the District boundaries, the St. Mary School is operated through the Toledo Catholic Diocese. Current state legislation provides funding to this parochial school. These monies are received and disbursed on behalf of the parochial school by the Treasurer of the District, as directed by the parochial school. The receipt and expenditure of these state monies by the District are reflected in a special revenue fund for financial reporting purposes.

S. 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 year 2004.

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

Deficit Fund Balances/Net Assets

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

	<u>Deficit</u>
<u>Nonmajor Funds</u>	
Entry Year Programs	\$ 34
Miscellaneous State Grants	6,342
Special Education, IDEA Part B	23,538
Title I	51,277
Title VI	20
EHA Preschool Grant	448
Reducing Class Size	9,998
Miscellaneous Federal Grants	1,256

These funds complied with Ohio state law, which does not permit a cash basis deficit at year-end. The general fund is liable for any deficits in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balances resulted 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 combined balance sheet as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents". Statutes require the classification of monies held by the District into three categories.

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

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

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

Protection of 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.

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

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.

Cash on Hand: At year-end, the District had \$9,870 in undeposited cash on hand, which is included on the basic financial statements as part of "Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents", but is not included in the total amount of deposits reported below.

Cash with Fiscal Agent: At year-end, a total of \$755 was on deposit in the District's clearance account for bonded debt. This amount is included in the total amount of deposits reported below; however, this amount is not part of the internal cash pool reported on the basic financial statements as "Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents".

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

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

Deposits: At year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$176,066 and the bank balance was \$411,615. Of the bank balance:

1. \$200,000 was covered by federal deposit insurance or surety company bonds deposited with the District; and
2. \$211,615 was uninsured and unregistered as defined by GASB although it was secured by collateral held by third party trustees, pursuant to section 135.181 Ohio Revised Code, in collateralized pools securing all public funds on deposit with specific depository institutions; these securities not being in the name of the District. Although all State statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, non-compliance with federal requirements would potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

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

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

	Category 3	Reported Amount	Fair Value
Repurchase agreements	\$ 311,243	\$ 311,243	\$ 311,243
Federal agency securities	3,393,614	3,393,614	3,393,614
Total	\$ 3,704,857		
Investment in STAR Ohio		3,590,903	3,590,903
U.S. Government money market fund		133,401	133,401
Total investments		\$ 7,429,161	\$ 7,429,161

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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	\$ 7,615,852	\$ -
Investments of the cash management pool:		
Repurchase agreements	(311,243)	311,243
Investment in STAR Ohio	(3,590,903)	3,590,903
Federal agency securities	(3,393,614)	3,393,614
U.S. Government money market fund	(133,401)	133,401
Cash on hand	(9,870)	-
Cash with fiscal agent	<u>(755)</u>	<u>-</u>
GASB Statement No. 3	<u>\$ 176,066</u>	<u>\$ 7,429,161</u>

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund balances at June 30, 2004 as reported on the fund statements, consist of the following individual interfund loans receivable and payable:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Nonmajor governmental funds	\$ 76,068

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

Interfund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements; therefore, no internal balances at June 30, 2004 are reported on the statement of net assets.

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

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

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.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

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, 2004, 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 Erie County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2004, are available to finance fiscal year 2005 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date tax bills are sent.

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

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2004 was \$805,010 in the general fund and \$14,737 in the debt service fund. This amount has been recorded as revenue. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2003 was \$895,903 in the general fund and \$17,808 in the debt service fund.

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

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 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	\$ 302,410,960	77.35	\$ 354,056,040	80.40
Public utility personal	60,463,190	15.47	60,711,030	13.79
Tangible personal property	<u>28,083,832</u>	<u>7.18</u>	<u>25,587,700</u>	<u>5.81</u>
Total	<u>\$ 390,957,982</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 440,354,770</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$ 69.05		\$ 68.40	

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:

Taxes	\$ 14,463,939
Accounts	7,058
Intergovernmental	125,269
Accrued interest	<u>28,603</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,624,869</u>

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

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NOTE 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2003</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2004</u>
Governmental Activities:				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 699,837	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 699,837
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>699,837</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>699,837</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	83,936	-	-	83,936
Buildings and improvements	12,266,560	237,530	-	12,504,090
Furniture and equipment	3,160,923	272,857	-	3,433,780
Vehicles	<u>1,839,166</u>	<u>144,581</u>	<u>(108,760)</u>	<u>1,874,987</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>17,350,585</u>	<u>654,968</u>	<u>(108,760)</u>	<u>17,896,793</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Land improvements	(30,511)	(3,772)	-	(34,283)
Buildings and improvements	(7,879,882)	(213,511)	-	(8,093,393)
Furniture and equipment	(1,965,322)	(262,305)	-	(2,227,627)
Vehicles	<u>(1,009,994)</u>	<u>(146,037)</u>	<u>100,421</u>	<u>(1,055,610)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(10,885,709)</u>	<u>(625,625)</u>	<u>100,421</u>	<u>(11,410,913)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 7,164,713</u>	<u>\$ 29,343</u>	<u>\$ (8,339)</u>	<u>\$ 7,185,717</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:

Regular \$ 411,089

Support Services:

Pupil 449
Instructional staff 208
Administration 35
Fiscal 194
Operations and maintenance 26,676
Pupil transportation 153,829
Extracurricular activities 4,615
Food service operations 28,530

Total depreciation expense \$ 625,625

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NOTE 9 - CAPITALIZED LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

In a prior year, the District entered into capitalized leases for the acquisition of copiers and Stadium bleachers. These lease agreements meet the criteria of capital lease as defined by FASB Statement No. 13, "Accounting for Leases", which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. Capital lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the financial statements for the governmental funds. These expenditures are reported as function expenditures on the budgetary statements.

Capital assets consisting of equipment have been capitalized in the amount of \$644,252. This amount represents the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. A corresponding liability is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. Principal payments in fiscal year 2004 totaled \$54,327 paid by the general fund and \$78,121 in the nonmajor funds.

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2004:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2005	\$ 125,923
Less amount representing interest	<u>(6,861)</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 119,062</u></u>

NOTE 10 - LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT

During fiscal year 2004, the District entered into a lease-purchase agreement with Key Government Financial for new windows. This lease meets the criteria of a lease-purchase as defined by FASB Statement No. 13, "Accounting for Leases", which defines a lease-purchase generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. Capital assets consisting of windows have been capitalized in the amount of \$237,530. Lease-purchase payments have been reflected as debt service expenditures in the permanent improvement fund. These expenditures are reported as program/function expenditures on the budgetary statement. Principal and interest payments in fiscal year 2004 totaled \$42,942 and \$4,903, respectively.

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NOTE 10 - LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT - (Continued)

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the lease-purchase and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2004.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Amount
2005	\$ 41,514
2006	41,617
2007	41,724
2008	41,834
2009	41,949
Total minimum lease payments	208,638
Less: amount representing interest	(14,050)
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$ 194,588

NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

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

	Interest Rate	Outstanding July 1, 2003	Additions	Reductions	Outstanding June 30, 2004	Due in One Year
Governmental Activities:						
Energy conservation improvement bonds	various	\$ -	\$ 660,000	\$ (55,000)	\$ 605,000	\$ 60,000
General obligation bonds	various	895,000	-	(115,000)	780,000	125,000
Energy conservation bonds	2.6-5.2%	950,000	-	(50,000)	900,000	35,000
Capital lease obligation		251,510	-	(132,448)	119,062	119,062
Lease purchase agreement		-	237,530	(42,942)	194,588	36,101
Compensated absences		1,354,180	578,092	(208,191)	1,724,081	396,254
Total long-term obligations, governmental activities		\$ 3,450,690	\$ 1,475,622	\$ (603,581)	\$ 4,322,731	\$ 771,417

General Obligation Bonds - The general obligation library bonds are voted issues for library construction and improvement projects. General obligation bonds are direct obligations of the District for which its full faith, credit, and resources are pledged. These bonds are payable from a .50 mill tax levied on all taxable property in the District. Accordingly, such unmatured obligations are accounted for in the statement of net assets. Payments of principal and interest relating to these bonds are recorded as expenditures in the debt service fund.

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NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

Energy Conservation Bonds – During fiscal year 2004, the District issued \$660,000 in energy conservation improvement bonds. In fiscal year 2002, the District issued \$995,000 in long-term energy conservation bonds. Energy conservation bonds outstanding are general obligations of the District, for which the District’s full faith and credit are pledged for repayment. Accordingly, these bonds are accounted for in the statement of net assets. Payments of principal and interest relating to these notes are recorded as expenditures in the general fund; however, unlike general obligation bonds, Ohio statute allows for the issuance of these bonds without voter approval, and the subsequent repayment of the bonds from operating revenues.

- B.** The following is a summary of the District’s future annual debt service requirements to maturity for notes and bonds:

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal on Bonds</u>	<u>Interest on Bonds</u>	<u>Total</u>
2005	\$ 220,000	\$ 101,805	\$ 321,805
2006	230,000	90,616	320,616
2007	250,000	80,618	330,618
2008	265,000	68,383	333,383
2009	285,000	54,943	339,943
2010 - 2014	570,000	180,310	750,310
2015 - 2017	<u>465,000</u>	<u>39,684</u>	<u>504,684</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,285,000</u>	<u>\$ 616,359</u>	<u>\$ 2,901,359</u>

C. Legal Debt Margin

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the District shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the District. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness for energy conservation measures shall not exceed 9/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The effects of these debt limitations at June 30, 2004 are a voted debt margin of \$39,131,719 (including available funds of \$279,790), an unvoted debt margin of \$440,355, and an unvoted energy conservation debt margin of \$3,113,193.

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NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property, Fleet and Liability Insurance

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2004 the District contracted with the Ohio Risk Sharing Authority for general liability, automobile liability and property insurance. The District liability policy has a limit of \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and \$3,000,000 aggregate. Automobile liability has a \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability. Limits of insurance on real property and equipment are \$46,096,300 with a deductible of \$1,000. The Treasurer is covered by a surety bond in the amount of \$100,000.

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. Life Insurance

The District provides group life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to its employees. Life insurance is provided through the American United Life Insurance Company.

C. Employee Health and Dental

The District has contracted with the Lake Erie Regional Council of Governments (LERC) to provide partially self-insured employee health and medical benefits since December 1988. The LERC is a claims-servicing pool comprised of 14 Lorain County school districts. Rates are set through an annual calculation process. The District pays a monthly contribution which is placed in a common fund from which claim payments are made for all participating school districts. Claims are paid for all participants regardless of claims flow or individual account balance. Upon termination, the terminating school district would be liable for all outstanding claims beyond their individual account balance. The LERC Board of Directors has the right to return monies to an existing district subsequent to the settlement of all expenses and claims. This plan provides a medical/surgical plan with deductibles of \$50 for single and \$100 for family coverage. Stop loss is provided by a private insurance carrier for all individual claims in excess of \$165,000.

The LERC's pool premiums are billed to each participating school district based on actuarially determined rates. Should contributions prove to be insufficient to pay programs costs of the insurance program in any given year, each participating member is notified of their deficiency and their premium is adjusted to cover its share of the additional cost of anticipated future claims.

The District currently reports all of its health care risk management activities in its general fund. Claims payable is based upon Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 10, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues", as amended by GASB Statement No. 30, "Risk Financing Omnibus", which requires a liability for unpaid claims costs, including estimates of incurred but not reported claims, be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount can reasonably be estimated. The estimate was not affected by incremental claim adjustment expenses and does not include other allocated or unallocated claims adjustment expenses. In FY 04 this activity was included in the General Fund. In FY 05 this activity will be recorded in an internal service fund.

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NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Current Year Claims</u>	<u>Claims Payments</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2004	\$ 366,600	\$ 1,463,555	\$ (1,406,359)	\$ 423,796
2003	253,288	1,523,312	(1,410,000)	366,600

D. Workers' Compensation

The District participates in the Plan, an insurance purchasing pool (see Note 2.A.). The intent of the Plan is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the Plan.

The workers' compensation experience of the participating districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the Plan. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the state based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the Plan. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund". This "equity pooling" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the Plan. Participation in the Plan is limited to districts that can meet the Plan's selection criteria. The firm of Gates McDonald & Co. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the Plan.

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 \$394,632, \$375,455, and \$343,109, respectively; 42.57% has been contributed for fiscal year 2004 and 100% for the fiscal years 2003 and 2002. \$226,620, 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. Existing members with less than five years of service credit as of June 30, 2001, were given the option of making a one time irrevocable decision to transfer their account balances from the existing DB Plan into the DC Plan or the Combined Plan. This option expired on December 31, 2001. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

Plan members are required to contribute 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, 13% of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 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 \$1,271,395, \$1,261,699, and \$1,155,021, respectively; 80.78% has been contributed for fiscal year 2004 and 100% for the fiscal years 2003 and 2002. \$244,360, represents the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2004. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2004 were \$16,318 made by the District and \$32,376 made by the plan members.

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

C. Social Security System

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

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 \$90,814 during fiscal 2004.

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

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

For this fiscal year, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 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 \$14,500. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund.

The target level for the health care reserve is 150% of annual health care expenses. Expenses for health care at June 30, 2003 were \$204.931 million and the target level was \$307.4 million. At June 30, 2003, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$303.6 million and SERS had approximately 50,000 participants receiving health care benefits. For the District, the amount to fund health care benefits, including surcharge, equaled \$169,978 during the 2004 fiscal year.

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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);
- (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	\$ 462,770
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	(109,077)
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(616,356)
Net adjustment for other sources/uses	261,680
Adjustment for encumbrances	156,778
GAAP basis	\$ 155,795

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.

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NOTE 16 - CONTINGENCIES - (Continued)

B. Litigation

The District is a party to legal proceedings seeking damages or injunctive relief generally incidental to its operations and spending projects. The District management is of the opinion that disposition of the claim and legal proceedings will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the District.

C. State School Funding Decision

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

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

NOTE 17 - STATUTORY RESERVES

The District is required by state law to set-aside certain (cash-basis) general fund revenue amounts, as defined by statute, into various reserves. These reserves are calculated and presented on a cash basis. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, the reserve activity was as follows:

	<u>Textbooks</u>	<u>Capital Acquisition</u>
Set-aside cash balance as of June 30, 2003	\$ (35,108)	\$ (1,701,988)
Current year set-aside requirement	346,550	346,550
Qualifying disbursements	<u>(466,820)</u>	<u>(947,277)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (155,378)</u>	<u>\$ (2,302,715)</u>
Cash balance carried forward to FY 2005	<u>\$ (155,378)</u>	<u>\$ (1,701,988)</u>

In addition to the above statutory reserves, the District also received monies restricted for school bus purchases. The amount of \$450 for school bus reserves is in the general fund on the governmental funds balance sheet at June 30, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

**VERMILION 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	(E) CASH FEDERAL RECEIPTS	OTHER FEDERAL RECEIPTS	(E) CASH FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS	OTHER FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:						
Nutrition Cluster:						
(A) (C) Food Distribution	10.550	N/A	\$ -	\$ 52,585	\$ -	\$ 52,585
(A) (D) National School Lunch	10.555	046821-LL-P4-2003	51,370		51,370	
(A) (D) National School Lunch	10.555	046821-LL-P4-2004	141,776		141,776	
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture and Nutrition Cluster			<u>193,146</u>	<u>52,585</u>	<u>193,146</u>	<u>52,585</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:						
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	046821-C1-S1-2003	14,647		33,476	
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	046821-C1-S1-2004	223,980		222,837	
Total Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies			<u>238,627</u>		<u>256,313</u>	
Special Education Cluster:						
(B) Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	046821-6B-SD 2004-P	19,137		23,360	
(B) (H) Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	046821-6B-SF 2003-P	(1,584)		17,858	
(B) Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	046821-6B-SF 2004-P	361,202		354,990	
Total Special Education - Grants to States			<u>378,755</u>		<u>396,208</u>	
(B) Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	046821-PG-D7 2003-P	3,087		1,853	
(B) Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	046821-PG-S1 2003-P	1,800		1,800	
(B) Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	046821-PG-S1 2004-P	11,737		11,739	
Total Special Education - Preschool Grants			<u>16,624</u>		<u>15,392</u>	
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>395,379</u>		<u>411,600</u>	
(G) Vocational Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	N/A	900		900	
Vocational Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	20-A-2004	20,000		13,038	
Total Vocation Education - Basic Grants to States			<u>20,900</u>		<u>13,938</u>	
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - State Grants	84.186	046821-DR-S1 2003	1,357		1,280	
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - State Grants	84.186	046821-DR-S1 2004	7,630		10,285	
Total Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - State Grants			<u>8,987</u>		<u>11,565</u>	
State Grants for Innovative Programs	84.298	046821-C2-S1-2003	3,642		885	
State Grants for Innovative Programs	84.298	046821-C2-S1-2004	14,049		14,436	
Total State Grants for Innovative Programs			<u>17,691</u>		<u>15,321</u>	
Education Technology State Grants	84.318	046821-TJ-S1-2003	4,040		2,599	
Education Technology State Grants	84.318	046821-TJ-S1-2004	4,777		6,032	
Total Education Technology State Grants			<u>8,817</u>		<u>8,631</u>	
(F) School Renovation, IDEA and Technology	84.352A	046821-AT-S3 2002	(195)		-	
School Renovation, IDEA and Technology	84.352A	046821-AT-S4-2002	300		300	
Total School Renovation, IDEA and Technology			<u>105</u>		<u>300</u>	
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	046821-TR-S1-2003	19,881		11,109	
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	046821-TR-S1-2004	90,491		88,838	
Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grants			<u>110,372</u>		<u>99,947</u>	
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>800,878</u>		<u>817,615</u>	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:						
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	N/A	2,497		2,497	
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>2,497</u>		<u>2,497</u>	
Total Federal Financial Assistance			<u>\$ 996,521</u>	<u>\$ 52,585</u>	<u>\$ 1,013,258</u>	<u>\$ 52,585</u>

- (A) Included as part of "Nutrition Grant Cluster" in determining major programs
- (B) Included as part of "Special Education Grant Cluster" in determining major programs.
- (C) The Food Distribution Program is a non-cash, in kind, federal grant. Commodities are valued at fair market prices.
- (D) Commingled with state and local revenue from sales of lunches; assumed expenditures were made on a first-in, first-out basis.
- (E) This schedule was prepared on the cash basis of accounting.
- (F) These funds were refunded to the Ohio Department of Education based upon expiration of period of availability.
- (G) This Vocational Education Grant was passed through EHOVE Career Center
- (H) This amount is the net effect of \$16,274 received in FY04 for this grant and a transfer of \$17,858 from FY03 to FY04.

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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
Vermilion Local School District
1230 Beechview Drive
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We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, its major fund, and the remaining aggregate fund information of the Vermilion Local School District, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the Vermilion Local School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 2, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Vermilion 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 over financial reporting 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 we have reported to the management of the District in a separate letter dated December 2, 2004.

Board of Education
Vermilion Local School District

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Vermilion 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*. However, we noted a matter that we reported to the management of Vermilion Local School District in a separate letter dated December 2, 2004.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Board of the Vermilion 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.

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December 2, 2004

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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
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Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Vermilion 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 Vermilion 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 Vermilion Local School District’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Vermilion 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 Vermilion 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 Vermilion Local School District’s compliance with those requirements.

Board of Education
Vermilion Local School District

In our opinion, the Vermilion 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 Vermilion 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 Vermilion 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 solely for the information and use of the management, the Board of the Vermilion 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.

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December 2, 2004

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE COUNTY, OHIO**

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

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other reportable control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under § .510?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Program:	Special Education Cluster: Special Education: Grants to States CFDA #84.027 and Special Education: Preschool Grants CFDA #84.173
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Program	Type A: >\$300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

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

None.

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.



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**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE 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
FEBRUARY 10, 2005**