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**BELLAIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BELMONT COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Bellaire Local School District
Belmont County
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To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bellaire Local School District, Belmont County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bellaire Local School District, Belmont County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, the School District is reporting the self-insured activity for medical, dental, and prescription drug coverage as an internal service proprietary fund.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 11, 2008, on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

We conducted our audit to opine on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures is required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. We subjected the Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements. In our opinion, this information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



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March 11, 2008

Bellaire Local School District
Management's Discussion and Analysis
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The discussion and analysis of Bellaire Local City School District's (the School District) financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2007 are as follows:

- Net assets decreased \$93,419.
- General revenues accounted for \$11,392,150 in revenue or 66 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$5,953,198 or 34 percent of total revenues of \$17,345,348.
- Total assets of governmental activities decreased by \$35,288 primarily due to annual depreciation expense of capital assets, which was offset by increases in cash and cash equivalents and intergovernmental receivables.
- The School District had \$17,438,767 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$5,953,198 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues of \$11,392,150 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- The School District has three major funds, the General Fund, the Debt Service Fund, and the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Special Revenue Fund. The General Fund had \$12,147,021 in revenues and \$11,745,093 in expenditures. The General Fund's balance, including transfers, increased \$360,836. The Debt Service Fund had revenues in the amount of \$388,116 and total expenditures in the amount of \$347,910 that resulted in a fund balance increase of \$40,206. The Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund had revenue in the amount of \$133,261 and total expenditures in the amount of \$113,508 that resulted in a fund balance increase of \$19,753.

Using this Annual Financial Report

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

The *Statement of Net Assets* and *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole School District, presenting both an aggregate view of the School 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 School District's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the School District, the General Fund, the Debt Service Fund, and the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund are the only major or significant funds.

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Reporting the School 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 School District to provide programs and activities, the view of the School District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2007?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting accounts for all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School District's *net assets* and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader whether, for the School District as a whole, the *financial position* of the School 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 School 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 School District's activities are all considered to be Governmental Activities:

- Governmental Activities – The School District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, food service, debt service and extracurricular activities.

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the School District's major funds begins on page 8. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds. The School District's major governmental funds are the General Fund, the Debt Service Fund and the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund.

Governmental Funds Most of the School 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* that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School 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 financial statements.

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Reporting the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The School District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its scholarship program. This activity is presented as a private purpose-trust fund. The School District also acts in a trustee capacity as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other government units and/or other funds. These activities are reported in two agency funds. The School District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets and Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets. These activities are excluded from the School District's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the School District to finance its operations.

The School District as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Assets provides the perspective of the School District as a whole.

Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net assets for 2007 compared to 2006.

Table 1
Net Assets

| | Government Activities | | Change |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | |
| Assets | | | |
| Current and Other Assets | \$7,067,472 | \$6,217,479 | \$849,993 |
| Capital Assets | 23,196,314 | 24,081,595 | (885,281) |
| Total Assets | 30,263,786 | 30,299,074 | (35,288) |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Long-Term Liabilities | 5,079,652 | 5,308,791 | (229,139) |
| Other Liabilities | 4,812,054 | 4,524,784 | 287,270 |
| Total Liabilities | 9,891,706 | 9,833,575 | 58,131 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| Invested in Capital Assets Net of Debt | 19,830,377 | 20,518,063 | (687,686) |
| Restricted | 2,578,210 | 2,484,033 | 94,177 |
| Unrestricted (Deficit) | (2,036,507) | (2,536,597) | 500,090 |
| Total Net Assets | \$20,372,080 | \$20,465,499 | (\$93,419) |

Total current and other assets increased \$849,993 increased primarily due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents and intergovernmental receivables, which was offset by the decrease in capital assets due primarily to annual depreciation expense.

Total net assets of the School District's governmental activities decreased \$93,419. The unrestricted (deficit) net assets decreased by \$500,090, while restricted net assets increased slightly in the amount of \$94,177, and invested in capital assets, net of debt decreased by \$687,686 due primarily to annual depreciation expense.

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Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2007 compared to fiscal year 2006.

| Table 2 | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Changes in Net Assets | | | |
| | Government Activities | | |
| | 2007 | 2006 | Change |
| Revenues | | | |
| <i>Program Revenue</i> | | | |
| Charges for Services and Sales | \$1,497,414 | \$1,407,315 | \$90,099 |
| Operating Grants and Contributions | 4,414,199 | 4,752,342 | (338,143) |
| Capital Grants and Contributions | 41,585 | 41,398 | 187 |
| <i>Total Program Revenue</i> | 5,953,198 | 6,201,055 | (247,857) |
| <i>General Revenue</i> | | | |
| Property Taxes | 2,711,871 | 2,491,095 | 220,776 |
| Grants and Entitlements | 8,493,768 | 7,953,429 | 540,339 |
| Investment Earnings | 114,743 | 65,225 | 49,518 |
| Gain on Sale of Capital Assets | 32,996 | 0 | 32,996 |
| Miscellaneous | 38,772 | 30,745 | 8,027 |
| <i>Total General Revenue</i> | 11,392,150 | 10,540,494 | 851,656 |
| Total Revenues | 17,345,348 | 16,741,549 | 603,799 |
| Program Expenses | | | |
| Instruction: | | | |
| Regular | 7,547,469 | 7,375,899 | 171,570 |
| Special | 2,790,651 | 2,843,776 | (53,125) |
| Vocational | 305,795 | 177,262 | 128,533 |
| Support Services: | | | |
| Pupil | 1,039,558 | 1,307,089 | (267,531) |
| Instructional Staff | 181,624 | 241,590 | (59,966) |
| Board of Education | 27,370 | 29,654 | (2,284) |
| Administration | 920,807 | 1,508,042 | (587,235) |
| Fiscal | 309,217 | 243,328 | 65,889 |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant | 1,553,359 | 1,465,121 | 88,238 |
| Pupil Transportation | 1,104,181 | 1,036,133 | 68,048 |
| Central | 0 | 128,332 | (128,332) |
| Operation of Non-Instructional Services | 247,737 | 268,894 | (21,157) |
| Food Service Operations | 844,615 | 778,418 | 66,197 |
| Extracurricular Activities | 353,219 | 302,453 | 50,766 |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges | 213,165 | 225,168 | (12,003) |
| Total Expenses | 17,438,767 | 17,931,159 | (492,392) |
| Change in Net Assets | (93,419) | (1,189,610) | 1,096,191 |
| Net Assets Beginning of Year | 20,465,499 | 21,655,109 | (1,189,610) |
| Net Assets End of Year | \$20,372,080 | \$20,465,499 | (\$93,419) |

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Governmental Activities

Property taxes made up approximately 16 percent of revenues for the School District in fiscal year 2007; this revenue source increased slightly over fiscal year 2006 due to the property tax revaluation that was completed during 2006. Charges for services program revenue increased \$90,099 due to increased revenue from open enrollment and increased charges for the food service program.

Instruction comprises approximately 61 percent of governmental program expenses, an increase of \$246,978 from fiscal year 2006. Overall, program expenses of the School District decreased by \$492,392, due to cost reduction measures taken by the School District, with the largest decreases being realized in the support services pupil and administration with slight increases in regular and vocational instruction due primarily to increased salaries and benefits.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table 3 shows, for government activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services for fiscal year 2007 compared to fiscal year 2006. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

Table 3
Governmental Activities

| | <u>Total Cost of Services</u> | | <u>Net Cost of Services</u> | |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2006</u> |
| Instruction: | | | | |
| Regular | \$7,547,469 | \$7,375,899 | \$6,325,031 | \$6,697,479 |
| Special | 2,790,651 | 2,843,776 | 244,858 | (204,361) |
| Vocational | 305,795 | 177,262 | 277,741 | 149,674 |
| Support Services | | | | |
| Pupils | 1,039,558 | 1,307,089 | 413,708 | 544,074 |
| Instructional Staff | 181,624 | 241,590 | 29,444 | 75,735 |
| Board of Education | 27,370 | 29,654 | 27,370 | 29,654 |
| Administration | 920,807 | 1,508,042 | 827,192 | 1,363,132 |
| Fiscal | 309,217 | 243,328 | 307,065 | 242,017 |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant | 1,553,359 | 1,465,121 | 1,547,767 | 1,434,997 |
| Pupil Transportation | 1,104,181 | 1,036,133 | 1,029,708 | 941,448 |
| Central | 0 | 128,332 | 0 | 128,332 |
| Operation of Non-Instructional Services | 247,737 | 268,894 | (9,741) | (13,335) |
| Food Service Operations | 844,615 | 778,418 | 111,064 | 63,327 |
| Extracurricular Activities | 353,219 | 302,453 | 141,197 | 52,763 |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges | 213,165 | 225,168 | 213,165 | 225,168 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$17,438,767</u> | <u>\$17,931,159</u> | <u>\$11,485,569</u> | <u>\$11,730,104</u> |

The dependence upon tax revenues and state subsidies for governmental activities is apparent. Approximately 66 percent of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues.

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The School District's Funds

Information about the School District's major funds starts on page 13. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Total Governmental Funds had \$16,947,152 in revenues and \$16,777,776 in expenditures. The net change in governmental fund balances, including transfers and sale of capital assets was an increase of \$216,150.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The School 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 2007 the School District amended its General Fund and the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund appropriations, and the budgetary statements reflect both the original and final appropriated amounts. There were no significant changes between the original and final receipts of these funds.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal 2007 the School District had \$23,196,314 invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles and textbooks. Table 4 shows fiscal 2007 balances compared to 2006:

Table 4
 Capital Assets Net of Depreciation

| | Government Activities | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| Land | \$718,521 | \$732,299 |
| Land Improvements | 890,740 | 958,478 |
| Buildings and Improvements | 20,933,635 | 21,593,269 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 325,112 | 396,303 |
| Vehicles | 328,306 | 337,630 |
| Textbooks | 0 | 63,616 |
| Totals | \$23,196,314 | \$24,081,595 |

For more information on capital assets see Note 9 to the basic financial statements.

Debt

At June 30, 2007 the School District had \$3,220,000 outstanding in general obligation bonds and \$145,937 in capital leases outstanding with \$188,391 due within one year.

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Table 5 summarizes bonds and notes outstanding:

| Table 5 | | Outstanding Debt at Year End | |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------|
| | | Government Activities | |
| | | 2007 | 2006 |
| 2000 School Facilities Bonds | | | |
| Term Bonds | | \$1,405,000 | \$1,405,000 |
| Serial Bonds | | 1,815,000 | 1,960,000 |
| Capital Leases | | 145,937 | 198,532 |
| Total | | \$3,365,937 | \$3,563,532 |

See note 15 for more detailed information on the School District's debt.

Economic Factors

The School District is the Pride of the "All-American Town." The mission statement of the School District is to "Strive to develop students who will become productive citizens in both school and later in the community. These students will be given the opportunity to develop healthy self-esteem, respectful attitudes, and a skill base that will prepare them to be successful adults." The School District continues to improve on the state report card by meeting additional indicators. The School District works as a unit to financially maintain the resources to fulfill this statement. Approximately 60% of the district's students are economically disadvantaged and 25% are identified as students with disabilities. The School District is eligible and aggressive in pursuing state and federal monies as sources of added revenue.

In the fall of 2001, the School District opened a new elementary school and a new middle school and an extensively renovated high school. The Ohio School Facilities Commission project allows the School District some financial relief in the maintenance of the structure. However, the everyday maintenance and utilities have increased expenses from the General Fund.

The School District relies heavily on state foundation funding and property taxes. Changes in school foundation formulas, very little growth in tax valuations and loss of personal property tax revenue have held revenue growth to a minimum. The School District acknowledges the erosion of prior year carryover balances, as evidenced in the five-year forecast and continues to implement cost cutting measures: not filling administrative and teaching positions, filling required positions with lower paid employees, re-employing retired staff at lower paid salaries. The School District continues to implement cost saving measures for district utilities, building repairs and bus fuel.

The Ohio Supreme Court issued its fourth split decision regarding the State's school funding plan. The majority opinion identified aspects of the current plan the require modification if the plan is to be considered constitutional. However, the Court has in effect decided that they have, barring another lawsuit, completed their responsibility in the case. Ending the high court's involvement has left Ohio with a school funding system that has been determined to be unconstitutional but failed to provide the framework to fix it. At this time, there can be no reasonable estimate of the impact of school funding.

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Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Tara L. Boyer, Treasurer/CFO at Bellaire Local School District, 340 34th Street, Bellaire, Ohio 43906.

Bellaire Local School District

Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2007

| | <u>Governmental Activities</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Assets | |
| Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$2,702,639 |
| Accrued Interest Receivable | 14,418 |
| Intergovernmental Receivable | 706,583 |
| Investments | 276,658 |
| Prepaid Items | 44,785 |
| Materials and Supplies Inventory | 76,983 |
| Property Taxes Receivable | 3,168,103 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agents | 77,303 |
| Non-Depreciable Capital Assets | 718,521 |
| Depreciable Capital Assets, Net | <u>22,477,793</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>30,263,786</u> |
| Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable | 79,599 |
| Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable | 1,459,905 |
| Intergovernmental Payable | 472,601 |
| Matured Severance Payable | 132,352 |
| Vacation Benefits Payable | 71,588 |
| Accrued Interest Payable | 15,981 |
| Claims Payable | 97,360 |
| Deferred Revenue | 2,482,668 |
| Long-Term Liabilities: | |
| Due Within One Year | 284,852 |
| Due In More Than One Year | <u>4,794,800</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>9,891,706</u> |
| Net Assets | |
| Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt | 19,830,377 |
| Restricted for: | |
| Capital Projects | 292,740 |
| Debt Service | 416,797 |
| Classroom Facilities Maintenance | 978,033 |
| State Grants | 517,796 |
| Federal Grants | 159,596 |
| Title I Grant | 62,588 |
| Bus Purchase | 29,284 |
| Other Purposes | 121,376 |
| Unrestricted (Deficit) | <u>(2,036,507)</u> |
| Total Net Assets | <u><u>\$20,372,080</u></u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Bellaire Local School District
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

| | Program Revenues | | | Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Expenses | Charges for Services and Sales | Operating Grants and Contributions | Capital Grants and Contributions | Governmental Activities |
| Governmental Activities | | | | | |
| Instruction: | | | | | |
| Regular | \$7,547,469 | \$895,410 | \$327,028 | \$0 | (\$6,325,031) |
| Special | 2,790,651 | 0 | 2,545,793 | 0 | (244,858) |
| Vocational | 305,795 | 0 | 28,054 | 0 | (277,741) |
| Support Services: | | | | | |
| Pupil | 1,039,558 | 0 | 613,550 | 12,300 | (413,708) |
| Instructional Staff | 181,624 | 2,680 | 149,500 | 0 | (29,444) |
| Board of Education | 27,370 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (27,370) |
| Administration | 920,807 | 0 | 93,615 | 0 | (827,192) |
| Fiscal | 309,217 | 2,152 | 0 | 0 | (307,065) |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant | 1,553,359 | 5,592 | 0 | 0 | (1,547,767) |
| Pupil Transportation | 1,104,181 | 954 | 44,234 | 29,285 | (1,029,708) |
| Operation of Non-Instructional Services | 247,737 | 119,783 | 137,695 | 0 | 9,741 |
| Food Service Operations | 844,615 | 258,821 | 474,730 | 0 | (111,064) |
| Extracurricular Activities | 353,219 | 212,022 | 0 | 0 | (141,197) |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges | 213,165 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (213,165) |
| <i>Total Governmental Activities</i> | <u>\$17,438,767</u> | <u>\$1,497,414</u> | <u>\$4,414,199</u> | <u>\$41,585</u> | <u>(11,485,569)</u> |
| General Revenues | | | | | |
| | | | | | 2,112,193 |
| Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes | | | | | 207,358 |
| Property Taxes Levied for Capital Outlay | | | | | 349,256 |
| Property Taxes Levied for Debt Service | | | | | 43,064 |
| Property Taxes Levied for Classroom Facilities Maintenance | | | | | 8,493,768 |
| Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs | | | | | 2,250 |
| Gifts and Donations | | | | | 114,743 |
| Investment Earnings | | | | | 32,996 |
| Gain on Sale of Capital Assets | | | | | 36,522 |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | <u>11,392,150</u> |
| <i>Total General Revenues</i> | | | | | <u>11,392,150</u> |
| Change in Net Assets | | | | | (93,419) |
| <i>Net Assets Beginning of Year</i> | | | | | <u>20,465,499</u> |
| <i>Net Assets End of Year</i> | | | | | <u>\$20,372,080</u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Bellaire Local School District
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2007

| | General | Debt Service | Classroom Facilities Maintenance | Other Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Assets | | | | | |
| Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$453,372 | \$339,459 | \$958,966 | \$749,618 | \$2,501,415 |
| Investments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 276,658 | 276,658 |
| Restricted Assets: | | | | | |
| Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents | 29,284 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29,284 |
| Receivables: | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | 2,468,133 | 413,644 | 50,040 | 236,286 | 3,168,103 |
| Intergovernmental | 225,000 | 0 | 0 | 481,583 | 706,583 |
| Interfund | 369,593 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 369,593 |
| Accrued Interest | 0 | 0 | 9,051 | 5,367 | 14,418 |
| Prepaid Items | 39,251 | 0 | 0 | 5,534 | 44,785 |
| Materials and Supplies Inventory | 61,230 | 0 | 0 | 15,753 | 76,983 |
| <i>Total Assets</i> | <u>\$3,645,863</u> | <u>\$753,103</u> | <u>\$1,018,057</u> | <u>\$1,770,799</u> | <u>\$7,187,822</u> |
| Liabilities and Fund Balances | | | | | |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$29,422 | \$0 | \$905 | \$49,272 | \$79,599 |
| Accrued Wages and Benefits | 1,085,958 | 0 | 0 | 373,947 | 1,459,905 |
| Matured Severance Payable | 132,352 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132,352 |
| Interfund Payable | 0 | 0 | 0 | 369,593 | 369,593 |
| Intergovernmental Payable | 346,867 | 0 | 0 | 125,734 | 472,601 |
| Deferred Revenue | 2,490,690 | 378,695 | 55,002 | 620,198 | 3,544,585 |
| <i>Total Liabilities</i> | <u>4,085,289</u> | <u>378,695</u> | <u>55,907</u> | <u>1,538,744</u> | <u>6,058,635</u> |
| Fund Balances (Deficit) | | | | | |
| Reserved for Encumbrances | 137,867 | 0 | 1,395 | 226,209 | 365,471 |
| Reserved for Property Taxes | 202,443 | 34,949 | 4,089 | 18,222 | 259,703 |
| Reserved for Bus Purchases | 29,284 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29,284 |
| Unreserved, Undesignated, Reported in: | | | | | |
| General Fund | (809,020) | 0 | 0 | 0 | (809,020) |
| Special Revenue Funds | 0 | 0 | 956,666 | (198,508) | 758,158 |
| Debt Service Fund | 0 | 339,459 | 0 | 0 | 339,459 |
| Capital Projects Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 186,132 | 186,132 |
| <i>Total Fund Balances(Deficit)</i> | <u>(439,426)</u> | <u>374,408</u> | <u>962,150</u> | <u>232,055</u> | <u>1,129,187</u> |
| <i>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</i> | <u>\$3,645,863</u> | <u>\$753,103</u> | <u>\$1,018,057</u> | <u>\$1,770,799</u> | <u>\$7,187,822</u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Bellaire Local School District
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances
to Net Assets of Governmental Activities
June 30, 2007*

Total Governmental Fund Balances \$1,129,187

*Amounts reported for governmental activities in the
statement of net assets are different because*

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial
resources and therefore are deferred in the funds. 23,196,314

Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-
period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds:

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| Grants | 621,767 |
| Property Taxes | 425,732 |
| Interest | 14,418 |

Total 1,061,917

An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of
insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service
fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net assets. 151,883

Some long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current
period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| General Obligation Serial/Term Bonds | 3,220,000 |
| Vacation Leave Payable | 71,588 |
| Compensated Absences | 1,713,715 |
| Capital Leases | 145,937 |
| Accrued Interest Payable | 15,981 |

Total (5,167,221)

Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$20,372,080

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Bellaire Local School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

| | General | Debt Service | Classroom Facilities Maintenance | Other Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Revenues | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$2,102,405 | \$346,907 | \$43,730 | \$209,551 | \$2,702,593 |
| Intergovernmental | 9,028,190 | 41,209 | 58,516 | 3,373,912 | 12,501,827 |
| Interest | 75,348 | 0 | 31,015 | 3,292 | 109,655 |
| Tuition and Fees | 912,115 | 0 | 0 | 70,496 | 982,611 |
| Extracurricular Activities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 212,022 | 212,022 |
| Rent | 1,200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,200 |
| Contributions and Donations | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,250 | 2,250 |
| Charges for Services | 9,690 | 0 | 0 | 388,782 | 398,472 |
| Miscellaneous | 17,073 | 0 | 0 | 19,449 | 36,522 |
| <i>Total Revenues</i> | <u>12,147,021</u> | <u>388,116</u> | <u>133,261</u> | <u>4,278,754</u> | <u>16,947,152</u> |
| Expenditures | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | |
| Instruction: | | | | | |
| Regular | 6,023,721 | 0 | 0 | 379,553 | 6,403,274 |
| Special | 1,064,041 | 0 | 0 | 1,831,018 | 2,895,059 |
| Vocational | 268,094 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 268,094 |
| Support Services: | | | | | |
| Pupil | 417,775 | 0 | 0 | 637,898 | 1,055,673 |
| Instructional Staff | 0 | 0 | 0 | 138,464 | 138,464 |
| Board of Education | 24,277 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24,277 |
| Administration | 1,077,385 | 0 | 0 | 157,902 | 1,235,287 |
| Fiscal | 290,351 | 7,502 | 961 | 6,720 | 305,534 |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant | 1,405,312 | 0 | 27,562 | 22,264 | 1,455,138 |
| Pupil Transportation | 921,348 | 0 | 0 | 76,020 | 997,368 |
| Operation of Non-Instructional Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 246,596 | 246,596 |
| Food Service Operations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 754,656 | 754,656 |
| Extracurricular Activities | 184,459 | 0 | 0 | 145,749 | 330,208 |
| Capital Outlay | 0 | 0 | 84,985 | 171,798 | 256,783 |
| Debt Service: | | | | | |
| Principal Retirement | 50,615 | 145,000 | 0 | 1,980 | 197,595 |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges | 17,715 | 195,408 | 0 | 647 | 213,770 |
| <i>Total Expenditures</i> | <u>11,745,093</u> | <u>347,910</u> | <u>113,508</u> | <u>4,571,265</u> | <u>16,777,776</u> |
| <i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i> | 401,928 | 40,206 | 19,753 | (292,511) | 169,376 |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses) | | | | | |
| Transfers In | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41,092 | 41,092 |
| Sale of Capital Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46,774 | 46,774 |
| Transfers Out | (41,092) | 0 | 0 | 0 | (41,092) |
| <i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i> | <u>(41,092)</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>87,866</u> | <u>46,774</u> |
| <i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i> | 360,836 | 40,206 | 19,753 | (204,645) | 216,150 |
| <i>Fund Balances (Deficit) Beginning of Year - Restated (Note 3)</i> | <u>(800,262)</u> | <u>334,202</u> | <u>942,397</u> | <u>436,700</u> | <u>913,037</u> |
| <i>Fund Balances (Deficit) End of Year</i> | <u>(\$439,426)</u> | <u>\$374,408</u> | <u>\$962,150</u> | <u>\$232,055</u> | <u>\$1,129,187</u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Bellaire Local School District
*Reconciliation of the Changes in Fund Balances
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007*

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$216,150

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because

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 depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current period.

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Capital Outlay | 185,305 | |
| Depreciation | <u>(1,056,808)</u> | |
| Total | | (871,503) |

Capital assets removed from the capital asset account on the statement of net assets resulted in a gain on disposal of capital assets on the statement of activities. (13,778)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenue in the funds:

| | | |
|------------------|--------------|---------|
| Grants | 447,725 | |
| Tuition and Fees | (132,215) | |
| Interest | 2,787 | |
| Property Taxes | <u>9,278</u> | |
| Total | | 327,575 |

Repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------|
| General Obligation Bonds | 145,000 | |
| Capital Leases | <u>52,595</u> | |
| Total | | 197,595 |

Interest is reported as an expenditure when due in the governmental funds, but is accrued on outstanding debt on the statement of activities. 605

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Vacation Benefits Payable | 20,343 | |
| Compensated Absences | <u>31,544</u> | |
| Total | | 51,887 |

The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of insurance to an individual fund is included in the statement of activities and not on the governmental fund statements. Governmental fund expenditures and the related internal service fund revenues are eliminated. The net expenses of the internal service fund is allocated among governmental activities. (1,950)

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities (\$93,419)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Bellaire Local School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

| | Original Budget | Final Budget | Actual | Variance with Final Budget |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Revenues | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$1,856,481 | \$2,032,057 | \$2,032,057 | \$0 |
| Intergovernmental | 8,651,724 | 9,028,190 | 9,028,190 | 0 |
| Interest | 47,280 | 77,317 | 77,317 | 0 |
| Tuition and Fees | 814,640 | 954,531 | 919,900 | (34,631) |
| Rent | 1,000 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 0 |
| Contributions and Donations | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 |
| Charges for Services | 2,280 | 9,385 | 9,690 | 305 |
| Miscellaneous | 30,000 | 17,008 | 17,073 | 65 |
| <i>Total Revenues</i> | <u>11,403,405</u> | <u>12,120,688</u> | <u>12,086,427</u> | <u>(34,261)</u> |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| Instruction: | | | | |
| Regular | 7,308,471 | 6,160,638 | 6,117,132 | 43,506 |
| Special | 1,398,796 | 1,124,666 | 1,122,413 | 2,253 |
| Vocational | 281,690 | 246,152 | 245,436 | 716 |
| Support Services: | | | | |
| Pupil | 424,051 | 405,385 | 404,250 | 1,135 |
| Board of Education | 26,500 | 24,652 | 24,628 | 24 |
| Administration | 1,246,182 | 1,043,695 | 1,042,256 | 1,439 |
| Fiscal | 88,602 | 292,185 | 291,476 | 709 |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant | 364,367 | 1,498,089 | 1,488,919 | 9,170 |
| Pupil Transportation | 288,144 | 939,937 | 938,147 | 1,790 |
| Central | 29,399 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Extracurricular Activities | 58,799 | 187,991 | 187,593 | 398 |
| <i>Total Expenditures</i> | <u>11,515,001</u> | <u>11,923,390</u> | <u>11,862,250</u> | <u>61,140</u> |
| Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | <u>(111,596)</u> | <u>197,298</u> | <u>224,177</u> | <u>26,879</u> |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses) | | | | |
| Advances In | 0 | 722 | 722 | 0 |
| Transfers Out | 0 | (41,092) | (41,092) | 0 |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | <u>0</u> | <u>(40,370)</u> | <u>(40,370)</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i> | <u>(111,596)</u> | <u>156,928</u> | <u>183,807</u> | <u>26,879</u> |
| <i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i> | <u>281,698</u> | <u>281,698</u> | <u>281,698</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated | <u>174,322</u> | <u>174,322</u> | <u>174,322</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Fund Balance End of Year</i> | <u><u>\$344,424</u></u> | <u><u>\$612,948</u></u> | <u><u>\$639,827</u></u> | <u><u>\$26,879</u></u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Bellaire Local School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual
Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

| | Original Budget | Final Budget | Actual | Variance with Final Budget |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Revenues | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$24,000 | \$42,744 | \$42,744 | \$0 |
| Intergovernmental | 3,000 | 58,516 | 58,516 | 0 |
| Interest | 14,000 | 26,166 | 26,226 | 60 |
| <i>Total Revenues</i> | <u>41,000</u> | <u>127,426</u> | <u>127,486</u> | <u>60</u> |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| Support Services: | | | | |
| Fiscal | 3,273 | 961 | 961 | 0 |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant | 96,727 | 28,280 | 28,226 | 54 |
| Capital Outlay | 0 | 84,985 | 84,985 | 0 |
| <i>Total Expenditures</i> | <u>100,000</u> | <u>114,226</u> | <u>114,172</u> | <u>54</u> |
| <i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i> | (59,000) | 13,200 | 13,314 | 114 |
| <i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i> | 928,989 | 928,989 | 928,989 | 0 |
| Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated | 18,165 | 18,165 | 18,165 | 0 |
| <i>Fund Balance End of Year</i> | <u><u>\$888,154</u></u> | <u><u>\$960,354</u></u> | <u><u>\$960,468</u></u> | <u><u>\$114</u></u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Bellaire Local School District
Statement of Fund Net Assets
Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2007

| | Governmental Activity |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Internal Service Fund |
| Current Assets | |
| Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$171,940 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agents | 77,303 |
| <i>Total Current Assets</i> | \$249,243 |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Claims Payable | 97,360 |
| Net Assets | |
| Unrestricted | \$151,883 |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Bellaire Local School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets
Proprietary Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

| | <u>Governmental Activity</u> <u>Internal Service Fund</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Operating Revenues | |
| Charges for Services | <u>\$1,658,256</u> |
| Operating Expenses | |
| Purchased Services | 340,351 |
| Claims | <u>1,322,156</u> |
| <i>Total Operating Expenses</i> | <u>1,662,507</u> |
| <i>Operating Loss</i> | (4,251) |
| Non-Operating Revenues | |
| Interest | <u>2,301</u> |
| <i>Change in Net Assets</i> | (1,950) |
| <i>Net Assets Beginning of Year - Restated (Note 3)</i> | <u>153,833</u> |
| <i>Net Assets End of Year</i> | <u><u>\$151,883</u></u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Bellaire Local School District
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

| | <u>Governmental Activity</u> <u>Internal Service Fund</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents | |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities | |
| Cash Received from Interfund Services Provided | \$1,658,256 |
| Other Operating Revenues | 41,930 |
| Cash Payments for Services | (340,351) |
| Cash Payments for Claims | (1,276,047) |
| | 83,788 |
| <i>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i> | <i>83,788</i> |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities | |
| Interest | 2,301 |
| | 2,301 |
| <i>Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities</i> | <i>2,301</i> |
| <i>Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</i> | <i>86,089</i> |
| <i>Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year</i> | <i>163,154</i> |
| <i>Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year</i> | <i>\$249,243</i> |
| Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | |
| Operating Loss | (\$4,251) |
| Increase in Claims Payable | 88,039 |
| | 88,039 |
| <i>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i> | <i>\$83,788</i> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Bellaire Local School District
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2007

| | Private Purpose Trust Fund | Agency |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Assets | | |
| Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$80 | \$88,965 |
| Investments | 5,000 | 0 |
| Accrued Interest Receivable | 309 | 0 |
| <i>Total Assets</i> | 5,389 | \$88,965 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Due to Students | 0 | \$88,965 |
| <i>Total Liabilities</i> | 0 | \$88,965 |
| Net Assets | | |
| Held in Trust for Scholarships | 5,389 | |
| <i>Total Net Assets</i> | \$5,389 | |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Bellaire Local School District
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

| | Private Purpose Trust Fund |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Additions | |
| Contributions and Donations | \$50 |
| Interest | 530 |
| Total Additions | 580 |
| Deductions | |
| Scholarships Awarded | 250 |
| <i>Change in Net Assets</i> | 330 |
| <i>Net Assets Beginning of Year</i> | 5,059 |
| <i>Net Assets End of Year</i> | \$5,389 |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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Bellaire Local School District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

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

The School District was established in 1839 when Jacob Davis Jr. became the first school teacher in Bellaire. The first schoolhouse was also erected in 1839. The current district was originally made up of schools in Bellaire, Key, Pultney and other outlying areas and one-room schools. The final consolidation of these districts was in January 1960 when the Key-Pultney District joined the Bellaire District. The Bellaire School District consolidated again in 2001 when seven elementary and middle school buildings were closed and the district moved to two new facilities. Bellaire Elementary School consists of grades kindergarten through fourth, Bellaire Middle School encompasses grades five through eight and Bellaire High School houses grades nine through twelve. The School District encompasses 48 square miles of rolling hills and small communities in Belmont County. The School District's eastern border is the Ohio River. The School District is staffed by 77 non-certificated employees, 124 full-time teaching personnel and 13 administrative employees who provide services to 1,472 students and other community members. The School District currently operates 3 instructional buildings, 1 administrative building, 2 maintenance buildings and 1 bus garage.

Reporting Entity:

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

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the School District is financially accountable. The School District is financially accountable for an organization if the School District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the School District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the School District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the School District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the School District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the School District in that the School District approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes.

No separate governmental units meet the criteria for inclusion as a component unit.

The following activities are included within the reporting entity:

Parochial Schools - Within the School District boundaries, St. John Central High School and St. John Grade School are operated through the Diocese of Steubenville. Current State legislation provides funding to these parochial schools. These moneys are received and disbursed on behalf of the parochial schools by the Treasurer of the School District, as directed by the parochial schools. This activity is reflected in a special revenue fund for financial reporting purposes.

Bellaire Local School District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

The School District is involved with six organizations, four jointly governed organizations, one claims servicing pool, and one related organization. These organizations include the Belmont-Harrison Vocational School District, the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency (OME-RESA), the East Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center (ECO SERRC), the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS), the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency (OME-RESA) Self Insurance Plan, and the Bellaire Public Library. These organizations are presented in Notes 17, 18, and 19.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Basis Of Presentation

The School District's financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements usually distinguish between those activities of the School District that are governmental (primarily supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues) and those that are considered business-type activities (primarily supported by fees and charges). The School District, however; has no business type activities. The activity of the internal service fund is eliminated to avoid "doubling up" revenues and expenses.

The statement of net assets presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the School District at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the School District's governmental activities. 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 charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the School District. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School District.

Fund Financial Statements During the year, the School District segregates transactions related to certain School District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the School District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

Bellaire Local School District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

B. Fund Accounting

The School District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary.

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

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

Debt Service Fund - The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the repayment of long-term debt principal and interest.

Classroom Facilities Maintenance Special Revenue Fund - The Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund is used to account for a .5 mill levy for twenty three years relating to the school facilities bond issue. The fund is required by the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission for the facilities maintenance and replacement of facility assets.

The other governmental funds of the School District account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

Proprietary Fund Type Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position and cash flows. Proprietary funds are classified as enterprise or internal service. The School district has no enterprise funds.

Internal Service Fund The Internal Service Fund accounts for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the School District on a cost reimbursement basis. The School District's only internal service fund accounts for the operation of the School District's self-insurance program for employee medical, prescription drug and dental claims.

Fiduciary Fund Type 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. The School District's fiduciary funds include private-purpose trust and agency funds. Private-purpose trust funds are used to account for assets held by the School District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the School District's own programs. The School District has a private-purpose trust fund which accounts for a college scholarship program for students. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The School District's agency funds account for student activities and assets held by the School District as an agent for outside activities.

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C. Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the School District are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of activities presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in the total net assets.

Fund Financial Statements 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.

Like the government-wide statements, all proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of changes in fund net assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activity.

The private purpose trust fund is reported using the economic resources measurement focus.

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. Proprietary and fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

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 School District, available means expected to be received within 60 days of fiscal year-end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which taxes are levied (See Note 7). Revenue from grants is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from 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, 2007, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2008 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 measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, cash received by the School District is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the School District's records. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents".

The School District has cash with a fiscal agent held separate from the School District's central bank account. This account is maintained by the School District's self-insurance third party administrator for medical and prescription drug coverage and is presented in the statement of net assets as "cash and cash equivalents with fiscal agents".

During fiscal year 2007, investments were limited to non-negotiable certificates of deposit, negotiable certificates of deposit, Federal Farm Credit Bank Note, Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds, Federal National Mortgage Association Bonds and repurchase agreements. Investments in Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds, Federal National Mortgage Association Bonds, Federal Farm Credit Bank Notes, repurchase agreements, and negotiable certificates of deposits are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices. Non-negotiable certificates of deposits are reported at cost.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2007 amounted to \$75,348 which includes \$58,986 assigned from other School District funds.

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School District are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

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F. 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 externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other government or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted assets in governmental funds represent unexpended resources restricted for the purchase of buses.

G. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2007, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

H. Inventory

Inventories are presented at cost on a first-in, first-out basis and are expended/expensed when used. Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption, purchased food, donated food and school supplies.

I. Capital Assets

The only capital assets of the School District are general capital assets. 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. The School District was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of assets by backtrending (i.e., estimating current replacement cost of the asset to be capitalized and using an appropriate price-level index to deflate the cost to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year). Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The School District maintains a capitalization threshold of five thousand dollars. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

All reported capital assets are depreciated except for land. 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>Estimated Lives</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Land Improvements | 20 Years |
| Buildings and Improvements | 25-50 Years |
| Furniture and Equipment | 5-20 Years |
| Vehicles | 8 Years |
| Textbooks | 6 Years |

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J. 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 on the statement of net assets.

K. Compensated Absences

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

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

The entire sick leave benefit liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

On the government fund financial statements, sick leave benefits are recognized as liabilities and expenditures as payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the account "matured severance payable" in the fund from which the employee will be paid.

L. 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. Long-term notes and loans are recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements when due or when resources are available.

M. 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 financial statements.

N. Fund Balance Reserves

The School District reserves those portions of fund equity which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and therefore are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund equity which is

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available for appropriation in future periods. Fund equity reserves have been established for encumbrances, property taxes, and bus purchases.

The reserve for property taxes represents taxes recognized as revenue under generally accepted accounting principles but not available for appropriation under State statute. The reserve for bus purchase is for state funds required to be utilized for the purchase of school buses.

O. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists 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 enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net assets restricted for other purposes include resources from local sources restricted to expenditures for student programs. The government-wide statement of net assets reports \$2,578,210 of restricted net assets. Of the restricted net assets, none has resulted from enabling legislation.

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

P. 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.

Q. Estimates

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

R. Budgetary Data

All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the appropriation resolution and the certificate of estimated resources, which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amounts that the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriation resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and set annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at a level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board of Education at the fund level for all funds of the School District. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education. The Treasurer is given the authority to further allocate appropriations among functions and objects in all funds. Advances in/out are not required to be budgeted since they represent a temporary cash flow resource and are intended to be repaid.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the School District Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the certificate when the original appropriations

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were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the amended certificate in effect when the final appropriations were passed by the Board.

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

NOTE 3 – RESTATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE/NET ASSETS

The School District had previously been self-insured for dental coverage only. During fiscal year 2007 the School District became self-insured for medical and prescription drug coverage as well as the dental coverage. In prior years, the self-insured activity was combined with the General Fund, but due to the significant value of activity, the fund will be reported as a Self-Insurance Proprietary Fund for fiscal year 2007. This caused the beginning fund balance of the General Fund to be reduced by the balance of the self-insurance activity at June 30, 2006, as well as increase in fund net assets of the Internal Service Proprietary Fund by the same amount. Entity-Wide Governmental Net Assets remained unchanged, as all of the self-insured activity remains combined with all governmental activities of the School District. A summary of the restated balances are as follows:

| | <u>General Governmental Fund</u> | <u>Self-Insurance Proprietary Fund</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Fund Balance/Net Assets at June 30, 2006 | (\$646,429) | \$0 |
| Self-Insurance Restatement | <u>(153,833)</u> | <u>153,833</u> |
| Restated Fund Balance/Net Assets, June 30, 2007 | <u><u>(\$800,262)</u></u> | <u><u>\$153,833</u></u> |

NOTE 4 – ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Fund Deficits

At June 30, 2007, the following funds had deficit fund balances:

| | <u>Deficit Fund Balance</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| General Fund | \$439,426 |
| <u>Other Governmental Funds:</u> | |
| Food Service Special Revenue Fund | 399,115 |
| Poverty Based Assistance Special Revenue Fund | 100,085 |

The deficit in the General Fund was created by the application of generally accepted accounting principles. The primary cause of the deficit balance is liabilities for accrued wages, benefits, and intergovernmental payables as well as advances to cover the Food Service Fund cash deficit.

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The Food Service Special Revenue Fund deficit balance is due in part to a deficit cash balance and failure to adequately fund this program, as well as the application of generally accepted accounting principles. The School District approved a closed lunch for the 9th and 10th graders, offered new menu items, and installed the point of sale system to increase revenue for the food service program. At the March 10, 2008 meeting of the Board of Education, the Board made a motion to close the junior class lunch period for the 2008-2009 school year and approved a transfer of \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Food Service Fund for fiscal year 2008. This fund generally receives transfers from the General Fund when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

The deficit in the Poverty Based Assistance Special Revenue Fund was created by the application of generally accepted accounting principles. This Fund generally receives transfers from the General Fund when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

B. Compliance

As of June 30, 2007, appropriations exceeded estimated revenue in the following funds:

| Fund | Estimated Resources | Appropriations | Variance |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Food Service | \$362,052 | \$732,206 | (\$370,154) |
| Poverty Based Assistance | 814,129 | 848,840 | (34,711) |
| Miscellaneous Federal Grants | 873,808 | 900,093 | (26,285) |
| Self-Insurance | 1,057,973 | 1,254,234 | (196,261) |

The Food Service Fund variance was primarily due to a deficit beginning cash balance and failure to adequately fund this program. The Self-Insurance Fund variance was primarily due to this being the initial year the School District was self insured for health insurance. The other funds variances were caused by calculation errors prior to requesting the final amended certificate.

As of June 30, 2007, the following fund reflected expenditures which exceeded appropriations:

| Fund | Appropriations | Expenditures | Variance |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Self – Insurance | \$1,254,234 | \$1,624,058 | \$(369,824) |

Expenditures exceeding appropriations in this fund was caused by the application of generally accepted accounting principles. The primary cause was recording of May and June 2007 purchased services and claims payments from statements from the 3rd party administrator that were not received by the School District until after the end of the fiscal year and therefore not budgeted for in fiscal year 2007.

The School District will more closely monitor budgetary procedures pertaining to violations of this nature in the future.

NOTE 5 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While the School District is 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, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual 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 GAAP basis are that:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to

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accrual (GAAP basis).

2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (GAAP basis).
4. Advances in and advances out are operating transactions (budget) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP).
5. Adjustments to record investments at market value are reported on the balance sheet (GAAP basis), but not on the budget basis.

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP and budgetary basis statements for the General Fund and the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Special Revenue Fund.

| Net Change in Fund Balance | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|
| | General | Classroom Facilities Maintenance |
| GAAP Basis | \$360,836 | \$19,753 |
| Revenue Accruals | (60,594) | (2,032) |
| Investment Adjustment | 0 | (3,743) |
| Expenditure Accruals | 95,265 | 1,577 |
| Advances In | 722 | 0 |
| Encumbrances | (212,422) | (2,241) |
| Budget Basis | <u>\$183,807</u> | <u>\$13,314</u> |

NOTE 6 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Monies held by the School District are classified by State statute into three categories.

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

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

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

Interim monies held by the School District can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security 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;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in Division (1) or (2) of Ohio Rev. Code Section 135.18;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio); and
8. Commercial paper and bankers acceptances if training requirements have been met.

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. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

At June 30, 2007, the School District had a balance of \$77,303 with OME-RESA, a claims servicing pool (See Note 18), which is a portion of the School District's internal service fund balance. The balance is held by the claims administrator in a pooled account which is representative of numerous entities and therefore cannot be included in the risk disclosures reported by the School District. Disclosures for the OME-RESA Self-Insurance Plan as a whole may be obtained from the Plan's fiscal agent, the Jefferson County Educational Service Center. To obtain financial information, write to the Ohio Mid Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency Self-Insurance Plan, Treasurer, Jefferson County ESC, Steubenville, Ohio 43695.

Deposits

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the School District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, \$622,332 of the School District's bank balance of \$827,912 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had

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been followed, non-compliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the School District to a successful claim by FDIC.

The School District has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the School District or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured.

Investments

As of June 30, 2007, the School District had the following investments, all of which are part of the internal investment pool:

| | Fair Value | Maturity | Percent of Total Investments | Rating | Rating Agency |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| Federal Home Loan Bank Note | \$99,531 | 2/10/2011 | | AAA | S&P |
| Federal Home Loan Bank Bond | 99,188 | 1/27/2010 | 8.53% | AAA | S&P |
| Federal Farm Credit Bank Note | 99,750 | 10/12/2010 | 4.28% | AAA | S&P |
| Federal National Mortgage Association Bond | 53,849 | 9/17/2008 | 2.31% | AAA | S&P |
| Peoples Bank NA Marietta Negotiable CD | 97,590 | 9/10/2007 | 4.19% | N/A | N/A |
| Repurchase Agreement | <u>1,880,000</u> | <u>7/1/2007</u> | <u>80.69%</u> | N/A | N/A |
| Totals | <u><u>\$2,329,908</u></u> | | <u><u>100.00%</u></u> | | |

Interest Rate Risk. State statute requires that an investment mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School District, and that an investment must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. The School District's investment policy provides for the same provisions allowed by State Statute.

Credit Risk. The credit ratings for the School District's securities are listed above. The School District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Custodial Credit Risk. For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Federal Home Loan Bank Notes and Bonds, the Federal Farm Credit Bank Note, the Federal National Mortgage Association Bond, and the negotiable certificate of deposit are exposed to custodial credit risk in that they are uninsured, unregistered, and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the School District's name. The School District has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in state statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee.

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Concentration of Credit Risk. The School District's policy provides that investments of the School District shall be diversified to eliminate the risk of loss resulting from over concentration of assets in a specific maturity, a specific issue or a specific class of securities. The percentage of total investments is listed in the table above.

NOTE 7 - PROPERTY TAXES

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible personal property (used in business) located in the school district. Real property tax revenue received in calendar 2007 represents collections of calendar year 2006 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2007 were levied after April 1, 2006, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2006, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar 2007 represents collections of calendar year 2006 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2007 became a lien December 31, 2005, were levied after April 1, 2006 and are collected in 2007 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 2007 (other than public utility property tax) represents the collection of 2007 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2007 were levied after April 1, 2006, on the value listed as of December 31, 2006. In prior years, tangible personal property was assessed at twenty-five percent of true value for capital assets and twenty-three percent of true value for inventory. The tangible personal property tax is being phased out – the assessment percentage for all property including inventory for 2007 is 12.5 percent. This will be reduced to 6.25 percent for 2008, and zero for 2009. Payments by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20. Tangible personal property taxes paid by April 30 are usually received by the School District prior to June 30.

The School District receives property taxes from Belmont County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2007, are available to finance fiscal year 2007 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and tangible personal property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2007 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is reported as revenue at fiscal year end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred revenue.

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The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2007 was \$202,443 in the General Fund, \$34,949 in the Debt Service Fund, \$18,222 in the Permanent Improvement Capital Projects Fund, and \$4,089 in the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Special Revenue Fund. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2006, was \$132,095 in the General Fund, \$22,332 in the Debt Service Fund, \$13,888 in the Permanent Improvement Capital Projects Fund, and \$3,103 in the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Special Revenue Fund.

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

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2007 taxes were collected are:

| | 2006 Second Half Collections | | 2007 First Half Collections | |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------|
| | Amount | Percent | Amount | Percent |
| Real Estate | \$83,340,890 | 84.67% | \$97,429,030 | 87.28% |
| Public Utility Personal | 10,661,270 | 10.83% | 10,788,260 | 9.66% |
| General Business Property | 4,431,570 | 4.50% | 3,408,660 | 3.05% |
| | \$98,433,730 | 100.00% | \$111,625,950 | 100.00% |
| Tax Rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation | | \$34.50 | | \$34.50 |

NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2007, consisted of property taxes, interest, interfund and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds. Delinquent property taxes deemed collectible by the County Auditor and recorded as a receivable in the amount of \$425,732 may not be collected within one year. All other receivables are expected to be collected within one year. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

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| | Amounts |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Governmental Activities | |
| Excess Costs - from Other School Districts | \$225,000 |
| Lunch and Breakfast Subsidy | 52,776 |
| Temporary Aid to Needy Families | 8,486 |
| Core Implementation | 46,726 |
| 21th Century Grant | 89,322 |
| IDEA Part B | 28,436 |
| State Incentive Grant | 1,768 |
| Title I | 156,121 |
| Title II-A | 71,462 |
| Title II-A-Non-Public | 21,550 |
| Title II-D | 4,936 |
| | \$706,583 |
| Total Intergovernmental Receivables | \$706,583 |

NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2007, was as follows:

| | Balance 6/30/06 | Additions | Deletions | Balance 6/30/07 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| Non-Depreciating Capital Assets: | | | | |
| Land | \$732,299 | \$0 | (\$13,778) | \$718,521 |
| Depreciating Capital Assets: | | | | |
| Land Improvements | 1,360,815 | 0 | 0 | 1,360,815 |
| Buildings and Improvements | 28,228,543 | 112,737 | 0 | 28,341,280 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 859,475 | 1,448 | 0 | 860,923 |
| Vehicles | 1,514,564 | 71,120 | (130,710) | 1,454,974 |
| Textbooks | 763,419 | 0 | 0 | 763,419 |
| Total Depreciable Capital Assets | 32,726,816 | 185,305 | (130,710) | 32,781,411 |
| Accumulated Depreciation: | | | | |
| Land Improvements | (402,337) | (67,738) | 0 | (470,075) |
| Buildings and Improvements | (6,635,274) | (772,371) | 0 | (7,407,645) |
| Furniture and Equipment | (463,172) | (72,639) | 0 | (535,811) |
| Vehicles | (1,176,934) | (80,444) | 130,710 | (1,126,668) |
| Textbooks | (699,803) | (63,616) | 0 | (763,419) |
| Total Accumulated Depreciation | (9,377,520) | (1,056,808)* | 130,710 | (10,303,618) |
| Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net | 23,349,296 | (871,503) | 0 | 22,477,793 |
| Governmental Capital Assets, Net | \$24,081,595 | (\$871,503) | (\$13,778) | \$23,196,314 |

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*Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Instruction: | |
| Regular | \$878,730 |
| Special | 2,616 |
| Support Services: | |
| Pupil | 2,038 |
| Instructional Staff | 39,743 |
| Board of Education | 3,093 |
| Administration | 4,231 |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant | 10,593 |
| Pupil Transportation | 75,514 |
| Food Service Operations | 17,239 |
| Extracurricular Activities | 23,011 |
| Total Depreciation Expense | <u><u>\$1,056,808</u></u> |

NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property and Liability Insurance

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2007 the School District contracted with Indiana Insurance for property and inland marine coverage, and for fleet insurance and liability insurance. Flood insurance was provided by the National Flood Insurance. Indiana Insurance Coverage's provided by Pilney-Foster Insurance Agency of Ohio are as follows:

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| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Building and Contents-replacement cost (\$1,000 deductible) | \$37,189,096 |
| Automotive Liability (\$500 deductible) | 1,000,000 |
| Uninsured Motorist (\$500 deductible) | 1,000,000 |
| <i>General Liability:</i> | |
| Each Occurance | 1,000,000 |
| Aggregated Limit | 2,000,000 |
| Personal and Advertising Injury Limit - Each Occurance: | 1,000,000 |
| <i>Sexual Misconduct Liability:</i> | |
| Each Occurance | 1,000,000 |
| Aggregated Limit | 1,000,000 |
| Innocent Party Aggregate | 300,000 |
| <i>School Leaders Errors and Omissions Liability:</i> | |
| Each Occurance | 1,000,000 |
| Aggregated Limit | 1,000,000 |
| Defense Aggregate | 100,000 |
| <i>Employee Benefits Liability:</i> | |
| Each Occurance | 1,000,000 |
| Aggregated Limit | 3,000,000 |
| <i>Employer's Liability:</i> | |
| Each Occurance | 1,000,000 |
| Aggregated Limit | 2,000,000 |
| Disease - Each Employee | 1,000,000 |
| <i>Umbrella Liability:</i> | |
| Each Occurance | 2,000,000 |
| Aggregated Limit | 2,000,000 |

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

B. Workers' Compensation

The School District pays the State a rate per \$100 of salaries for workers' compensation. The School District contracts with Gates McDonald to provide administrative assistance for workers compensation.

C. Employee Benefits

The School District is a member of the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency (OME-RESA) Self-Insurance Plan, a claims servicing pool, consisting of fifty members, in which monthly premiums are paid to the fiscal agent who in turn pays the claims on the School District's behalf. Prior to October 1, 2006 all employees were offered the Health Plan of the Upper Ohio Valley, Inc; Health Maintenance Organization plan, for medical/surgical, and prescription drug coverage. Effective, October 1, 2007, all employees were provided coverage for medical/surgical and prescription drug coverage through the OME-RESA, self-insured plan.

The Board pays 90 percent of the premiums which are \$963.60 per family and \$371.64 for single. The premium is paid from the fund that pays the salary of the covered employee.

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The claims liability of \$97,360 reported in the internal service fund at June 30, 2007 is based on an estimate provided by the third party administrator and the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 30 which requires that a liability for unpaid claim costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. The estimate was not affected by incremental claim adjustment expenses and does not include other allocated or unallocated claim adjustment expenses.

Dental insurance is offered to employees through a self-insurance program. The School District contracts with a third party administrator (Medical Mutual of Ohio) to handle stop-loss coverage. The Board pays 100 percent of the monthly premium of \$54 per covered employee.

Changes in claims activity for the past two fiscal years are as follows:

| | Balance at <u>Beginning of Year</u> | Current Year <u>Claims</u> | Claims <u>Payments</u> | Balance at End <u>of Year</u> |
|------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2006 | \$5,598 | \$130,672 | \$126,949 | \$9,321 |
| 2007 | 9,321 | 1,322,156 | 1,234,117 | 97,360 |

NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

The School District contributes to the School Employees System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined 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 per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3476 or by calling (614) 222-5853.

Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current School District rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the School District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits; for fiscal year 2007, 10.68 percent of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to a statutory maximum amount, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007, 2006, and 2005 were \$217,070, \$201,933, and \$231,059, respectively; 56.10 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2007, 100 percent for the fiscal years 2006 and 2005.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

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

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

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The School District was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2006, the portion used to fund pension obligations was also 13 percent. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007, 2006, and 2005 were \$828,797, \$845,778, and \$826,437, respectively; 84.33 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2007, and 100 percent for fiscal year 2006 and 2005. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2007 were \$5,174 made by the School District and \$8,817 made by the plan members.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the School Retirement System. As of June 30, 2007, two members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.2 percent of wages.

NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The School District provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS Ohio), and to retired non-certificated employees and their dependents through the School Employees Retirement System (SERS). Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare premiums.

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Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the Systems based on authority granted by State statute. Both systems are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

All STRS Ohio retirees who participated in the DB or Combined Plans and their dependents are eligible for health care coverage. The STRS Ohio Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All benefit recipients pay a portion of health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS Ohio funds is included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, the STRS Ohio Board allocated employer contributions equal to one percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. For the School District, this amount equaled \$64,629 for fiscal year 2007.

STRS Ohio pays health care benefits from the Health Care Stabilization Fund. At June 30, 2006, (the latest information available) the balance in the Fund was \$3.5 billion. For the year ended June 30, 2006, net health care costs paid by STRS were \$282,743,000 and STRS had 119,184 eligible benefit recipients.

For SERS, coverage is made available to service retirees with ten or more fiscal years of qualifying service credit, and to disability and survivor benefit recipients. All retirees and beneficiaries are required to pay a portion of their premium for health care. The portion is based on years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

After the allocation for basic benefits, the remainder of the employer's 14 percent contribution is allocated to providing health care benefits. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 3.32 percent of covered payroll compared to 3.42 percent of covered payroll for fiscal year 2006. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2007, the minimum pay was established at \$35,800. However, the surcharge is capped at 2 percent of each employer's SERS salaries. For 2007, the School District paid \$110,775 to fund health care benefits, including the surcharge.

The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund. The target level for the health care reserve is 150 percent of the projected claims less premium contributions for the next year. Expenses for health care for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, (the latest information available), were \$158,751,207. At June 30, 2006, SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$295.6 million. SERS has 59,492 participants receiving health care benefits.

NOTE 13 - OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn ten to twenty-five days of vacation per fiscal year, depending upon length of service. Current policy permits vacation leave to be accumulated up to one year. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time. Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 255 to 270 days for all employees. Upon retirement, payment is made for thirty-five percent of accrued, but unused sick leave credit to a maximum of 89.25 days for classified employees and 94.5 days for certified employees.

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B. Other Insurance Benefits

The School District provides life insurance to all employees. A \$50,000 life insurance policy is purchased by the School District at a cost of \$8 per month. The School District contracts with Met Life Insurance to provide this benefit. The School District provides vision insurance through Vision Service Plan at a cost of \$12.76 per month.

NOTE 14 - CAPITAL LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

In prior fiscal years, the School District has entered into capitalized leases for copying equipment. The lease for copying equipment that was approved in fiscal year 2005 included an amount for the early retirement of the existing capital lease, and the existing equipment was taken on trade as part of the terms of the new lease agreement. Therefore, capitalized copying equipment is less than the amount of the outstanding capital lease liability in the amount of the difference between the book value of the traded assets and the amount received for retirement of the existing lease.

The leases meet the criteria of a capital lease as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 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 basic financial statements for the governmental funds.

Equipment acquired by lease has been capitalized in government wide statements governmental activities in the amount of \$125,130, which is equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, net of the difference between the book value of the traded assets and the amount received for retirement of the existing lease, at the of acquisition. A corresponding liability, net of the difference between the book value of the traded assets and the amount received for retirement of the existing lease, was recorded in the government wide statements governmental activities. Assets acquired by governmental activities capitalized leases are reported net of accumulated depreciation in the amount of \$75,078. Principal payments in fiscal year 2007 totaled \$52,595, in the governmental funds.

Future minimum lease payments through 2010 are as follows:

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 2008 | \$58,391 | \$12,567 | \$70,958 |
| 2009 | 64,827 | 6,131 | 70,958 |
| 2010 | 22,719 | 496 | 23,215 |
| Total | <u>\$145,937</u> | <u>\$19,194</u> | <u>\$165,131</u> |

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NOTE 15 - LONG - TERM OBLIGATIONS

The changes in the School District's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2007 were as follows:

| | Principal Outstanding 6/30/06 | Additions | Deductions | Principal Outstanding 6/30/07 | Amounts Due In One Year |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>General Obligation Bonds:</u> | | | | | |
| 2000 School Facilities Bonds | | | | | |
| Term Bonds \$1,405,000 @ 6.0 % | \$1,405,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,405,000 | \$0 |
| Serial Bonds \$2,633,000 @ 4.2% to 5.8 % | 1,960,000 | 0 | 145,000 | 1,815,000 | 130,000 |
| Total General Obligation Bonds | 3,365,000 | 0 | 145,000 | 3,220,000 | 130,000 |
| Capital Leases | 198,532 | 0 | 52,595 | 145,937 | 58,391 |
| Compensated Absences | 1,745,259 | 177,719 | 209,263 | 1,713,715 | 96,461 |
| Total General Long-Term Obligations | \$5,308,791 | \$177,719 | \$406,858 | \$5,079,652 | \$284,852 |

On February 1, 2000, the School District issued \$4,038,000 in voted general obligation bonds for the purpose of retiring \$4,038,000 in bond anticipation notes that were issued for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, reconstructing, and making additions to classroom facilities under authority of and pursuant to the general laws of the State of Ohio, particularly Chapters 133 and 3318 of the Ohio Revised Code. The bonds were issued for a period of twenty-two years with a final maturity at December 1, 2021. Annual principal and interest requirements are being paid from the proceeds of a bond levy in the debt service fund.

In connection with the passage of the bond issue, the School District also passed a half-mill levy for the maintenance of the new building.

The bond issue consists of serial and term bonds. The term bonds that mature in the year 2021 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. The mandatory sinking fund redemption is to occur on December 1, 2017, and on each December 1 thereafter at 100 percent of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption according to the following schedule:

| Year | Principal Amount |
|------|------------------|
| 2017 | \$250,000 |
| 2018 | 265,000 |
| 2019 | 280,000 |
| 2020 | 295,000 |

Unless otherwise called for redemption, the remaining \$315,000 principal amount of the Bonds due December 31, 2021 is to be paid at stated maturity.

The bonds maturing on December 1 in each of the years 2010 through 2014 are not subject to optional call for redemption prior to their respective maturity dates.

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The bonds maturing on December 1, 2015 and thereafter are subject to optional redemption, in whole or in part on any date and by lot within a maturity, at the option of the School District on or after December 1, 2009 as follows:

| Redemption Dates (inclusive) | Redemption Prices |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| December 1, 2009 through November 30, 2010 | 101% |
| December 1, 2010 and thereafter | 100% |

If fewer than all of the outstanding bonds of single maturity are called for redemption, the selection of the bonds to be redeemed, or portions thereof in amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, shall be made by lot by the Paying Agent and Registrar in any manner which the Paying Agent and Registrar may determine.

Principal and interest requirements to retire general obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2007 are as follows:

| Fiscal Year Ending June 30 | Term Bonds | | Serial Bonds | | Total | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| | Principal | Interest | Principal | Interest | Principal | Interest |
| 2008 | \$0 | \$84,300 | \$130,000 | \$104,168 | \$130,000 | \$188,468 |
| 2009 | 0 | 84,300 | 145,000 | 97,119 | 145,000 | 181,419 |
| 2010 | 0 | 84,300 | 155,000 | 89,316 | 155,000 | 173,616 |
| 2011 | 0 | 84,300 | 165,000 | 80,050 | 165,000 | 164,350 |
| 2012 | 0 | 84,300 | 175,000 | 69,296 | 175,000 | 153,596 |
| 2013-2017 | 0 | 421,500 | 1,045,000 | 163,272 | 1,045,000 | 584,772 |
| 2018-2022 | 1,405,000 | 220,350 | 0 | 0 | 1,405,000 | 220,350 |
| Total | \$1,405,000 | \$1,063,350 | \$1,815,000 | \$603,221 | \$3,220,000 | \$1,666,571 |

Capital leases will be paid from the General Fund and the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Special Revenue Fund. Compensated absences will be paid from the General Fund and the Food Service Special Revenue Funds.

The School District's overall legal debt margin was \$6,763,006, with an unvoted debt margin of \$106,762, at June 30, 2007.

NOTE 16 – INTERNAL BALANCES

Interfund balances at June 30, 2007 consist of the following individual interfund receivables and payables:

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| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | <u>Interfund Receivable</u> |
| | General Fund |
| <u>Interfund Payable</u> | |
| Other Nonmajor Governmental | \$369,593 |

The loan to the Food Service Special Revenue Fund was made to support the cafeteria program. The School District approved closing the lunch period for 9th and 10th graders, and made changes in menu item choices in order to increase revenue. At the March 10, 2008 meeting of the Board of Education, the Board made a motion to close the junior class lunch period for the 2008-2009 school year and approved a transfer of \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Food Service Fund for fiscal year 2008.

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2007 consisted of the following:

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| | Transfers to Other Nonmajor Governmental |
| <u>Transfers from</u> | |
| General Fund | \$41,092 |

The transfer to the Federal Grants Fund was approved by the Board of Education at the October, 2006 meeting, for a budget shortfall of salaries and wages.

NOTE 17 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Belmont-Harrison Vocational School District - The Belmont-Harrison Vocational School District is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the seven participating school district's elected boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. During fiscal year 2007, the School District made no contributions to the Vocational School District. To obtain financial information write to the Belmont-Harrison Vocational School, Alexis Petrilla, who serves as Treasurer, at Fox Shannon Road, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950.

Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency - The Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency (OME-RESA) was created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State statutes. OME-RESA has twelve participating counties consisting of Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum, Monroe, Noble, and Tuscarawas Counties. OME-RESA operates under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the participating school district's elected boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. OME-RESA provides financial accounting services, educational management information, internet access, and cooperative purchasing services to member districts. The School District participates in the natural gas sales service program. This program allows schools to purchase natural gas at reduced rates. The participants make monthly payments based on estimated usage. Each June these estimated payments are compared to their actual usage and any necessary adjustments are made. During fiscal year 2007, the total amount paid to OME-RESA from the School District was \$97,776 for cooperative gas purchasing services and \$57,299 for financial accounting services, educational management information, and internet access. The Jefferson County Educational Service Center serves as the fiscal agent and receives funding from the State Department of Education. To obtain financial information write to Ohio

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Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency, Treasurer, at 2023 Sunset Blvd., Steubenville, Ohio 43952.

East Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center - The East Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center (ECO SERRC) is a special education service center which selects its own board, adopts its own budget and receives direct Federal and State grants for its operation. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of initiating, expanding and improving special education programs and services for children with disabilities and their parents. The ECO SERRC is governed by a board composed of superintendents of member school districts in East Central Ohio, parents of children with disabilities, representatives of chartered non-public schools, representatives of county boards of MR/DD and representatives of universities. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. There is no financial commitment made by the districts involved in ECO SERRC. ECO SERRC is not dependent upon the continued participation of the School District and the School District does not maintain an equity interest in or financial responsibility for ECO SERRC. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Julie A. Lynch, who serves as Treasurer at the Tuscarawas-Carroll-Harrison Educational Service Center, 172 North Broadway, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663.

Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS) - The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools is a jointly governed organization composed of over 130 school districts and other educational institutions in the 29-county region of Ohio designated as Appalachia. The Coalition is operated by a Board which is composed of seventeen members. One elected and one appointed from each of the seven regions into which the 29 Appalachian counties are divided; and three from Ohio University College of Education. The Council provides various in-service training programs for school district administrative personnel; gathers data regarding the level of education provided to children in the region; cooperates with other professional groups to assess and develop programs designed to meet the needs of member districts; and provides staff development programs for school district personnel. The Council is not dependent on the continued participation of the School District and the School District does not maintain an equity interest in or financial responsibility for the Council. The School District's membership fee was \$300 for fiscal year 2007.

NOTE 18 – CLAIMS SERVICING POOL

The Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency (OME-RESA) Self-Insurance Plan - For medical and prescription drug coverage, the School District participates in the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency (OME-RESA) Self-Insurance Plan, a claims servicing pool comprised of fifty members. Each participant is a member of the assembly. The Plan's business and affairs are conducted by a nine member Board of Directors elected from the OME-RESA's assembly. Each member pays a monthly premium based on their claims history and a monthly administration fee. All participating members retain their risk and the Plan acts as the claims servicing agent.

NOTE 19 – RELATED ORGANIZATION

Bellaire Public Library - The Bellaire Public Library is a district 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 Bellaire Local School District Board of Education. The Board of Trustees possesses its own contracting and budgeting authority, hires and fires personnel and does not depend on the School District for operational subsidies. Although the School District does serve as the taxing authority and may issue tax related debt on behalf of the Library, its role is limited to a ministerial function. The determination to request approval of a tax, the rate and the purchase are discretionary

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decision made solely by the Board of Trustees. Financial information can be obtained from the Bellaire Public Library, Pamela Nyles, Clerk/Treasurer, at 32nd and Guernsey Street, Bellaire, Ohio 43906.

NOTE 20 - SET-ASIDE CALCULATIONS AND FUND RESERVES

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

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

| | <u>Textbooks</u> | <u>Capital Improvements</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Set-aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2006 | (\$15,654) | \$0 |
| Current Year Set-aside Requirement | 178,519 | 178,519 |
| Current Year Offsets | 0 | (401,985) |
| Qualifying Disbursements | <u>(165,978)</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Totals | <u>(\$3,113)</u> | <u>(\$223,466)</u> |
| Allowable Carry Forward at June 30, 2006 | 0 | (3,327,151) |
| Set-aside Balance Carried Forward to Future Fiscal Years | <u>(\$3,113)</u> | <u>(\$3,327,151)</u> |
| Set-aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2007 | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

The School District has qualifying disbursements from prior fiscal years that reduced the textbook set-aside below zero. This extra amount may be used to reduce the set-aside requirement of future years. The School District also had offsets during the fiscal year that reduced the set-aside amount to below zero for the capital maintenance set-aside, which may not be carried forward to future years. In addition, the School District had prior year capital expenditures from debt proceeds in connection with a school facilities project that may be carried forward to offset future set-aside requirements.

NOTE 21 – CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2007.

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B. Litigation

Currently, the School District is not party to any legal proceedings as either plaintiff or defendant.

**BELLAIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BELMONT COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

| FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass-Through Grantor Program Title | Pass-through Entity Number | Federal CFDA Number | Receipts | Non-Cash Receipts | Expenditures | Non-Cash Expenditures |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE | | | | | | |
| <i>Passed-Through Ohio Department of Education:</i> | | | | | | |
| Food Donation | NA | 10.550 | | \$39,284 | | \$39,284 |
| Nutrition Cluster: | | | | | | |
| School Breakfast Program | 043570-05PU-2006 | 10.553 | \$21,304 | | \$21,304 | |
| | 043570-05PU-2007 | | 97,754 | | 97,754 | |
| Total School Breakfast Program | | | 119,058 | 0 | 119,058 | 0 |
| National School Lunch Program | 043570-LLP4-2006 | 10.555 | 46,219 | | 46,219 | |
| | 043570-LLP4-2007 | | 220,632 | | 220,632 | |
| Total National School Lunch Program | | | 266,851 | 0 | 266,851 | 0 |
| Total Nutrition Cluster | | | 385,909 | 0 | 385,909 | 0 |
| Total U.S. Department of Agriculture | | | 385,909 | 39,284 | 385,909 | 39,284 |
| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION | | | | | | |
| <i>Passed-Through Ohio Department of Education:</i> | | | | | | |
| Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies | 043570-C1S1-2006 | 84.010 | (19,380) | | 121,148 | |
| | 043570-C1SK-2006 | | | | 49,923 | |
| | 043570-C1S1-2007 | | 681,570 | | 655,496 | |
| | 043570-C1SK-2007 | | 43,564 | | 33,564 | |
| Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies | | | 705,754 | 0 | 860,131 | 0 |
| Special Education-Grants to States | 043570-6BSF-2006 | 84.027 | 8,644 | | 70,208 | |
| | 043570-6BSF-2007 | | 480,665 | | 425,894 | |
| Total Special Education-Grants to States | | | 489,309 | 0 | 496,102 | 0 |
| Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities-State Grants | 043570-DRS1-2006 | 84.186 | (2,384) | | | |
| | 043570-DRS1-2007 | | 67,050 | | 67,050 | |
| | 043570-DRS1-2007 | | 17,059 | | 12,997 | |
| Total Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities-State Grants | | | 81,725 | 0 | 80,047 | 0 |
| Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers | 043570-T1S1-2007 | 84.287 | 208,417 | | 178,643 | |
| State Grants for Innovative Programs | 043570-C2S1-2006 | 84.298 | 359 | | 359 | |
| | 043570-C2S1-2007 | | 5,006 | | 4,611 | |
| Total State Grants for Innovative Programs | | | 5,365 | 0 | 4,970 | 0 |
| Education Technology State Grants | 043570-TJS1-2006 | 84.318 | (7,837) | | 70 | |
| | 043570-TJS1-2007 | | 9,744 | | 4,706 | |
| Total Education Technology State Grants | | | 1,907 | 0 | 4,776 | 0 |
| Improving Teacher Quality State Grants | 043570-TRS1-2006 | 84.367 | (52,542) | | 25,498 | |
| | 043570-TRSA-2006 | | (2,912) | | 160 | |
| | 043570-TRS1-2007 | | 164,457 | | 159,998 | |
| | 043570-TRSA-2007 | | 5,307 | | 9,768 | |
| Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grants | | | 114,310 | 0 | 195,424 | 0 |
| Total U.S. Department of Education | | | 1,606,787 | 0 | 1,820,093 | 0 |
| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES | | | | | | |
| <i>Passed-Through Ohio Department Of Mental Health :</i> | | | | | | |
| Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services- Projects of Regional and National Significance | N/A | 93.243 | (1,727) | | 569 | |
| | N/A | | 47,332 | | 49,100 | |
| Total Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services- Projects of Regional and National Significance | | | 45,605 | 0 | 49,669 | 0 |
| Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants | | 93.590 | 556 | | 1,112 | |
| | | | 9,444 | | 34,307 | |
| Total Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants | | | 10,000 | 0 | 35,419 | 0 |
| <i>Passed-Through Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities:</i> | | | | | | |
| Medical Assistance Program | N/A | 93.778 | 38,906 | | | |
| Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services | | | 94,511 | 0 | 85,088 | 0 |
| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY | | | | | | |
| <i>Passed-Through Ohio Emergency Management Agency:</i> | | | | | | |
| Disaster Grants-Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters) | FEMA-1556-DR-013UMGTS | 97.036 | 3,571 | | 3,571 | |
| Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security | | | 3,571 | 0 | 3,571 | 0 |
| Total Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures | | | \$2,090,778 | \$39,284 | \$2,294,661 | \$39,284 |

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

**BELLAIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BELMONT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

NOTE B - FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

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

NOTE C - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

NOTE D - TRANSFERS

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) requires School Districts to record grant funds carried over from one grant period to another grant period as a negative receipt in the original grant fund project-by-year line and as a positive receipt in the subsequent year project line. The Schedule reflects the following transfers due to ODE administrative action:

| <u>CFDA Number</u> | <u>Pass-through Entity Number</u> | <u>Transfers-In</u> | <u>Transfers-Out</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 84.010 | 043570-C1S1-2006 | | \$19,380 |
| 84.010 | 043570-C1S1-2007 | \$19,380 | |
| 84.186 | 043570-DRS1-2006 | | 2,384 |
| 84.186 | 043570-DRS1-2007 | 2,384 | |
| 84.318 | 043570-TJS1-2006 | | 7,837 |
| 84.318 | 043570-TJS1-2007 | 7,837 | |
| 84.367 | 043570-TRS1-2006 | | 52,542 |
| 84.367 | 043570-TRS1-2007 | 52,542 | |
| 84.367 | 043570-TRSA-2006 | | 2,912 |
| 84.367 | 043570-TRSA-2007 | 2,912 | |
| Total | | \$85,055 | \$85,055 |



Mary Taylor, CPA

Auditor of State

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Bellaire Local School District
Belmont County
340 34th Street
Bellaire, Ohio 43906

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bellaire Local School District, Belmont County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 11, 2008, wherein we noted the School District is reporting the self-insured activity for medical, dental, and prescription drug coverage as an internal service proprietary fund. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the School District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the School District's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the School District's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

We noted a certain matter that we reported to the School District's management in a separate letter dated March 11, 2008.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2007-001 through 2007-003.

The School District's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. We did not audit the School District's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board of Education, and federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

March 11, 2008



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Auditor of State

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

Bellaire Local School District
Belmont County
340 34th Street
Bellaire, Ohio 43906

To the Board of Education:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Bellaire Local School District, Belmont County, Ohio (the School District), with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that apply to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2007. The Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings identifies the School District's major federal program. The School District's management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to the major federal program. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the School District's compliance based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the School District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that apply to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2007.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The School District's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over compliance.

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Internal Control Over Compliance

A control deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the School District's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the School District's internal control will not prevent or detect more-than-inconsequential noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that the School District's internal control will not prevent or detect material noncompliance with a federal program's compliance requirements.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board of Education, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

March 11, 2008

**BELLAIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BELMONT COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 SECTION .505
JUNE 30, 2007**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| (d)(1)(i) | Type of Financial Statement Opinion | Unqualified |
| (d)(1)(ii) | Were there any material control weakness reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)? | No |
| (d)(1)(ii) | Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)? | No |
| (d)(1)(iii) | Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)? | Yes |
| (d)(1)(iv) | Were there any material internal control weakness reported for major federal programs? | No |
| (d)(1)(iv) | Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control 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 Section .510? | No |
| (d)(1)(vii) | Major Programs (list): | Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, CFDA #84.010 |
| (d)(1)(viii) | Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs | Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others |
| (d)(1)(ix) | Low Risk Auditee? | Yes |

**BELLAIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BELMONT COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 SECTION .505
JUNE 30, 2007
(Continued)**

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

FINDING NUMBER 2007-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10(H) states that money paid into a fund may only be used for the purpose for which such fund was established. As a result, a negative fund balance indicates that money from one fund was used to cover the expenses of another fund.

The following fund reflected negative cash fund balances throughout the year as noted:

| As Of Date | Food Service Fund |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| June 30, 2007 | \$369,593 |
| March 31, 2007 | \$433,578 |
| December 31, 2006 | \$457,742 |
| September 30, 2006 | \$411,595 |

We recommend the School District Treasurer monitor fund balances to properly ensure that monies from one fund are not utilized to pay the obligations of another fund. To cover temporary cash flow shortages, the School District may be able to advance money from other funds. The School District can refer to Auditor of State Bulletin 97-003 to determine if an advance of funds to prevent a deficit cash balance would be appropriate.

Officials' Response

The year-end deficit in the Food Service Fund has been an on-going issue for the district. The deficit situation did not occur in one fiscal year. A number of years ago the program began to struggle with revenue. Additional fast food restaurants in the Village of Bellaire entice more high school students to eat outside the cafeteria. The continuing increases in labor and food costs have also played a role in the deficit. We have already looked at menu choices in all 3 buildings and streamlined what is being served. In 2006, the high school freshman class lunch was closed, slightly increasing revenue. In 2007, the sophomore class lunch was also closed. It is the intent to continue to close grade levels each year, to increase revenue and more importantly, ensure student safety. The Board has committed to closing the lunch period for junior students in 2008. The Board has also committed a minimal amount of \$15,000 from the General Fund to be paid toward the deficit before the end of fiscal year 2008. The Board is currently working on a long-term plan to address the deficit.

FINDING NUMBER 2007-002

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 provides, in part, that appropriations from each fund shall not exceed the estimated revenue available for expenditure therefrom, as certified by the County Budget Commission.

**BELLAIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BELMONT COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 SECTION .505
JUNE 30, 2007
(Continued)**

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

FINDING NUMBER 2007-002 (Continued)

Noncompliance Citation – Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 (Continued)

As of June 30, 2007, appropriations exceeded estimated revenue in the following funds:

| Fund | Estimated Resources | Appropriations | Variance |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Food Service | \$362,052 | \$732,206 | (\$370,154) |
| Poverty Based Assistance | 814,129 | 848,840 | (34,711) |
| Miscellaneous Federal Grants | 873,808 | 900,093 | (26,285) |
| Self-Insurance | 1,057,973 | 1,254,234 | (196,261) |

We recommend the Board of Education and the Treasurer monitor appropriations and estimated resources and file amendments as needed with the County Auditor to ensure that the total appropriations from each fund do not exceed the total official estimate or amended official estimate. This will help to reduce the risk of disbursements exceeding actual revenues available and will add a measure of control over the School District's budgetary process.

Officials' Response

The appropriations exceeding certified revenue in the Food Service Fund are due to the deficit discussed in Finding No. 2007-001. The deficits in the Poverty Based Assistance and Miscellaneous Federal Grants were simply calculation errors on the form I use internally comparing funds certified vs revenue received. I did not catch the errors prior to requesting my final certificate. The Self-Insurance Fund was balanced when I requested the amended certificate. After June 30, I received 2 months of health insurance reports (April and May 2007). I felt it better to post those months prior to closeout to present a clearer picture of the fund. I was aware that I could not change my amended certificate and that the expenditures would exceed the appropriations and revenue.

FINDING NUMBER 2007-003

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) prohibits a subdivision or taxing unit from making an expenditure unless it has been properly appropriated.

As of June 30, 2007, the following fund reflected budgetary expenditures which exceeded appropriations:

| Fund | Appropriations | Expenditures | Variance |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Self - Insurance | \$1,254,234 | \$1,624,058 | \$(369,824) |

We recommend the Board of Education and the Treasurer compare expenditures to appropriations on a monthly basis. If appropriations in addition to those already adopted will be needed, the Board should take the necessary steps to adopt additional appropriations, if possible, to prevent expenditures from exceeding appropriations or reduce spending. The Treasurer should deny requests for payment when appropriations are not available.

**BELLAIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BELMONT COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 SECTION .505
JUNE 30, 2007
(Continued)**

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

FINDING NUMBER 2007-003 (Continued)

Noncompliance Citation – Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) (Continued)

Officials' Response

The Self-Insurance Fund was balanced when I requested the amended certificate. After June 30, I received 2 months of health insurance reports (April and May 2007). I felt it better to post those months prior to closeout to present a clearer picture of the fund. I was aware that I could not change my amended certificate and that the expenditures would exceed the appropriations and revenue.

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.

**BELLAIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BELMONT COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133§ .315 (b)
JUNE 30, 2007**

| Finding Number | Finding Summary | Fully Corrected? | Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i> |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2006-001 | Finding for Recovery Repaid Under Audit | Yes | N/A. |
| 2006-002 | Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10(H), Food Service Fund reflected negative cash fund balances throughout the year and at year-end. | No | Not Corrected; Reissued as Finding No. 2007-001. |
| 2006-003 | Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39, appropriations exceeded estimated revenue in several funds. | No | Not Corrected; Reissued as Finding No. 2007-002. |



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BELLAIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BELMONT 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
APRIL 10, 2008**