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**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Mapleton Local School District
Ashland 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 Mapleton Local School District, Ashland County, Ohio (the County), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in 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 Mapleton Local School District, Ashland County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and where applicable, cash flows, thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 5, 2009, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. 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 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.

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February 5, 2009

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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The management's discussion and analysis of the Mapleton Local School District's (the "District") financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2008 are as follows:

- In total, net assets of governmental activities decreased \$1,122,011 which represents a 5.91% decrease from 2007.
- General revenues accounted for \$6,780,216 in revenue or 79.90% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, and grants and contributions accounted for \$1,705,285 or 20.10% of total revenues of \$8,485,501.
- The District had \$9,607,512 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$1,705,285 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services and sales, grants or contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$6,780,216 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's major governmental funds are the general fund, debt service fund, and the permanent improvement fund. The general fund had \$7,144,986 in revenues and \$7,576,464 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2008, the general fund's fund balance decreased \$431,478 from \$1,208,874 to a balance of \$777,396.
- The debt service fund had \$288,530 in revenues and \$333,975 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2008, the debt service fund's fund balance decreased \$45,445 from \$476,388 to \$430,943.
- The permanent improvement fund had \$235,907 in revenues and other financing sources and \$307,098 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2008, the permanent improvement fund's fund balance decreased \$71,191 from a balance of \$449,563 to \$378,372.

Using these Basic Financial Statements

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

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

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Reporting the District as a Whole

Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the District to provide programs and activities, the view of the District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2008?" The statement of net assets and the statement of activities answer this question. These statements include *all non-fiduciary assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

In the statement of net assets and the statement of activities, the governmental activities include the District's programs and services, including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, extracurricular activities, and food service operations.

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

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

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

Governmental Funds

Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other *financial assets* that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed *short-term* view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental *activities* (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental *funds* is reconciled in the basic financial statements. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 15-19 of this report.

Proprietary Funds

The District maintains a proprietary fund. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the District's various functions. The District's internal service fund accounts for medical/surgical and dental benefits self-insurance. The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 20-22 of this report.

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Reporting the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its scholarship programs. This activity is presented as a private-purpose trust fund. The District also acts in a trustee capacity as an agent for individuals or other entities. These activities are reported in agency funds. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in separate statements of fiduciary net assets and changes in fiduciary net assets on pages 23 and 24. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the District to finance its operations.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 25-53 of this report.

The District as a Whole

The District restated beginning net assets as described in Note 3.B. Recall that the statement of net assets provides the perspective of the District as a whole.

The table below provides a summary of the District's net assets for 2008 and 2007.

	Net Assets	
	Governmental Activities 2008	Restated Governmental Activities 2007
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 6,282,405	\$ 6,166,012
Capital assets	<u>18,812,754</u>	<u>19,412,339</u>
Total assets	<u>25,095,159</u>	<u>25,578,351</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities	3,489,850	2,687,064
Long-term liabilities	<u>3,733,473</u>	<u>3,897,440</u>
Total liabilities	<u>7,223,323</u>	<u>6,584,504</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	15,432,789	15,864,764
Restricted	1,425,751	1,556,500
Unrestricted	<u>1,013,296</u>	<u>1,572,583</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 17,871,836</u>	<u>\$ 18,993,847</u>

Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2008, the District's assets exceeded liabilities by \$17,871,836. Of this total, \$1,013,296 is unrestricted in use.

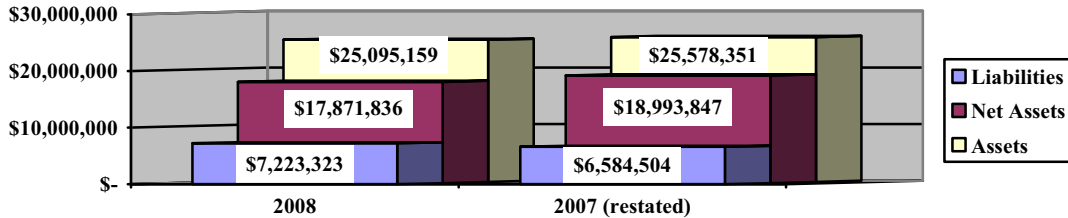
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At year-end, capital assets represented 74.97% of total assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. Capital assets, net of related debt to acquire the assets at June 30, 2008, were \$15,432,789. These capital assets are used to provide services to the students and are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A portion of the District's net assets, \$1,425,751, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The table below illustrates the District's assets, liabilities and net assets at June 30, 2008 and 2007.

Governmental Activities



The table below shows the change in net assets for fiscal year 2008 and 2007.

Change in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities 2008	Restated Governmental Activities 2007
Revenues		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 941,379	\$ 901,591
Operating grants and contributions	745,350	924,662
Capital grants and contributions	18,556	36,832
General revenues:		
Property taxes	2,045,162	3,550,127
Grants and entitlements not restricted	4,591,091	4,417,679
Investment earnings	134,232	105,887
Miscellaneous	9,731	57,024
Total revenues	8,485,501	9,993,802

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Change in Net Assets

	<u>Governmental Activities 2008</u>	<u>Governmental Activities 2007</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program expenses:		
Instruction:		
Regular	\$ 4,183,444	\$ 4,252,085
Special	658,308	688,395
Vocational	242,147	132,713
Other	674,072	187,742
Support services:		
Pupil	227,291	180,386
Instructional staff	381,634	242,135
Board of education	77,695	61,617
Administration	658,790	662,900
Fiscal	322,257	263,988
Business	100	-
Operations and maintenance	759,739	657,099
Pupil transportation	588,839	424,935
Central	48,818	52,280
Operation of non-instructional services:		
Food service operations	355,834	407,852
Other non-instructional services	-	543
Extracurricular activities	297,109	323,530
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>131,435</u>	<u>186,372</u>
Total expenses	<u>9,607,512</u>	<u>8,724,572</u>
Change in net assets	(1,122,011)	1,269,230
Net assets at beginning of year (restated)	<u>18,993,847</u>	<u>17,724,617</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 17,871,836</u>	<u>\$ 18,993,847</u>

Governmental Activities

Net assets of the District's governmental activities decreased \$1,122,011. Total governmental expenses of \$9,607,512 were offset by program revenues of \$1,705,285 and general revenues of \$6,780,216. Program revenues supported 17.75% of the total governmental expenses.

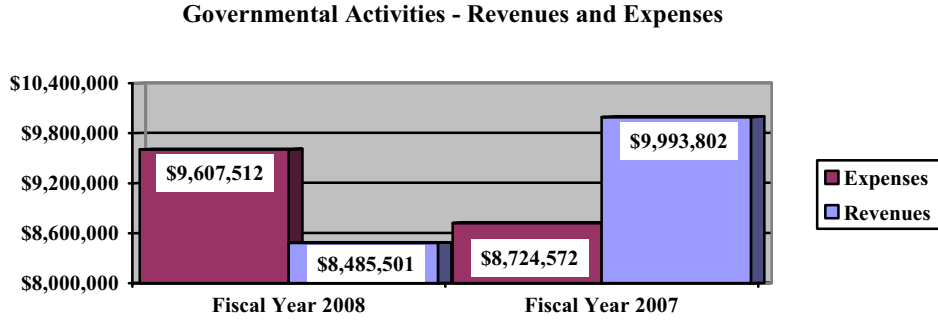
The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from property taxes, and grants and entitlements. These revenue sources represent 78.21% of total governmental revenue.

The largest expense of the District is for instructional programs. Instruction expenses totaled \$5,757,971 or 59.93% of total governmental expenses for fiscal year 2008.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue and expenses for fiscal year 2008 and 2007.



The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State grants and entitlements.

Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services 2008	Net Cost of Services 2008	Total Cost of Services 2007	Net Cost of Services 2007
Program expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 4,183,444	\$ 3,566,266	\$ 4,252,085	\$ 3,583,842
Special	658,308	231,174	688,395	165,609
Vocational	242,147	207,480	132,713	99,510
Other	674,072	632,076	187,742	187,742
Support services:				
Pupil	227,291	226,844	180,386	180,386
Instructional staff	381,634	325,713	242,135	172,882
Board of education	77,695	77,695	61,617	61,617
Administration	658,790	657,449	662,900	661,900
Fiscal	322,257	322,257	263,988	263,105
Business	100	100	-	-
Operations and maintenance	759,739	759,739	657,099	623,355
Pupil transportation	588,839	566,766	424,935	383,981
Central	48,818	37,009	52,280	48,076
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	355,834	10,906	407,852	95,883
Other non-instructional services	-	-	543	(373)
Extracurricular activities	297,109	149,318	323,530	147,600
Interest and fiscal charges	131,435	131,435	186,372	186,372
Total expenses	<u>\$ 9,607,512</u>	<u>\$ 7,902,227</u>	<u>\$ 8,724,572</u>	<u>\$ 6,861,487</u>

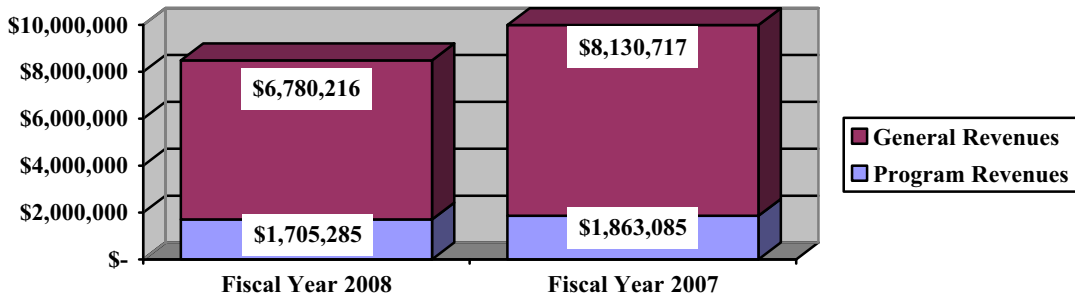
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The dependence upon tax and other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, as 80.53% of 2008 instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 82.25%. The District's taxpayers, as a whole, are by far the primary support for District's students.

The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue for fiscal year 2008 and 2007.

Governmental Activities - General and Program Revenues



The District's Funds

The District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$2,100,407, which is lower than last year's total of \$2,738,179. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2008 and 2007.

	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2008</u>	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2007</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
General	\$ 777,396	\$ 1,208,874	\$ (431,478)	(35.69) %
Debt Service	430,943	476,388	(45,445)	(9.54) %
Permanent Improvement	378,372	449,563	(71,191)	(15.84) %
Other Governmental	<u>513,696</u>	<u>603,354</u>	<u>(89,658)</u>	(14.86) %
Total	<u>\$ 2,100,407</u>	<u>\$ 2,738,179</u>	<u>\$ (637,772)</u>	(23.29) %

General Fund

The District's general fund balance decreased \$431,478. The decrease in fund balance can be attributed to several items related to increasing expenditures and a decrease in the District's tax revenues. The table that follows assists in illustrating the financial activities and fund balance of the general fund.

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	<u>2008</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2007</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Taxes	\$ 1,652,021	\$ 2,730,270	\$ (1,078,249)	(39.49) %
Tuition	527,724	517,255	10,469	2.02 %
Earnings on investments	94,177	87,547	6,630	7.57 %
Intergovernmental	4,766,930	4,639,746	127,184	2.74 %
Other revenues	<u>104,134</u>	<u>141,362</u>	<u>(37,228)</u>	<u>(26.34) %</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,144,986</u>	<u>\$ 8,116,180</u>	<u>\$ (971,194)</u>	<u>(11.97) %</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Instruction	\$ 4,682,550	\$ 4,436,982	\$ 245,568	5.53 %
Support services	2,717,238	2,334,791	382,447	16.38 %
Operation of non-instructional services	-	72	(72)	(100.00) %
Extracurricular activities	160,716	164,242	(3,526)	(2.15) %
Debt service	<u>15,960</u>	<u>15,960</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>- %</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,576,464</u>	<u>\$ 6,952,047</u>	<u>\$ 624,417</u>	<u>8.98 %</u>

Tax revenues decreased \$1,078,249 or 39.49%. This decrease can be attributed to tax advances available from Ashland and Lorain County decreasing by over \$700,000 from the prior year. Other revenues decreased \$37,228 or 26.34% primarily because of a decrease in the pay-to-participate fees for sports activities. Instructional expenditures increased \$245,568 or 5.53% which can be attributed to a 3% increase in the base salary for certified staff which was retroactive to July 1, 2006, but was not paid until fiscal year 2008. Support services increased \$382,447 or 16.38% due to a 3% increase in salaries retroactive to July 1, 2006 that was paid in FY 2008, an increase in personnel due to special needs students, and increases in fuel prices and utility costs. All other revenue and expenditure line items shown are deemed immaterial amounts relative to the total or were consistent with 2007 and do not warrant further analysis.

Debt Service Fund

The debt service fund had \$288,530 in revenues and \$333,975 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2008, the debt service fund's fund balance decreased \$45,445 from \$476,388 to \$430,943.

Permanent Improvement Fund

The permanent improvement fund had \$235,907 in revenues and other financing sources and \$307,098 in expenditures in 2008. The permanent improvement fund's fund balance decreased \$71,191 from \$449,563 to \$378,372.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

During the course of fiscal year 2008, the District amended its general fund budget several times. For the general fund, original budgeted revenues and other financing sources were \$7,033,508 and final budgeted revenues and other financing sources were \$7,758,611. The majority of the difference between the original and final estimated revenues relates to an increase in the Intergovernmental – State revenue received. Actual revenues and other financing sources for fiscal year 2008 was \$7,768,216. This represents a \$734,708 increase over original budgeted revenues.

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General fund original appropriations (appropriated expenditures) of \$7,422,222 were increased to \$7,677,218 in the final appropriations. The actual budget basis expenditures for fiscal year 2008 totaled \$7,677,459, which was \$241 higher than the final budget appropriations.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2008, the District had \$18,812,754 invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. This entire amount is reported in governmental activities. The following table shows fiscal year 2008 balances compared to 2007:

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

	Governmental Activities	
	2008	Restated 2007
	Land	\$ 177,800
Land improvements	1,680,906	1,761,081
Building and improvements	16,111,654	16,691,742
Furniture and equipment	393,669	434,082
Vehicles	448,725	340,334
Total	\$ 18,812,754	\$ 19,412,339

The overall decrease in capital assets of \$599,585 is due to depreciation expense of \$849,332 and disposals of \$11,093 (net of accumulated depreciation) exceeding capital outlays of \$260,840 in the fiscal year.

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

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2008, the District had \$3,379,965 in bonds and capital lease obligations outstanding. Of this total, \$183,656 is due within one year and \$3,196,309 is due within greater than one year. The following table summarizes the bonds and capital lease obligations outstanding.

Outstanding Debt at June 30

	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities
	2008	2007
Classroom facilities improvement bonds	\$ 3,345,000	\$ 3,500,000
Capital lease obligation	34,965	47,575
Total	\$ 3,379,965	\$ 3,547,575

At June 30, 2008, the District's overall legal debt margin was \$7,409,601, and an unvoted debt margin of \$114,707.

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

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Current Financial Related Activities

As a cost savings measure the Mapleton Middle School was closed in fiscal year 2007. The sixth grade students and staff have been relocated to the Mapleton Elementary School and the seventh and eighth grades are being housed in the high school. At the time of this report, the project with OSFC is not final. Problems with the construction of the roof have arose and are being addressed by the administration and the OSFC.

From an operating perspective, the District has continued to meet its current financial obligations due to cost reduction measures undertaken in fiscal year 2006. However, the Board's five-year forecast indicates that cash-flow problems will persist throughout the forecast period and by fiscal year 2012 will have a deficit balance at year end. The District's expenditures have outpaced the revenue. Additional cost cutting measures will have to be addressed if revenue does not increase in the near future.

In fiscal year 2008, the District continued to collect pay-to-participate fees to offset the cost of extra-curricular activities.

The Board continues to purchase equipment, textbooks and major improvements through the Permanent Improvement Fund. The Permanent Improvement tax levy will be up for renewal in calendar year 2010. Management needs to be mindful of the possible loss of this revenue.

The Board of Education negotiated 3 year contracts with both certified and non-certified collective bargaining units effective July 1, 2008. Increases in base salaries will have an impact in the salaries and benefits paid over the next 3 fiscal years.

The Board of Education has had numerous levy failures and has not passed a new operating levy since 1991. A \$950,000 Emergency Levy was placed on the ballot in August, 2006 and November, 2006, the Levies failed. The renewal of a current operating expense levy was passed in November, 2006. The District is currently at the 20 mill floor, the lowest millage amount a District can legally collect. Therefore, the District will be looking at options to increase revenue in fiscal year 2009.

The current financial position of the State of Ohio does not seem to support increased spending in the area of primary and secondary education. As the State looks to balance its budget, decreases in educational funding could follow. This could substantially affect the District's ability to operate as a quality educational institution.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Susan K. Smith, Treasurer, Mapleton Local School District, 2 Mountie Drive, Ashland, Ohio 44805.

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2008

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents . . .	\$ 2,521,315
Cash with fiscal agent	709,933
Cash with escrow agent	19,283
Receivables:	
Taxes	3,016,609
Accounts	350
Intergovernmental	2,481
Prepayments	7,192
Materials and supplies inventory	5,242
Capital assets:	
Land	177,800
Depreciable capital assets, net	18,634,954
Capital assets, net.	18,812,754
 Total assets.	 25,095,159
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable.	21,722
Accrued wages and benefits	685,004
Pension obligation payable.	157,927
Intergovernmental payable	20,526
Unearned revenue	2,387,580
Accrued interest payable	22,352
Claims payable	194,739
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year.	237,733
Due within more than one year	3,495,740
 Total liabilities	 7,223,323
Net Assets:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt.	15,432,789
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	851,933
Debt service.	431,849
Classroom facilities maintenance	57,517
Locally funded programs	6,255
State funded programs	30,076
Federally funded programs	136
Student activities	15,546
Other purposes	32,439
Unrestricted	1,013,296
 Total net assets	 \$ 17,871,836

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$ 4,183,444	\$ 575,863	\$ 41,315	\$ -	\$ (3,566,266)
Special	658,308	4,079	423,055	-	(231,174)
Vocational	242,147	-	34,667	-	(207,480)
Other	674,072	-	41,996	-	(632,076)
Support services:					
Pupil	227,291	-	447	-	(226,844)
Instructional staff	381,634	-	42,993	12,928	(325,713)
Board of education	77,695	-	-	-	(77,695)
Administration	658,790	192	1,149	-	(657,449)
Fiscal	322,257	-	-	-	(322,257)
Business	100	-	-	-	(100)
Operations and maintenance	759,739	-	-	-	(759,739)
Pupil transportation	588,839	10,599	5,846	5,628	(566,766)
Central	48,818	-	11,809	-	(37,009)
Operation of non-instructional services:					
Food service operations	355,834	203,749	141,179	-	(10,906)
Extracurricular activities	297,109	146,897	894	-	(149,318)
Interest and fiscal charges	131,435	-	-	-	(131,435)
Total governmental activities	\$ 9,607,512	\$ 941,379	\$ 745,350	\$ 18,556	(7,902,227)
General Revenues:					
Property taxes levied for:					
General purposes					1,615,405
Special revenue					29,634
Debt service					236,880
Capital projects					163,243
Grants and entitlements not restricted					
to specific programs					4,591,091
Investment earnings					134,232
Miscellaneous					9,731
Total general revenues					6,780,216
Change in net assets					(1,122,011)
Net assets at beginning of year (restated)					18,993,847
Net assets at end of year					\$ 17,871,836

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Permanent Improvement</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:					
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,151,954	\$ 379,856	\$ 365,416	\$ 591,650	\$ 2,488,876
Cash with escrow agent	19,283	-	-	-	19,283
Receivables:					
Taxes	2,392,312	356,458	223,533	44,306	3,016,609
Accounts	350	-	-	-	350
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	2,481	2,481
Due from other funds	2,481	-	-	-	2,481
Prepayments	7,192	-	-	-	7,192
Materials and supplies inventory	-	-	-	5,242	5,242
Restricted assets:					
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	32,439	-	-	-	32,439
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,606,011</u>	<u>\$ 736,314</u>	<u>\$ 588,949</u>	<u>\$ 643,679</u>	<u>\$ 5,574,953</u>
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 1,885	\$ -	\$ 19,068	\$ 769	\$ 21,722
Accrued wages and benefits	608,977	-	-	76,027	685,004
Due to other funds	-	-	-	2,481	2,481
Pension obligation payable	149,013	-	-	8,914	157,927
Intergovernmental payable	19,171	-	-	1,355	20,526
Deferred revenue	156,091	23,258	14,585	5,372	199,306
Unearned revenue	1,893,478	282,113	176,924	35,065	2,387,580
Total liabilities	<u>2,828,615</u>	<u>305,371</u>	<u>210,577</u>	<u>129,983</u>	<u>3,474,546</u>
Fund Balances:					
Reserved for encumbrances	22,878	-	18,484	13,908	55,270
Reserved for materials and supplies inventory	-	-	-	5,242	5,242
Reserved for prepayments	7,192	-	-	-	7,192
Reserved for property tax unavailable for appropriation	342,743	51,087	32,024	6,350	432,204
Reserved for debt service	-	379,856	-	-	379,856
Reserved for BWC refunds	32,439	-	-	-	32,439
Unreserved, undesignated, reported in:					
General fund	372,144	-	-	-	372,144
Special revenue funds	-	-	-	29,220	29,220
Capital projects funds	-	-	327,864	458,976	786,840
Total fund balances	<u>777,396</u>	<u>430,943</u>	<u>378,372</u>	<u>513,696</u>	<u>2,100,407</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,606,011</u>	<u>\$ 736,314</u>	<u>\$ 588,949</u>	<u>\$ 643,679</u>	<u>\$ 5,574,953</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2008

Total governmental fund balances		\$ 2,100,407
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities on the statement of net assets are different because:</i>		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		18,812,754
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.		
Taxes receivable	\$ 196,825	
Intergovernmental receivable	<u>2,481</u>	
Total		199,306
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.		515,194
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, interest expenditures are reported when due.		(22,352)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Compensated absences payable	(353,508)	
Capital lease obligation payable	(34,965)	
Classroom facilities improvement bonds payable	<u>(3,345,000)</u>	
Total		<u>(3,733,473)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 17,871,836</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Permanent Improvement</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:					
From local sources:					
Taxes	\$ 1,652,021	\$ 242,152	\$ 166,793	\$ 30,301	\$ 2,091,267
Tuition.	527,724	-	-	-	527,724
Charges for services.	-	-	-	203,607	203,607
Earnings on investments.	94,177	-	-	10,230	104,407
Extracurricular.	51,708	-	-	81,554	133,262
Transportation fees	10,599	-	-	-	10,599
Classroom materials and fees.	36,723	-	-	-	36,723
Other local revenues.	5,104	-	-	34,091	39,195
Intergovernmental - intermediate.	-	-	-	13,503	13,503
Intergovernmental - state.	4,766,930	46,378	35,153	62,126	4,910,587
Intergovernmental - federal	-	-	-	444,438	444,438
Total revenues	<u>7,144,986</u>	<u>288,530</u>	<u>201,946</u>	<u>879,850</u>	<u>8,515,312</u>
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular	3,382,388	-	22,648	67,875	3,472,911
Special.	443,348	-	-	214,432	657,780
Vocational.	230,207	-	-	-	230,207
Other.	626,607	-	-	47,414	674,021
Support services:					
Pupil.	225,234	-	-	685	225,919
Instructional staff	287,033	-	-	88,690	375,723
Board of education	77,695	-	-	-	77,695
Administration.	636,220	-	-	1,586	637,806
Fiscal	307,982	4,852	5,561	606	319,001
Business	100	-	-	-	100
Operations and maintenance.	657,405	-	75,465	63,298	796,168
Pupil transportation	484,093	-	203,424	3,899	691,416
Central.	41,476	-	-	7,342	48,818
Operation of non-instructional services:					
Food service operations	-	-	-	344,162	344,162
Extracurricular activities.	160,716	-	-	118,708	279,424
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	-	10,409	10,409
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	12,610	155,000	-	-	167,610
Interest and fiscal charges	3,350	174,123	-	402	177,875
Total expenditures	<u>7,576,464</u>	<u>333,975</u>	<u>307,098</u>	<u>969,508</u>	<u>9,187,045</u>
Excess of revenues (under) expenditures	<u>(431,478)</u>	<u>(45,445)</u>	<u>(105,152)</u>	<u>(89,658)</u>	<u>(671,733)</u>
Other financing sources:					
Sale of assets.	-	-	33,961	-	33,961
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,961</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,961</u>
Net change in fund balances	(431,478)	(45,445)	(71,191)	(89,658)	(637,772)
Fund balances at beginning of year.	<u>1,208,874</u>	<u>476,388</u>	<u>449,563</u>	<u>603,354</u>	<u>2,738,179</u>
Fund balances at end of year.	<u>\$ 777,396</u>	<u>\$ 430,943</u>	<u>\$ 378,372</u>	<u>\$ 513,696</u>	<u>\$ 2,100,407</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	(637,772)
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</i>		
<p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the costs of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeds capital outlays in the current period.</p>		
Capital asset additions	\$ 260,840	
Current year depreciation	<u>(849,332)</u>	
Total		(588,492)
<p>The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, disposals, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net assets.</p>		
		(11,093)
<p>Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.</p>		
Taxes	(46,105)	
Intergovernmental	<u>(13,531)</u>	
Total		(59,636)
<p>Repayment of bond and lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net assets.</p>		
		167,610
<p>Governmental funds report expenditures for interest when it is due. In the statement of activities, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.</p>		
		46,440
<p>Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.</p>		
		(31,291)
<p>The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds is not reported in the district-wide statement of activities. Governmental fund expenditures and the related internal service fund revenues are eliminated. The net revenue of the internal service fund is allocated among the governmental activities.</p>		
		<u>(7,777)</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>(1,122,011)</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Taxes	\$ 2,051,972	\$ 2,263,585	\$ 2,263,585	\$ -
Tuition.	478,389	527,724	527,724	-
Earnings on investments.	80,269	88,547	94,187	5,640
Extracurricular.	46,588	51,393	51,393	-
Transportation	9,576	10,564	10,564	-
Classroom materials and fees	33,290	36,723	36,723	-
Other local revenues	4,536	5,004	5,004	-
Intergovernmental - State	4,326,529	4,772,712	4,772,712	-
Total revenues	7,031,149	7,756,252	7,761,892	5,640
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	3,397,191	3,513,942	3,514,996	(1,054)
Special.	464,564	480,530	480,530	-
Vocational.	209,953	217,168	217,168	-
Other.	605,366	626,171	626,171	-
Support services:				
Pupil.	219,918	227,476	227,476	-
Instructional staff	267,367	276,556	276,682	(126)
Board of education	58,594	60,608	60,608	-
Administration.	598,106	618,661	618,661	-
Fiscal	299,710	310,010	310,010	-
Business	97	100	100	-
Operations and maintenance.	635,882	657,735	656,871	864
Pupil transportation	464,883	480,860	480,785	75
Central.	40,098	41,476	41,476	-
Extracurricular activities.	158,047	163,479	163,479	-
Total expenditures	7,419,776	7,674,772	7,675,013	(241)
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures.	<u>(388,627)</u>	<u>81,480</u>	<u>86,879</u>	<u>5,399</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Refund of prior year expenditure	2,359	2,359	6,324	3,965
Refund of prior year receipts	(2,446)	(2,446)	(2,446)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(87)	(87)	3,878	3,965
Net change in fund balance	(388,714)	81,393	90,757	9,364
Fund balance at beginning of year.	944,071	944,071	944,071	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated . .	128,350	128,350	128,350	-
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 683,707	\$ 1,153,814	\$ 1,163,178	\$ 9,364

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2008

	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Assets:	
Current assets:	
Cash with fiscal agent	\$ 709,933
Total assets	<u>709,933</u>
Liabilities:	
Claims payable	<u>194,739</u>
Total liabilities	<u>194,739</u>
Net assets:	
Unrestricted.	<u>515,194</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>\$ 515,194</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund</u>
Operating revenues:	
Sales/charges for services.	\$ 1,350,270
Total operating revenues	<u>1,350,270</u>
Operating expenses:	
Claims expense	1,365,391
Purchased services.	<u>22,481</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,387,872</u>
Operating loss.	<u>(37,602)</u>
Nonoperating revenues:	
Interest revenue	<u>29,825</u>
Total nonoperating revenues.	<u>29,825</u>
Change in net assets.	(7,777)
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>522,971</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u><u>\$ 515,194</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from sales/charges for services	\$ 1,350,270
Cash payments for claims expense.	(1,300,185)
Cash payments for purchased services.	<u>(22,481)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>27,604</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest received	<u>29,825</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>29,825</u>
Net increase in cash with fiscal agent	57,429
Cash with fiscal agent at beginning of year	<u>652,504</u>
Cash with fiscal agent at end of year	<u><u>\$ 709,933</u></u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating loss	\$ (37,602)
Changes in liabilities:	
Increase in claims payable	<u>65,206</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities.	<u><u>\$ 27,604</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008

	Private-Purpose Trust	
	Scholarship	Agency
Assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,400	\$ 44,982
Total assets.	3,400	\$ 44,982
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable.	-	\$ 576
Due to students	-	44,406
Total liabilities	-	\$ 44,982
Net Assets:		
Held in trust for scholarships	3,400	
Total net assets	\$ 3,400	

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Private-Purpose Trust
	Scholarship
Additions:	
Gifts and contributions.	\$ 3,800
Total additions.	3,800
Deductions:	
Scholarships awarded	1,400
Change in net assets	2,400
Net assets at beginning of year.	1,000
Net assets at end of year	\$ 3,400

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

The District is the 479th largest in the State of Ohio (out of 896 public and community school districts) in terms of enrollment. It is staffed by 45 non-certified employees and 69 certified full-time teaching personnel who provide services to 1,013 students and other community members.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units." The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the basic financial statements of the District are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the District, this includes general operations, food service and student related activities of the District.

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

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008
(CONTINUED)

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

The following organizations are described due to their relationship to the District:

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Midland Council of Governments

The District is a member of the Midland Council of Governments (COG), which was organized as a council-of-governments entity in accordance with Ohio statute. While the District and the other 21 members are assessed annual user fees for data services, none of the members retain an ongoing financial interest in the COG.

Ashland County - West Holmes Career Center (the "Career Center")

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

INSURANCE PURCHASING POOLS

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The District participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The GRP was established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by a three-member Board of directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect and the Immediate Past President of the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA). The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the program. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority

The District participates in the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority Board (SORSA), an insurance purchasing pool. SORSA's business affairs are conducted by a nine member Board of directors consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five delegates. SORSA was created to provide joint self-insurance coverage and to assist members to prevent and reduce losses and injuries to the District's property and person. It is intended to provide liability and property insurance at reduced premiums for the participants. SORSA is organized as a nonprofit corporation under provisions of Ohio Revised Code 2744.

B. Fund Accounting

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

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008
(CONTINUED)

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

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

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

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

Debt Service Fund - The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of property tax revenues for, and the payment of, general obligation bonds used for the construction of school facilities.

Permanent Improvement Fund - The permanent improvement capital projects fund is used to account for all transactions related to the acquiring, constructing, or improving of such permanent improvements as are authorized by Chapter 5705 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

PROPRIETARY FUND

Proprietary funds are used to account for the District's ongoing activities which are similar to those often found in the private sector. The District has no enterprise funds. The following is a description of the District's internal service fund:

Internal Service Fund - The internal service fund is used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the district, or to other governments, on a cost-reimbursement basis. The only internal service fund of the District accounts for a self-insurance program which provides medical/surgical and dental benefits to employees.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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

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

C. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements - The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. Internal service fund operating activity is eliminated to avoid overstatement of revenues and expenses.

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

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

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

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

Like the government-wide statements, the internal service fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included on the statement of fund 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 District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activity.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operation. The principal operating revenues of the District's internal service fund are charges for sales and services. Operating expenses for internal service funds include the claims and administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

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

D. Basis of Accounting

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

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

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (see Note 6).

Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

Unearned Revenue and Deferred Revenue - Unearned revenue and deferred revenue arise 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, 2008, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2009 operations, and other revenues received in advance of the fiscal year for which they are intended to finance, have been recorded as unearned revenue. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met and delinquent property taxes due at June 30, 2008 are recorded as deferred revenue on the governmental fund financial statements.

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

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

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The entitlement value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances as an expenditure with a like amount reported as intergovernmental revenue.

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

E. Budgets

The District is required by State statute to adopt an annual appropriated cash basis budget for all funds. The specific timetable for fiscal year 2008 is as follows:

1. Prior to January 15, the Superintendent and Treasurer submit to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing for all funds. Public hearings are publicized and conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. The expressed purpose of this budget document is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.
2. By no later than January 20, the board-adopted budget is filed with the Ashland County Budget Commission for tax rate determination.
3. Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission and receives the Commission's certificate of estimated resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to June 30, the District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as a basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year as reported by the District Treasurer. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The budget figures, as shown in the accompanying budgetary statement, reflect the amounts set forth in the original and final certificate of estimated resources issued for fiscal year 2008.
4. By July 1, the annual appropriation resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund level of expenditures, which is the legal level of budgetary control. State statute permits a temporary appropriation to be effective until no later than October 1 of each year. Although the legal level of budgetary control was established at the fund level of expenditures, the District has elected to present budgetary statement comparisons at the fund and function level of expenditures. Resolution appropriations by fund must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission and the total of expenditures may not exceed the appropriation totals.
5. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriation must be approved by the Board of Education.
6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds consistent with the general obligation bond indenture and other statutory provisions.

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

7. Appropriation amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Education through the year by supplemental appropriations, which either reallocated or increased the original appropriated amounts. All supplemental appropriations were legally enacted by the Board prior to June 30, 2008, however, none of these amendments were significant. The budget figures, as shown in the accompanying budgetary statement, reflect the original and final appropriation amounts including all amendments and modifications.
8. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund level.

F. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the District, other than with fiscal and escrow agent, is pooled in a central bank account. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and investments" on the basic financial statements.

During fiscal year 2008, investments were limited to investments in the State Treasury Asset Reserve Ohio (STAR Ohio) and shares of common stock (see below). Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices.

The District has invested funds in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio) during fiscal year 2008. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's shares price which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2008.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund or by policy of the Board of Education. Investment earnings are assigned to the general fund, public school fund, classroom construction fund, and self insurance fund. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2008 amounted to \$94,177, which includes \$59,332 assigned from other funds.

While common stock is not an allowable investment according to Ohio statute, the District received a donation of stock to its general fund. No public funds were used to acquire the stock. At June 30, 2008, the preferred stock value was \$100.

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

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

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

G. Inventory

On government-wide and fund financial statements, purchased inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market and donated commodities are presented at their entitlement value. Inventories are recorded on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed/expended when used. Inventories are accounted for using the consumption method.

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

H. Capital Assets

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

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and disposals during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District's capitalization threshold is \$5,000. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not. The District does not possess infrastructure.

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

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

I. Compensated Absences

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

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

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences", a liability for vacation leave is accrued if a) the employees' rights to payment are attributable to services already rendered; and b) it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or other means, such as cash payment at termination or retirement. An accrual for sick leave is made to the extent that it is probable that the benefits will result in termination (severance) payments. A liability for sick leave is accrued using the vesting method; i.e., the liability is based on the sick leave accumulated at June 30, 2008, by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination (severance) payments, as well as those employees expected to become eligible in the future. For purposes of establishing a liability for sick leave on employees expected to become eligible to retire in the future, all employees with at least five years of service were considered expected to become eligible to retire in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16.

The total liability for vacation and sick leave payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at June 30, 2008 and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus any applicable additional salary related payments.

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

J. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements, and all payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations payable from the internal service fund are reported on the proprietary fund 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 and compensated absences 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.

K. Fund Balance Reserves

The District reserves those portions of fund equity which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and therefore are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund equity reserves have been established for encumbrances, materials and supplies inventory, prepayments, property tax revenue unavailable for appropriation, debt service and BWC refunds. The reserve for property taxes unavailable for appropriation represents taxes recognized as revenue under GAAP, but not available for appropriation under State statute. The reserve for BWC refunds reserve represents BWC refunds received prior to April 10, 2002 and are restricted by State statute.

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

L. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary fund. For the District, these revenues are charges for services for the employee self-insurance program. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the fund.

M. Net Assets

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

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

N. Prepayments

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

O. Estimates

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

P. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets in the general fund represent cash and cash equivalent set-asides to establish a BWC refund reserve. This reserve is required by State statute. A schedule of the statutory reserve is presented in Note 17.

Q. Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after nonoperating revenues/expenses in the proprietary fund. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the basic financial statements. There are no outstanding interfund transactions at June 30, 2008.

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

R. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal year 2008.

S. Interfund Balances

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

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2008, the District has implemented GASB Statement No. 45, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions", GASB Statement No. 48, "Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets and Future Revenues" and GASB Statement No. 50, "Pension Disclosures".

GASB Statement No. 45 establishes uniform standards of financial reporting for other postemployment benefits and increases the usefulness and improves the faithfulness of representations in the financial reports. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 45 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District; however, certain disclosures related to postemployment benefits (see Note 14) have been modified to conform to the new reporting requirements.

GASB Statement No. 48 establishes criteria to ascertain whether certain transactions should be regarded as sales or as collateralized borrowings, as well as disclosure requirements for future revenues that are pledged and sold. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 48 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 50 establishes standards that more closely align the financial reporting requirements for pensions with those of other postemployment benefits. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 50 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

B. Restatement of Net Assets

The District's net assets have been restated to reflect a capitalization threshold increase and reappraisal adjustments of the District's capital assets. The restatement of the District's capital assets had the following effect on net assets as previously reported by the governmental activities:

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

	Governmental Activities
Net assets, June 30, 2007	\$ 19,330,002
Adjustment for capital assets reappraisal	(336,155)
Restated net assets, June 30, 2007	\$ 18,993,847

See Note 8 for the effect of the change on capital asset balances as previously reported by the District at June 30, 2007.

C. Deficit Fund Balances

Fund balances at June 30, 2008 included the following individual fund deficits:

Nonmajor funds	Deficit
Food service operations	\$ 22,215
Title VI B	32,055
Title I	15,044
Improving teacher quality	8,349

The deficit fund balances result from adjustments for accrued liabilities. The general fund is liable for any deficits in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur.

D. Noncompliance

Contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B) budgetary basis expenditures exceed appropriations in the General Fund at June 30, 2008 by \$241.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

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

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

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

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

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

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

A. Cash with Fiscal Agent

The District is self-insured through a fiscal agent. The money held by the fiscal agent cannot be identified as an investment or deposits, since it is held in a pool made up of numerous participants. The amount held by the fiscal agent at June 30, 2008, was \$709,933.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

B. Cash with Escrow Agent

At fiscal year-end, \$19,283 was on deposit in the District’s escrow account with Tri-County Educational Service Center. The ESC retains a portion of the District’s Foundation settlements from which ESC services are paid. These amounts are included in the total amount of deposits reported below; however, this amount is not part of the internal cash pool reported on the financial statements as “equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents”.

C. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2008, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$162,022. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, “Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures”, as of June 30, 2008, \$333,845 of the District’s bank balance of \$433,845 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$100,000 was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the District’s deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the District. The District has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions’ trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

D. Investments

As of June 30, 2008, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u> 6 months or less
STAR Ohio	\$ 2,407,575	\$ 2,407,575
Preferred stock	100	N/A
Total	<u>\$ 2,407,675</u>	<u>\$ 2,407,575</u>

Interest Rate Risk: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the District’s investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District’s investment policy does not specifically address custodial credit risk beyond the adherence to all relevant sections of the Ohio Revised Code.

Credit Risk: Standard & Poor’s has assigned STAR Ohio an AAAM money market rating.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Concentration of Credit Risk: The District places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the District at June 30, 2008:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>% to Total</u>
STAR Ohio	\$ 2,407,575	99.99
Preferred stock	<u>100</u>	<u>0.01</u>
Total	<u>2,407,675</u>	<u>100.00</u>

E. Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to the Statement of Net Assets

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net assets as of June 30, 2008:

<u>Cash and investments per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 162,022
Investments	2,407,675
Cash with escrow agent	19,283
Cash with fiscal agent	<u>709,933</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,298,913</u>
 <u>Cash and investments per statement of net assets</u>	
Governmental activities	\$ 3,250,531
Private-purpose trust funds	3,400
Agency funds	<u>44,982</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,298,913</u>

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund balances for the year ended June 30, 2008, consisted of the following due to/from other funds, as reported on the fund financial statements:

	<u>Due from other funds</u>	<u>Due to other funds</u>
General fund	\$ 2,481	\$ -
Nonmajor governmental funds:		
Title VI B	-	1,260
Improving teacher quality	<u>-</u>	<u>1,221</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,481</u>	<u>\$ 2,481</u>

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NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS - (Continued)

The primary purpose of the due to/from other funds is to cover a negative cash balance in a respective fund and to represent amounts owed between funds for goods or services provided. The general fund is liable for covering a cash deficit. Due to/from other funds are eliminated between governmental funds for reporting in the statement of net assets. All amounts are to be repaid within one year.

Effective April 1, 2007, District's may maintain a negative cash balance if two criteria are met: (1) general fund must have available funds to cover negative; (2) a reimbursement request must have been submitted. The District met these two requirements. These interfund balances will be repaid once the anticipated revenues are received.

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible personal property (used in business) located in the District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar year 2008 represents collections of calendar year 2007 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2008 were levied after April 1, 2007, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2007, 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 year 2008 represents collections of calendar year 2007 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2008 became a lien December 31, 2006, were levied after April 1, 2007 and are collected in 2008 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 year 2008 (other than public utility property) represents the collection of 2008 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2008 were levied after April 1, 2007, on the value as of December 31, 2007. Tangible personal property tax is being phased out. For 2007, tangible personal property was assessed at 12.50% for property, including inventory. This percentage was reduced to 6.25% for 2008 and will be reduced to 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 District prior to June 30.

House Bill No. 66 was signed into law on June 30, 2005. House Bill No. 66 phases out the tax on tangible personal property of general businesses, telephone and telecommunications companies, and railroads. The tax on general business and railroad property will be eliminated by calendar year 2009, and the tax on telephone and telecommunications property will be eliminated by calendar year 2011. The tax is phased out by reducing the assessment rate on the property each year. The bill replaces the revenue lost by the District due to the phasing out of the tax. In calendar years 2008-2010, the District will be fully reimbursed for the lost revenue. In calendar years 2011-2017, the reimbursements will be phased out.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

The District receives property taxes from Ashland and Lorain Counties. The County Auditors periodically advance to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2008, are available to finance fiscal year 2008 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and tangible personal property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2008 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 unearned revenue.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2008 was \$342,743 in the general fund, \$51,087 in the debt service fund, \$32,024 in the permanent improvement fund and \$6,350 in the classroom facilities fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). This amount has been recorded as revenue. The amount that was available as an advance at June 30, 2007 was \$954,307 in the general fund, \$141,284 in the debt service fund, \$89,807 in the permanent improvement fund and \$17,620 in the classroom facilities fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

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

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2008 taxes were collected are:

	2007 Second Half Collections		2008 First Half Collections	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/residential and other real estate	\$ 106,821,610	92.40	\$ 109,159,750	92.78
Public utility personal	6,749,900	5.83	6,005,410	5.10
Tangible personal property	<u>2,036,196</u>	<u>1.77</u>	<u>2,493,436</u>	<u>2.12</u>
Total	<u>\$ 115,607,706</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 117,658,596</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for:				
Operations	\$41.10		\$41.10	
Debt retirement	3.20		3.20	
Permanent improvement	4.00		4.00	

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2008 consisted of taxes, accounts and intergovernmental grants and entitlements. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs and the current year guarantee of federal funds. A summary of the principal items of receivables reported on the statement of net assets follows:

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NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES - (Continued)

Governmental activities:

Taxes	\$ 3,016,609
Intergovernmental	2,481
Accounts	<u>350</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,019,440</u>

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

NOTE 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets of the governmental activities have been restated due to a capitalization threshold increase and reappraisal adjustments of the District's capital assets. The adjustments had the following effect on the governmental activities capital asset balances as previously reported:

	Balance <u>June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	Restated Balance <u>June 30, 2007</u>
Governmental Activities			
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>			
Land	\$ <u>200,200</u>	\$ <u>(15,100)</u>	\$ <u>185,100</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>200,200</u>	<u>(15,100)</u>	<u>185,100</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>			
Land improvements	2,414,931	9,800	2,424,731
Buildings and improvements	18,781,425	(81,708)	18,699,717
Furniture and equipment	1,022,484	(415,272)	607,212
Vehicles	<u>939,364</u>	<u>(45,684)</u>	<u>893,680</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>23,158,204</u>	<u>(532,864)</u>	<u>22,625,340</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>			
Land improvements	(662,758)	(892)	(663,650)
Buildings and improvements	(2,015,229)	7,254	(2,007,975)
Furniture and equipment	(332,893)	159,763	(173,130)
Vehicles	<u>(599,030)</u>	<u>45,684</u>	<u>(553,346)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,609,910)</u>	<u>211,809</u>	<u>(3,398,101)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 19,748,494</u>	<u>\$ (336,155)</u>	<u>\$ 19,412,339</u>

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NOTE 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS - (Continued)

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, was as follows:

	Restated Balance			Balance
	<u>June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>June 30, 2008</u>
Governmental activities				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 185,100	\$ -	\$ (7,300)	\$ 177,800
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>185,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,300)</u>	<u>177,800</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	2,424,731	39,000	-	2,463,731
Buildings and improvements	18,699,717	6,250	-	18,705,967
Furniture and equipment	607,212	12,565	-	619,777
Vehicles	<u>893,680</u>	<u>203,025</u>	<u>(117,460)</u>	<u>979,245</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>22,625,340</u>	<u>260,840</u>	<u>(117,460)</u>	<u>22,768,720</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Land improvements	(663,650)	(119,175)	-	(782,825)
Buildings and improvements	(2,007,975)	(586,338)	-	(2,594,313)
Furniture and equipment	(173,130)	(52,978)	-	(226,108)
Vehicles	<u>(553,346)</u>	<u>(90,841)</u>	<u>113,667</u>	<u>(530,520)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,398,101)</u>	<u>(849,332)</u>	<u>113,667</u>	<u>(4,133,766)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 19,412,339</u>	<u>\$ (588,492)</u>	<u>\$ (11,093)</u>	<u>\$ 18,812,754</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

<u>Instruction:</u>	
Regular	\$ 714,417
Special	593
Vocational	781
<u>Support services:</u>	
Administration	6,958
Operations and maintenance	8,946
Pupil transportation	90,841
Extracurricular activities	17,685
Food service operations	<u>9,111</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 849,332</u>

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NOTE 9 - CAPITAL LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

During a prior year, the District entered into a capitalized lease for the acquisition of copiers. The lease meets the criteria of a capital lease as defined by FASB Statement No. 13, "Accounting for Leases", which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee at the conclusion of the lease term.

Capital lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the financial statements for the governmental funds. These expenditures are reflected as function expenditures on the budgetary statements. Capital assets consisting of copier equipment have been capitalized in the amount of \$65,336. This amount represents the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. A corresponding liability was recorded in the government-wide financial statements. Principal payments in fiscal year 2008 totaled \$12,610 paid by the general fund. Accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2008 was \$32,670 leaving a current book value of \$32,666.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2008:

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Payments</u>
2009	\$ 15,960
2010	15,960
2011	<u>6,650</u>
Total minimum lease payment	38,570
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(3,605)</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 34,965</u>

NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

A. During the fiscal year 2008, the following changes occurred in governmental activities long-term obligations:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Outstanding</u> <u>June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Outstanding</u> <u>June 30, 2008</u>	<u>Amounts</u> <u>Due in</u> <u>One Year</u>
Governmental activities:					
Classroom facilities improvements bonds, 3.4%-5.7%, 4/1/04-12/1/19	\$ 3,500,000	\$ -	\$ (155,000)	\$ 3,345,000	\$ 170,000
Capital lease obligation	47,575	-	(12,610)	34,965	13,656
Compensated absences	<u>349,865</u>	<u>67,207</u>	<u>(63,564)</u>	<u>353,508</u>	<u>54,077</u>
Total long-term obligations, governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,897,440</u>	<u>\$ 67,207</u>	<u>\$ (231,174)</u>	<u>\$ 3,733,473</u>	<u>\$ 237,733</u>

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

Compensated Absences: Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employee's salaries are paid which, for the District, is the general fund and the food service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

Capital Lease Obligation: The capital lease obligation will be paid from the general fund. See Note 9 for details.

Classroom Facilities Improvements Bonds: The District has issued general obligation bonds to provide for the construction of school facilities. The general obligation bonds are direct obligations of the District for which its full faith, credit and resources are pledged and payable from taxes levied on all taxable property in the District. Payments of principal and interest relating to this bond are recorded as an expenditure in the debt service fund.

- B.** Principal and interest requirements to retire the classroom facilities improvements bonds outstanding at June 30, 2008 are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal on Bonds</u>	<u>Interest on Bonds</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009	\$ 170,000	\$ 167,790	\$ 337,790
2010	185,000	160,650	345,650
2011	200,000	152,603	352,603
2012	220,000	144,003	364,003
2013	240,000	134,323	374,323
2014 - 2018	1,530,000	445,606	1,975,606
2019 - 2020	<u>800,000</u>	<u>59,920</u>	<u>859,920</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,345,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,264,895</u>	<u>\$ 4,609,895</u>

C. Legal Debt Margin

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the District shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the District. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The code additionally states that unvoted indebtedness related to energy conservation debt shall not exceed 9/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The assessed valuation used in determining the District's legal debt margin has been modified by House Bill 530 which became effective March 30, 2006. In accordance with House Bill 530, the assessed valuation used in the District's legal debt margin calculation excluded tangible personal property used in business, telephone or telegraph property, interexchange telecommunications company property, and personal property owned or leased by a railroad company and used in railroad operations. The effects of these debt limitations at June 30, 2008, are a voted debt margin of \$7,409,601 (including available funds of \$430,943) and an unvoted debt margin of \$114,707.

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NOTE 11 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees working eleven or twelve months per year are entitled to an annual vacation, with pay, based on length of service in the District. Accumulated unused vacation time is paid to employees upon termination of employment. Teachers and administrators working fewer than ten months per year 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 for an unlimited number of days. For certified and classified employees, payment is made at retirement for accumulated sick leave and is determined by taking one-fourth of the unused balance to a maximum of 46 days.

NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Comprehensive

The District maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for liability, real property, building contents, boiler/machinery and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. In addition, real property contents are 90% coinsured. The following is a description of the District's insurance coverage:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Insurer</u>	<u>Limits of Coverage</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
General liability:	SORSA		
Each occurrence		\$ 5,000,000	\$ 0
Aggregate		7,000,000	0
Property/building and contents	SORSA	27,304,160	250
Fleet:			
Comprehensive	SORSA	Included in property	1,000
Collision		Included in property	1,000
Umbrella liability	SORSA	2,000,000	0

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

The Professional Liability Educators Errors and Omissions is subject to a \$5,000 deductible.

B. Fidelity Bond

The Board President and Superintendent have a \$20,000 position bond. The Treasurer is covered under a surety bond in the amount of \$50,000. All other school employees who are responsible for handling funds are covered on the SORSA policy up to \$50,000 subject to \$250 deductible.

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NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

C. Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2008, the District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 2.A.). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the state based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Gates McDonald & Co. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

D. Employee Group Medical/Surgical, Dental and Vision Insurance

The District has elected to provide employee medical, prescription, and dental benefits through a self-insurance program. The District maintains a self-insurance fund through their fiscal agent, Ohio Mid Eastern Regional Service Agency (OME-RESA), to account for and finance its uninsured risk of loss in this program. This plan provides a medical plan with a \$200 family and \$100 single deductible and a dental plan with a \$50 family and \$25 single deductible. A third party administrator, Self-Funded Plans, Inc., reviews all medical and dental claims which are then paid by the District. A stop-loss insurance contract with a private insurance carrier covers specific liability claims in excess of \$250,000. A stop-loss internal pooling contract with OME-RESA covers specific liability claims between \$35,000 and \$250,000.

Employees are responsible for a portion of this premium based on job classification and length of workday as outlined in their negotiated agreement. Premiums for medical coverage are \$1,075.21 per month for each employee with family coverage and \$487.95 per month for each employee with individual coverage. The premium for dental coverage is \$55.78 monthly for each employee with family or individual coverage. The premium for life insurance is \$2.90 monthly for each \$20,000 in coverage. The premium for vision coverage is \$14.00 per month for each employee with family coverage and \$6.28 per month for each employee with individual coverage. All premiums are paid by the fund that pays the salary for the employee. The claims liability of \$194,739 reported in the internal service fund at June 30, 2008 is based on an estimate provided by the third party administrator and the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues", as amended by GASB Statement No. 30, "Risk Financing Omnibus", which requires that a liability for unpaid claim costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred, but not reported claims, be accrued at the estimated ultimate cost of settling the claims.

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NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

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

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Claims Incurred</u>	<u>Claims Payments</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2008	\$ 129,533	\$ 1,365,391	\$ (1,300,185)	\$ 194,739
2007	132,975	958,193	(961,635)	129,533

NOTE 13 - PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by 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 43215-3746. It is also posted on the SERS' Ohio website, www.ohsers.org, under *Forms and Publications*.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current District rate is 14 percent of annual covered payroll. A portion of the District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal year 2008, 9.16 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 by the SERS' Retirement Board up to a statutory maximum amount of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$79,760, \$75,673 and \$82,102, respectively; 50.23 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - The District participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement plan. 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 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at www.strsoh.org.

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NOTE 13 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by 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 member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. 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. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. 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 of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - For fiscal year 2008, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The District was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. 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 District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$456,703, \$431,670 and \$478,872, respectively; 84.24 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006. Contributions to the DC and Combined Plans for fiscal year 2008 were \$3,883 made by the District and \$10,393 made by the plan members.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the SERS/STRS Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the SERS/STRS Ohio. As of June 30, 2008, certain members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The District's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

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NOTE 14 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The District participates in two cost-sharing, multiple employer postemployment benefit plans administered by the School Employees Retirement System (SERS) for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a Health Care Plan and a Medicare Part B Plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's and traditional indemnity plans as well as a prescription drug program. The Medicare Part B Plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries up to a statutory limit. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the System based on authority granted by State statute. The financial reports of both Plans are included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which is available by contacting SERS at 300 East Broad St., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746.

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 401h. For 2008, 4.18 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined amount; for 2008, this amount was \$35,800.

Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, the number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$51,829, \$40,248 and \$34,921, respectively; 50.23 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2008, this actuarially required allocation was 0.66 percent of covered payroll. The District's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$5,747, \$5,146 and \$6,535, respectively; 50.23 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

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NOTE 14 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - The District contributes to the cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan (the "Plan") administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2008, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$35,131, \$33,205 and \$36,836, respectively; 84.24 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

NOTE 15 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of 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 revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balance - budget and actual (non-GAAP budgetary basis) presented for the general fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are that:

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

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NOTE 15 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - (Continued)

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

Net Change in Fund Balance	
	<u>General fund</u>
Budget basis	\$ 90,757
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	(616,906)
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	74,953
Net adjustment for other sources/uses	(3,878)
Adjustment for encumbrances	<u>23,596</u>
GAAP basis	<u>\$ (431,478)</u>

NOTE 16 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

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

B. Litigation

The District is involved in no material litigation as either plaintiff or defendant.

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NOTE 17 - STATUTORY RESERVES

The District is required by State statute to annually set-aside in the general fund an amount based on a statutory formula for the purchase of textbooks and other instructional materials and an equal amount for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by the end of the fiscal year or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at year-end. These amounts must be carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future years. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, the reserve activity was as follows:

	Instructional <u>Materials</u>	Capital <u>Acquisition</u>	BWC <u>Refunds</u>
Set-aside balance as of June 30, 2007	\$ (382,250)	\$ (3,832,811)	\$ 32,439
Current year set-aside requirement	148,803	148,803	-
Current year offset	-	(224,576)	-
Qualifying disbursements	<u>(78,270)</u>	<u>(91,086)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ (311,717)</u>	<u>\$ (3,999,670)</u>	<u>\$ 32,439</u>
Balance carried forward to FY 2009	<u>\$ (311,717)</u>	<u>\$ (3,832,811)</u>	<u>\$ 32,439</u>

Monies representing BWC refunds that were received prior to April 10, 2002, have been shown as a restricted asset and reserved fund balance in the general fund since allowable expenditures are restricted by State statute. The amount is reported as BWC refunds.

The District had qualifying disbursements during the year and prior years that reduced the set-aside amounts below zero for the textbook reserve. This extra amount may be used to reduce the set-aside requirement for future years. The District issued bonds to finance construction of new school facilities in a prior year and this amount may be used to reduce the capital acquisition set-aside requirement. The excess qualifying disbursements and offsets in the capital acquisition reserve in the current year may not be carried forward to future years.

A schedule of the restricted assets at June 30, 2008 follows:

Amounts restricted for BWC refunds	<u>\$ 32,439</u>
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Mapleton Local School District
Ashland County
2 Mountie Drive
Ashland, Ohio 44805

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 Mapleton Local School District, Ashland County, Ohio, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 5, 2009. 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 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 District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider significant deficiencies.

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 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 District's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

We consider findings 2008-001 and 2008-002 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

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

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also material weaknesses. Of the significant deficiencies described above, we believe finding number 2008-001 is also a material weakness.

We also noted certain internal control matters that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated February 5, 2009.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note a certain noncompliance or other matter that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated February 5, 2009.

The District's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the 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, and the Board of Education. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

February 5, 2009

MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
JUNE 30, 2008

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

FINDING NUMBER 2008-001

Material Weakness

Property Taxes Receivable

Property taxes receivable and unearned revenue were overstated due to homestead and rollback revenue being included in the estimated tax revenue on the July 2008 certificate of estimated resources. The General Fund was overstated \$244,464, Debt Service Fund \$39,317, Permanent Improvement Fund \$23,921, and Classroom Facilities Fund (a non-major special revenue fund) \$4,832. These amounts were significant and were adjusted to the financial statements.

The District should ensure homestead and rollback revenue is removed from the estimated tax revenue from the certificate of estimated resources when calculating the property taxes receivable. Additionally, management should review the draft GAAP journal entries and financial statements to help ensure they are supported by sufficient and accurate documentation, free of obvious errors and omissions, and consistent with their financial expectations. These procedures should help avoid GAAP financial statement errors and help ensure more accurate financial reporting.

Officials' Response: The District will discuss this material weakness with the GAAP conversion audit firm relating to the overstatement of property tax receivables.

FINDING NUMBER 2008-002

Significant Deficiency

Capital Assets

Our capital asset testing revealed the following:

- The July 1, 2007 capital asset balance was overstated \$336,155. This overstatement was due to \$368,821 (\$567,616 cost, less \$198,795 accumulated depreciation) of assets below the \$5,000 threshold being improperly included and \$32,666 (\$65,336 cost, less \$32,670 accumulated depreciation) of capital leases being improperly excluded. Additionally, a fully depreciated vehicle (\$45,684 cost) was improperly included in the note disclosure. These amounts were adjusted to the financial statements.
- Capital asset disposals were understated \$3,763 (\$117,460 cost, less \$113,667 accumulated depreciation) due to three disposed vehicles being improperly included. This amount was adjusted to the financial statements.
- Depreciation expense was understated \$17,269 due to capital leased assets' depreciation expense being excluded and a half-year of a new vehicle's depreciation expense being excluded. This amount was adjusted to the financial statements.
- The District did not use forms to document capital asset additions and disposals approval and the District's capital asset policy indicates a capitalization threshold of \$500 despite a threshold of \$5,000 being used to prepare the financial statements.

FINDING NUMBER 2008-002 (Continued)

Management should review the capital asset listing, capital outlay expenditure accounts, and draft financial statements to help ensure the completeness and accuracy of the capital asset balance and related depreciation expense. The District should establish procedures and documentation requirements for capital asset additions and disposals and the Board should amend its capitalization threshold from \$500 to \$5,000 to be consistent with the threshold used for financial reporting, if that is the Board's intent.

Officials' Response: The GAAP Conversion auditors collected capital asset information from 2 different locations as the District was utilizing the state's software Equipment Inventory System to maintain capital assets in fiscal year 2007, during fiscal year 2008, the District was made aware of an existing contract with an outside vendor that had been contracted in 2004 to maintain the District's capital asset inventory. The outside firm used information from their own history and additionally manually counted the capital assets in fiscal year 2008, but apparently did not update the previous year's dispositions/acquisitions of property and vehicles. The District will update the outside firm as to the current vehicle and property inventory. Additionally, the availability of current contract records will ensure consistency of the maintenance of these contracts in the event of transition in the District.

The Treasurer will request approval from the Board of Education to revise current policy to reflect the \$5,000 asset limit.

The District will insure the proper use of forms used for the purpose of acquisition and disposal of capital assets.

**MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
JUNE 30, 2008**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid;
2007-MLSD-001	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) – Expenditures exceeded appropriations by \$102,224 in the Permanent Improvement Fund at year-end.	No	Comment repeated in management letter.
2007-MLSD-002	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.40 – The District did not timely modify its appropriations throughout the fiscal year.	Yes	Finding no longer valid.



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MAPLETON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ASHLAND 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
MARCH 17, 2009**