

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY**

SINGLE AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008



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Auditor of State

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District
Tuscarawas County
702 S. River Street
Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District, Tuscarawas County, Ohio (the District), 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 the Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District, Tuscarawas 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 January 21, 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 but is supplementary information accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

January 21, 2009

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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The management's discussion and analysis of the Newcomerstown Exempted Village 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 fiscal year 2008 are as follows:

- In total, net assets of governmental activities decreased \$861,122 which represents a 5.70% decrease from 2007.
- General revenues accounted for \$8,301,719 in revenue or 69.62% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales and grants and contributions accounted for \$3,623,262 or 30.38% of total revenues of \$11,924,981.
- The District had \$12,786,103 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$3,623,262 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$8,301,719 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's major governmental funds are the general fund and debt service fund. The general fund had \$9,329,318 in revenues and other financing sources and \$9,569,931 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2008, the general fund's fund balance decreased \$240,613 from \$854,158 to \$613,545.
- The District's debt service fund had \$250,725 in revenues and \$314,542 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2008, the debt service fund's fund balance decreased \$63,817 from \$434,220 to \$370,403.

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 and debt service fund are by far the most significant funds, and the only 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 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 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 and debt service 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 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 25-52 of this report.

The District as a Whole

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 at June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007.

	Net Assets	
	Governmental Activities <u>June 30, 2008</u>	Governmental Activities <u>June 30, 2007</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 6,315,056	\$ 6,241,843
Capital assets, net	<u>16,265,494</u>	<u>16,830,150</u>
Total assets	<u>22,580,550</u>	<u>23,071,993</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities	4,593,191	4,048,762
Long-term liabilities	<u>3,729,798</u>	<u>3,904,548</u>
Total liabilities	<u>8,322,989</u>	<u>7,953,310</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	13,084,518	13,434,601
Restricted	1,104,504	1,136,047
Unrestricted	<u>68,539</u>	<u>548,035</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 14,257,561</u>	<u>\$ 15,118,683</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 \$14,257,561. Of this total, \$1,104,504 is restricted in use.

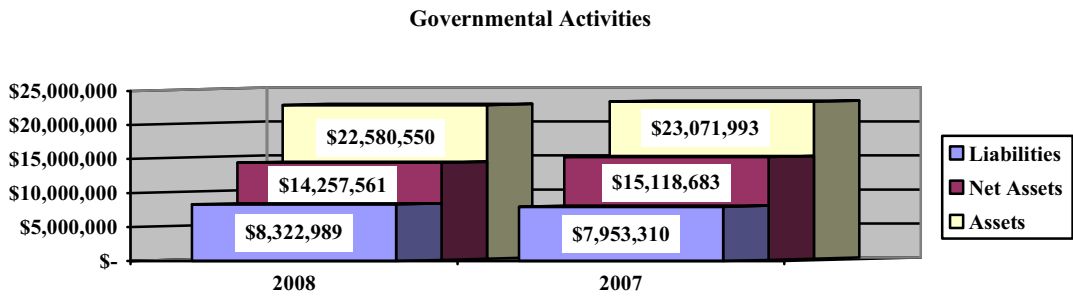
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At year-end, capital assets represented 72.03% of total assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment and vehicles. Capital assets, net of related debt to acquire the assets at June 30, 2008, were \$13,084,518. 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, \$1,104,504, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets is \$68,539.

The graph below illustrates the governmental activities assets, liabilities and net assets at June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007.



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

Change in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities 2008	Governmental Activities 2007
Revenues		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 1,199,454	\$ 1,039,709
Operating grants and contributions	2,418,646	1,805,690
Capital grants and contributions	5,162	394,683
General revenues:		
Property taxes	2,757,298	3,585,935
Grants and entitlements	5,359,309	5,240,568
Investment earnings	95,545	120,704
Other	89,567	31,632
Total revenues	<u>11,924,981</u>	<u>12,218,921</u>

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Change in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities <u>2008</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2007</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program expenses:		
Instruction:		
Regular	\$ 5,315,573	\$ 4,721,918
Special	1,192,416	1,260,767
Vocational	135,290	116,357
Adult education	666	6,129
Other	235,864	218,853
Support services:		
Pupil	391,041	406,504
Instructional staff	881,683	747,172
Board of education	33,519	25,219
Administration	1,003,218	922,050
Fiscal	311,973	319,346
Operations and maintenance	1,470,487	1,270,921
Pupil transportation	540,600	485,113
Central	10,841	278,446
Operation of non-instructional services:		
Food service operations	612,716	638,597
Other non-instructional services	2,129	36,373
Extracurricular activities	451,773	403,822
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>196,314</u>	<u>206,586</u>
Total expenses	<u>12,786,103</u>	<u>12,064,173</u>
Change in net assets	(861,122)	154,748
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>15,118,683</u>	<u>14,963,935</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 14,257,561</u>	<u>\$ 15,118,683</u>

Governmental Activities

Net assets of the District's governmental activities decreased \$861,122. Total governmental expenses of \$12,786,103 were offset by program revenues of \$3,623,262 and general revenues of \$8,301,719. Program revenues supported 28.34% of the total governmental expenses.

The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from property taxes, and grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs. These revenue sources represent 68.06% of total governmental revenue.

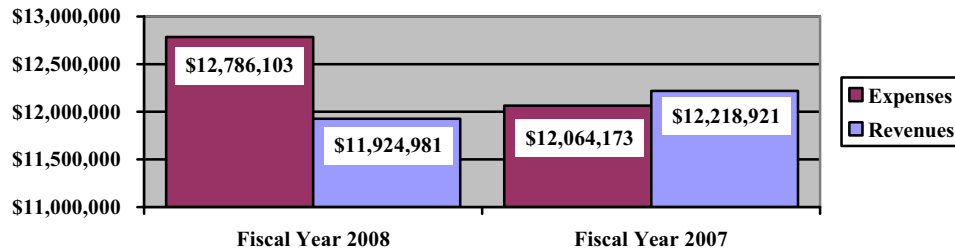
The largest expense of the District is for instructional programs. Instruction expenses totaled \$6,879,809 or 53.81% of total governmental expenses for fiscal year 2008.

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

Governmental Activities - Revenues and Expenses



The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services for fiscal years 2008 and 2007. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State grants and entitlements.

Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services <u>2008</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2008</u>	Total Cost of Services <u>2007</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2007</u>
Program expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 5,315,573	\$ 4,057,875	\$ 4,721,918	\$ 3,715,370
Special	1,192,416	127,556	1,260,767	517,927
Vocational	135,290	111,276	116,357	93,606
Adult education	666	27	6,129	217
Other	235,864	200,434	218,853	218,837
Support services:				
Pupil	391,041	368,152	406,504	389,557
Instructional staff	881,683	561,213	747,172	541,679
Board of education	33,519	33,519	25,219	25,219
Administration	1,003,218	989,325	922,050	912,217
Fiscal	311,973	310,622	319,346	319,346
Operations and maintenance	1,470,487	1,330,971	1,270,921	1,156,981
Pupil transportation	540,600	530,934	485,113	459,851
Central	10,841	10,841	278,446	(107,746)
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	612,716	80,946	638,597	116,136
Other non-instructional services	2,129	(982)	36,373	10,931
Extracurricular activities	451,773	253,818	403,822	247,377
Interest and fiscal charges	196,314	196,314	206,586	206,586
Total expenses	<u>\$ 12,786,103</u>	<u>\$ 9,162,841</u>	<u>\$ 12,064,173</u>	<u>\$ 8,824,091</u>

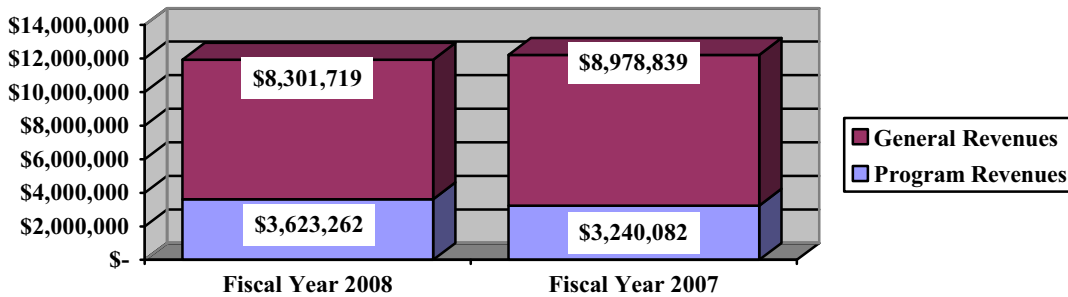
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The dependence upon tax and other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, as 65.37% of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 71.66%. The District's taxpayers and unrestricted grants and entitlements from the State of Ohio as a whole, are by far the primary support for the District's students.

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

Governmental Activities - General and Program Revenues



The District's Funds

The District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$1,047,800 which is lower than last year's fund balance of \$1,381,958. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007.

	Fund Balance June 30, 2008	Fund Balance June 30, 2007	Decrease	Percentage Change
General	\$ 613,545	\$ 854,158	\$ (240,613)	(28.17) %
Debt Service	370,403	434,220	(63,817)	(14.70) %
Other Governmental	63,852	93,580	(29,728)	(31.77) %
Total	<u>\$ 1,047,800</u>	<u>\$ 1,381,958</u>	<u>\$ (334,158)</u>	(24.18) %

An analysis of the general fund revenues and expenditures is provided in the section below.

General Fund

The District's general fund balance decreased \$240,613.

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The table that follows assists in illustrating the financial activities and fund balance of the general fund for fiscal years 2008 and 2007.

	<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	\$ 2,482,338	\$ 3,188,919	\$ (706,581)	(22.16) %
Tuition	793,888	659,443	134,445	20.39 %
Earnings on investments	95,142	120,071	(24,929)	(20.76) %
Intergovernmental	5,866,821	5,636,031	230,790	4.09 %
Other revenues	<u>90,749</u>	<u>36,541</u>	<u>54,208</u>	148.35 %
Total	<u>\$ 9,328,938</u>	<u>\$ 9,641,005</u>	<u>\$ (312,067)</u>	(3.24) %
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Instruction	\$ 5,387,355	\$ 5,202,305	\$ 185,050	3.56 %
Support services	4,001,456	3,836,241	165,215	4.31 %
Non-instructional services	233	92	141	153.26 %
Extracurricular activities	150,865	141,323	9,542	6.75 %
Facilities acquisition and construction	<u>30,022</u>	<u>8,839</u>	<u>21,183</u>	239.65 %
Total	<u>\$ 9,569,931</u>	<u>\$ 9,188,800</u>	<u>\$ 381,131</u>	4.15 %

Tax revenue decreased \$706,581 or 22.16% from the prior year. This decrease was primarily attributable to two reasons. First, there was an approximate \$315,000 variance in the amount of tax advance that was available to the District from the county auditor at June 30, 2008 versus June 30, 2007. This variance resulted in less tax revenue being reported in fiscal year 2008. The amount of tax advances available from the county auditor can vary depending upon when tax bills are mailed. Secondly, tax revenue decreased due to the phase out of tangible personal property tax revenue. Intergovernmental revenue increased \$230,790 or 4.09% from the prior year. This increase is attributed to an increase in tangible personal property tax loss reimbursements from the State pursuant to Am. Sub. House Bill 66. Tuition revenues increased due to the inclusion of receipts for students with special needs. Other revenues, which are made up of rentals, contributions and donations, services provided to other entities, transportation fees and miscellaneous revenues increased primarily due to increasing miscellaneous revenues. Instruction and support service expenditures increased as a result of increased student enrollment and annual inflation of wages and benefits.

Debt Service Fund

The District's debt service fund had \$250,725 in revenues and \$314,542 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2008, the debt service fund's fund balance decreased \$63,817 from \$434,220 to \$370,403.

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.

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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 \$9,761,851 and final budgeted revenues and other financing sources were \$9,848,930. Actual revenues and other financing sources for fiscal year 2008 were \$9,741,813. This represents a \$107,117 decrease over final budgeted revenues and other financing sources.

General fund original appropriations (appropriated expenditures including other financing uses) of \$11,226,094 were increased to \$11,313,173 in the final appropriations. The actual budget basis expenditures and other financing uses for fiscal year 2008 totaled \$9,712,669, which was \$1,600,504 less than the final budget appropriations.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2008, the District had \$16,265,494 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 June 30, 2008 balances compared to June 30, 2007.

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

	Governmental Activities	
	2008	2007
Land	\$ 121,788	\$ 121,788
Land improvements	1,046,786	1,139,717
Building and improvements	14,470,231	14,826,373
Furniture and equipment	441,948	595,182
Vehicles	184,741	147,090
Total	<u>\$ 16,265,494</u>	<u>\$ 16,830,150</u>

The overall decrease in capital assets of \$564,656 is due to depreciation expense of \$773,479 exceeding capital outlays of \$210,276 in the fiscal year. Total disposals to capital assets during fiscal year 2008 were \$1,453 (net of accumulated depreciation).

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

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Debt Administration

At June 30, 2008, the District had \$2,585,000 in general obligation bonds outstanding. Of this total, \$160,000 is due within one year and \$2,425,000 is due in greater than one year. The following table summarizes the bonds outstanding at June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007.

Outstanding Debt, at June 30

	Governmental Activities <u>2008</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2007</u>
General obligation bonds	<u>\$ 2,585,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,740,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,585,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,740,000</u>

At June 30, 2008, the District's overall legal debt margin was \$5,807,144, and an unvoted debt margin of \$89,130.

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

Current Financial Related Activities

The District has been very frugal and has carefully managed its general fund budget in order to get the maximum value for the tax dollars available for educating the students of the Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District. The District passed an 8 mill, five year emergency levy in February 2006 special election (by a vote of 58% to 42%). This was the fourth try for additional operating revenue in the last few years and this is the first new, additional operating funds the District has received in the last 13 years. The levy generates \$750,000 annually.

The District's five year forecast is brighter because of these levies passing. The District also renewed a current 9.2 mill operating levy in November 2005. This operating levy generates \$560,000 annually. It is projected that the District will be fiscally solvent up through fiscal year 2011. The District settled a three year contract on wages and insurances with both the certified and classified associations. The contract expires on June 30, 2011. There is a wage reorder for fiscal year 2011.

The District has committed itself to educational and financial excellence. As a result, the District's financial abilities will continue to be tested, therefore making it a challenge to meet the high educational goals that have been set. However, with continued leadership from the Board of Education and prudent fiscal planning, the resources needed to meet the educational challenges ahead and desired student needs should be achieved.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Mr. Dan Stocker, Treasurer, Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District, 702 S. River Street, Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832.

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2008

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents . . .	\$ 2,789,142
Receivables:	
Taxes	3,459,378
Accounts	120
Intergovernmental	47,648
Accrued interest	978
Materials and supplies inventory	17,790
Capital assets:	
Land	121,788
Depreciable capital assets, net	16,143,706
Capital assets, net	16,265,494
 Total assets.	 22,580,550
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	84,577
Accrued wages and benefits	1,007,622
Pension obligation payable	242,225
Intergovernmental payable	282,096
Accrued interest payable	12,093
Claims payable	91,276
Unearned revenue	2,873,302
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	277,930
Due within more than one year	3,451,868
 Total liabilities	 8,322,989
Net Assets:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	13,084,518
Restricted for:	
Debt service	379,101
Capital projects	147,188
Permanent fund:	
Expendable	7,640
Classroom facilities maintenance	191,287
State funded programs	23,235
Federally funded programs	101,096
Student activities	3,860
Public school support	21,048
Other purposes	230,049
Unrestricted	68,539
 Total net assets.	 \$ 14,257,561

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

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

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
					Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$ 5,315,573	\$ 593,131	\$ 664,567	\$ -	\$ (4,057,875)
Special	1,192,416	227,393	837,467	-	(127,556)
Vocational	135,290	-	24,014	-	(111,276)
Adult education	666	-	639	-	(27)
Other	235,864	-	35,430	-	(200,434)
Support services:					
Pupil	391,041	-	22,889	-	(368,152)
Instructional staff	881,683	532	319,938	-	(561,213)
Board of education	33,519	-	-	-	(33,519)
Administration	1,003,218	-	13,893	-	(989,325)
Fiscal	311,973	-	1,351	-	(310,622)
Operations and maintenance	1,470,487	650	138,866	-	(1,330,971)
Pupil transportation	540,600	-	4,504	5,162	(530,934)
Central	10,841	-	-	-	(10,841)
Operation of non-instructional services:					
Food service operations	612,716	179,793	351,977	-	(80,946)
Other non-instructional services	2,129	-	3,111	-	982
Extracurricular activities	451,773	197,955	-	-	(253,818)
Interest and fiscal charges	196,314	-	-	-	(196,314)
Total governmental activities	\$ 12,786,103	\$ 1,199,454	\$ 2,418,646	\$ 5,162	(9,162,841)

General Revenues:

Property taxes levied for:

General purposes	2,497,537
Special revenue	31,504
Debt service	219,993
Capital projects	8,264
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs.	5,359,309
Investment earnings.	95,545
Miscellaneous.	89,567
Total general revenues	8,301,719
Change in net assets.	(861,122)
Net assets at beginning of year	15,118,683
Net assets at end of year.	\$ 14,257,561

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,169,072	\$ 343,977	\$ 582,680	\$ 2,095,729
Receivables:				
Taxes	3,131,225	269,391	58,762	3,459,378
Accounts	-	-	120	120
Intergovernmental	-	-	47,648	47,648
Accrued interest	978	-	-	978
Due from other funds	355,554	-	-	355,554
Materials and supplies inventory	-	-	17,790	17,790
Restricted assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	230,049	-	-	230,049
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,886,878</u>	<u>\$ 613,368</u>	<u>\$ 707,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,207,246</u>
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 77,348	\$ -	\$ 7,229	\$ 84,577
Accrued wages and benefits	829,876	-	177,746	1,007,622
Compensated absences payable	33,443	-	-	33,443
Pension obligation payable	226,024	-	16,201	242,225
Intergovernmental payable	251,229	-	30,867	282,096
Due to other funds	-	-	355,554	355,554
Deferred revenue	256,729	20,791	3,107	280,627
Unearned revenue	2,598,684	222,174	52,444	2,873,302
Total liabilities	<u>4,273,333</u>	<u>242,965</u>	<u>643,148</u>	<u>5,159,446</u>
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for encumbrances	205,963	-	82,449	288,412
Reserved for materials and supplies inventory	-	-	17,790	17,790
Reserved for property tax unavailable for appropriation	275,816	26,426	3,661	305,903
Reserved for debt service	-	343,977	-	343,977
Reserved for textbooks	193,301	-	-	193,301
Reserved for capital acquisition	36,748	-	-	36,748
Unreserved, undesignated (deficit), reported in:				
General fund	(98,283)	-	-	(98,283)
Special revenue funds	-	-	(159,672)	(159,672)
Capital projects funds	-	-	111,984	111,984
Permanent fund	-	-	7,640	7,640
Total fund balances	<u>613,545</u>	<u>370,403</u>	<u>63,852</u>	<u>1,047,800</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 4,886,878</u>	<u>\$ 613,368</u>	<u>\$ 707,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,207,246</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

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

Total governmental fund balances		\$	1,047,800
<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.			16,265,494
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.			
Taxes receivable	\$	280,623	
Accrued interest receivable		<u>4</u>	
Total			280,627
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.			372,088
In the statement of activities interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, interest expenditures are reported when due.			(12,093)
Long-term liabilities, including leases and bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.			
Compensated absences payable		(515,379)	
Lease-purchase agreement payable		(595,976)	
General obligation bonds payable		<u>(2,585,000)</u>	
Total			<u>(3,696,355)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities		\$	<u>14,257,561</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS 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>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Taxes	\$ 2,482,338	\$ 219,698	\$ 43,072	\$ 2,745,108
Tuition	793,888	-	-	793,888
Charges for services	-	-	179,793	179,793
Earnings on investments.	95,142	-	455	95,597
Extracurricular.	-	-	197,955	197,955
Classroom materials and fees	-	-	26,636	26,636
Other local revenues.	90,749	-	118,795	209,544
Intergovernmental - state	5,866,821	31,027	766,619	6,664,467
Intergovernmental - federal.	-	-	1,128,047	1,128,047
Total revenues.	<u>9,328,938</u>	<u>250,725</u>	<u>2,461,372</u>	<u>12,041,035</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	4,181,978	-	689,364	4,871,342
Special	875,011	-	288,224	1,163,235
Vocational	130,110	-	-	130,110
Adult education	-	-	666	666
Other	200,256	-	35,608	235,864
Support services:				
Pupil	361,934	-	23,155	385,089
Instructional staff.	504,737	-	320,741	825,478
Board of education.	33,519	-	-	33,519
Administration	966,923	-	11,479	978,402
Fiscal	309,028	-	823	309,851
Operations and maintenance.	1,249,405	-	163,372	1,412,777
Pupil transportation	570,956	-	4,340	575,296
Central	4,954	-	5,887	10,841
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	-	-	567,441	567,441
Other non-instructional services.	233	-	1,896	2,129
Extracurricular activities.	150,865	-	205,298	356,163
Facilities acquisition and construction.	30,022	-	75,806	105,828
Debt service:				
Principal retirement.	-	155,000	59,573	214,573
Interest and fiscal charges	-	159,542	37,427	196,969
Total expenditures	<u>9,569,931</u>	<u>314,542</u>	<u>2,491,100</u>	<u>12,375,573</u>
Excess of expenditures over revenues	<u>(240,993)</u>	<u>(63,817)</u>	<u>(29,728)</u>	<u>(334,538)</u>
Other financing sources:				
Sale of assets	380	-	-	380
Total other financing sources.	<u>380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>380</u>
Net change in fund balances	(240,613)	(63,817)	(29,728)	(334,158)
Fund balances at beginning of year	854,158	434,220	93,580	1,381,958
Fund balances at end of year.	<u>\$ 613,545</u>	<u>\$ 370,403</u>	<u>\$ 63,852</u>	<u>\$ 1,047,800</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS 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 \$ (334,158)

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeds capital outlays in the current period.

Capital asset additions	\$	210,276	
Current year depreciation		(773,479)	
Total			(563,203)

The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, disposals, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net assets. (1,453)

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

Taxes		12,190	
Intergovernmental		(128,237)	
Earnings on investments		(7)	
Total			(116,054)

Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net assets. 214,573

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. The additional interest reported in the statement of activities is due to the accrued interest on bonds. 655

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. (45,734)

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 (expense) of the internal service fund is allocated among the governmental activities. (15,748)

Change in net assets of governmental activities \$ (861,122)

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS 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>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>(Negative)</u>
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Taxes	\$ 2,772,865	\$ 2,797,600	\$ 2,797,600	\$ -
Tuition.	786,869	793,888	793,888	-
Earnings on investments.	100,178	101,072	101,195	123
Other local revenues	47,565	47,989	90,749	42,760
Intergovernmental - state	5,905,323	5,958,001	5,958,001	-
Total revenues.	<u>9,612,800</u>	<u>9,698,550</u>	<u>9,741,433</u>	<u>42,883</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	4,203,389	4,235,993	4,105,159	130,834
Special.	1,051,186	1,059,340	878,922	180,418
Vocational.	139,965	141,051	125,455	15,596
Other.	298,286	300,600	232,238	68,362
Support services:				
Pupil.	453,635	457,154	359,861	97,293
Instructional staff	663,238	668,383	537,892	130,491
Board of education	34,768	35,038	33,479	1,559
Administration.	1,102,277	1,110,826	959,425	151,401
Fiscal	349,253	351,962	313,021	38,941
Operations and maintenance.	1,578,311	1,590,553	1,373,210	217,343
Pupil transportation	608,446	613,166	589,754	23,412
Central.	31,158	31,400	27,055	4,345
Operation of non-instructional services	277	279	229	50
Extracurricular activities.	162,006	163,263	149,502	13,761
Facilities acquisition and construction.	29,882	30,114	27,467	2,647
Total expenditures	<u>10,706,077</u>	<u>10,789,122</u>	<u>9,712,669</u>	<u>1,076,453</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures.	<u>(1,093,277)</u>	<u>(1,090,572)</u>	<u>28,764</u>	<u>1,119,336</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in.	148,674	150,000	-	(150,000)
Transfers (out)	(520,017)	(524,051)	-	524,051
Sale of capital assets	377	380	380	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(370,966)</u>	<u>(373,671)</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>374,051</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,464,243)	(1,464,243)	29,144	1,493,387
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,109,783	1,109,783	1,109,783	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	354,460	354,460	354,460	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,493,387</u>	<u>\$ 1,493,387</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2008

	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Assets:	
Current assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents.	\$ 463,364
Total assets	463,364
Liabilities:	
Claims payable	91,276
Total liabilities	91,276
Net assets:	
Unrestricted.	372,088
Total net assets	\$ 372,088

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

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

	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Operating revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 1,708,144
Total operating revenues	<u>1,708,144</u>
Operating expenses:	
Claims	<u>1,723,892</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,723,892</u>
Operating loss/change in net assets	(15,748)
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>387,836</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u><u>\$ 372,088</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

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

	<u>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from charges for services	\$ 1,708,144
Cash payments for claims.	<u>(1,808,236)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(100,092)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(100,092)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year. . .	<u>563,456</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>\$ 463,364</u></u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Operating loss	\$ (15,748)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in claims payable	<u>(84,344)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u><u>\$ (100,092)</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS 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	\$ -	\$ 58,516
Investments in segregated accounts	2,002	-
	2,002	-
Total assets.	2,002	\$ 58,516
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable.	-	\$ 2,405
Due to students	-	56,111
	-	56,111
Total liabilities	-	\$ 58,516
Net Assets:		
Held in trust for scholarships	2,002	
	2,002	
Total net assets	\$ 2,002	

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**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

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

	Private-Purpose Trust
	Scholarship
Additions:	
Interest	\$ 107
Gifts and contributions	1,000
	1,107
Total additions	1,107
Deductions:	
Scholarships awarded	1,200
	(93)
Change in net assets	(93)
Net assets at beginning of year	2,095
Net assets at end of year.	\$ 2,002

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

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

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Newcomerstown Exempted Village 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 was established in 1856 through the consolidation of existing land areas and school districts. The District is staffed by 56 non-certified employees, 95 certified full-time teaching personnel and 8 administrative employees who provide services to 1,149 students and other community members. The District currently operates 4 instructional buildings, 1 administrative building and 1 garage.

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, foods service, preschool and student related activities of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the 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).

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

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

Buckeye Career Center

The Career Center is a separate body politic and corporate, established by the Ohio Revised Code to provide for the vocational and special education needs of the students. The Career Center's Board of Education is comprised of representatives from the Board of Education of each participating school district. The Career Center's Board of Education is responsible for approving its own budgets, appointing personnel, and accounting and finance related activities. The District's students may attend the Career Center. Each participating District's control is limited to its representation on the Career Center's Board of Education.

Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency (OME-RESA)

OME-RESA is a computer service organization whose primary function is to provide information technology services to its member districts with the major emphasis being placed on accounting, payroll and inventory control services. Other areas of service provided by OME-RESA include pupil scheduling, attendance and grade reporting, career guidance services, special education records, and test scoring.

OME-RESA is one of 23 regional service organizations serving over 600 public districts in the State of Ohio that make up the Ohio Educational Computer Network (OECN). These service organizations are known as Data Acquisition Sites. The OECN is a collective group of Data Acquisition Sites, authorized pursuant to Section 3301.075 of the Ohio Revised Code, and their member districts. Such sites, in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), comprise a statewide delivery system to provide comprehensive, cost-efficient accounting and other administrative and instructional computer services for participating Ohio districts.

Major funding for this network is derived from the State of Ohio. In addition, a majority of the software utilized by the OME-RESA is developed by the ODE.

OME-RESA is owned and operated by 49 member districts in 10 different Ohio counties. The member districts are comprised of public districts and County Boards of Education. Each member district pays an annual fee for services provided by OME-RESA. OME-RESA is governed by a Board of Directors, which is selected by the member districts. Each member district has one vote in all matters and each member district's control over budgeting and financing of OME-RESA is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the Board of Directors.

OME-RESA is located at 2023 Sunset Blvd., Steubenville, Ohio 43952. The Jefferson County Educational Service Center is one of OME-RESA's member districts, and acts in the capacity of fiscal agent for OME-RESA.

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008
(CONTINUED)

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

Tuscarawas County Tax Incentive Review Council

The Tuscarawas County Tax Incentive Review Council (TCTIRC) is a jointly governed organization, created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State statutes. TCTIRC has 22 members, consisting of three members appointed by the County Commissioners, four members appointed by municipal corporations, six members appointed by township trustees, one member from the county auditor's office and eight members appointed by Boards of Education located within the county. TCTIRC reviews and evaluates the performance of each Enterprise Zone Agreement. This body is advisory in nature and cannot directly impact an existing Enterprise Zone Agreement; however, the TCTIRC can make written recommendations to the legislative authority which approved the agreement. There is no cost associated with being a member of the TCTIRC. The continued existence of the TCTIRC is not dependent on the District's continued participation and no equity interest exists.

The District does not retain an ongoing financial interest or an ongoing financial responsibility with any of these organizations.

PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

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

The Plan'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 OSBA. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the Plan. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the Plan to cover the costs of administering the program.

B. Fund Accounting

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

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following 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 resources and payment of general obligation bond and principal and interest from governmental resources when the government is obligated in some manner for payment.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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 revenue of the District's internal service fund is charges for services. Operating expenses for the internal service fund include claims and administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

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.

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

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.

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. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

E. Budgets

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

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

All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The primary level of budgetary control has been established by the Board of Education at the fund, function, object, special cost center level for the general fund and at the fund level of expenditures for all other funds. Any budgetary modifications at these levels may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education.

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

TAX BUDGET

On July 25, 2002, the Tuscarawas County Budget Commission voted to waive the requirement that school districts adopt a tax budget as required by Section 5705.28 of the Ohio Revised Code, by January 15 and the filing by January 20. In order to complete other necessary documents, the Budget Commission now requires certain information to be filed by May 1. Information required includes the general fund five year forecast submitted to the Department of Education, projected revenues and expenditures line items for all levy funds, projected revenues and debt requirements (principal and interest) and amortization schedules for the debt service fund, and balances and total anticipated activity for all other funds.

ESTIMATED RESOURCES

The Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the County Budget Commission and receives the Commission's certificate of estimated resources, which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to June 30, the District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate is amended to include any unencumbered cash balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The amounts reported in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the original and final certificates of estimated resources issued during fiscal year 2008.

APPROPRIATIONS

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

The Board of Education may pass supplemental fund appropriations so long as the total appropriations by fund do not exceed the amounts set forth in the most recent certificate of estimated resources. Supplemental appropriations were legally enacted by the Board of Education during fiscal year 2008.

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

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

Although the legal level of budgetary control was established at the fund, function, object, special cost center level for the general fund and at the fund level of expenditures for all other funds, the budgetary statements present comparisons at the fund and function level of expenditures as elected by the District Treasurer.

LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS

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

F. Cash and Investments

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

During fiscal year 2008, investments consisted of a nonnegotiable certificate of deposit and a repurchase agreement. Investments are reported at fair market value, which is based on quoted market prices, with the following exceptions: nonparticipating investment contracts such as repurchase agreements and nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are reported at cost.

The certificate of deposit maintained in the Claude Hinds Memorial Fund is reflected on the statement of fiduciary net assets as "investments in segregated accounts".

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. By policy of the Board of Education, investment earnings are assigned to the general fund and the private-purpose trust funds. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2008 amounted to \$95,142, which includes \$39,514 assigned from other funds.

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

An analysis of the 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 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 assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary fund. 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 deductions during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. In addition, the capitalization for land and building improvement is \$15,000; 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:

Description	Governmental Activities Estimated Lives
Land improvements	20 years
Buildings and improvements	25 - 40 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 15 years
Vehicles	10 years

I. Interfund Balances

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

J. Compensated Absences

Compensated absences of the District consist of vacation leave and sick leave 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 earned 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, all employees at least 50 years of age with 10 years of service or any age with at least 15 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.

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

K. 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, 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. Bonds and lease purchase agreements are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

L. Fund Balance Reserves

The District reserves those portions of fund equity which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and therefore are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund equity reserves have been established for encumbrances, materials and supplies inventory, debt service, textbooks/instructional materials, capital acquisition and property tax revenue unavailable for appropriation. The reserve for property taxes unavailable for appropriation represents taxes recognized as revenue under GAAP but not available for appropriation under State statute.

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

M. Net Assets

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

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

N. 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.

O. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets in the general fund represent cash and cash equivalents set-aside to establish a textbook/instructional materials reserve and a capital acquisition reserve. These reserves are required by State statute. A schedule of statutory reserves is presented in Note 17.

P. 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 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.

Q. 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.

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".

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE- (Continued)

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. Deficit Fund Balances/Expenditures and Appropriations

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

<u>Nonmajor Funds</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
Food service	\$ 396,345
Poverty aid	18,892
Title VI-B	6,368
Title I	19,246

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

Contrary to Ohio Revised Code 5705.10, the District incurred negative cash balances throughout the fiscal year in the Food Service fund. Also, contrary to Ohio Revised Code 5705.41(B), expenditures plus encumbrances exceeded appropriation authority in the Food Service fund.

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.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Interim monies 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.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2008, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$2,186,590, exclusive of the \$663,070 repurchase agreement included in investments below. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2008, \$2,152,002 of the District's bank balance of \$2,352,208 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$200,206 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.

B. 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
Repurchase Agreement	<u>\$ 663,070</u>	<u>\$ 663,070</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 investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Of the District's \$663,070 investment in repurchase agreements, the entire balance is collateralized by underlying securities that are held by the investment's counterparty, not in the name of the District. Ohio law requires the market value of the securities subject to repurchase agreements must exceed the principal value of securities subject to a repurchase agreement by 2%. The District has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee.

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:

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Repurchase Agreement	<u>\$ 663,070</u>	<u>100.00</u>

C. 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	\$ 2,186,590
Investments	<u>663,070</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,849,660</u>
<u>Cash and investments per statement of net assets</u>	
Governmental activities	\$ 2,789,142
Private-purpose trust fund	2,002
Agency fund	<u>58,516</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,849,660</u>

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund balances at June 30, 2008 as reported on the fund statements consist of the following due to/from other funds, as reported on the fund financial statements:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	
General Fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>\$ 355,554</u>

The primary purpose of due to/from other funds is to cover a negative cash balance and to represent amounts owed between funds for goods or service 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.

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.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

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.

The District receives property taxes from Tuscarawas, Coshocton and Guernsey Counties. The County Auditor's periodically advances 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 and recorded as revenue, at June 30, 2008 was \$275,816 in the general fund, \$3,636 in the classroom maintenance fund (a nonmajor governmental fund), \$26,426 in the debt service fund and \$25 in the permanent improvement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). These amounts have been recorded as revenue in the funds. The amount that was available as an advance, and recorded as revenue, at June 30, 2007, was \$591,078 in the general fund, \$7,728 in the classroom maintenance fund (a nonmajor governmental fund), \$53,035 in the debt service fund and \$7,530 in the permanent improvement 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.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

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 minerals real estate	\$ 62,276,590	65.61	\$ 66,522,420	69.78
Commercial/industrial real estate	15,740,440	16.58	15,925,470	16.70
Public utility personal	7,468,360	7.87	6,703,990	7.03
Tangible personal property	<u>9,432,556</u>	<u>9.94</u>	<u>6,183,954</u>	<u>6.49</u>
Total	<u>\$ 94,917,946</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 95,335,834</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation:				
Operations	\$ 54.40		\$ 54.10	
Permanent improvement	1.50		0.50	
Debt service	2.90		2.90	

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES

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

Governmental Activities:

Taxes	\$ 3,459,378
Accounts	120
Intergovernmental	47,648
Accrued interest	<u>978</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,508,124</u>

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

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NOTE 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balance			Balance
	<u>June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>June 30, 2008</u>
Governmental activities				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 121,788	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 121,788
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>121,788</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>121,788</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	1,707,657	-	-	1,707,657
Buildings and improvements	19,789,021	114,933	-	19,903,954
Furniture and equipment	2,405,981	18,523	(23,228)	2,401,276
Vehicles	841,327	76,820	(25,696)	892,451
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>24,743,986</u>	<u>210,276</u>	<u>(48,924)</u>	<u>24,905,338</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation</i>				
Land improvements	(567,940)	(92,931)	-	(660,871)
Buildings and improvements	(4,962,648)	(471,075)	-	(5,433,723)
Furniture and equipment	(1,810,799)	(170,304)	21,775	(1,959,328)
Vehicles	(694,237)	(39,169)	25,696	(707,710)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(8,035,624)</u>	<u>(773,479)</u>	<u>47,471</u>	<u>(8,761,632)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$16,830,150</u>	<u>\$ (563,203)</u>	<u>\$ (1,453)</u>	<u>\$ 16,265,494</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

<u>Instruction:</u>	
Regular	\$ 402,807
Special	48,102
Vocational	4,266
<u>Support services:</u>	
Pupil	5,825
Instructional staff	42,582
Administration	14,883
Fiscal	2,286
Operations and maintenance	65,564
Pupil transportation	39,555
Extracurricular activities	107,334
Food service operations	<u>40,275</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 773,479</u>

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NOTE 9 - LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT

On June 15, 2001, the District entered into a lease-purchase agreement with Banc One Leasing Corporation for the financing of the reconstruction and improvement of Lee Stadium, which includes bleachers, new all-weather track facilities and a concession/restroom building. The source of revenue to fund the principal and interest payments is derived from the Vernon and Edith Lee trust fund. The trust agreement stipulates that the monies donated to the District are to be used under the direction of the Board of Education for the maintenance, repair, construction and reconstruction to the District's athletic facilities. During fiscal year 2008, the District made principal payments totaling \$59,573 and interest payments totaling \$37,427 on the lease-purchase agreement. The lease payments are recorded as expenditures in the permanent fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

A liability in the amount of the present value of minimum lease payments has been recorded in the statement of net assets. Capital assets consisting of land and building improvements have been capitalized in the amount of \$1,012,028. This amount represents the costs of the reconstruction and improvements of Lee Stadium funded by the lease-purchase agreement.

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the lease-purchase agreement and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2008:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2009	\$ 97,000
2010	97,000
2011	97,000
2012	95,000
2013 - 2016	<u>364,734</u>
Total minimum lease payments	750,734
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(154,758)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 595,976</u>

In conjunction with the lease-purchase agreement, the District entered into a ground-lease agreement whereby the District subleases the real property upon which the reconstruction and improvements of Lee Stadium are being made to Banc One Leasing Corporation. The District is the lessor and Banc One Leasing Corporation is the lessee under the ground-lease agreement. The sublease commenced on June 15, 2001 and terminates on June 15, 2021, or earlier upon the termination of the lease-purchase agreement or the District's exercise to take advantage of the purchase option.

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

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

	Balance			Balance		Amounts
	June 30, 2007	Additions	Reductions	June 30, 2008	One Year	Due in
Governmental activities:						
General obligation bonds	\$ 2,740,000	\$ -	\$ (155,000)	\$ 2,585,000		\$ 160,000
Compensated absences	508,999	131,310	(91,487)	548,822		54,828
Lease-purchase agreement payable	<u>655,549</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(59,573)</u>	<u>595,976</u>		<u>63,102</u>
Total long-term obligations, governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,904,548</u>	<u>\$ 131,310</u>	<u>\$ (306,060)</u>	<u>\$ 3,729,798</u>		<u>\$ 277,930</u>

Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid which, for the District, primarily includes the general fund, title I fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) and food service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

- B. On October 1, 1999, the District issued \$715,000 general obligation various purpose refunding bonds. The bonds bear interest at rates ranging from 4.55% to 5.55% per annum and mature in various installments through December 1, 2010. The proceeds of the bonds were used to advance refund the 1989 general obligation school improvement bonds by purchasing U.S. Government Securities that were placed in an irrevocable trust for the purpose of generating resources for all future debt service payments of the refunded debt. The refunded bonds are not included in the District's outstanding debt since the District has satisfied its obligations through the advance refunding.

The assets held in trust as a result of the advance refundings described above are not included in the accompanying basic financial statements.

Payments of principal and interest on the refunding bonds are made from the debt service fund. The following is a description of the District's refunding bond activity for fiscal year 2008:

		Balance			Balance		Amounts
	Interest	Outstanding	Additions	Reductions	Outstanding	One Year	Due in
	Rate	June 30, 2007	June 30, 2007	June 30, 2007	June 30, 2008	June 30, 2008	One Year
General obligation bonds	4.65%	<u>\$ 210,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (55,000)</u>	<u>\$ 155,000</u>		<u>\$ 55,000</u>

- C. During fiscal year 2001, the District issued \$3,037,000 in general obligation bonds to provide funds for the renovations and additions to the existing west elementary, middle school and high school (hereafter "Construction Project"). These bonds are general obligations of the District for which the full faith and credit of the District is pledged for repayment. Accordingly, such unmatured obligations of the District are accounted for in the statement of net assets. Payments of principal and interest relating to this bond are recorded as an expenditure in the debt service fund. The source of payment is derived from a current 3.2 mill bonded debt tax levy.

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

These bonds represent the amount of the Construction Project that the District itself was required to finance, in accordance with the terms of a facilities grant from the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC). OSFC will make quarterly disbursements to the District as the project is completed. The total cost of the Construction Project was \$16,206,098. The Construction Project was completed in fiscal year 2004.

Interest payments on the general obligation bonds are due on December 1 of each year. The final maturity stated in the issue is December 1, 2024.

In conjunction with the 3.2 mills which support the bond issue, the District also passed in fiscal year 2001 a .5 mill levy to ultimately fund the maintenance costs of the new facilities. Tax revenue from this levy has been reported in the classroom facilities maintenance special revenue fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

The following is a description of the District's school improvement bonds activity for fiscal year 2008:

		Balance		Balance	Amounts	
	Interest	Outstanding		Outstanding	Due in	
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>June 30, 2008</u>	<u>One Year</u>
General obligation bonds	4.50%	\$ 2,530,000	\$ -	\$ (100,000)	\$ 2,430,000	\$ 105,000

- D.** Principal and interest requirements to retire the general obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2008, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009	\$ 160,000	\$ 145,113	\$ 305,113
2010	155,000	137,161	292,161
2011	160,000	129,088	289,088
2012	120,000	121,890	241,890
2013	125,000	115,580	240,580
2014 - 2018	720,000	468,566	1,188,566
2019 - 2023	925,000	219,530	1,144,530
2024	220,000	6,875	226,875
Total	<u>\$ 2,585,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,343,803</u>	<u>\$ 3,928,803</u>

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

E. 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 \$5,807,144 (including available funds of \$370,403) and an unvoted debt margin of \$89,130.

NOTE 11 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

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

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 215 days for all personnel. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of the accrued, but unused, sick leave balance to a maximum of 50 days for all classified employees and 60 days for certified employees.

B. Life Insurance

The District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to employees through Medical Life Insurance Company in the amount of \$30,000.

NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Comprehensive

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2008, the District contracted with Ohio School Plan for property insurance, for fleet insurance, liability insurance, and inland marine coverage. Coverages provided by Ohio School Plan are as follows:

Building and contents - replacement cost (\$2,500 deductible)	100% Blanket
Inland marine coverage "contents" (\$1,000 deductible)	\$ 2,291,045
Boiler and machinery "contents" (\$1,500 deductible)	34,429,722
Automobile liability (Buses, \$1,000 deductible; Other, \$250/\$500 deductible)	5,000,000

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NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

Professional liability:		
Per occurrence		\$1,000,000
Per aggregate		3,000,000
Excess auto liability:		
Per aggregate		3,000,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years and there has been no reduction in coverage.

B. Workers' Compensation

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

C. Employee Group Life, Medical, Dental, and Vision Insurance

Medical/surgical and dental insurance is offered to employees through a self-insurance internal service fund. The claims liability of \$91,276 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 claims costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be accrued at the estimated ultimate cost of settling the claims. 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	\$ 175,620	\$ 1,723,892	\$(1,808,236)	\$ 91,276
2007	209,488	1,790,372	(1,824,240)	175,620

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*.

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NOTE 13 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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 \$129,627, \$141,031 and \$133,183, respectively; 46.14 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2008 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

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.

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.

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NOTE 13 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

The District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$579,870, \$550,138 and \$532,624, respectively; 83.15 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 \$1,564 made by the District and \$2,262 made by the plan members.

C. Social Security System

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

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 \$87,209, \$67,659 and \$66,869, respectively; 46.14 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 \$9,340, \$8,980 and \$9,819, respectively; 46.14 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 \$44,605, \$42,318 and \$40,971, respectively; 83.15 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 generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

The Statement of Revenues, 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	\$ 29,144
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	(412,495)
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(106,830)
Net adjustment for other sources/uses	(11,720)
Adjustment for encumbrances	<u>261,288</u>
GAAP basis	<u>\$ (240,613)</u>

NOTE 16 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

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

B. Litigation

The District is not party to legal proceedings which, in the opinion of District management, will have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the District.

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.

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NOTE 17 - STATUTORY RESERVES - (Continued)

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, the reserve activity was as follows:

	Textbooks/ Instructional <u>Materials</u>	Capital <u>Acquisition</u>
Set-aside balance as of June 30, 2007	\$ 198,926	\$ -
Current year set-aside requirement	177,310	177,310
Current year offsets	-	(54,670)
Qualifying disbursements	<u>(182,935)</u>	<u>(85,892)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 193,301</u>	<u>\$ 36,748</u>
Balance carried forward to FY 2009	<u>\$ 193,301</u>	<u>\$ 36,748</u>

The District did not have enough qualifying disbursements to reduce the set-aside amount below zero for the textbooks/instructional materials and capital acquisition.

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

Amounts restricted for textbooks/instructional materials	\$ 193,301
Amounts restricted for capital acquisition	<u>36,748</u>
Total restricted assets	<u>\$ 230,049</u>

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

<u>FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE</u>	<u>PASS THROUGH GRANTOR NUMBER</u>	<u>FEDERAL CFDA NUMBER</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>NON-CASH RECEIPTS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>NON-CASH EXPENDITURES</u>
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>						
<i>(Passed Through Ohio Department of Education)</i>						
Child Nutrition Cluster:						
National School Breakfast Program	N/A	10.553	\$92,058		\$92,058	
National School Lunch Program	N/A	10.555	279,978	\$30,189	279,978	\$30,189
Total Nutrition Cluster			372,036		372,036	
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			372,036	30,189	372,036	30,189
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u>						
<i>(Passed Through Ohio Department of Education)</i>						
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	C1S107 C1S108	84.010	10,253 286,845		30,904 267,915	
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			297,098		298,819	
Special Education - Grants to States	6BSF07 6BSF08	84.027	27,430 277,586		27,990 276,018	
Total Special Education - Grants to States			305,016		304,008	
State Grants for Innovative Programs	C2S108	84.298	2,855		2,314	
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	TRS107 TRS108	84.367	92,417		10,478 90,944	
Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grants			92,417		101,422	
Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities State Grants	DRS108	84.186	6,788		6,788	
Education Technology State Grant	TJS108	84.318	3,098		2,693	
Total U.S. Department of Education			707,272		716,044	
<u>CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE</u>						
<i>(Passed Through Ohio Department of Education)</i>						
Learn and Serve America Schools and Community Based Programs	SVS507 SVS508	94.004	1,062 26,449		4,006 21,685	
Total Learn and Serve America Schools and Community Based Programs			27,511		25,691	
Total			\$1,106,819	\$30,189	\$1,113,771	\$30,189

See Accompanying Notes to the Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures Schedule.

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**NOTES TO THE FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE
JUNE 30, 2008**

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

NOTE B - FOOD DONATION DISTRIBUTION

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

NOTE C - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

NOTE D – TRANSFERS

The District generally must spend Federal assistance within 15 months of receipt. However, with Ohio Department of Education (ODE) approval, a District can transfer unspent Federal assistance to the succeeding year, thus allowing the District a total of 27 months to spend the assistance. The District tracks this by utilizing special cost centers for each year's activity and transferring the amounts ODE approves between the cost centers. During fiscal year 2009, the Ohio Department of Education authorized the following transfers:

CFDA Number	Program Description	Pass-Through Number	Transfer- In	Transfer-Out
84.010	Title I Grants To States	C1-S1-08	\$3,948	
84.010	Title I Grants To States	C1-S1-09		\$3,948
84.027	Special Education-Grants to States	6B-S1-08	6,671	
84.027	Special Education-Grants to States	6B-S1-09		6,671
84.298	Innovative Educational Program Strategies	C2-S1-08	14	
84.298	Innovative Educational Program Strategies	C2-S1-09		14
84.318	Education Technology Grants	TJ-S1-08	463	
84.318	Education Technology Grants	TJ-S1-09		463
84.367	Improving Teacher Quality	TR-S1-08	550	
84.367	Improving Teacher Quality	TR-S1-09		550



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

Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District
Tuscarawas County
702 S. River Street
Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District, Tuscarawas 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 January 21, 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.

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.

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

We noted certain matters that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated January 21, 2009.

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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 instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as items 2008-001 and 2008-002.

We also noted a certain noncompliance or other matter not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated January 21, 2009.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Taylor".

Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

January 21, 2009



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Auditor of State

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

Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District
Tuscarawas County
702 S. River Street
Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832

To the Board of Education:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District, Tuscarawas County, Ohio (the District) with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that apply to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2008. The summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings identifies the District's major federal program. The District's management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each major federal program. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that apply to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

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

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



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

January 21, 2009

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505
JUNE 30, 2008**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

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

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

FINDING NUMBER 2008-001

Material Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10 requires that monies paid into any fund be used only for the purposes for which such fund is established. The School District had negative cash fund balances in the Food Service Fund throughout the year ranging from \$354,106 to \$416,605.

Negative cash fund balances are an indication that revenues from other sources were used to pay obligations of these funds. Additionally, money spent for purposes other than specified in grant agreements could result in the loss of future grant awards. Fund activity should be monitored to prevent future expenditures in excess of available resources. In those cases where additional funds are required, the resources should either be transferred or advanced to the fund in accordance with the Ohio Rev. Code.

FINDING NUMBER 2008-002

Material Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) requires that no subdivision or taxing unit is to expend money unless it has been appropriated. At June 30, 2008, fund level expenditures exceeded appropriations within the Food Service Fund by \$356,955. In addition, 7% (2 of the applicable 28 transactions) of the expenditures tested throughout fiscal year 2008 were not within appropriations at the District's legal level of control.

The Treasurer should also frequently compare actual expenditures to appropriations at the object level to avoid overspending. This will help strengthen the School District's ability to effectively monitor actual expenditures versus appropriations.

Officials' Response: The client has elected not to respond to the findings noted above.

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .315 (b)
JUNE 30, 2008**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2007-001	Financial Reporting – Financial statement errors were noted that required adjustments to the financial statements.	Yes	Corrected.
2007-002	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) – actual expenditures plus encumbrances exceeded appropriation authority in various funds by as much as \$506,371.	No	Not Corrected. Refer to Finding 2008-002 in the Schedule of Findings.
2007-003	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10 – negative cash fund balances existed in various funds by as much as \$372,829.	No	Not Corrected. Refer to Finding 2008-001 in the Schedule of Findings.



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NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

TUSCARAWAS 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 5, 2009**