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# CLERMONT NORTHEASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERMONT COUNTY

SINGLE AUDIT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2011 Fiscal Year Audited Under GAGAS: 2011

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Members of the Board of Education Clermont Northeastern Local School District 2792 U. S. Route 50 Batavia, Ohio 45103

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Clermont Northeastern Local School District, Clermont County, prepared by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Clermont Northeastern Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

February 13, 2012



# CLERMONT NORTHEASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERMONT COUNTY

# BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

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# **Independent Auditor's Report**

Members of the Board of Education Clermont Northeastern Local School District 2792 US Route 50 Batavia, Ohio 45103

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Clermont Northeastern Local School District, Clermont County, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, 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 Clermont Northeastern Local School District, Clermont County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2011, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, 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 December 27, 2011 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.

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Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include Management's discussion and analysis, and required budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund, as listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any other assurance.

We conducted our audit to opine on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures provides additional information 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. The Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures is management's responsibility, and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. This schedule was subject to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

As described in Note 2 to the financial statements, the District has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.

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December 27, 2011

# CLERMONT NORTHEASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

This discussion and analysis provides key information from management highlighting the financial performance of the Clermont Northeastern Local School District for the year ended June 30, 2011. This is meant to be an easily readable summary of the most important financial information regarding the accompanying financial statements. Please read it in conjunction with the School District's financial statements.

# **Financial Highlights**

Major financial highlights for fiscal year 2011 are listed below:

- ✓ The assets of the School District exceeded its liabilities at year-end by \$6,962,731. Of this amount, \$1,169,728 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- ✓ In total, net assets increased by \$263,574.
- ✓ The School District had \$19,720,065 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$3,413,721 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenue of \$16,569,918, made up primarily of property and income taxes and State Foundation payments provided the majority of funding for these programs.
- ✓ The General Fund balance decreased by \$200,140 from \$1,663,766 at June 30, 2010 to \$1,463,626 at June 30, 2011.

### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the School District's basic financial statements. The School District's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the School District's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The statement of net assets presents information on all of the School District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the School District is improving or deteriorating. The statement of activities presents information showing how the School District's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal years (e.g. uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2011 Unaudited

The governmental activities of the School District include instruction, support services (administration, operation and maintenance of plant), and non-instructional services including extracurricular activities and food services. The School District has no business-type activities.

**Fund financial statements.** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The School District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the School District can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the School District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for government activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between government funds and governmental activities.

The School District accounts for its activities using many individual funds. The most significant funds are reported in separate columns in the governmental fund financial statements. These statements provide detailed information about the individual major funds — unlike the government-wide financial statements, which report on the School District as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law. Also, the School District may also establish separate funds to show that it is meeting legal requirements for using grants or other money.

*Fiduciary funds*. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. These funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources are not available to support the School District's own programs.

**Notes to the basic financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to understanding the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

**Other information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also contains required supplementary information concerning the General Fund budget.

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# **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

# A. Net assets at year-end

The following table presents a condensed summary of the School District's overall financial position at June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2010:

	FY2011	FY2010
Current and other assets	\$ 10,523,618	11,026,249
Capital assets	4,932,914	5,112,921
Total assets	15,456,532	16,139,170
Long-term liabilities	1,738,492	2,289,332
Other liabilities	6,755,309	7,150,681
Total liabilities	8,493,801	9,440,013
Net assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	4,232,914	3,917,921
Restricted:		
For debt service	1,275,126	1,273,492
Other purposes	87,335	105,076
Capital projects	197,628	-
Unrestricted	1,169,728	1,402,668
Total net assets	\$ 6,962,731	6,699,157

Total assets declined from the prior year by approximately \$683,000. Current and other assets decreased primarily due to continued depressed economy with expenses outpacing revenues resulting in decreases in cash and investment balances. These decreases were partially offset by increases in taxes receivable due to anticipated collections on a large number of delinquencies. Capital assets decreased due to the recognition of depreciation on the School District's capital assets.

Total liabilities declined by approximately \$946,000. The decrease in long-term liabilities was primarily due to the School District's required \$495,000 payment on its outstanding general obligation bonds. Other liabilities decreased by \$395,000 primarily due to an increase in property taxes available to advance to the School District at year-end, which reduced unearned revenue.

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# **B.** Governmental Activities

The following table presents a condensed summary of the School District's governmental activities during fiscal year 2011 and 2010 and the resulting change in net assets:

	FY2011	FY2010
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 1,318,878	1,377,407
Operating grants and contributions	2,094,843	1,978,961
Total program revenues	3,413,721	3,356,368
General revenues:		
Property taxes	7,433,624	6,529,237
Income taxes	2,570,214	2,444,494
Grants and entitlements	6,495,518	6,570,350
Investment earnings	8,503	41,952
Miscellaneous	62,059	86,471
Total general revenues	16,569,918	15,672,504
Total revenues	19,983,639	19,028,872
Expenses:		
Instruction	10,355,601	10,096,863
Support services:	10,333,001	10,070,002
Pupil	803,325	805,179
Instructional staff	853,480	791,336
Board of Education	91,721	53,288
Administration	1,482,996	1,495,346
Fiscal	455,079	471,752
Business	60,814	59,749
Operation and maintenance of plant	2,226,707	2,008,968
Pupil transportation	1,724,916	1,699,424
Central	316,791	296,075
Non-instructional services	590,073	634,530
Interest and fiscal charges	34,697	27,172
Food services	723,865	659,715
Total expenses	19,720,065	19,099,397
Change in net assets	\$ 263,574	(70,525)

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Of the total governmental activities revenues of \$19,983,639, \$3,413,721 (17%) is from program revenue. This means that the government relies on general revenues to fund the majority of the cost of services provided to the citizens. Of those general revenues, 60% (\$10,003,838) comes from property and income taxes and 39% (\$6,495,518) is from state funding. The School District's operations are reliant upon its property and income taxes and the state's foundation program.

Total revenues increased by approximately 5%, primarily due to increases in the amount of property taxes available to be advanced by the County Auditor at June 30, 2011. Total expense increased by approximately 3% due to inflationary increases in utilities, transportation, and special education and increased maintenance activity with the repurposed inside levy millage to finance the capital improvements.

#### **Governmental Activities**

The following table presents the total cost of each of the government's primary services, and the comparative net cost after deducting the revenues generated by each function. Approximately 17% of the cost of the general government programs was recouped in program revenues. Instruction costs were \$10,355,601 but program revenue contributed to fund 17% of those costs. Thus, general revenues of \$8,567,603 were used to support of remainder of the instruction costs.

#### **Governmental Activities**

	Total Cost of Services	Program Revenue	Revenues as a % of Total Costs	Net Cost of Services
Instruction	\$ 10,355,601	1,787,998	17%	8,567,603
Support services	8,015,829	672,864	8%	7,342,965
Non-instructional services	590,073	225,521	38%	364,552
Food services	723,865	727,338	100%	(3,473)
Interest and fiscal charges	34,697		0%	34,697
Total	\$ 19,720,065	3,413,721	<u>17</u> %	16,306,344

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#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

### **Governmental funds**

The focus of the School District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the School District's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The School District has three major funds: the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Permanent Improvement Fund. Assets of these fund comprise \$10,350,021 (97%) of the total \$10,619,116 governmental funds assets.

*General Fund.* Fund balance at June 30, 2011 was \$1,463,626, which represents a decline in fund balance from the prior year of \$200,140. This negative change in net assets was \$217,521 lower than the prior year's negative change in net assets of \$417,661. Total revenue increased 2.2%, due to an increase the amount of property taxes available to advance at June 30, 2011, while total expenditures only increased by 1.2%.

**Debt Service Fund.** The Debt Service Fund is used to accumulate resources to retire the School District's general obligation bonds. All required bond payments were made as scheduled during the current fiscal year. The fund's cash balance at year-end is adequate to make the required debt payments for the year ending June 30, 2012 as well.

**Permanent Improvement Fund.** The Permanent Improvement Fund is used to accumulate resources to acquire, construct, and improve School District facilities. The School District repurposed inside levy millage to provide resources for the facilities master plan. The ending fund balance at June 30, 2011 was \$110,469.

### GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The schedule comparing the School District's original and final budgets and actual results are included in the required supplementary information. During fiscal year 2011, the School District amended its General Fund budget with Clermont County as changes occurred in School District revenues and expenditures. There were no changes between the final budget and actual amounts. Originally budgeted revenues decreased 3.8% to the final budget. The most significant decrease occurred with tuition and fees revenue, which decreased due lower than anticipated open enrollment and tuition-paying students attending the School District. The School District's final budget only decreased 0.5% from the original budget on the expenditure.

Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2011 Unaudited

### CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

**Capital assets.** At June 30, 2011, the School District had \$4,932,914 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings and equipment. The School District had no capital asset activity during the year ended June 30, 2011 due in large part to significant renovations undertaken in the prior fiscal years. See Note 5 to the financial statements for more detail.

# Capital Assets at Year-End (Net of Depreciation)

	FY2011	FY2010
Land	\$ 2,024,809	2,024,809
Land improvements	132,506	164,073
Buildings and improvements	2,721,428	2,854,447
Furniture and equipment	54,171	69,592
Total	\$ 4,932,914	5,112,921

**Debt.** The School District did not issue any debt during the year ended June 30, 2011. However, the School District retired \$495,000 of general obligation bonds and has \$700,000 outstanding at June 30, 2011. See Note 11 to the financial statements.

### ECONOMIC FACTORS

The School District, like all other taxing entities in the State of Ohio, continues to face the uncertainty of the economy. The School District's operating revenue is composed primarily of property taxes and a local income tax. With a weak economy, many of the School District's citizens have either lost their jobs and are unemployed or have had to take lesser paying jobs. Income tax revenues appear to have reached a peak until the economy experiences a rebound. Further, as household budgets tighten, the number and amount of property tax delinquencies increase thus decreasing property tax revenue for the School District.

As for expenses, the School District faces continued significant increases in the cost of health care for its employees. The School District also faces an increasing number of children requiring special education and services and these charges also are increasing by double digits each year. The School District is facing these challenges by making drastic cuts to its budget and services offered, including a cut of approximately \$1,000,000 from operations to start fiscal year 2012 and additional cuts planned for fiscal year 2013, but will soon reach a point where no further cuts can be made and expects to have to go to the electorate and ask for more taxes to be levied to finance operations of the School District.

Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2011 Unaudited

# REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Treasurer's office at the Clermont Northeastern Local School District, 2792 US Route 50, Batavia, Ohio 45103.

Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2011

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 1,686,143
Receivables:	
Taxes	8,784,293
Intergovernmental	26,505
Interest	7,425
Supplies inventory	19,252
Nondepreciable capital assets	2,024,809
Depreciable capital assets, net	2,908,105
Total assets	15,456,532
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	62,360
Accrued wages and benefits	1,189,337
Pension obligation payable	308,614
Unearned revenue	5,168,448
Accrued interest payable	26,550
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year	384,001
Due within more than one year	1,354,491
Total liabilities	8,493,801
Net Assets:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	4,232,914
Restricted for:	
Debt service	1,275,126
Other purposes	87,335
Capital projects	197,628
Unrestricted	1,169,728
Total net assets	\$ 6,962,731

Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2011

					Revenue and
			Program I	Revenues	Changes in Net Assets
		Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>	_	<u> </u>			
Instruction:					
Regular	\$	7,821,381	785,368	130,381	\$ (6,905,632)
Special education		2,283,933	-	872,249	(1,411,684)
Other		250,287	-	-	(250,287)
Support services:					
Pupil		803,325	-	98,618	(704,707)
Instructional staff		853,480	-	38,787	(814,693)
Board of Education		91,721	-	-	(91,721)
Administration		1,482,996	-	25,077	(1,457,919)
Fiscal		455,079	-	-	(455,079)
Business		60,814	-	30,270	(30,544)
Operation and					
maintenance of plant		2,226,707	-	222,847	(2,003,860)
Pupil transportation		1,724,916	12,770	130,360	(1,581,786)
Central		316,791	109,135	5,000	(202,656)
Non-instructional services:					
Extracurricular activities		402,841	87,737	-	(315,104)
Community service		187,232	-	137,784	(49,448)
Food service		723,865	323,868	403,470	3,473
Interest on long-term debt		34,697			(34,697)
	\$	19,720,065	1,318,878	2,094,843	(16,306,344)
	Ger	neral Revenues:			
	Pro	perty taxes, levied	for general purpos	ses	6,186,768
	Pro	perty taxes, levied	for debt services		539,390
	Pro	perty taxes, levied	for permanent im	provement	707,466
	Inco	ome taxes			2,570,214
	Gra	nts and entitlemer	nts not restricted to	specific programs	6,495,518
	Inve	estment earnings			8,503
	Mis	cellaneous			62,059
	Tota	al general revenue	es		16,569,918
	Cha	inge in net assets			263,574
	Net	assets beginning	of year		6,699,157
	Net	assets end of year	r		\$ 6,962,731

Net (Expense)

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2011

					Other
			Debt	Permanent	Governmental
		General	Service	Improvement	Funds
Assets:	_				
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$	329,672	1,133,133	-	223,338
Receivables:					
Taxes		7,355,827	526,277	902,189	-
Accrued interest		7,425	-	-	-
Intergovernmental		-	-	-	26,505
Materials and supplies inventory		-	-	-	19,252
Interfund receivable		95,498			
Total assets		7,788,422	1,659,410	902,189	269,095
Liabilities:					
		36,954			25,406
Accounts payable		*	-	-	
Accrued wages and benefits		1,011,257	-	-	178,080
Pension obligation payable		256,398	-	- 01 221	52,216
Interfund payable		- 50 412	-	91,231	4,267
Compensated absences payable Deferred revenue		50,413 4,969,774	- 408,577	700,489	- 26 505
					26,505
Total liabilities		6,324,796	408,577	791,720	286,474
Fund Balances:					
Nonspendable		-	-	-	19,252
Restricted		-	1,250,833	110,469	41,578
Committed		168,422	-	-	-
Assigned		979,365	-	-	-
Unassigned		315,839			(78,209)
<b>Total fund balances</b>		1,463,626	1,250,833	110,469	(17,379)
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	7,788,422	1,659,410	902,189	269,095

# Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to Net Assets of Governmental Activities June 30, 2011

Total Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Fund Balances		\$ 2,807,549
1,686,143	Amounts reported for governmental activities in statement of net assets are different because:	n the	
8,784,293			
7,425	Capital assets used in governmental activities a	re not	
26,505	financial resources and therefore are not repor	ted in	
19,252	the funds.		4,932,914
95,498			
10,619,116			
	Other long-term assets are not available to pay	for	
	current-period expenditures and therefore are	not	
62,360	reported in the funds.		936,897
1,189,337			
308,614			
95,498	Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable,	are not	
50,413	due and payable in the current period and ther		
6,105,345	are not reported in the funds:		
7,811,567			
	General obligation bonds	700,000	
	Compensated absences	988,079	
19,252	Accrued interest payable	26,550	(1,714,629)
1,402,880			
168,422			
979,365	Net Assets of Governmental Activities		\$ 6,962,731
237,630			
2,807,549			
10,619,116			

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds Year Ended June 30, 2011

			Debt	Permanent	Other Governmental
Revenues:		General	Service	Improvement	Funds
Taxes	\$	8,700,197	540,078	620,307	_
Tuition and fees	Ψ	625,386	540,076	020,307	_
Charges for services		023,360			323,868
Interest		8,503	_		525,000
Intergovernmental		6,495,390	_		2,068,461
Other local revenues		344,976	_	_	87,837
Total revenues			540,078	620,307	2,480,171
Total Tevenues		16,174,452	340,078	020,307	2,460,171
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Current:					
Instruction:		<b>5</b> 500 000			446.775
Regular		7,589,293	-	-	146,775
Special education		1,382,600	-	-	885,642
Other		247,175	-	-	791
Support services:					107.701
Pupil		687,727	-	-	107,791
Instructional staff		804,059	-	-	40,725
Board of Education		90,570	-	-	1,151
Administration		1,444,147	-	154	23,579
Fiscal		440,641	8,059	-	-
Business		30,544	-	-	30,270
Operation and maintenance of plant		1,475,938	-	509,684	222,848
Pupil transportation		1,574,650	-	-	129,584
Central		237,953	-	-	78,838
Non-instructional services:		47.005			254.061
Extracurricular activities		47,295	-	-	354,961
Community service		-	-	-	187,232
Food service Debt Service:		-	-	-	722,309
			495,000		
Principal  Interest and fiscal charges		-	9,776	-	-
_		16.052.502		500.929	2.022.406
Total expenditures		16,052,592	512,835	509,838	2,932,496
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures		121,860	27,243	110,469	(452,325)
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in		-	-	-	322,000
Transfers out		(322,000)			
<b>Total other financing sources (uses):</b>		(322,000)			322,000
Net change in fund balance		(200,140)	27,243	110,469	(130,325)
Fund balance, beginning of year, restated		1,663,766	1,223,590		112,946
Fund balance, end of year	\$	1,463,626	1,250,833	110,469	(17,379)

# Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2011

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Total			
Governmental Funds	Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	(192,753)
Tunus	Net Change in Fund Dalances - Total Governmental Funds	φ	(192,733)
9,860,582	Amounts reported for governmental activities in the		
625,386	statement of activities are different because:		
323,868 8,508			
8,563,851	Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.		
432,813	However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those		
19,815,008	assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as		
	depreciation expense.		(180,007)
	Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the		
7,736,068	governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term		
2,268,242	liabilities in the statement of net assets.		495,000
247,966			
795,518	In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on		
844,784	outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds,		
91,721	an interest expenditure is reported when due.		(24,921)
1,467,880 448,700			
60,814	Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such		
2,208,470	as compensated absences do not require the use of current		
1,704,234	financial resources and therefore are not reported as		
316,791	expenditures in governmental funds.		(2,376)
402,256			
187,232	Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide		
722,309	current financial resources are not reported as revenues in		169 621
495,000	the funds.		168,631
9,776			
20,007,761	Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$	263,574
(192,753)	-		
(1)2,133)			
322,000			
(322,000)			
(192,753)			
3,000,302			
2,807,549			

Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets

Fiduciary Funds

June 30, 2011

	Private Purpose Trusts	Agency Funds
ASSETS		
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 28,283	29,755
Total assets	28,283	29,755
LIABILITIES		
Due to student groups		29,755
Total liabilities		29,755
NET ASSETS		
Held in trust	\$ 28,283	

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets Fiduciary Funds Year Ended June 30, 2011

	Private- Purpose Trusts
Additions:	
Contributions	\$ 13,025
Total additions	13,025
<b>Deductions:</b>	
Community gifts, awards and scholarships	2,360
Total deductions	2,360
Change in net assets	10,665
Net assets, beginning of year	17,618
Net assets, end of year	\$ 28,283

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2011

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Clermont Northeastern Local School District (the "School District") have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the School District's accounting policies are described below.

# A. Reporting Entity

Clermont Northeastern Local School District (the "School District") is organized under Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The School District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four year terms. The School District provides educational services to approximately 1,400 students and community members as authorized by state statute and/or federal guidelines. The School District was established in 1958 through the consolidation of existing school districts. The School District serves an area of approximately 84 square miles, is located in Clermont County, and includes all of the Villages of Owensville, Newtonsville, Marathon, Perintown, and Monterey.

Included within the reporting entity is a parochial school located within the School District boundaries. St. Louis Elementary is operated through the Cincinnati Catholic Archdiocese but current State legislation provides funding to this parochial school. This money is received and disbursed on behalf of the parochial school by the Treasurer of the School District, as directed by the parochial school. The activity related to this funding is reflected in a special revenue fund for financial reporting purposes.

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, which consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the School District. This includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the School District.

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

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The School District is associated with four organizations, two of which are defined as jointly governed organizations and two are insurance purchasing pools. These organizations include Hamilton Clermont Cooperative Association, the Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development, the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan, and the Clermont County Health Trust. These organizations are presented in Notes 14 and 15 to the basic financial statements.

# **B.** Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financials activities of the primary government except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the School District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. The School District has no business-type activities.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus, which differs from the manner in which the governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Therefore, the governmental fund financial statements include reconciliations with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the School District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the 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 which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the School District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School District.

**Fund Financial Statements** Fund financial statements report detailed information about the School 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. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

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# C. Fund Accounting

The School District uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain School District functions or activities. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the School District are grouped into the categories governmental and fiduciary.

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

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

**Debt Service Fund** - The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term obligation principal, interest, and related costs.

**Permanent Improvement Fund** – This fund accounts for all transactions related to acquiring, constructing, or improving permanent improvements.

Fiduciary Funds report on net assets and changes in net assets. The School District's fiduciary funds consist of a private-purpose trust fund and agency funds. The School District's only private-purpose trust fund accounts for scholarship programs for students. These assets are not available for the School District's use. Agency funds, used to account for student activities, are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

# D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements and relates to the timing of the measurements made. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the governmental funds. On a modified accrual basis, revenues are recorded when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current fiscal year or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year.

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The available period for the School District is sixty days after fiscal year end. Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are deemed both measurable and available: property taxes available for advance, interest, tuition, student fees, and grants.

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 except for unmatured principal and interest on general long-term debt as well as expenditures related to compensated absences which are recognized when due. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation, are not recognized in the governmental funds.

Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Also, fiduciary funds utilize accrual accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

**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.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving 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 were levied. 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 School District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

**Deferred Revenue** Deferred revenues arise when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Property taxes measurable as of June 30, 2011, which are intended to finance fiscal year 2012 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue. On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have also been reported as deferred revenue.

# E. <u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>

To improve cash management, all cash received by the School District is pooled in central bank accounts. Monies for all funds are maintained in this account or temporarily used to purchase short-term investments. Individual fund integrity is maintained through School District records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments" on the financial statements. During fiscal year 2011, the School District's investments included U.S. agency securities, STAR Ohio, and money market funds.

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STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office that allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price, which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2011.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 31 (GASB 31), "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools", requires that investments be recorded at their fair value and that changes in the fair value be reported in the operating statement. At June 30, 2011, the fair value of investments approximates cost.

Under existing Ohio statutes, all investment earnings accrue to the general fund except those specifically related to agency funds, certain trust funds, and those funds individually authorized by Board resolution. Interest is allocated to these funds based on average monthly cash balance.

# F. <u>Inventory</u>

All inventories are valued at cost determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventory in governmental funds are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund types when purchased. Reported material and supplies inventory is equally offset by a fund balance reserve in the governmental funds, which indicates that it does not constitute available expendable resources even though it is a component of net current assets.

# G. <u>Capital Assets</u>

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. The School District defines capital assets as those with an individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. All capital assets are capitalized at cost or estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair values as of the date received. The School District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

When capital assets are purchased, they are capitalized and depreciated in the government-wide statements. Capital assets are reported as expenditures of the current period in the governmental fund financial statements.

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

Buildings and building improvements	50 years
Land improvements	15 years
Equipment and furniture other than vehicles	3-20 years
Vehicles	10 years

# H. Compensated Absences

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

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the School District has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at fiscal year end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the School District's termination policy.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. For governmental fund financial statements, a liability is recorded only for the portion of unpaid compensated absences that has matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

# I. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities are reported as obligations of the funds regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources with the exception of compensated absences as noted above.

# J. <u>Interfund Transactions</u>

On the fund financials, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the statement of activities.

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# K. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the School District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

**Nonspendable** – The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in a spendable form, or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in a spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of loans receivable, as well as property acquired for resale, unless the use of the proceeds from the collection of those receivables or from the sale of those properties is restricted, committed, or assigned.

**Restricted** – Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

**Committed** – The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the School District Board of Education. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School District Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the School District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the School District Board of Education.

*Unassigned* – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The School District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first, followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

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# L. <u>Net Assets</u>

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

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

# M. <u>Estimates</u>

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

### 2. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

The School District adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. GASB Statement No. 54 enhances the usefulness of fund balance information by providing clarified fund balance classifications that can be more consistently applied and by clarifying the existing governmental fund type definitions. This statement establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds. The implementation of this statement resulted in the reclassification of a certain fund and restatement of the School District's beginning fund balance:

				Other
			Termination	Governmental
	_	General	Benefits	Funds
Fund Balance at June 30, 2010	\$	434,982	1,087,268	254,462
Change in fund classification		1,228,784	(1,087,268)	(141,516)
Restated Fund Balance at June 30, 2010	\$	1,663,766		112,946
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## 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the School 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 School District Treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board has identified as not required for use within the current two 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 that are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Protection of the School District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 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.

Interim monies are permitted to be deposited or invested in the following securities:

- 1. United States treasury notes, bills, bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States;
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by the 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;

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- 5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- 6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
- 7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred and eighty days 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 rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School 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.

The following information classifies deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined in GASB Statement 3, "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments and Reverse Repurchase Agreements" and amended by GASB Statement No. 40 "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures":

### **Deposits**

#### Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. The School District's custodial credit risk policy requires that deposits be collateralized as required by ORC Chapter 135. At year-end, \$210,090 of the School District's bank balance of \$589,562 was exposed to custodial credit risk since it was uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the School District's name.

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## **Investments**

The School District's investments at June 30, 2011 are as summarized as follows:

		Average Maturity	Concentration of Credit
	Fair Value	Years	Risk
FHLB	\$ 513,570	0.93	38%
FHLMC	402,176	0.26	30%
STAR Ohio	329,087	n/a	25%
US Money Market Funds	90,903	n/a	7%
	\$ 1,335,736		

#### Credit Risk

It is the School District's policy to limit its investments that are not obligations of the U.S. Government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government to investments which have a credit quality rating of the top 2 ratings by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The School District's investment in FHLB and FHLMC securities were rated AAA by Standard & Poor's and Aaa by Moody's. Investments in STAR Ohio were rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's.

#### Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of a counter party, the School District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The School District's investment securities are registered in the name of the School District.

## Interest Rate Risk

In accordance with the investment policy, the School District manages its exposure to declines in fair value by limiting the weighted average maturity of its investment portfolio to five years.

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### 4. PROPERTY TAXES

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility, and tangible personal property (used in business) located in the School District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar year 2011 represents collections of calendar year 2010 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2011 were levied after April 1, 2010, on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1, 2010, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar year 2011 represents collections of calendar year 2010 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2011 became a lien December 31, 2009, were levied after April 1, 2010 and are collected in calendar year 2011 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 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 2011 (other than public utility property tax) represents the collection of 2011 taxes levied against local and inter-exchange telephone companies. Tangible personal property tax on business inventory, manufacturing and equipment, and furniture and fixtures is no longer levied and collected. Tangible personal property taxes received from telephone companies in calendar year 2011 were levied after April 1, 2010, on the value listed as of December 31, 2010. Payments by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20. Tangible personal property taxes paid by April 30 are usually received by the School District prior to June 30.

The School District receives property taxes from the Clermont County Auditor, who periodically advances to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2011 are available to finance fiscal year 2011 operations.

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Accrued property taxes receivable represents delinquent taxes outstanding and real property, tangible personal property, and public utility taxes that became measurable as of June 30, 2011. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount available as an advance at June 30 is intended to finance current fiscal year operations. The receivable is therefore offset by a credit to deferred revenue for that portion not intended to finance current year operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2011 was \$1,354,500 in the General Fund, \$117,700 in the Debt Service Fund, and \$201,700 in the Permanent Improvement Fund.

The assessed values upon which fiscal year 2011 taxes were collected are:

	2010 Second- Half Collections		2011 First- Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agricultural/Residential				
and Other Real Estate	\$ 294,380,170	97.62%	294,604,980	97.55%
Public Utility	6,342,620	2.10%	7,006,490	2.32%
Tangible Personal Property	828,260	0.27%	405,690	0.13%
Total Assessed Value	\$ 301,551,050	100.00%	302,017,160	100.00%
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$35.50		\$35.25	

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#### 5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2011 was as follows:

		Balance			Balance
	_	7/1/10	Additions	Disposals	6/30/11
Governmental Activities		_			
Nondepreciable:					
Land	\$	2,024,809	-	-	2,024,809
Depreciable:					
Land improvements		1,117,737	-	-	1,117,737
Buildings and improvements		9,216,656	-	-	9,216,656
Equipment and furniture		3,851,942	-	-	3,851,942
Vehicles	_	62,089			62,089
Subtotal		14,248,424	-	-	14,248,424
Totals at historical cost		16,273,233		-	16,273,233
Less accumulated depreciation:		0.70	A4		007.001
Land improvements		953,664	31,567	-	985,231
Buildings and improvements		6,362,209	133,019	-	6,495,228
Equipment and furniture		3,782,350	15,421	-	3,797,771
Vehicles		62,089	-	-	62,089
Total accumulated depreciation	-	11,160,312	180,007	-	11,340,319
Capital assets, net	\$	5,112,921	(180,007)		4,932,914

**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements** 

Year Ended June 30, 2011

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Instruction:	
Regular	\$ 82,937
Special	15,691
Other	2,321
Support services:	
Pupil	7,807
Instructional staff	8,696
Administration	15,270
Fiscal	6,225
Operation and maintenance of plant	18,237
Pupil transportation	20,682
Extracurricular activities	585
Food service	 1,556
Total depreciation expense	\$ 180,007

#### 6. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

On the fund financial statements, the General Fund has a receivable of \$95,498 due from the Permanent Improvement Fund and the Other Governmental Funds. These interfund loans were made to provide operating capital.

During the year ended June 30, 2011, the General Fund made transfers of \$322,000 to Other Governmental Funds. Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

#### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The School 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 2011, the School District contracted with commercial carriers for property and fleet insurance, liability insurance and inland marine coverage. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has been no significant change in coverage in the last year.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2011

For fiscal year 2011, the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 15). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the GRP. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund". This "equity pooling" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the GRP. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Gates McDonald & Co. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

For fiscal year 2011, the School District participated in the Clermont County Health Trust (the Trust), a group insurance purchasing pool (Note 15), in order to provide dental, life, medical, and disability benefits to employees, their dependents and designated beneficiaries and to set aside funds for such purposes. The Trustee provides insurance policies in whole or in part through one or more group insurance policies.

#### 8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

#### **School Employees Retirement System**

The School District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits; annual cost-of-living adjustments; and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report can be obtained on the SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute 14% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund) of the System. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, the allocation to pension and death benefits was 11.81%. The remaining 2.19% of the 14% employer contribution rate is allocated to the Health Care and Medicare B Funds. The School District's required contributions to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011, 2010, and 2009 were approximately \$245,000, \$250,000, and \$230,000, respectively; 65% has been contributed for fiscal year 2011 and 100% for fiscal years 2010 and 2009. The unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2011 is recorded as a liability.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2011

#### **State Teachers Retirement System**

The School District contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a state-wide, cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system for licensed teachers and other faculty members employed by the School District. STRS Ohio provides basic retirement benefits, disability, survivor, and health care benefits based on eligible service credit to members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS Ohio issued a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for STRS. The report can be obtained on the STRS' website at www.strsoh.org under Funding.

New members have a choice of three retirement plan options. In addition to the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, new members are offered a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DC Plan allows members to allocate all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5% of earned compensation among various investment choices. The Combined Plan offers features of the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated to investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. Contributions into the DC Plan and the Combined Plan are credited to member accounts as employers submit their payroll information to STRS Ohio, generally on a biweekly basis. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the DB Plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan.

DB Plan Benefits are established under Chapter 3307 of the Revised Code. Any member may retire who has (i) five years of service credit and attained age 60; (ii) 25 years of service credit and attained age 55; or (iii) 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The annual retirement allowance, payable for life, is the greater of the "formula benefit" or the "money-purchase benefit" calculation. Under the "formula benefit," the retirement allowance is based on years of credited service and final average salary, which is the average of the member's three highest salary years. The annual allowance is calculated by using a base percentage of 2.2% multiplied by the total number of years of service credit (including Ohio-valued purchased credit) times the final average salary. The 31st year of earned Ohio service credit is calculated at 2.5%. An additional one-tenth of a percent is added to the calculation for every year of earned Ohio service over 31 years (2.6% for 32 years, 2.7% for 33 years and so on) until 100% of final average salary is reached. For members with 35 or more years of Ohio contributing service, the first 30 years will be calculated at 2.5% instead of 2.2%. Under the "money-purchase benefit" calculation, a member's lifetime contributions plus interest at specified rates are matched by an equal amount from other STRS Ohio funds. This total is then divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor to determine the maximum annual retirement allowance.

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DC Plan Benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 to 3307.89 of the Revised Code. For members who select the DC Plan, all member contributions and employer contributions at a rate of 10.5% are placed in an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices. 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. Employer contributions into members' accounts are vested after the first anniversary of the first day of paid service. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

For Combined Plan Benefits, member contributions are allocated by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment. A member's defined benefit is determined by multiplying 1% of the member's final average salary by the member's years of service credit. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

A retiree of STRS Ohio or another Ohio public retirement system is eligible for reemployment as a teacher following the elapse of two months from the date of retirement. Contributions are made by the reemployed member and employer during the reemployment. Upon termination of reemployment or age 65, whichever comes later, the retiree is eligible for an annuity benefit or equivalent lump-sum payment in addition to the original retirement allowance. A reemployed retiree may alternatively receive a refund of only member contributions with interest before age 65, once employment is terminated.

Benefits are increased annually by 3% of the original base amount for DB Plan participants.

The DB and Combined Plans offer access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the plans and their eligible dependents. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. By Ohio law, health care benefits are not guaranteed.

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 members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. A death benefit of \$1,000 is payable to the beneficiary of each deceased retired member who participated in the DB Plan. Death benefit coverage up to \$2,000 can be purchased by participants in the DB, DC or Combined Plans. Various other benefits are available to members' beneficiaries.

Chapter 3307 of the Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10% for members and 14% for employers.

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Contribution requirements and the contributions actually made for fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 were 10% of covered payroll for members and 14% for employers. The School District's required contributions for the years ended June 30, 2011, 2010, and 2009 were approximately \$1,037,000, \$1,028,000, and \$1,033,000, respectively; 81% has been contributed for fiscal year 2011 and 100% for fiscal years 2010 and 2009. The unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2011 is recorded as a liability.

#### **Social Security System**

All employees not otherwise covered by SERS or STRS have an option to choose Social Security or the School Employees Retirement System/State Teachers Retirement System. Members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.2% of wages paid.

#### 9. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The School District provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), and to retired non-certified employees and their dependents through the School Employees Retirement System (SERS). Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs, and reimbursement of Medicare premiums. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the Systems based on authority granted by state statute.

STRS Ohio administers a pension plan that is comprised of: a Defined Benefit Plan; a self-directed Defined Contribution Plan and a Combined Plan that is a hybrid of the Defined Benefit Plan and the Defined Contribution Plan. Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer a cost-sharing, multipleemployer health care plan. STRS Ohio provides access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the Defined Benefit or Combined Plans. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fee, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Pursuant to 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Retirement Board has discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the associated health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. Of the 14% employer contribution rate, 1% of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care for years ended June 30, 2011, 2010, and 2009. The 14% employer contribution rate is the maximum rate established under Ohio law. The School District's contributions to STRS Ohio allocated to post-employment health care for the years June 30, 2011, 2010, and 2009 were approximately \$74,000, \$73,000, and \$74,000, respectively, respectively; 81% has been contributed for fiscal year 2011 and 100% for fiscal years 2010 and 2009.

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SERS administers two postemployment benefit plans:

Medicare B Plan - The Medicare B plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3309.69. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B premium for calendar year 2011 was \$96.40 for most participants, but could be as high as \$369.10 per month depending on their income. SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50.

The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2011, the actuarially required allocation was 0.76%. The School District contributions for the years ended June 30, 2011, 2010, and 2009 were \$13,000, \$14,000, and \$12,000, respectively; 65% has been contributed for fiscal year 2011 and 100% for fiscal years 2010 and 2009

Health Care Plan - ORC 3309.375 and 3309.69 permit SERS to offer health care benefits to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. SERS offers several types of health plans from various vendors, including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively.

The ORC provides the statutory authority to fund SERS' postemployment benefits through employer contributions. Active members do not make contributions to the postemployment benefit plans.

The Health Care Fund was established under, and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code 105(e). Each year after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer 14% contribution to the Health Care Fund. For the year ended June 30, 2011, the health care allocation was 1.43%. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2% of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5% of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2011, the minimum compensation level was established at \$35,800. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14% contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The School District's contributions assigned to health care for the years ended June 30, 2011, 2010, and 2009 were \$25,000, \$8,000, and \$68,000, respectively; 65% has been contributed for fiscal year 2011 and 100% for fiscal years 2010 and 2009

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The SERS Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

#### 10. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

#### **Compensated Absences**

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave components are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn ten to twenty days of vacation per fiscal year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time. All employees earn sick leave at the rate of 1.25 days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to maximum of 250 days for all employees and administrators. Upon retirement, payment is made for 30% of the employee's accumulated sick leave up to a maximum of 60 days for teachers and administrators, and 45 for classified employees.

#### 11. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2011 was as follows:

	Principal			Principal			
	Outstanding			Outstanding	Due Within		
	7/1/10	Additions	Reductions	6/30/11	One Year		
General obligation bonds	\$ 1,195,000	-	495,000	700,000	201,406		
Compensated absences	1,094,332	176,013	231,853	1,038,492	182,595		
Total	\$ 2,289,332	176,013	726,853	1,738,492	384,001		

Capital Improvement General Obligation Bonds Payable – In 1992, the School District issued \$6,045,000 in voted general obligations bonds for the purpose of classroom additions and improvements to the existing three school buildings. In fiscal 2002, the School District issued \$4,960,000 of general obligation bonds for the purpose of a current refunding of the 1992 bonds. The outstanding bonds of as of June 30, 2011 bear interest at rates ranging from 4.49% to 4.8%, with final payment on December 1, 2014.

All general obligation debt is supported by the full faith and credit of the School District. Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid. The School District's voted legal debt margin was \$26,481,544 with an unvoted debt margin of \$302,017 at June 30, 2011.

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Year Ended June 30, 2011

Principal and interest requirements to retire general obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2011 are as follows:

Fiscal Year			
Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2012	\$ 201,406	318,594	520,000
2013	181,542	333,458	515,000
2014	165,217	349,783	515,000
2015	151,835	368,165	520,000
Total	\$ 700,000	1,370,000	2,070,000

#### 12. FUND BALANCE DEFICITS

At June 30, 2011, the following funds had a deficit fund balance:

Other Governmental Fun
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Athletics Fund	\$ 2,754
Auxilliary Schools Fund	3,037
Management Information Systems Fund	173
Education Jobs Fund	71,989
Improving Teacher Quality Fund	256
	\$ 78,209

The deficit fund balances were created by the application of generally accepted accounting principles. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

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#### 13. FUND BALANCES

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the School District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

			Other Governmental	Total Governmental	
Fund Balances	General	Service	Improvement	Funds	Funds
Nonspendable	 General	Bervice	Improvement	Tunus	Tunas
Inventory	\$ -	-	-	19,252	19,252
Restricted for					
Food Service Operations	-	-	-	12,337	12,337
Special Education	-	-	-	22,057	22,057
Other Purposes	-	-	-	7,184	7,184
<b>Debt Service Payments</b>	-	1,250,833	-	-	1,250,833
Capital Improvements			110,469		110,469
Total Restricted	-	1,250,833	110,469	41,578	1,402,880
Committed to					
Termination Benefits	168,422	-	-	-	168,422
Assigned to					
Public School Support	67,927	-	-	-	67,927
Encumbrances	123,618	-	-	-	123,618
Future Appropriations	787,820				787,820
Total Assigned	979,365	-	-	-	979,365
Unassigned (Deficit)	315,839			(78,209)	237,630
Total Fund Balance	\$ 1,463,626	1,250,833	110,469	(17,379)	2,807,549

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#### 14. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

The Hamilton Clermont Cooperative Association

The School District is a participant in a two-county consortium of school districts that operate the Hamilton/Clermont Cooperative Association (H/CCA). H/CCA is an association of public districts in a geographic area determined by the Ohio Department of Education. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member districts. The Board of H/CCA consists of one representative from each of the participating members. Financial statements for H/CCA can be obtained at its administrative offices at 7615 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati 45231.

The Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development

The Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development, a jointly governed organization, is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board, consisting of one representative from each of the participating school district's elected board. The Board possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority as a separate body politic and corporate, established by the Ohio Revised Code. Great Oaks was formed for the purpose of providing vocational education opportunities to the students of the member school districts, which includes the students of the School District. The School District has no ongoing financial interest in nor responsibility for Great Oaks. For financial information, write to Great Oaks at 3254 East Kemper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241.

#### 15. INSURANCE PURCHASING POOLS

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

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

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The Clermont County Health Trust

The Clermont County Health Trust (the Trust), an insurance purchasing pool, is a health trust formed to provide affordable and desirable dental, life, medical, and other disability group insurance for member's employees, eligible dependents and designated beneficiaries of such employees. The Board of Directors consists of one representative from each of the participating members and is elected by the vote of a majority of the member school districts. The School District pays premiums to a third party administrator which in turns buys the insurance policies from various insurance companies. Upon termination, the School District shall be responsible for prompt payment of all plan liabilities accruing as a result of such termination and maintain no right to any assets of the Trust. The School District may terminate participation in the Trust for the benefit of its employees upon written notice to the Trustee delivered at least sixty days prior to the annual review date of the policy. Financial information can be obtained from the Clermont County Health Trust at P. O. Box 526, Middletown, Ohio 45042.

#### 16. CONTINGENCIES

#### Grants

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2011.

#### Litigation

The School District is party to legal proceedings and is of the opinion that the ultimate disposition of claims will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the School District.

#### 17. REQUIRED SET-ASIDES

The School District is required by State Statute to annually set aside in the general fund an amount based on the statutory formula for the purchase of textbooks and other instructional materials and an equal amount for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by year-end or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at year-end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future years. Although no longer required by state statute, a budget stabilization reserve may still be set aside at the discretion of the School District.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2011

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

	<u>Textbooks</u>	Capital Improvements
Set-aside reserve balance June 30, 2010 \$	-	-
Current year set-aside requirement	233,345	233,345
Current year qualifying expenditures	(183,667)	(537,554)
Excess qualified expenditures from prior years	(629,320)	
Total	(579,642)	(304,209)
Set-aside reserve balance June 30, 2011 \$		

#### 18. INCOME TAXES

As approved by voters, the School District levies a 1% school income tax on wages earned by residents of the School District. The taxes are collected by the State Department of Taxation in the same manner as the state income tax. In the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, the School District recorded income tax revenue of \$2,570,214 in the entity-wide financials and a receivable as of June 30, 2011 of \$1,197,875.

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) General Fund

Year Ended June 30, 2011

Year Ended June 30, 2011				Variance
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	With Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 8,087,000	7,905,558	7,905,558	-
Tuition and fees	915,000	598,411	598,411	-
Interest	15,000	1,079	1,079	-
Intergovernmental	6,570,000	6,495,390	6,495,390	-
Other local revenues	247,750	236,463	236,463	
Total revenues	15,834,750	15,236,901	15,236,901	
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	7,400,000	7,365,678	7,365,678	-
Special education	1,500,000	1,436,125	1,436,125	-
Other instruction	200,000	221,311	221,311	-
Support services:				
Pupil	700,000	691,889	691,889	-
Instructional staff	775,000	781,445	781,445	-
Board of Education	75,000	81,434	81,434	-
Administration	1,475,000	1,485,628	1,485,628	-
Fiscal	450,000	448,152	448,152	-
Business	25,000	31,682	31,682	-
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,600,000	1,547,782	1,547,782	-
Pupil transportation	1,550,000	1,568,930	1,568,930	-
Central	150,000	155,552	155,552	-
Non-instructional services:				
Extracurricular activities	12,000	13,007	13,007	
Total expenditures	15,912,000	15,828,615	15,828,615	
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(77,250)	(591,714)	(591,714)	-
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	700,000	948,135	948,135	-
Transfers out	(525,000)	(574,740)	(574,740)	
<b>Total other financing sources (uses):</b>	175,000	373,395	373,395	
Change in fund balance	97,750	(218,319)	(218,319)	-
Fund balance, beginning of year	175,768	175,768	175,768	
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	51,997	51,997	51,997	
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 325,515	9,446	9,446	

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information Year Ended June 30, 2011

#### **Note A Budgetary Basis of Accounting**

While the School District is reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balances on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are that:

Certain funds accounted for as separate funds internally with legally adopted budgets (budget basis) do not meet the definition of special revenue funds under GASB Statement No. 54 and were reported with the General Fund (GAAP basis).

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

Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).

Encumbrances are treated as expenditures for all funds (budget basis) rather than as an expenditure when liquidated (GAAP basis).

The following tables summarize the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP statements and the budgetary basis schedule:

	General
Net change in fund balance - GAAP Basis	\$ (200,140)
Increase / (decrease):	
Due to inclusion of the Preschool Fund	77,804
Due to inclusion of the Termination Benefits Fund	918,846
Due to inclusion of the Public School Support Fund	(1,312)
Due to revenues	(788,193)
Due to expenditures	(73,474)
Due to other sources (uses)	(24,740)
Due to encumbrances	(127,110)
Net change in fund balance - Budget Basis	\$ (218,319)

#### Clermont Northeastern Local School District

Clermont County

#### Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/ Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts		Non-Cash Receipts		ırsements	Non-Cash Disbursements	
United States Department of Agriculture  Passed through Ohio Department of Education  Nutrition Cluster:	-								
School Breakfast Program National School Lunch Program	3L70 3L60	10.553 10.555	\$	97,634 256,379	\$ 41,659	\$	97,634 256,379	\$	41,659
Total Nutrition Cluster				354,013	41,659		354,013		41,659
<b>Total United States Department of Agriculture</b>				354,013	41,659		354,013		41,659
United States Department of Education  Passed through Ohio Department of Education:  Title I, Part A Cluster  Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies  Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies ARRA  Total Title I, Part A Cluster	3M00 3DK0	84.010 84.389		246,733 36,230 282,963	- - -		288,346 43,659 332,005		<u>:</u>
Special Education Cluster (IDEA) Special Education Grants to States Special Education Grants to States ARRA Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)	3M20 3DJ0	84.027 84.391		359,742 162,454 522,196	- - -		349,405 162,454 511,859		- - -
Education Technology State Grants Cluster Education Technology State Grants Total Education Technology State Grants Cluster	3S20	84.318		822 822	<u>-</u>		772 772		
State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Cluster State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants - ARRA Total State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Cluster	GRF	84.394		419,823 419,823	<u>-</u>		419,823 419,823		<u>-</u>
Improving Teacher Quality - State Grants Education Jobs Fund	3Y60 3ET0	84.367 84.410		88,002 220,151	- -		88,455 224,418		- -
<b>Total United States Department of Education</b>				1,533,957	-	1	,577,332		
Total Federal Financial Assistance			\$	1,887,970	\$ 41,659	\$ 1	,931,345	\$	41,659

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

Notes to Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

#### NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying schedule of federal awards receipts and expenditures is a summary of the activity of the School District's federal award programs. The schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

#### **NOTE B - FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS**

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

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



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# Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

Members of the Board of Education Clermont Northeastern Local School District 2792 US Route 50 Batavia, Ohio 45103

To the Board of Education:

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We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Clermont Northeastern Local School District, Clermont County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 27, 2011 wherein we noted that the District implemented GASB Statement No. 54. 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 the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining 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 *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, 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.

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Members of the Board of Education Clermont Northeastern Local School District Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* 

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

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December 27, 2011



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### Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by OMB Circular A-133

Members of the Board of Education Clermont Northeastern Local School District 2792 US Route 50 Batavia, Ohio 45103

#### Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Clermont Northeastern Local School District, Clermont County, Ohio (the School District) with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133*, *Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect each of Clermont Northeastern Local School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2011. The summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the District's major federal programs. 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 included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; 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 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, Clermont Northeastern Local School District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2011.

#### **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, to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of opining on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

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Members of the Board of Education Clermont Northeastern Local School District Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by OMB Circular A-133 Page 2

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected.

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 over compliance that might be deficiencies, 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, others within the entity, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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December 27, 2011

#### Clermont Northeastern Local School District Clermont County, Ohio

# Schedule of Findings OMB Circular A-133 Section §.505 June 30, 2011

#### 1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other significant control deficiencies reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other significant internal control deficiencies reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Program's Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under §.510(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Special Education Cluster: Special Education Grants to States; CFDA# 84.027 Special Education Grants to States – ARRA; CFDA# 84.391 Education Jobs Fund; CFDA# 84.410 State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) – Education State Grants – ARRA; CFDA# 84.394
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

#### Clermont Northeastern Local School District Clermont County, Ohio

Schedule of Findings

OMB Circular A-133 Section §.505

June 30, 2011

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

None noted

#### 3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None noted

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#### **Independent Auditor's Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures**

Members of the Board of Education Clermont Northeastern Local School District Clermont County 2792 US Route 50 Batavia, Ohio 45103

To the Board of Education:

Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.53 states "the auditor of state shall identify whether the school district or community school has adopted an anti-harassment policy in accordance with Section 3313.666 of the Revised Code. This determination shall be recorded in the audit report. The auditor of state shall not prescribe the content or operation of any anti-harassment policy adopted by a school district or community school."

Accordingly, we have performed the procedure enumerated below, which was agreed to by the Board, solely to assist the Board in evaluating whether Clermont Northeastern Local School District (the District) has updated its anti-harassment policy in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666. Management is responsible for complying with this requirement. This agreed-upon procedure engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of this procedure is solely the responsibility of the Board. Consequently; we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedure described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

1. We noted the Board amended its anti-harassment policy at its meeting on February 28, 2011 to include violence within a dating relationship within its definition of harassment, intimidation or bullying.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance with the anti-harassment policy. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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December 27, 2011





#### **CLERMONT 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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED MARCH 08, 2012