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The attached audit was conducted and prepared for release prior to the commencement of my term of office on January 13, 2003. Thus, I am releasing this audit under the signature of my predecessor.

*Betty Montgomery*

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**SPRINGFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MAHONING COUNTY**

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS**

Springfield Local School District  
Mahoning County  
11335 Youngstown-Pittsburgh Rd  
New Middletown, OH 44442

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Springfield Local School District, Mahoning County, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Springfield Local School District, Mahoning County, as of June 30, 2002, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types 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 12, 2002 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 grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

We performed our audit to form an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of the District, taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures is presented for additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements. We subjected this information to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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**Jim Petro**  
Auditor of State

December 12, 2002

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**SPRINGFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET**  
**ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS**  
**JUNE 30, 2002**

	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects
<b>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</b>				
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	\$ 1,505,099	\$ 156,787	\$ 599,191	\$ 1,460,721
Receivables (net of allowances of uncollectibles):				
Property taxes - current & delinquent . . . . .	2,812,113	-	363,518	54,347
Accounts . . . . .	695	-	-	-
Accrued interest . . . . .	138	-	-	-
Due from other governments . . . . .	-	42,586	-	-
Materials and supplies inventory . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Prepayments . . . . .	28,266	-	-	-
Restricted assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	57,162	-	-	-
Property, plant and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation where applicable). . . . .	-	-	-	-
<b>OTHER DEBITS:</b>				
Amount available in debt service fund . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term obligations . . . . .	-	-	-	-
<b>Total assets and other debits . . . . .</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,403,473</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 199,373</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 962,709</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,515,068</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS</b>				
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
Accounts payable . . . . .	\$ -	\$ 5,529	\$ -	\$ -
Contracts payable . . . . .	220,225	-	-	463,650
Accrued wages and benefits . . . . .	676,182	15,226	-	-
Compensated absences payable . . . . .	23,642	-	-	-
Due to other governments . . . . .	23,602	703	-	-
Due to other students . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Pension obligation payable . . . . .	109,974	-	-	-
Obligation under lease-purchase agreement . . . . .	-	-	-	-
General obligation bonds payable . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Early retirement incentive payable . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue . . . . .	2,316,978	38,874	363,518	54,347
<b>Total liabilities . . . . .</b>	<b><u>3,370,603</u></b>	<b><u>60,332</u></b>	<b><u>363,518</u></b>	<b><u>517,997</u></b>
<b>EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS:</b>				
Investment in general fixed assets . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Retained earnings: unreserved . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Fund balances:				
Reserved for encumbrances . . . . .	201,060	21,093	-	915,358
Reserved for prepayments . . . . .	28,266	-	-	-
Reserved for debt service . . . . .	-	-	599,191	-
Reserved for BWC refund . . . . .	57,162	-	-	-
Unreserved-undesignated . . . . .	746,382	117,948	-	81,713
<b>Total equity and other credits . . . . .</b>	<b><u>1,032,870</u></b>	<b><u>139,041</u></b>	<b><u>599,191</u></b>	<b><u>997,071</u></b>
<b>Total liabilities, equity and other credits . . . . .</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,403,473</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 199,373</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 962,709</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,515,068</u></b>

THE NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Groups		Total (Memorandum Only)
Enterprise	Internal Service	Agency	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Obligations	
\$ 49,576	\$ 2,388	\$ 21,779	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,795,541
-	-	-	-	-	3,229,978
92	-	-	-	-	787
-	-	-	-	-	138
22,422	-	-	-	-	65,008
15,808	-	-	-	-	15,808
-	-	-	-	-	28,266
-	-	-	-	-	57,162
66,076	-	-	11,389,894	-	11,455,970
-	-	-	-	599,121	599,121
-	-	-	-	4,020,194	4,020,194
<u>\$ 153,974</u>	<u>\$ 2,388</u>	<u>\$ 21,779</u>	<u>\$ 11,389,894</u>	<u>\$ 4,619,315</u>	<u>\$ 23,267,973</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,529
-	-	-	-	-	683,875
26,045	-	-	-	-	717,453
12,095	-	-	-	585,678	621,415
834	-	-	-	-	25,139
-	-	21,779	-	-	21,779
11,899	-	-	-	43,641	165,514
-	-	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000
-	-	-	-	2,769,996	2,769,996
-	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
6,227	-	-	-	-	2,779,944
<u>57,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,619,315</u>	<u>9,010,644</u>
-	-	-	11,389,894	-	11,389,894
96,874	2,388	-	-	-	99,262
-	-	-	-	-	1,137,511
-	-	-	-	-	28,266
-	-	-	-	-	599,191
-	-	-	-	-	57,162
-	-	-	-	-	946,043
<u>96,874</u>	<u>2,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,389,894</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,257,329</u>
<u>\$ 153,974</u>	<u>\$ 2,388</u>	<u>\$ 21,779</u>	<u>\$ 11,389,894</u>	<u>\$ 4,619,315</u>	<u>\$ 23,267,973</u>

**SPRINGFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO**  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types				Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	
<b>Revenues:</b>					
From local sources:					
Taxes . . . . .	\$ 3,332,884	\$ -	\$ 342,610	\$ -	\$ 3,675,494
Tuition . . . . .	2,787	-	-	-	2,787
Earnings on investments . . . . .	66,030	-	-	-	66,030
Extracurricular . . . . .	-	152,855	-	-	152,855
Other local revenues . . . . .	44,128	41,144	-	45,000	130,272
Other revenue . . . . .	-	3,498	-	-	3,498
Intergovernmental - State . . . . .	4,683,900	89,060	40,829	36,480	4,850,269
Intergovernmental - Federal . . . . .	-	190,235	-	-	190,235
<b>Total revenue . . . . .</b>	<b>8,129,729</b>	<b>476,792</b>	<b>383,439</b>	<b>81,480</b>	<b>9,071,440</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular . . . . .	3,891,852	43,600	-	7,563	3,943,015
Special . . . . .	393,184	98,707	-	-	491,891
Vocational . . . . .	141,578	-	-	-	141,578
Other . . . . .	735	2,008	-	-	2,743
Support services:					
Pupil . . . . .	191,186	75,234	-	-	266,420
Instructional staff . . . . .	300,124	36,510	-	481	337,115
Board of Education . . . . .	12,951	-	-	-	12,951
Administration . . . . .	1,221,451	3,270	-	-	1,224,721
Fiscal . . . . .	205,997	-	6,013	-	212,010
Business . . . . .	6,872	-	-	-	6,872
Operations and maintenance . . . . .	682,391	105	-	-	682,496
Pupil transportation . . . . .	437,132	-	-	-	437,132
Central . . . . .	24,844	5,036	-	10,667	40,547
Community services . . . . .	-	3,991	-	-	3,991
Extracurricular activities . . . . .	173,516	173,825	-	-	347,341
Facilities acquisition and construction . . . . .	318,324	-	-	622,799	941,123
Intergovernmental pass-through . . . . .	-	7,594	-	-	7,594
Debt service:					
Principal retirement . . . . .	-	-	225,000	-	225,000
Interest and fiscal charges . . . . .	-	-	114,792	-	114,792
<b>Total expenditures . . . . .</b>	<b>8,002,137</b>	<b>449,880</b>	<b>345,805</b>	<b>641,510</b>	<b>9,439,332</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures . . . . .	127,592	26,912	37,634	(560,030)	(367,892)
Other financing sources:					
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets . . . . .	1,831	-	-	31,930	33,761
Proceeds of lease-purchase agreement . . . . .	-	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000
<b>Total other financing sources . . . . .</b>	<b>1,831</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,231,930</b>	<b>1,233,761</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing (uses) . . . . .	129,423	26,912	37,634	671,900	865,869
Fund balances, July 1 . . . . .	903,447	112,129	561,557	325,171	1,902,304
Fund balances, June 30 . . . . .	<u>\$ 1,032,870</u>	<u>\$ 139,041</u>	<u>\$ 599,191</u>	<u>\$ 997,071</u>	<u>\$ 2,768,173</u>

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**SPRINGFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO**  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL COMPARISON (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)  
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	General			Special Revenue		
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Revenues:</b>						
From local sources:						
Taxes . . . . .	\$ 3,329,059	\$ 3,359,082	\$ 30,023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tuition . . . . .	3,787	2,787	(1,000)	-	-	-
Earnings on investments . . . . .	75,000	66,947	(8,053)	-	-	-
Extracurricular . . . . .	-	-	-	91,391	152,855	61,464
Other local revenues . . . . .	29,000	35,157	6,157	102,448	41,144	(61,304)
Other revenue . . . . .	-	-	-	3,498	3,498	-
Intergovernmental - State . . . . .	4,532,941	4,683,900	150,959	85,610	89,060	3,450
Intergovernmental - Federal . . . . .	-	-	-	186,523	186,523	-
Total revenues . . . . .	<u>7,969,787</u>	<u>8,147,873</u>	<u>178,086</u>	<u>469,470</u>	<u>473,080</u>	<u>3,610</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
Current:						
Instruction:						
Regular . . . . .	4,539,419	3,867,060	672,359	210,995	51,876	159,119
Special . . . . .	342,812	374,628	(31,816)	84,597	98,249	(13,652)
Vocational . . . . .	195,353	145,116	50,237	46	-	46
Other . . . . .	887	740	147	4,560	1,994	2,566
Support services:						
Pupil . . . . .	225,954	197,296	28,658	73,969	73,040	929
Instructional staff . . . . .	301,215	296,377	4,838	56,578	40,863	15,715
Board of Education . . . . .	13,595	12,951	644	-	-	-
Administration . . . . .	1,238,697	1,227,085	11,612	3,235	3,270	(35)
Fiscal . . . . .	216,761	209,486	7,275	-	-	-
Business . . . . .	5,442	6,872	(1,430)	-	-	-
Operations and maintenance . . . . .	896,658	771,599	125,059	-	105	(105)
Pupil transportation . . . . .	513,289	491,063	22,226	-	-	-
Central . . . . .	23,696	24,844	(1,148)	6,616	5,000	1,616
Community services . . . . .	-	-	-	7,963	3,991	3,972
Extracurricular activities . . . . .	187,432	173,858	13,574	131,886	184,979	(53,093)
Facilities acquisition and construction . . . . .	143,420	373,263	(229,843)	-	-	-
Intergovernmental pass-through . . . . .	-	-	-	-	7,594	(7,594)
Debt service:						
Principal retirement . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures . . . . .	<u>8,844,630</u>	<u>8,172,238</u>	<u>672,392</u>	<u>580,445</u>	<u>470,961</u>	<u>109,484</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures . . . . .	<u>(874,843)</u>	<u>(24,365)</u>	<u>850,478</u>	<u>(110,975)</u>	<u>2,119</u>	<u>113,094</u>
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets . . . . .	-	1,831	1,831	-	-	-
Proceeds of lease-purchase agreement . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refund of prior year's receipts . . . . .	(25)	-	25	-	(3,253)	(3,253)
Refund of prior year expenditure . . . . .	5,000	11,631	6,631	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses) . . . . .	<u>4,975</u>	<u>13,462</u>	<u>8,487</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,253)</u>	<u>(3,253)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing (uses) . . . . .	<u>(869,868)</u>	<u>(10,903)</u>	<u>858,965</u>	<u>(110,975)</u>	<u>(1,134)</u>	<u>109,841</u>
Fund balances, July 1 . . . . .	1,007,225	1,007,225	-	121,930	121,930	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated . . . . .	<u>144,654</u>	<u>144,654</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,369</u>	<u>9,369</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, June 30 . . . . .	<u>\$ 282,011</u>	<u>\$ 1,140,976</u>	<u>\$ 858,965</u>	<u>\$ 20,324</u>	<u>\$ 130,165</u>	<u>\$ 109,841</u>

THE NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

Debt Service			Capital Projects			Total (Memorandum only)		
Budget Revised	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget Revised	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget Revised	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$ 331,069	\$ 342,610	\$ 11,541	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,660,128	\$ 3,701,692	\$ 41,564
-	-	-	-	-	-	3,787	2,787	(1,000)
-	-	-	-	-	-	75,000	66,947	(8,053)
-	-	-	-	-	-	91,391	152,855	61,464
-	-	-	20,000	45,000	25,000	151,448	121,301	(30,147)
-	-	-	-	-	-	3,498	3,498	-
42,273	40,828	(1,445)	36,480	36,480	-	4,697,304	4,850,268	152,964
-	-	-	-	-	-	186,523	186,523	-
<u>373,342</u>	<u>383,438</u>	<u>10,096</u>	<u>56,480</u>	<u>81,480</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>8,869,079</u>	<u>9,085,871</u>	<u>216,792</u>
-	-	-	44,524	41,995	2,529	4,794,938	3,960,931	834,007
-	-	-	-	-	-	427,409	472,877	(45,468)
-	-	-	4,100	-	4,100	199,499	145,116	54,383
-	-	-	-	-	-	5,447	2,734	2,713
-	-	-	-	-	-	299,923	270,336	29,587
-	-	-	12,000	481	11,519	369,793	337,721	32,072
-	-	-	-	-	-	13,595	12,951	644
-	-	-	-	-	-	1,241,932	1,230,355	11,577
20,000	6,013	13,987	-	-	-	236,761	215,499	21,262
-	-	-	-	-	-	5,442	6,872	(1,430)
-	-	-	-	-	-	896,658	771,704	124,954
-	-	-	-	-	-	513,289	491,063	22,226
-	-	-	-	12,000	(12,000)	30,312	41,844	(11,532)
-	-	-	-	-	-	7,963	3,991	3,972
-	-	-	-	-	-	319,318	358,837	(39,519)
-	-	-	1,501,027	1,500,344	683	1,644,447	1,873,607	(229,160)
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,594	(7,594)
225,000	225,000	-	-	-	-	225,000	225,000	-
114,791	114,791	-	-	-	-	114,791	114,791	-
<u>359,791</u>	<u>345,804</u>	<u>13,987</u>	<u>1,561,651</u>	<u>1,554,820</u>	<u>6,831</u>	<u>11,346,517</u>	<u>10,543,823</u>	<u>802,694</u>
<u>13,551</u>	<u>37,634</u>	<u>24,083</u>	<u>(1,505,171)</u>	<u>(1,473,340)</u>	<u>31,831</u>	<u>(2,477,438)</u>	<u>(1,457,952)</u>	<u>1,019,486</u>
-	-	-	31,930	31,930	-	31,930	33,761	1,831
-	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000	-	1,200,000	1,200,000	-
-	-	-	-	(2,048)	(2,048)	(25)	(5,301)	(5,276)
-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	11,631	6,631
-	-	-	<u>1,231,930</u>	<u>1,229,882</u>	<u>(2,048)</u>	<u>1,236,905</u>	<u>1,240,091</u>	<u>3,186</u>
13,551	37,634	24,083	(273,241)	(243,458)	29,783	(1,240,533)	(217,861)	1,022,672
561,557	561,557	-	322,091	322,091	-	2,012,803	2,012,803	-
-	-	-	3,080	3,080	-	157,103	157,103	-
<u>\$ 575,108</u>	<u>\$ 599,191</u>	<u>\$ 24,083</u>	<u>\$ 51,930</u>	<u>\$ 81,713</u>	<u>\$ 29,783</u>	<u>\$ 929,373</u>	<u>\$ 1,952,045</u>	<u>\$ 1,022,672</u>

**SPRINGFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO**  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,  
AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS  
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	Proprietary Fund Types		Total (Memorandum Only)
	Enterprise	Internal Service	
Operating revenues:			
Tuition and fees . . . . .	\$ 2,827	\$ -	\$ 2,827
Sales/charges for services . . . . .	<u>232,806</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>232,806</u>
Total operating revenues . . . . .	<u>235,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>235,633</u>
Operating expenses:			
Personal services . . . . .	194,222	-	194,222
Contract services . . . . .	11,204	-	11,204
Materials and supplies . . . . .	269,832	-	269,832
Depreciation . . . . .	<u>8,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,415</u>
Total operating expenses . . . . .	<u>483,673</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>483,673</u>
Operating loss . . . . .	<u>(248,040)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(248,040)</u>
Nonoperating revenues:			
Operating grants . . . . .	150,491	-	150,491
Federal commodities . . . . .	33,642	-	33,642
Interest revenue . . . . .	<u>1,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,775</u>
Total nonoperating revenues . . . . .	<u>185,908</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>185,908</u>
Net loss . . . . .	<u>(62,132)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(62,132)</u>
Retained earnings, July 1. . . . .	<u>159,006</u>	<u>2,388</u>	<u>161,394</u>
Retained earnings, June 30. . . . .	<u>\$ 96,874</u>	<u>\$ 2,388</u>	<u>\$ 99,262</u>

THE NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.



**SPRINGFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002**

	Proprietary Fund Types		Total (Memorandum Only)
	Enterprise	Internal Service	
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash received from tuition and fees . . . . .	\$ 2,827	\$ -	\$ 2,827
Cash received from sales/service charges . . . . .	233,198	-	233,198
Cash payments for personal services . . . . .	(188,638)	-	(188,638)
Cash payments for contract services . . . . .	(11,204)	-	(11,204)
Cash payments for materials and supplies . . . . .	(226,693)	-	(226,693)
Net cash used in operating activities . . . . .	<u>(190,510)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(190,510)</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:			
Cash received from operating grants . . . . .	<u>147,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,980</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities . . . . .	<u>147,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,980</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:			
Acquisition of capital assets . . . . .	<u>(5,096)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,096)</u>
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities . . . . .	<u>(5,096)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,096)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest received . . . . .	<u>1,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,775</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities . . . . .	<u>1,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,775</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	(45,851)	-	(45,851)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year . . . . .	<u>95,427</u>	<u>2,388</u>	<u>97,815</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year . . . . .	<u>\$ 49,576</u>	<u>\$ 2,388</u>	<u>\$ 51,964</u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:			
Operating loss . . . . .	\$ (248,040)	\$ -	\$ (248,040)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:			
Depreciation . . . . .	8,415	-	8,415
Federal donated commodities . . . . .	33,642	-	33,642
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Decrease in materials and supplies inventory . . . . .	9,867	-	9,867
Decrease in accounts receivable . . . . .	392	-	392
Increase in accrued wages and benefits . . . . .	3,585	-	3,585
Increase in compensated absences payable . . . . .	1,640	-	1,640
Increase in due to other governments . . . . .	834	-	834
Decrease in pension obligation payable . . . . .	(475)	-	(475)
Decrease in deferred revenue . . . . .	(370)	-	(370)
Net cash used in operating activities . . . . .	<u>\$ (190,510)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (190,510)</u>

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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Springfield Local School District (the "District") is organized under Section 2 and 3, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to provide educational services to the students and other community members of the District. Under such laws there is no authority for a school district to have a charter or adopt local laws. The legislative power of the District is vested in the Board of Education, consisting of five members elected at large for staggered four-year terms by the citizens of the District.

The District serves an area of approximately 36 square miles in Mahoning County, including all of the village of New Middletown and portions of surrounding townships.

The District is the 430<sup>th</sup> largest in the State of Ohio (among 705 public and community school districts) in terms of enrollment. It currently operates 1 elementary school, 1 middle school, and 1 comprehensive high school. The District is staffed by 39 non-certificated and 86 certificated personnel to provide services to approximately 1,252 students and other community members.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

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

**A. Reporting Entity**

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

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

*JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS*

Area Cooperative Computerized Educational Service System (ACCESS)

ACCESS is a jointly governed organization among 22 school districts and 2 county educational service centers. ACCESS was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to the administrative and instructional functions among member districts. Each of the governments of these schools supports ACCESS based upon a per pupil charge dependent upon the software package utilized. ACCESS is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of superintendents of the members school districts. The degree of control exercised by any school district is limited to its representation on the Board. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, the District does not have any equity interest in ACCESS. Financial information can be obtained from the treasurer for the Mahoning County Educational Service Center, who serves as fiscal agent, at 2801 Market Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44507-1693.

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

Mahoning County Career & Technical Center

The Mahoning County Career & Technical Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of representatives from the participating school districts' elected boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information, write to the Treasurer of the Career & Technical Center, at 7300 North Palmyra Road, Canfield, Ohio 44406.

*PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL*

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

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

The Plan's business and affairs are conducted by a three member Board of Directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect, and the Immediate Past President of the OSBA. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the Plan. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the Plan to cover the costs of administering the program.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The District uses funds and account groups to report its financial position and the results of its operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain school district activities or functions. Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category is divided into separate fund types.

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

*GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS*

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the District are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the District's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities (except those accounted for in proprietary funds) are accounted for through governmental funds. The following are the District's governmental fund types:

General Fund - The general fund is the general operating fund of the District and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - The special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts, or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

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

Capital Projects Funds - The capital projects funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition of construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

*PROPRIETARY FUNDS*

Proprietary funds are used to account for the District's ongoing activities which are similar to those often found in the private sector where the determination of net income is necessary or useful to sound financial administration. The following are the District's proprietary fund types:

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

Enterprise Funds - The enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises--where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Internal Service Fund - The internal service fund is used to account for the financing of goods and services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the District, or to other governments, on a cost-reimbursement basis.

*FIDUCIARY FUNDS*

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units and/or other funds. These include an agency fund. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The agency fund is presented on a budget basis, with note disclosure, regarding items which, in other fund types, would be subject to accrual (See Note 3.B.).

*ACCOUNT GROUPS*

To make a clear distinction between fixed assets related to specific funds and those of general government, and between long-term liabilities related to specific funds and those of general nature, the following account groups are used.

General Fixed Assets Account Group - This group of accounts is established to account for all fixed assets of the District, other than those accounted for in the proprietary funds.

General Long-Term Obligations Account Group - This group of accounts is established to account for all long-term obligations of the District, other than those accounted for in the proprietary funds.

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

**C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting**

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

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operations of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed for governmental funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period, which for the District is sixty days after the June 30 year-end. Revenues accrued at the end of the year include taxes, (to the extent they are intended to finance the current fiscal year), interest, and accounts (student fees and tuition). Property taxes measurable as of June 30, 2002, and delinquent property taxes, whose availability is indeterminate and are intended to finance fiscal 2003 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenues, except for that portion which is available from the County Auditor as advanced at June 30. This amount is recognized as revenue.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include income taxes, property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On the modified accrual basis, revenue from income taxes is recognized when the underlying transaction takes place. Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied and the resources are available. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been met and the resources are available. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis.



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

The District reports deferred revenue on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenues also arise when resources are received by the District before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the recognition of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the government has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

Expenditures (decreases in net financial resources) are recognized in the period in which the fund liability is incurred with the following exception: general long-term obligation principal and interest are reported only when due; and costs of accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave are reported as expenditures in the period in which they will be liquidated with available financial resources rather than in the period earned by employees.

The proprietary funds are accounted for on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred. In proprietary funds, unused donated commodities are reported as deferred revenue.

On the accrual basis of accounting, revenue from nonexchange transactions, such as grants, entitlements and donations, is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been met. The proprietary funds receive no revenue from income or property taxes.

**D. Budgets**

The District is required by state statute to adopt an annual appropriated cash basis budget for all funds. The specific timetable for fiscal year 2002 is as follows:

1. Prior to January 15 of the preceding year, the Superintendent and Treasurer submit to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing for all funds. Public hearings are publicized and conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. The expressed purpose of this budget document is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.

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

2. By no later than January 20, the board-adopted budget is filed with the Mahoning County Budget Commission for tax rate determination.
3. Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission and receives the Commission's Certificate of Estimated Resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to June 30, the District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the Certificate of Estimated Resources. The revised budget then serves as a basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the Certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year as reported by the District Treasurer. The Certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The amounts reported in the budgetary statement reflect the amounts set forth in the final Amended Certificate issued for fiscal year 2002.
4. By July 1, the annual Appropriation Resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund level of expenditures, which is the legal level of budgetary control. State statute permits a temporary appropriation to be effective until no later than October 1 of each year. Although the legal level of budgetary control was established at the fund level of expenditures, the District has elected to present budgetary statement comparisons at the fund and function level of expenditures. Resolution appropriations by fund must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission and the total of expenditures and encumbrances may not exceed the appropriation totals.
5. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriation must be approved by the Board of Education.
6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds consistent with the general obligation bond indenture and other statutory provisions. All funds completed the year within the amount of their legally authorized cash basis appropriation.

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

7. Appropriation amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Education through the year by supplemental appropriations which either reallocated or increased the original appropriated amounts. Supplemental appropriations were legally enacted by the Board of Education in fiscal year 2002, however, none of these amendments were significant.
8. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated. Expenditures plus encumbrances may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund level.

Encumbrance accounting is utilized with District funds in the normal course of operations, for purchase orders and contract related expenditures. An encumbrance is a reserve on the available spending authority due to commitment for a future expenditure and does not represent a liability. For governmental fund types, encumbrances outstanding at year-end appear as a reserve to the fund balance on a GAAP basis and as the equivalent of expenditures on a non-GAAP budgetary basis in order to demonstrate legal compliance. Note 14 provides a reconciliation of the budgetary and GAAP basis of accounting for governmental fund types and Note 11 provides disclosure of the encumbrances outstanding for enterprise funds at fiscal year-end.

**E. Cash and Investments**

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled. Monies for all funds, including proprietary funds, are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the combined balance sheet.

The District has invested funds in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio) during fiscal 2002. Investments in STAR Ohio are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price, which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2002.

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

Under existing Ohio Statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. The District also allocates investment earnings to the Food Service enterprise fund based upon federal mandate. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2002, amounted to \$66,030, which includes \$36,051 assigned from other District funds.

For purposes of the combined statement of cash flows and for presentation on the combined balance sheet, investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

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

**F. Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

1. General Fixed Assets Account Group

General fixed assets are capitalized at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date donated. The District follows the policy of not capitalizing assets with a cost of less than \$500 and a useful life of less than five years. No depreciation is recognized for assets in the general fixed assets account group. The District has not included infrastructure in the general fixed assets account group.

2. Proprietary Funds

Equipment reflected in these funds are stated at historical cost or estimated historical cost and updated for the cost of additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date donated. Depreciation has been provided, where appropriate, on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Life (years)</u>
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5 - 20

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NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**G. Compensated Absences**

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

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences", a liability for vacation leave is accrued if a) the employees' rights to payment are attributable to services already rendered; and b) it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or other means, such as cash payment at termination or retirement. A liability for severance is accrued using the vesting method; i.e., the liability is based on the sick leave accumulated at the balance sheet date by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination (severance) payments, as well as those employees expected to become eligible in the future. For purposes of establishing a liability for severance on employees expected to become eligible to retire in the future, all employees age 50 or greater with at least 10 years of service and all employees with at least 20 years of service regardless of their age were considered expected to become eligible to retire in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16.

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

Accumulated vacation and severance of governmental fund type employees meeting the above requirements have been recorded in the appropriate governmental fund as a current liability to the extent that the amounts are expected to be payable within the current available period. The balance of the liability is recorded in the general long-term obligations account group. Vacation and sick leave for employees meeting the above requirements who are paid from proprietary funds is recorded as an expense when earned.

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

**H. Long-Term Obligations**

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a government fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the general long-term obligations account group. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from proprietary fund operations are accounted for in those funds.

**I. Fund Equity**

Reserved fund balances indicate that portion of fund equity, which is not available for current appropriation or is legally segregated for a specific use. Fund balances are reserved for encumbrances, prepayments, Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) refunds, and debt service. The unreserved portions of fund equity reflected for the governmental funds are available for use within the specific purposes of those funds.

**J. Interfund Transactions**

During the course of normal operations, the District may have numerous transactions between funds. The most significant include:

1. Transfers of resources from one fund to another fund. The resources transferred are to be expended for operations by the receiving fund and are recorded as operating transfers, with the exception of agency funds, which do not show transfers of resources as operating transfers. The District made no interfund operating transfers during fiscal year 2002.
2. Reimbursements from one fund to another are treated as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and a reduction in expenditures/expenses in the reimbursed fund. Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses.
3. Short-term interfund loans and accrued interfund reimbursements and accrued operating transfers are reflected as "interfund loans receivable or payable". The District had no short-term interfund loan receivable and payable at June 30, 2002.

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

4. Long-term interfund loans that will not be repaid within the next year are termed “advances” and are shown as reservations of fund balances on the combined balance sheet for those funds that report advances to other funds as assets because they are not spendable, available resources. The District had no long-term advances receivable and payable at June 30, 2002.

**K. Inventory**

Inventories of proprietary funds are valued at the lower of cost (first-in/first-out method) or market and expensed when used rather than when purchased.

**L. Restricted Assets**

Restricted assets in the general fund represent cash and cash equivalents that are restricted in use by state statute. A fund balance reserve has also been established. See Note 16 For details.

**M. Estimates**

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

**N. Memorandum Only - Total Columns**

Total columns on the GPFS are captioned “Total (Memorandum Only)” to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with GAAP. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

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**NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

**A. Deficit Fund Balances**

Fund balance at June 30, 2002 included the following individual fund deficits:

	<u>Deficit Balance</u>
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	
Management Information Systems	\$ 36
Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid	118
Title I	5,998

These funds complied with Ohio state law, which does not permit a cash basis deficit at year-end.

These deficit fund balances are caused by accruing wage, benefit and retirement obligations in accordance with GAAP. These deficits will be eliminated by intergovernmental revenues and other subsidies not recognized at June 30.

**B. Agency Fund**

The following is an accrual for the agency fund, which, in another fund type, would be recognized in the combined balance sheet:

<u>ASSETS</u>	
Accounts payable	\$59

**NOTE 4 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The District maintains a cash and investment pool used by all funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents". Statutes require the classification of monies held by the District into three categories:

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



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

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

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

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2% and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;

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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 Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);
7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed 180 days in an amount not to exceed 25% of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt instruments rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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

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

*Deposits:* At year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$7,873 and the bank balance was \$252,791. Of the bank balance:

1. \$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance; and

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2. \$152,791 was uninsured and uncollateralized as defined by GASB although it was secured by collateral held by third party trustees, pursuant to section 135.181 Ohio Revised Code, in collateralized pools securing all public funds on deposit with specific depository institutions; these securities not being in the name of the District. Although all State statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, non-compliance with federal requirements would potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

*Investments:* GASB Statement No. 3 requires the District investments to be categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the District at year-end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the District or its agent in the District's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the District's name. Category 3 includes insured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but not in the District's name.

At June 30, 2002, the District had an investment of \$3,844,830 in STAR Ohio. STAR Ohio is not categorized because it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

The classification of cash and cash equivalents on the combined financial statements is based on criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 9, "Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting".

A reconciliation between the classifications of pooled cash and cash equivalents on the combined financial statements and the classifications of deposits and investments presented above per GASB Statement No. 3 is as follows:

	<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents/Deposits</u>	<u>Investments</u>
GASB Statement No. 9	\$ 3,852,703	\$ -
Investments of the cash management pool:		
Investment in STAR Ohio	<u>(3,844,830)</u>	<u>3,844,830</u>
GASB Statement No. 3	<u>\$ 7,873</u>	<u>\$3,844,830</u>

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**NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis. Distributions from the second half of the calendar year occur in a new fiscal year and are intended to finance the operations of that year. Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible (used in business) property located in the District. Real property taxes and public utility taxes are levied after November 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1, the lien date. Assessed values are established by state law at 35% of appraised market value.

Public utility property taxes are assessed on tangible personal property, as well as land and improvements. Real property is assessed at 35% of market value and personal property is assessed at varying rates of true value.

Tangible personal property taxes attach as a lien and are levied on January 1 of the current year. Tangible personal property assessments are 25% of true value. The assessed value upon which the 2001 taxes were collected was \$108,693,410. Agricultural/residential and public utility/minerals real estate represented \$86,197,860 or 79.30% of this total, commercial and industrial real estate represented \$9,730,780 or 8.95% of this total; public utility tangible represented \$6,096,760 or 5.62% of this total and general tangible property represented \$6,668,010 or 6.13% of this total. The voted general tax rate at the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002 was \$35.60 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for operations and \$3.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for debt retirement.

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.

The Mahoning County Treasurer collects real estate property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts within the County. The Mahoning County Auditor periodically remits to the District its portion of the taxes collected with final settlement in March and September. Such collections are available to pay current period liabilities.

The Mahoning County Treasurer collects personal property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts within the County. The Mahoning County Auditor periodically remits to the District its portion of the taxes collected with final settlement in February and August. Such collections are available to pay current period liabilities.

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**NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)**

Accrued property taxes receivable represent delinquent taxes outstanding and real property, personal property and public utility taxes, which became measurable as of June 30, 2002. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, they are not (exclusive of advances) intended to finance current year operations. The net receivable (total receivable less amount available intended to finance the current year) is therefore offset by a credit to deferred revenue. There were no tax advances available at June 30, 2002.

**NOTE 6 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at June 30, 2002 consisted of taxes, accounts, accrued interest and intergovernmental state and federal grants and entitlements (to the extent eligibility requirements have been met by year-end). Intergovernmental grants receivable have been presented as "Due From Other Governments" on the combined balance sheet. Taxes and intergovernmental receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes and the stable condition of state programs.

A summary of the principal items of receivables follows:

	<u>Amounts</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	
Taxes - current and delinquent	\$2,812,113
Accounts	695
Accrued interest	138
 <u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	
Due from other governments	42,586
 <u>Debt Service Fund</u>	
Taxes - current and delinquent	363,518
 <u>Capital Projects Funds</u>	
Taxes - current and delinquent	54,347
 <u>Enterprise Funds</u>	
Accounts	92
Due from other governments	22,422

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**NOTE 7 - LEASE - PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

On June 27, 2002, the District entered into a \$1,200,000 lease-purchase agreement with the Springfield School Building Corporation (SSBC) for the financing of a new athletic facilities complex including an eight-lane all-weather track, a home grandstand with seating for approximately 2,000 including a press box, a visitor grandstand with seating for approximately 1,000, a band shell structure and grandstand, home and visitor concession buildings with restroom facilities, ticket booths, fencing, and lighting, (hereafter the "Project"). The source of revenue to fund the principal and interest payments is derived from general operating revenues of the District. During fiscal year 2002, the District made no principal or interest payments on the lease-purchase agreement. The first required principal and interest payment is due on December 1, 2002.

A liability in the amount of the present value of minimum lease payments has been recorded in the general long-term obligations account group. General fixed assets consisting of construction in progress have been capitalized in the general fixed assets account group in the amount of \$797,150. This amount represents the costs of the Project funded by the lease-purchase agreement that were incurred prior to June 30, 2002.

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum payments required under the lease-purchase agreement and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2002.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2003	\$ 107,779
2004	116,168
2005	116,168
2006	116,168
2007	116,168
2008 - 2012	580,843
2013 - 2017	580,843
Total	1,734,137
Less: amount representing interest	(534,137)
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$1,200,000</u>

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**NOTE 7 - LEASE - PURCHASE AGREEMENT - (Continued)**

In conjunction with the lease-purchase agreement, the District entered into a ground-lease agreement whereby the District subleases the real property upon which the Project is being constructed to the SSBC. The District is the lessor and SSBC is the lessee under the ground-lease agreement. The ground-lease commenced on June 27, 2002 and terminates on June 1, 2017, or earlier upon the termination of the lease-purchase agreement or the District's exercise to take advantage of the purchase option.

The SSBC entered into an assignment of rents and leases agreement with the Farmers National Bank, whereby the SSBC, in consideration for the \$1,200,000 in lease-purchase proceeds provided by the Farmers National Bank, assigns to Farmers National Bank all rents, payments and income derived from the lease-purchase agreement during the term of the ground-lease.

**NOTE 8 - FIXED ASSETS**

A summary of the changes in the general fixed assets account group during the fiscal year follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2001</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2002</u>
Land/improvements	\$ 543,356	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 543,356
Buildings/improvements	7,026,035	34,179	-	7,060,214
Furniture/equipment	2,255,593	64,947	(44,469)	2,276,071
Vehicles	727,685	55,938	(70,520)	713,103
Construction in progress	<u>0</u>	<u>797,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>797,150</u>
Total	<u>\$10,552,669</u>	<u>\$952,214</u>	<u>\$(114,989)</u>	<u>\$11,389,894</u>

The construction in progress represents costs incurred by June 30, 2002 for the new athletic facilities project described in Note 7.

A summary of the proprietary fixed assets at June 30, 2002 follows:

Furniture and equipment	\$ 212,627
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(146,551)</u>
Net fixed assets	<u>\$ 66,076</u>

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**NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

A. On June 24, 1999, the District issued \$3,364,996 general obligation various purpose refunding bonds. The bonds bear interest at rates ranging from 3.25% to 5.20% per annum and mature in various installments through December 1, 2012. The proceeds of the bonds were used to advance refund the District's 1990 general obligation school improvement bonds by purchasing U.S. Government State and Local Government Series securities (SLGS) that were placed in an irrevocable trust for the purpose of generating resources for all future debt service payments of the refunded debt. The refunded bonds are not included in the District's outstanding debt since the District has satisfied its obligations through the advance refunding. The principal balance of the general obligation various purpose refunding bonds at June 30, 2002 was \$2,769,996.

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

The following is a description of the District's general obligation refunding bond activity for fiscal year 2002:

	<u>Outstanding July 1, 2001</u>	<u>Issued in 2002</u>	<u>Retired in 2002</u>	<u>Outstanding June 30, 2002</u>
General obligation bonds	<u>\$2,994,996</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$(225,000)</u>	<u>\$2,769,996</u>

B. The following is a description of the District's future annual debt service requirements to maturity for the general obligation refunding bonds:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal on General Obligation Bonds</u>	<u>Interest on General Obligation Bonds</u>	<u>Total</u>
2003	\$ 235,000	\$105,760	\$ 340,760
2004	245,000	95,976	340,976
2005	260,000	85,368	345,368
2006	270,000	73,970	343,970
2007	270,000	62,090	332,090
2008 - 2012	1,361,459	320,020	1,681,479
2013	<u>128,537</u>	<u>211,463</u>	<u>340,000</u>
Total	<u>\$2,769,996</u>	<u>\$954,647</u>	<u>\$3,724,643</u>



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**NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)**

C. During the year ended June 30, 2002, the following changes occurred in the liabilities reported in the general long-term obligations account group. Compensated absences, pension obligations, and early retirement incentive payments will be paid from the fund in which the employee was paid.

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2001</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2002</u>
Compensated absences	\$ 604,486	\$ -	\$ (18,808)	\$ 585,678
Pension obligation payable	54,476	43,641	(54,476)	43,641
Obligation under lease-purchase obligation	0	1,200,000	-	1,200,000
Early retirement incentive payable	60,000	20,000	(60,000)	20,000
General obligation bonds payable	<u>2,994,996</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(225,000)</u>	<u>2,769,996</u>
Total	<u>\$3,713,958</u>	<u>\$1,263,641</u>	<u>\$(358,284)</u>	<u>\$4,619,315</u>

**D. Early Retirement Incentive**

The District has implemented an Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP) for its certified employees for fiscal years 2001 - 2003. The ERIP calls for a cash payment of \$20,000 payable to all eligible State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) employees who elect to retire in their first year of eligibility. Further detail of the ERIP by year is as follows:

ERIP for Fiscal 2002 - 2003

To qualify for the ERIP, all eligible employees under STRS must have notified the District of their intent to retire by April of each year, and, in fact, retire into STRS by July 1 of each year. To be eligible for the ERIP, an employee must have at least thirty years of service with STRS and at least ten years of full-time service with the District. The ERIP will be paid in two installments; one-half by September 1 of each year and the remainder by January 31 of the following year. Employees who are eligible to retire on July 1 of each year who choose not to retire at that time will forfeit their right to the retirement incentive.

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**NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)**

For fiscal 2001, three employees elected to take advantage of the ERIP and were paid during fiscal 2002. As of June 30, 2002, one employee has elected to take advantage of the ERIP. A liability for this payment has been reported in the general long-term obligations account group.

**E. Legal Debt Margin**

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the District shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the District. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The effects of these debt limitations at June 30, 2002 are a voted debt margin of \$7,611,532 (including available funds of \$599,121) and an unvoted debt margin of \$108,693.

**NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

**A. Comprehensive**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District maintains comprehensive commercial insurance coverage for real property, building contents, vehicles, boilers, electronic data processing equipment and instruments.

The comprehensive commercial coverage limits are \$17,114,300 and a deductible of \$1,000 per occurrence. The inland marine policy has a liability limit of \$71,000 on musical instruments with a \$1,000 deductible.

The business auto coverage now has a combined liability single limit of \$1,000,000 per accident. There are no longer individual limits for bodily injury or property damage.

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**NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)**

The District still has liability insurance coverage limits of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$3,000,000 annual aggregate. However, the employee benefits liability is now included in the basic policy with the policy limits. This coverage has a \$1,000 deductible. In addition, the liability policy has a fire damage limit of \$500,000 for any one fire, and a medical expense limit of \$10,000 for any one person.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

**B. Mahoning County Employee Insurance Consortium**

The District has joined together with other school districts in Mahoning County to form the Mahoning County Employee Insurance Consortium, a public entity shared risk pool, currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for 13 member school districts. The plan was organized to provide life insurance, health care and other benefits to its member organizations.

The District pays 90% of the medical insurance premiums and 100% of the dental and drug insurance premiums for all full-time employees. This percentage is pro-rated for part-time employees.

The health and dental coverage is administered by Professional Risk Management, a third party administrator. National Term Life Insurance Company provides the life insurance coverage.

**C. Workers' Compensation**

The District participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (see Note 2.A.). The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by a three member board of directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect and the Immediate Past President of the Ohio School Boards Association. 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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**NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)**

The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. 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. Each year, the District pays an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

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**NOTE 11 - SEGMENT INFORMATION - ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

The District maintains two enterprise funds to account for the operations of food service and uniform school supplies. The table below reflects, in a summarized format, the more significant financial data relating to the enterprise funds of the District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002.

	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Uniform School Supplies</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating revenue	\$ 232,806	\$2,827	\$ 235,633
Operating expenses before depreciation	472,686	2,572	475,258
Depreciation	8,415	-	8,415
Operating income/(loss)	(248,295)	255	(248,040)
Operating grants	150,491	-	150,491
Federal donated commodities	33,642	-	33,642
Interest revenue	1,775	-	1,775
Net income/(loss)	(62,387)	255	(62,132)
Fixed asset additions	5,096	-	5,096
Net working capital	41,758	4,640	46,398
Total assets	149,334	4,640	153,974
Total liabilities	57,100	-	57,100
Total equity	92,234	4,640	96,874
Encumbrances outstanding at June 30, 2002	1,737	-	1,737

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**NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

The District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the School Employees Retirement Board. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the School Employees Retirement System, 300 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or by calling (614) 222-5853.

Plan members are required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14% for 2002; 5.46% was the portion to fund pension obligations. The contribution rates are not determined actuarially, but are established by the School Employees Retirement Board within the rates allowed by State statute. The adequacy of the contribution rates is determined annually. The District's required contributions to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000 were \$120,755, \$115,186, and \$114,850, respectively; 45.34% has been contributed for fiscal year 2002 and 100% for the fiscal years 2001 and 2000. \$66,000, representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2002, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds and the general long-term obligations account group.

**A. State Teachers Retirement System**

The District contributes to the STRS, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by the State Teachers Retirement Board. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death and survivor benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. STRS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771, or by calling (614) 227-4090.

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**NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

STRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for STRS. The report may be obtained by writing to the State Teachers Retirement System, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771.

Plan members are required to contribute 9.3% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14%; 9.5% was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendation of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10% for members and 14% for employers. The District's required contributions to STRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2002, 2001, and 2000 were \$554,171, \$522,355, and \$525,722, respectively; 83.62% has been contributed for fiscal year 2002 and 100% for the fiscal years 2001 and 2000. \$90,772, representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2002, is recorded as a liability within the respective funds.

**B. Social Security System**

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by SERS or STRS have an option to choose Social Security or SERS/STRS. As of June 30, 2002, three members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.2% of wages paid.

**NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

The District provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through STRS, and to retired non-certified employees and their dependents through SERS. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs, and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by STRS and SERS based on authority granted by state statute. Both STRS and SERS are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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**NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)**

The State Teachers Retirement Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Most benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By Ohio law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS funds shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For this fiscal year, the State Teachers Retirement Board allocated employer contributions equal to 4.5 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve fund. For the District, this amount equaled \$178,126 during fiscal 2002.

STRS pays health care benefits from the Health Care Reserve fund. The balance in the Health Care Reserve fund was \$3.256 billion at June 30, 2001 (the latest information available). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001 (the latest information available), net health care costs paid by STRS were \$300.772 million and STRS had 102,132 eligible benefit recipients.

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

For this fiscal year, employer contributions to fund health care benefits were 8.54 percent of covered payroll. In addition, SERS levies a surcharge to fund health care benefits equal to 14 percent of the difference between a minimum pay and the member's pay, pro-rated for partial service credit. For fiscal year 2002, the minimum pay has been established at \$12,400. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, provides for maintenance of the asset target level for the health care fund.

The target level for the health care reserve is 150 percent of annual health care expenses. Expenses for health care at June 30, 2001 (the latest information available), were \$161.440 million and the target level was \$242.2 million. At June 30, 2001 (the latest information available), SERS had net assets available for payment of health care benefits of \$315.7 million and SERS had approximately 50,000 participants receiving health care benefits. For the District, the amount to fund health care benefits, including surcharge, equaled \$90,189 during the 2002 fiscal year.



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**NOTE 14 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance is done on a GAAP basis, the budgetary basis, as provided by law, is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

The Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual Comparison - All Governmental Fund Types is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis);
- (b) Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis);
- (c) In order to determine compliance with Ohio law, and to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, encumbrances are recorded as the equivalent of an expenditure (budget basis) as opposed to a reservation of fund balance for governmental funds (GAAP basis).

The adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations for the year on the budget basis to the GAAP basis for the governmental funds are as follows:

**Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources  
Over/(Under) Expenditures and Other  
Financing Uses**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Project</u>
Budget basis	\$ (10,903)	\$(1,134)	\$37,634	\$ (243,458)
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	(18,144)	3,712	1	-
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(251,184)	(5,541)	(1)	(465,698)
Net adjustment for other financing sources/(uses)	(11,631)	3,253	-	2,048
Encumbrances (budget basis)	<u>421,285</u>	<u>26,622</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,379,008</u>
GAAP basis	<u>\$ 129,423</u>	<u>\$26,912</u>	<u>\$37,634</u>	<u>\$ 671,900</u>

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**NOTE 15 - CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

The District receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, state and local agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is 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 effect on any of the financial statements of the individual fund types included herein or on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2002.

**B. Litigation**

There is no current litigation pending which would have a material effect on the financial statements.

**C. State School Funding Decision**

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

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

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**NOTE 16 - STATUTORY RESERVES**

The District is required by state law to set-aside certain general fund revenue amounts, as defined by statute, into various reserves. These reserves are calculated and presented on a cash basis. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002, the reserve activity was as follows:

	<u>Instructional Materials</u>	<u>Capital Acquisition</u>	<u>BWC Refunds</u>
Set-aside cash balance as of June 30, 2001	\$(176,641)	\$ -	\$57,162
Current year set-aside requirement	151,286	151,285	-
Qualifying disbursements	<u>(255,037)</u>	<u>(245,781)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$(280,392)</u>	<u>\$ (94,496)</u>	<u>\$57,162</u>
Cash balance carried forward to FY 2003	<u>\$(280,392)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$57,162</u>

Monies representing BWC refunds that were received prior to April 10, 2001, have been shown as a restricted asset and reserved fund balance in the general fund since allowable expenditures are restricted by state statute.

The District had qualifying disbursements during the year that reduced the instructional materials set-aside amount below zero; this extra amount is being carried forward to reduce the set-aside requirements of future years.

Although the District had offsets and qualifying disbursements during the year that reduced the set-aside amount below zero for the capital acquisition reserve, this extra amount may not be used to reduce the set-aside requirement for future years. The negative amount is therefore not presented as being carried forward to the next fiscal year.

A schedule of the restricted assets at June 30, 2002 follows:

Amount restricted for BWC refunds	<u>\$57,162</u>
Total restricted assets	<u>\$57,162</u>

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**NOTE 17- SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX**

The voters of the District passed a 1% school district income tax at the November 2, 1999 election that became effective January 1, 2000. This tax is effective for 5 years. School district income tax revenue for the general fund during fiscal year 2002 was \$1,071,435.

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 SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Non-Cash Receipts	Disbursements	Non-Cash Disbursements
<b><u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u></b>						
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:</i>						
Nutrition Cluster:						
Food Distribution Program		10.550		\$33,641		\$33,641
National School Breakfast Program		10.553	\$32,756		\$32,756	
National School Lunch Program		10.555	102,311		102,311	
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture - Nutrition Cluster			<u>135,067</u>	<u>33,641</u>	<u>135,067</u>	<u>33,641</u>
<b><u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u></b>						
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:</i>						
Special Education Cluster:						
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA Part B)	6B-SF-02 6B-SF-01	84.027	71,775		71,775 2,194	
Total Special Education Grants to States			<u>71,775</u>		<u>73,969</u>	
Grants to Local Educational Agencies (ESEA Title I)	C1-CS-02 C1-CS-01	84.010	84,597 4,894		74,906 23,343	
Total ESEA (Title I)			<u>89,491</u>		<u>98,249</u>	
Innovative Educational Program Strategies	C2-CS-02 C2-CS-01	84.298	1,861 5,166		6,212	
Total Innovative Educational Program Strategies			<u>7,027</u>		<u>6,212</u>	
Drug-Free Schools Grant	DR-S1-02 DR-S1-01 carryover 00	84.186	1,072		402 1,592 1,265	
Total Drug Free Schools Grant			<u>1,072</u>		<u>3,259</u>	
Goals 2000 - Systematic Improvement	GS-S2-02	84.276	11,895			
Title II - Eisenhower	MS-S1-03 MS-S1-02 MS-S1-01 carryover 00 carryover 99	84.281	5,113 438		5,113 4,380 1,814 704 135	
Total Title II - Eisenhower			<u>5,551</u>		<u>12,146</u>	
Class Size Reduction - Title VI-R	CR-S1-02 CR-S1-01	84.340	5,997 5,610		6,506	
Total Title VI-R			<u>11,607</u>		<u>6,506</u>	
Total Department of Education			<u>198,418</u>		<u>200,341</u>	
<b>Totals</b>			<u><u>\$333,485</u></u>	<u><u>\$33,641</u></u>	<u><u>\$335,408</u></u>	<u><u>\$33,641</u></u>

The accompanying notes to this schedule are an integral part of this schedule.

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**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES**

**NOTE A -- SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**NOTE B -- FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Nonmonetary assistance, such as food received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is reported in the Schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received and consumed. Cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture are commingled with State grants. It is assumed federal monies are expended first. At June 30, 2002, the District had no significant food commodities in inventory.



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON  
INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Springfield Local School District  
Mahoning County  
11335 Youngstown-Pittsburgh Rd.  
New Middletown, OH 44442

To the Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of the Springfield Local School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated December 12, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

**Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted a certain immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of Springfield Local School District in a separate letter dated December 12, 2002.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Springfield Local School District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of Springfield Local School District in a separate letter dated December 12, 2002.

Springfield Local School District  
Mahoning County  
Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on  
Internal Control Required by *Government Accounting Standards*  
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This report is intended for the information and use of the management, Board of Education, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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**Jim Petro**  
Auditor of State

December 12, 2002





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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS  
APPLICABLE TO MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

Springfield Local School District  
Mahoning County  
11335 Youngstown-Pittsburgh Rd  
New Middletown, OH 44442

To the Board of Education:

**Compliance**

We have audited the compliance of the Springfield Local School District (the District) with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2002. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2002.

**Internal Control Over Compliance**

The management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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**Jim Petro**  
Auditor of State

December 12, 2002

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 §.505**

**SPRINGFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MAHONING COUNTY  
JUNE 30, 2002**

<b>SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS</b>
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<b>(d)(1)(i)</b>	<b>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</b>	Unqualified
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any other reportable control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iii)</b>	<b>Was there any reported material non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(v)</b>	<b>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</b>	Unqualified
<b>(d)(1)(vi)</b>	<b>Are there any reportable findings under § .510?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(vii)</b>	<b>Major Programs (list):</b>	Nutrition Cluster (CFDA #10.553, 10.555, 10.550) and Title VI-B (CFDA #84.027)
<b>(d)(1)(viii)</b>	<b>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</b>	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
<b>(d)(1)(ix)</b>	<b>Low Risk Auditee?</b>	No





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**SPRINGFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MAHONING COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
JANUARY 28, 2003**